



Spring 2018 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Message



Dear Residents, although Christmas seems a distant memory now, I still want to take the time to share with you the truly amazing generosity of Haywards Heath residents. I was fortunate to attend the Christmas party for children organised by the Bentswood Community Partnership. This is an annual party to give presents to children, who otherwise may not receive a present at all for Christmas. It was such a moving experience for me and I was truly touched by the generosity of the people that donated gifts and organised the event.

Your Local Councillors, Council Staff, residents and community groups have undertaken a number of litter picks around Haywards Heath. You may have seen them with their bright yellow jackets and pitch forks at the ready! I have attended several of these and am encouraged by the level of community participation and the tremendous difference they made to the areas involved. My huge thanks to Cllr Sandy Ellis for initiating these litter picks. More are to follow and I hope you will all join with us in keeping our wonderful town clean.

I would like to share with you a number of important community events during 2018 which you may wish to put in your diaries. On 30th June we have the Mayor's Twinning Anniversary & Charity

Gala Dinner at Borde Hill Garden celebrating 20 and 25 years Twinning with Bondues and Traunstein. There will be fabulous food, music and dance while raising funds for my charity, the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. Our Twinning Association and local schools are also producing some artwork to celebrate the occasion. I would love as many members of the community to join me in this wonderful celebration so book your tickets at www.bordehill.co.uk/twinning/

On 2nd September this year we have a commemoration of VC winner Sgt Arthur Knight, where we will be laying a VC Winners Stone at the War Memorial on Muster Green to honour the bravery of this local soldier. Later that month we have our annual Town Day – 8th September - there might be some surprises this year so watch this space! Finally, there is Remembrance Sunday on 11th November, where we will be commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War.

We have now set the Town Council budget for 2018/2019. Emphasis has been on safety and security in the town and to that end we are delighted to be able to retain our Community Warden. Many of you are familiar with the great work Fiona has done and like seeing her helpful attitude when out and about around the Town.

Wishing you all the joys of Spring and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events.

Cllr James Knight
Haywards Heath Town Mayor



Grand Twinning Anniversary Dinner and Dance

The Mayor is delighted to hold a wonderful Gala Night of food, music and theatre at Borde Hill Garden on Saturday 30th June 2018. The event will celebrate the town's 20 and 25 years of twinning with Bondues and Traunstein and will also raise money for the Mayor's charity.



Guests will be entertained by classical music from virtuoso professional musicians, Ensemble Reza, songs from the hit musical Les Miserable performed by students from the Ariel Drama Academies and songs to dance the night away from local band, The 100 Monkeys.

A gastronomic menu and wines have been put together to reflect our three nations and this will be served in the beautiful grounds of Borde Hill Garden.

Tickets cost £50.00 and are available at www.bordehill.co.uk/twinning

Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting will be held
Monday 30th April 2018
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start
Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall,
40 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BA
All welcome.



The Mayor is giving a free ticket to one member of the community, plus a guest, to thank them for the work they do to support the community. If you know of one unsung hero who has not been recognised for their voluntary or helpful work in the town, please nominate them for a ticket to the Mayor's Dinner and Dance. To nominate someone, please email maria.horne@haywardsheath.gov.uk including a few words about the person and why you are nominating them.



Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance

The Alliance will be holding the first of their bi-annual Forums for 2018 on Monday 30th April from 12.30 to 2pm.

This lunchtime meeting includes an update from the Alliance, information on building 'Dementia Friendly' communities and updates from members. Book a place to find out more. Bring your lunch. Other refreshments provided. To book your place contact Fatima Mirza on 01444 455694 or email info@haywardsheathdaa.org.uk



'River of Poppies' Community Project

Volunteers are needed to make 10,000 poppies to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.

On Sunday 15th July, a major event called 'Strictly Poppies' will be held in the Orchards Shopping Centre and the first handmade poppy will be planted to start the 'River of Poppies.' The River of Poppies will start at the Orchards Shopping Centre and stretch to Muster Green!

We want to involve the whole community in creating the poppies needed for this project which will then be planted at a future event on Muster Green, where the River of Poppies will flow from late September to Armistice Day on 11th November 2018. The aim is to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and for the Mayor's Charity, the local Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity.

A number of free workshops have already been held with help and materials provided. The following ones are now scheduled at Sussex Crafts in South Road, Haywards Heath:

Thursday 5th April 2-4.30pm
Thursday 12th April 10am-12.30pm

Bookings must be made to ensure a place. Please see contact details below. We want to involve local schools, kindergartens and care/retirement homes and community groups to be part of this initiative. If you would like to get involved, either as an individual or a group, please do get in touch.

Please contact Mrs. Sylvia Harris for the Orchards Workshop Tel no 01444- 617084 (answerphone available) Mob 07340403491 or riverofpoppies18@gmail.com

For workshop details, contact Sussex Craft on 01444 455611

Know Dementia education, advice & support

Know Dementia have partnered up with St Richards Church, Sydney Road, to open a second Memory Moments Café at the Church Hall which takes place once a month on Tuesdays. The next café is on 24th April.

The Memory Moments Café at the Town Hall takes place on Saturdays with the next one on 5th May.

Both cafes provide a friendly meeting place for people with dementia and their supporters. There are games, activities and entertainment. For more information contact Know Dementia on 01273 494300. Costs are £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Mid Sussex Marathon

Haywards Heath 10 Mile to follow a new route!

Last year over 1000 runners took part in the fabulous Mid Sussex Marathon which returns to Haywards Heath on Sunday 6th May!

This year our intrepid Town Council team of Cllr Matt Jeffers, Deputy Leader of the Council and Steven Trice, Town Clerk, will be running the Haywards Heath 10 mile to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity, the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. Matt and Steve will be following the new route for Haywards Heath, which once again starts on South Road but then follows a new section through Beech Hurst Gardens and Bolnore Village to avoid the busy Traunstein Way, providing a safer route for participants and volunteer marshals.

Please support Matt and Steve by donating at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steve-trice2 For more information on the Mid Sussex Marathon, please visit midsussexmarathon.co.uk



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Toys for kids and coffee for parents!

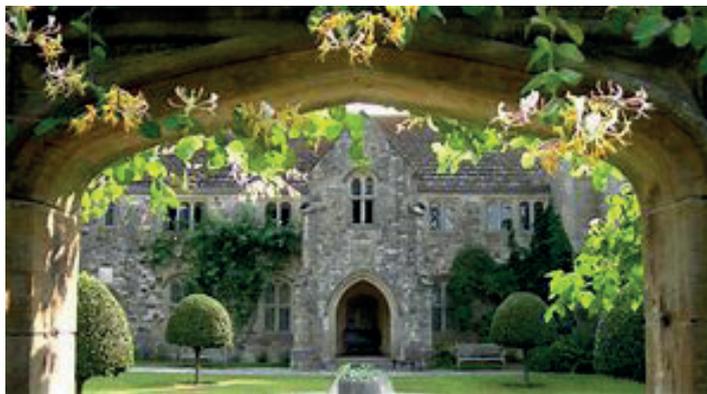
The Toy Library and Toddler Group at the Yews Community Centre is open every Monday from 1.30-4pm for 0-4-year olds, giving a chance for mums, dads and grandparents to natter while the children play and learn. Different activities are planned each week and afterwards the children sit together around a table for refreshments and snacks which helps develop their social skills.

Parents pay £10 a year to become a member of both the Toy Library & Toddler Group or £5 for just one category. A weekly charge of £1.50 covers the costs of rent, insurance, refreshments and keeping the toys in tip top condition. Children can borrow their favourite toy for the week too! There is also a wonderful annual picnic at Beech Hurst Gardens with train rides, ice cream and fun for all!

For more information, please call Vivien on 01444 452310 or Melina on 07711 369285.

Mid Sussex Association of National Trust wants you!

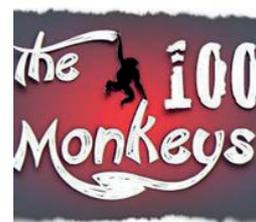
Formed in 1976, the group currently has almost 300 members from Haywards Heath and surrounding towns and villages. Their aim is to support local National Trust properties with extra funding by organising events throughout the year. During the winter months there are monthly lectures on Art, History, Flora and Fauna and Travel. Once the sun comes out there are coach outings visiting National Trust and English Heritage properties or places of interest.



Meetings take place at 2.30pm at Clair Hall in Haywards Heath. The next meeting is on 10th May. If you would like to meet new friends, visit interesting places or help raise funds, please pop along to one of the monthly meetings. The events are open to all, you do not have to be a member of the National Trust. Please ring Anne Tucker on 01444 455803 or Judith Kew on 01444 441128 to find out more.

The 100 Monkeys are bringing their international experience to the Mayor's Gala Dinner and Dance

Haywards Heath band, The 100 Monkeys, will be performing at the Mayor's Grand Twinning Anniversary, Dinner and Dance at Borde Hill Garden in June, helping you dance the night away. Here is a brief introduction to their members:



Sharon Wright, vocalist and keyboard player, Sharon is classically trained and taught music in schools in the UK and Spain. She has toured Europe professionally and loves working with her fellow band members.

Jeff Top, a professional guitarist, producer and songwriter, has worked as a session musician for bands internationally and his song writing skills can be heard on TV programmes including Homeland and Blue Bloods.

Alvarto Hurtado taught music in the Berklee College of Music in the USA and has played with many musicians in the US and Europe.

Born into a musical family, **Simon Brewin** studied at the Berklee College of Music and in addition to his work with The 100 Monkeys, he runs regular jam nights in Brighton.

Last but by no means least, **Leon Kay**, frontman for the band. Leon is a multi-instrumentalist and runs Rok Skool in Haywards Heath.

Spring Festival

Sunday 22nd April - 1.30-4.30pm Muster Green



The Spring Festival will once again be taking place on Muster Green. There will be a fun fair, tea, cakes, food stalls, crafts and lots of other goodies. There will also be entertainment from No Strings Attached a-Capella group, Alegria Spanish dancers and Haywards Heath Concert Brass. Come and enjoy this friendly, relaxed event.

This is a FREE community event. This year's stalls include Spring plants for sale from the Haywards Heath Horticultural Society, Haywards Heath 'IN BLOOM' exhibition and competition entry, Indian snacks from the Shabash Cricketers and the chance to win a mini!



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Haywards Heath 'IN BLOOM' 2018 Art Project 'In Flanders Fields'



With the centenary of the end of WW1 this year, we are delighted to announce that the theme of the Art Project for 2018 is the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae which was his inspiration from the early days of the second battle of Ypres. The completed works will be proudly displayed at our Spring Festival and at our Remembrance Services of 2018 to honour the bravery and valour of the soldiers of the First World War.

Haywards Heath Best Kept Garden Awards Business Competition

The Haywards Heath 'IN BLOOM' Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all the residents and businesses who generously support our competitions and the Committee and Haywards Heath Town Council who throw their heart and soul into achieving great results for the Town. It has been proved that green spaces regardless

of their size, are good for our health and wellbeing and have social economic and environmental benefits to the area in which we live.

In the last few years we felt it important that we recognise the important input that our businesses play by greening our Town and supporting our many green projects. With the help of Leaders Estate Agents, who generously donated a winners' cup, we now have a 'Best Business' award for outstanding floral displays. Last year's winner was Café Rouge in The Broadway and this year we would like to invite many of our thriving bars and restaurants from the Town to enter. Please contact us if you know of any other businesses or organisations that could join in greening our Town.

Our biggest thanks go to the residents of Haywards Heath for investing in our natural environment through their love of the great outdoors. We invite all our budding and long-standing gardeners to look out for our stall at the Spring Festival for full details on how to enter our Front Garden, Allotment and Residential Communal Gardens categories.

Cllr Sandy Ellis

Chairman, Haywards Heath 'IN BLOOM' Committee

Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

Ashenground Ward

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Cllr Anne Boutrup | 50 Sunnywood Drive, HH, RH16 4PF | Tel: 07912 112484
Cllr Howard Mundin | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07802 603446

Bentswood Ward

Cllr Stephen Hillier | 38 Bentswood Crescent, HH, RH16 3QR | Tel: 07830 200722
Cllr Clare Cheney | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07470 076924
Cllr Ruth de Mierre | 36 Gander Hill, HH, RH16 1QX | Tel: 07870 267344

Franklands Ward

Cllr Rod Clarke | 101 Beech Hill, HH, RH16 3TS | Tel: 01444 413529
Cllr Michael Pulfer | 6 Burma Close, HH, RH16 3JE | Tel: 07734 407467
Cllr Emma Clayton | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 01444 455694

Heath Ward

Cllr Sandy Ellis | 60a Queens Road, HH, RH16 1EE | Tel: 07827813366
Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 01444 413902
Cllr Clive Laband | 5 Ashurst Place, Heath Road, HH, RH16 3EJ | Tel: 07966 196302

Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

Cllr Chris Ash-Edwards | 45 Turners Mill Rd, HH, RH16 1NW | Tel: 01444 413902
Cllr Matthew Jeffers | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07917 842566
Cllr James Knight | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07769 704063
Cllr Alastair McPherson | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07966 057664

Town Councillors can also be contacted by email: firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk

What's on:

**22
APRIL**

**Haywards Heath
Spring Festival**
1.30pm - 4.30pm
Muster Green

**30
APRIL**

Annual Town Meeting
7.30pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall

**6
MAY**

**Mid Sussex Marathon
Haywards Heath**
Victoria Park
Races start at 10.30am

**19
MAY**

**One GREAT Day for Great
Ormond Street Hospital**
10.20am - 4.00pm
The Orchards Centre

**30
JUNE**

**Mayor's Grand Twinning
Anniversary Gala Dinner
and Dance**
Borde Hill Garden



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