



# Summer 2018 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH  
TOWN COUNCIL



## Mayor's Message



Dear Residents of Haywards Heath, I hope you have been enjoying the long hot summer, I must say I can't remember such glorious prolonged sunshine since 1976. It has been a real honour and privilege to attend so many local events in our Town. Being an avid sports fan, I have been enormously encouraged by the number of youngsters participating in sport. There is life beyond the iPad!

We have recently celebrated 20 and 25 years respectively with Bondues and Traunstein, our twin towns. Local schools have contributed to 3 wonderful tapestries. Each Town Mayor was presented with a unique tapestry which will hang, with pride of place in their Town Halls. I would like to thank Jan White who dedicated her time to ensure that the children remained enthusiastic whilst producing a quality end product. Children from the schools aptly demonstrated their language skills in French and German to our visitors.

We held a glorious Gala Twinning Dinner at Borde Hill where we raised over £8,000 for the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity, my chosen charity. I would like to thank the Twinning Association for ensuring our guests from France and Germany had a

marvellous weekend. According to the Mayor of Traunstein, the weekend was about 'International understanding irrespective of Brexit.' A thank you also to our local Air Cadets who performed a guard of honour for our VIP guests. Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors as well as the local musicians.

On September 2nd 2018 2.00pm, we are laying a stone at the War Memorial to commemorate Haywards Heath's VC winner Sgt Arthur Knight. All are welcome to the service.

Town Day on Saturday September 8th 2018, in Victoria Park, promises to be very exciting, with a parachute display by the RAF Falcons. This is to commemorate 100 years since the formation of the RAF. Along with this we are having a new array of exciting food stalls and beer will be on offer for the first time. Drink responsibly! Please come along and support.

There is going to be a "River of Poppies" display, organised by Sylvia Harris, to commemorate 100 years since the end of the Great War. Individuals and groups throughout the Town have been making beautiful poppies, with felt and wool. 10,000 poppies are needed and these will form a grand display on Muster Green in October. The display will remain in situ until Remembrance Sunday on the 11th November. My sincere thanks go to Sylvia Harris for all her hard work.

I would like to wish you all friendship, love and happiness.

**Cllr James Knight**  
*Haywards Heath Town Mayor*



## Town Day gets Bigger!

Save the date for Town Day on Saturday 8th September for our biggest ever celebration of our Town. This year's event will have a Best of Sussex Food & Music theme and will be filled with gourmet suppliers to tantalise your taste buds.



Highlights include the Victory Vs performing 40's themed numbers in costume and the Haywards Heath Swing Band to get us on our feet! Long standing favourites such as the Mewes Vets Dog Show, Punch and Judy and the Fun Fair will feature alongside a range of local but international hot food stalls including our local Indian Restaurant, Nizam, Fish and Chips, Noodles and Crepes, plus a licenced bar for the first time!

This is a wonderful free family event for our community so roll up for the fun of the fair!

## First World War Victoria Cross

### Commemoration – Sergeant Arthur Knight VC

On Sunday 2nd September 2018 Haywards Heath Town Council, in partnership with Mid Sussex District Council, have the privilege to honour the bravery of a local resident during the First World War. The date marks 100 years since the awarding of a Victoria Cross, to Sergeant Arthur Knight, a soldier born in Haywards Heath, who showed conspicuous bravery, initiative, and devotion to duty during the Second Battle of Arras in 1918.



We are holding a Service with the unveiling of a commemorative stone which will take place at The Haywards Heath War Memorial, Muster Green at 2.00pm.

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Everyone is welcome to attend the service which is being supported by the Haywards Heath Royal British Legion and led by Reverend Ray Smith from St Wilfrid's Church.

The stone is part of a nationwide initiative led by the Ministry for Housing, Community and Local Government to coincide with the nationwide First World War centenary commemoration.



## Drama School Flourishes in Haywards Heath

Ariel's Haywards Heath Academy opens its doors to students every Saturday afternoon from its location at Lindfield Primary Academy. This year it will celebrate its fourth birthday and has gone from strength to strength, providing over 80 students aged 4 to 19 from Lindfield, Haywards Heath and the surrounding area, with great drama training and valuable skills which help them in every aspect of life.

Weekly classes focus on all elements of the Arts including singing, dance and acting. Ariel aims to help children fulfil their potential and build their confidence.

Every year students take part in an annual showcase at a major venue such as the Hawth Theatre in Crawley. Students also perform at a range of community events and raise money for local charities.

*'If you want to sing, dance or act - Ariel is the place for you.'* Charlie, age 9, Ariel student.

In November several Haywards Heath Academy students will be performing in Ariel's major musical production of the year, the legendary Les Misérables, at the Capitol Theatre in Horsham. Tickets are on sale from the Capitol box office on 01403 750 220 or visit [www.thecapitolhorsham.com](http://www.thecapitolhorsham.com).

Free trials are available for prospective students for children aged 4 -19. There is no audition process and everyone is welcome!

**For more information or to book a trial call 01444 250407 or visit [www.arielct.co.uk](http://www.arielct.co.uk).**

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## Memory Moments Cafés

at the Town Hall, Boltro Road

1st September and 13th October  
from 2pm to 4pm

At St Richards Church Hall, Sydney Road

25th September and 16th October  
from 2.30pm to 4.30pm



## Kangaroos new Chief Executive Officer

- Peter Ackland

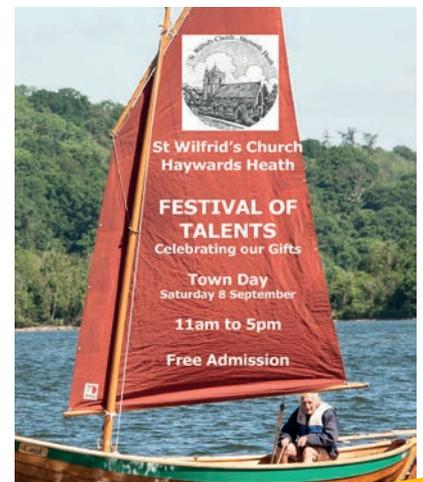
I joined Kangaroos in June and have been learning about their remarkable services. We provide after-school, weekend and holiday activities for children and young adults with learning disabilities and complex needs. More than 200 young people presently participate in activities that help build their independence. An added benefit is that families get a few hours respite knowing that the person they care for is in safe hands. I have been impressed by how the young people enjoy the activities and by their interaction with Kangaroos' highly experienced staff.

Next year, we celebrate our 25-year anniversary. Our first event will be on 14th September at the More Radio Awards ceremony. Throughout 2019 we will be showcasing the work of Kangaroos and seeking to raise awareness of the needs of young people with learning disabilities. We are planning many activities and want to partner with the Haywards Heath community and local businesses, so please do contact me at [peterackland@kangaroos.org.uk](mailto:peterackland@kangaroos.org.uk) to discuss how you can support our anniversary.

## Haywards Heath Festival of Talents

*Celebrating our Gifts*

St Wilfrid's Church,  
11am to 5pm,  
Town Day,  
Saturday 8th  
September 2018



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This all-age Festival of Talents at St Wilfrid's Church is being organised by the church for local people to display their hobbies and leisure activities to coincide with Town Day.

The theme is Jonah and the Whale, with the sailing boat Teal on display in the church. Children's activities will include face-painting and a treasure hunt. A Festival Guide will be available. Refreshments will also be available, with donations invited to cover costs.

There is no admission charge to visitors or exhibitors and no exhibits may be sold. Donations to church funds will be at the discretion of exhibitors and visitors.

Setting up is from 5pm to 8pm on Friday 7 September and 9am to 11am on Saturday. There are a few electrical points, so ideally, exhibits should not require power; trailing wires not permitted. All exhibits must be removed by 7pm on Town Day.

Because of limited space, townspeople wishing to show exhibits must contact the organisers to make arrangements as soon as possible and not later than Friday 31 August on 01444 440084 (1571 for messages) / admin@stwilfridshaywardsheath.org.uk providing a phone number and, if possible, an email address.



## River of Poppies Community Project

Over the last few months the community has come together to make handmade poppies, by learning the art of wet felting, knitting and crochet. Felt poppies are being made by schools, retirement homes/care homes, Scouts, Girl Guides and residents. 10,000 poppies are needed for the River of Poppies display which will be 'planted' in Muster Green in autumn.

Please help us achieve this aim. We welcome individuals or groups who might like to join us in our quest.

Contact Sylvia Harris at [riverofpoppies18@gmail.com](mailto:riverofpoppies18@gmail.com) or tel: 01444 617084 or 07340 403491

## Thanking all our Litter Heroes!

Driven by Cllr Sandy Ellis, regular Community Litter Picks have been held in and around the Town, creating 'Litter Heroes.' With help and support from the District Council and SERCO, the Town Mayor and Town Councillors, have joined forces with willing volunteers from the community, to clean up areas around the Town, surrounding woodlands and parks. They are often joined by the Scouts, local church groups and residents.



Cllr Sandy Ellis commented "Community Litter Picks are a great way of keeping our Town and green spaces beautiful and clean for everyone to enjoy. They create new friendships and are a great way of exercising mind and body, while doing good for the community. I would like to thank each and every one of you who joins in and make the Litter Picks so much fun and success. In particular, the Litter Picks would not be the same without Fiona, the Town's Community Warden, with her fabulous sense of humour and cheerful smile".

Councillors and residents also took part in the #LoveParks Community Litter Pick in Victoria Park to great fun and success. This is an annual event organised in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy to protect our parks for future generations and help keep these green spaces looking wonderful for residents and visitors, family and friends.

Check the Town Council website for details of future litter picks. If you would like to suggest an area for a Community Litter Pick, please do get in touch with Sandy at [sandy.ellis@haywardsheath.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.ellis@haywardsheath.gov.uk)



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## New funding opportunities for voluntary and community groups in Mid-Sussex

Sussex Community Foundation has two new grant funds available for groups in Mid-Sussex. The Price and Knighton Funds, both of which are now open in our general grants round, have been set-up to support children and young people in the Mid-Sussex area. This can include education, skills and training, address disadvantage or support those with physical or learning disabilities. Applications for grants of up to £5000 should be made using SCF's standard online grant form by Friday 14th September 2018.

Visit our Grants page for further details about all the grants currently available and access to our online application form.

## Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

### Ashenground Ward

Clr Sujan Wickremaratchi | 14 Colwell Close, HH, RH16 4HF | Tel: 07968 179083  
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### Bentswood Ward

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

### Franklands Ward

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

### Heath Ward

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

### Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

Clr Chris Ash-Edwards | 45 Turners Mill Rd, HH, RH16 1NW | Tel: 01444 413902  
Clr Matthew Jeffers | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07917 842566  
Clr James Knight | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07769 704063  
Clr 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](mailto:firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk)



Hi I am Dawn Rennie, Community Development Worker for Bentswood (2 days a week). I will be working (on Wednesdays only) from 10am-2pm in Saltworks Café, America Lane, Bentswood, please pop in and see me:  
**E: [dawn.rennie@sussexcyp.org.uk](mailto:dawn.rennie@sussexcyp.org.uk)**  
**M: 07305848222**

## What's on:

**16  
AUG**

### Barn Cottage Community Fun Day

Barn Cottage Green, Bentswood,  
Time: 12.30 - 5.00pm  
*BBQ and Live music 5.00pm to 7.30pm*

**2  
SEP**

### Victoria Cross Commemorative Stone Unveiling

Time: 2pm  
Muster Green War Memorial

**8  
SEP**

### Town Day

Time: 11.30 to 4pm  
Victoria Park

**8  
SEP**

### Haywards Heath Festival of Talents

Time: 11am-5pm  
St Wilfrid's Church

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### Talk: Sir Winston Churchill of Chartwell by Heather Woodward

Time: 2:30pm  
Clair Hall – From the Mid Sussex  
Assoc National Trust

**11  
OCT**

### Talk: The Arts & Crafts Movement and its Gardens by Stephen Harmer

Time: 2.30pm  
Clair Hall - From the Mid Sussex  
Assoc National Trust

**4  
NOV**

### Civic Amenity Collection

Time: 10am to 12 noon  
Franklynn Road car park

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NOV**

### Remembrance Sunday

Time: 10.30am  
War Memorial, Muster Green

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NOV**

### Christmas Festival Fireworks

Time: 5.30am  
The Orchards Shopping Centre and  
fireworks in Victoria Park

