



# Summer/Autumn 2017 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH  
TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Message



It is an absolute honour and privilege to serve Haywards Heath as Town Mayor. Following on from the superb tenure of the previous Mayor, Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi, I wish to continue with his strong community

engagement. Additionally, with the help of my Deputy, Cllr Alastair McPherson, Town Council Leader, Cllr Mike Pulfer, my fellow Councillors, Town Council staff and local representatives of the Town, I want to help improve Haywards Heath for our wonderful community and residents.

Over the years, I have enjoyed supporting local causes including the 'Save the Princess Royal Hospital' campaign, chairing the 'Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride' which raises funds for local charities and installing defibrillators in Haywards Heath. I have worked and owned businesses in Haywards Heath and want to strongly support local commerce.

For 2017 and beyond the council has set a vision for Haywards Heath with the 'Art of the Possible' from the Deputy Mayor which outlines our aspirational priorities for the future of Haywards Heath. We continue to develop our excellent relations with Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council who are also players in achieving these objectives.

My chosen charity for this year is the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. Celebrating her 100th birthday this year, Dame Vera Lynn's charity provides a local lifeline for young children with cerebral palsy and their families. I have seen first-hand the amazing work they do for the children and their families at the Sussex based centre and I hope you will all join me in supporting this wonderful charity.

It is a personal ambition of mine to see the Bluebell Railway come to Haywards Heath. It is my hope that we, as a Council, can help in bringing the timetable forward for this as I feel this would provide many benefits for the town.

I hope all residents have enjoyed a happy and fun Summer!

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



## Haywards Heath Town Day

*Saturday 9th September*

Victoria Park will once again be the setting for our annual Town Day from 12 noon to 4.30pm.

Main attractions this year will include a climbing wall, birds of prey from Sussex Falconry and remote-control cars. There will also be fairground rides, the miniature railway and Punch and Judy shows. Stalls and pitches will be selling their wares, crafts and local produce will also be on sale. The Mewes Vets will be organising a Dog show, so keep an eye out for entry forms on the Town Council website. We have some fantastic performers on stage and look forward to welcoming you to Town Day 2017!



## Memory Moments Café to open in Haywards Heath

Know Dementia is opening one of its popular Memory Moments Cafes for people with Dementia and their family supporters/carers, at the Town Hall in Haywards Heath.

The café will open in the Jubilee Room on the 1st Saturday of every month from 2pm to 4pm and will offer informal relaxed sessions to chat over a hot drink and cakes. Live entertainment including singing and dancing, quizzes, table top games, art and crafts and visiting animals are some of what's on offer. A donation of £1 is all that is required.

The Mayor of Haywards Heath will open the first café on Saturday 2nd September at 2pm, so please do come and join us. Our second session will be on Saturday 7th October, 2pm to 4pm. No booking required. For more information, simply come along on the day or ring 01444 494300 or email: [info@knowdementia.co.uk](mailto:info@knowdementia.co.uk).

Know Dementia is a local charity, run by volunteers comprising family carers and qualified professionals, who live and work with people with Dementia. The memory Moments Café was made possible by Grants from Haywards Heath Town Council and Mid Sussex District Council.



## Mayor's Charity helps change the life of family from Haywards Heath

Stacey and Lee Jones from Haywards Heath have shared their story about the difficult journey they went on after their baby daughter was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, in the hope of helping other parents facing the same news.

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity (DVLCC) saved the family at a time when they were in despair about their daughter Eliza's shock diagnosis and struggling to know where to go for help.

The couple's journey started in December 2013, when Eliza was seven months old. Stacey knew something was wrong with her daughter as she hadn't reached certain milestones. It would take another five months for her to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which came as a complete shock to the family. Stacey recalled "The day we got Eliza's diagnosis will always be the day life as we knew it changed. We went into that room believing something was wrong, but something that could be fixed. It took ages to sink in. Life seemed so unfair to us and googling was a minefield. Nothing seemed to guide, help or comfort us. By chance, a person made us aware of the Dame Vera Lynn Children's charity and that was a turning point in our family's journey."



Stacey adds: The Charity saved us as a family. It gave us all the comfort of not feeling alone, it armed us with invaluable knowledge and it provided a wonderful conductive education for Eliza. Not only has she learnt to be independent and confident, she has progressed so much that she is now about to start reception at a mainstream school."

DVLCC Centre provides an early intervention service that enables parents to see the potential their child has and helps to engage with and actively play with their child. It is delivered in partnership with parents to educate and help their child to develop physically, socially and emotionally, forming the bedrock of the independence they can achieve later in life.

The charity receives no statutory funding and relies entirely on the community to raise their funds.

To find out more about the DVLCC, please call on 01444 473274, or email at [info@dvlcc.org.uk](mailto:info@dvlcc.org.uk) or visit their website at [www.dvlcc.org.uk](http://www.dvlcc.org.uk)

## Muster Green again named as one of the best Parks in Britain!



Muster Green in Haywards Heath has been judged one of the very best Greens in the UK for the third year and that's official!

The green space is among a record-breaking number of parks and green spaces that will receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space. The award recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country.

Cllr Sandy Ellis said: "We are absolutely delighted to retain a Green Flag Award for Muster Green. This Award recognises and highlights that people in Haywards Heath are benefitting from a green space of the very highest quality."

Award winners were announced at an annual celebration of our country's fantastic green spaces and the community groups that bring them to life. A new dated flag has arrived to replace last years and is flying proudly over the green.

## William Arthur Overton, A Moving Memorial Service for a local Hero

*Private no 10749, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards*

William Arthur Overton, born in 1896 to William and Catherine Overton, lived in Haywards Heath. His father ran a bakery on the corner of Franklynn Road & Triangle Street and whilst this no longer exists, there is a building at that corner with a weather vane on top of a round tower showing a baker with a tray of bread!



The eldest of 9 children, William attended St Wilfrid's school before joining the family bakery aged 14. He joined the Coldstream Guards in May 1914 and was sent to Ypres, France. He had not been there long before he was shot in the head by a sniper. The severity of the wound meant that William lay unconscious and blind for 3 months but his life was prolonged due to surgical skills and the nursing he received in France and at the London Hospital where he was treated.

Having served 319 days, William received his discharge from the Army in April 1915. His discharge papers state that he was "a trustworthy and hardworking man". William found happiness and married, however he sadly passed away on 28 June 1917 from the effect of his wounds. He was just 20 years old. His son, William Arnold was born shortly thereafter.





William was buried in Haywards Heath Cemetery but as a civilian at the time of his death, did not receive a military funeral. On 28th June 2017, to mark the centenary of his death and to give him the farewell he deserved, his family, together with Heidi Watkins, Canadian High Commissioner Trumpeter, organised a Service of Remembrance at his grave. Members of his direct family attended including, from Canada, Retired Brigadier General Matthew Overton and his Son Alexander, and Sussex based Geoff and Lesley Overton. Together with 2 Coldstream Guard re-enactors, pupils from St Wilfrid's School, the Town Mayor and Heidi playing the Last Post and Reveille, William finally got a reverent farewell as the 43rd of St Wilfrid's Old Boys to die in WW1.

## Community Warden Update



The Haywards Heath Community Warden continues to patrol the Town Centre and, upon request, the outlying areas of the Town. The new Warden is Fiona Curl who you will see out and about working with the community and local businesses. The Town Council and its partners are currently assessing the results of the first nine months of this pilot project, with a view to committing to a second year. We hope you have seen Fiona or her predecessor out and about and would like to share some of the successes to date.

- Interaction with homeless community in Victoria Park.
- Banning from Co-operative stores – five people being banned from the premises by Warden via SWL Security Services.
- Intervention and support for drug seizure in Clair Park with Police making arrests.
- Installing community confidence by regular attendance at sites that were subject to continual crime.
- A reduction in crime has been seen since Wardens were deployed to each site, Haywards Heath Cricket Pavilion (Clair Park) and America Lane Allotment Site to name a couple.
- Immediate support to Haywards Heath Town Council and Mid Sussex District Council by supporting officers at both receptions who were dealing with aggressive people.
- Intervention with a person thought to be acting suspiciously toward children in local parks.

We encourage you to say hello to our Warden and bring any concerns or ideas you have to her attention. If you feel that any matter is urgent, please assess the situation and call 101 or in an emergency, call 999. Our Warden will endeavour to cover as much ground as possible, will assist wherever feasible but please remember that the Police are still your first point of call if the incident is an emergency.



### *A New Centre for Haywards Heath*

A new state-of-the-art centre in Butlers Green Road has opened for AGE UK West Sussex. The wonderful new centre boasts a large café and dining area, landscaped gardens and an architecturally designed reception. The Centre is dedicated to the lives of Richard and Joan Lamb and Anthony and Joyce Lamb by the developers and owners of the centre, W T Lamb Holdings Ltd, who were delighted to provide a Centre to help bring older people together.

The café and dining area provide an easy meeting place and the Centre offers a huge range of activities and services providing choices for local elder people to make their lives more healthy and active. It also features a therapy room offering beauty and wellbeing treatments. A Community and Economic Development Grant, awarded by Mid Sussex District Council, will also see the building of a garden room, with raised beds for planting and a greenhouse, allowing residents to enjoy the flowers and gardens and to get involved in gardening projects.



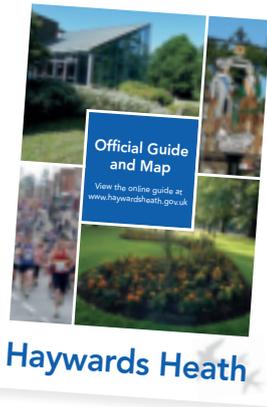
It is the aim of Diane Henderson, Chief Executive, AGE UK West Sussex, to create a hub for the whole community aimed at promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for older people and provide a meeting place for new and lasting friendships to be made. Diane says, "If you are over 50 and want to come and have fun, join in activities or meet new people, please join us at our new Haywards Heath Centre."



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## Haywards Heath Official Town Guide

The Town Council are delighted to announce that a new edition of the Official Town Guide, including an updated local map, is now available. The Guide has been updated and produced by Local Authority Publishing. Free copies are available from the Town Hall and a digital copy is now available on the Town Council website: [www.haywardsheath.gov.uk](http://www.haywardsheath.gov.uk).



**Saturday  
9th  
September**



The British Red Cross Home from Hospital Service (for people living at the same address) provides free short term practical and emotional support in the home for people after an accident or illness, giving them the confidence to continue with their lives. A volunteer will visit once a week for up to 6 weeks and help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, rebuilding confidence, support for health visits, offering companionship and signposting to other services. The service is free for any carer and you can access the service yourself, through hospital staff and discharge teams, social workers or occupational therapists.

Volunteering Opportunities in your area - There can't be a better feeling than going home knowing you've given some of your time to help people in your community. You will learn new skills, meet new people and experience the feel-good factor from doing something rewarding. We are recruiting volunteers to deliver our Independent Living Services i.e. Home from Hospital and Transport service in this area, so please do give us a call. Full training is provided.

For enquiries regarding our Home from Hospital Service or volunteering opportunities please call 01444 425434 or Email: [sahwestsussex@redcross.org.uk](mailto:sahwestsussex@redcross.org.uk)

## Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

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Town Councillors can also be contacted by email: [firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

**02  
SEP**

**Memory Moments Café**  
opens at the Town Hall!

**09  
SEP**

**Haywards Heath Town Day**  
Join your community for a wonderful day of fun, entertainment, rides, stalls and activities for all

**27  
OCT**

**World Stroke Day**  
Details coming soon!

**12  
NOV**

**Remembrance Sunday**  
Join us at Muster Green for this service to honour those who gave their lives for us.

**25  
NOV**

**Haywards Heath Christmas Festival.**  
Organised by the Orchards Shopping Centre in Partnership with Haywards Heath Town Council – full details in next newsletter!



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