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## Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council Newsletter

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Town Clerk



This Newsletter has been published slightly later in September than hoped, largely because I have been waiting for some updates on information and because some important decisions and refurbishments updates were only made recently.

Hopefully it is worth the wait and you enjoy, what is the seventh edition of the Newsletter!

*Danielle Dunn, Town Clerk*

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

Some of you may have seen articles in the press regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the lack of progress getting the plan to the finish line. It was hoped by this point that a referendum would have been held and we would have an adopted plan in place, unfortunately this hasn't been the case.

Despite the NP being complete, undergoing public consultation and being successfully examined by an independent examiner in April of this year, Thanet District Council have stalled the progress and haven't put the plan forward for public referendum. This is due to them wanting to remove two local green spaces from the NP.

Allocating an area of local green space allows local communities to protect green spaces of local importance for reasons including setting and nature conservation. Therefore, the Town Council objects to their removal and is opposed to the additional consultation.

We encourage all members of the community to engage in the Thanet District Council consultation process. The consultation can be found on the following webpage:

[www.consult.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.consult.thanet.gov.uk)

(scroll down the page, it isn't easy to find!)

The Town Council has taken legal advice on the issue and we have contacted our local MP and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local

Government. We will keep everyone updated on the progress via our social media pages.

### Pierremont Hall and Buildings

For those of you that have walked through Pierremont Park, you will have seen that there has been a hive of activity on site. After all of the endless hours planning, the end is in sight! We really can't wait to show the community the end product and finally have a civic hub that the whole community can enjoy and be proud of.

As we are getting to the end of the refurbishment stage, we are now looking forward to how we are going to run and manage the facilities that we will have to offer.

Some of the team and one Councillor have been on a visit to Deal Town Council, where we met their events planner and viewed the amazing facilities that they hire out, including a beautiful function room. They have given us some great advice and ideas that we can take forward to make our own venue a success. We are really grateful for their help and advice and look forward to bringing them over to Pierremont Hall to show them how we are getting on.

Keep an eye out for future job opportunities on our Town Council website. We are also currently out to tender for contract cleaners and a window cleaner to keep the space clean and tidy, more details are at the end of the Newsletter.



Finally, check out this well preserved cigarette packet that was found tucked between a wall and some old boarding in Pierremont Hall! All the finds from the building and outside excavation work will be on display when the building is complete.

### Retort House

Not to be left out, Retort House is also nearing completion.

I visited the site last week and I am truly amazed at the difference to the space, and what a community venue it is evolving into. The main sports hall has been painted in official Sports England blue, and is now bright and welcoming and the front extension is taking shape. This will house a new kitchen and will hopefully draw much needed light into the reception area.

#### Important Note:

This year, the 'after Remembrance Service' drinks reception will be held in the Queen's Road Baptist Church.



A disabled toilet has also been provided, which has been part funded by a Kent County Council capital sports grant, so even more members of the community will be able to enjoy the facilities on offer.

The Town Council has also agreed to fund the painting of the exterior of the building, as it was felt this was looking particularly tatty especially with its important location within the conservation area.

You may have seen that the Town Council has advertised in the local paper for Expressions of Interest for a commercial or community provider to manage the facility, including booking and taking facilities.

### Working with Community Payback



Work on the Clock Tower is now complete and it looks absolutely fantastic. The Town Council funded the materials to improve the Clock Tower, but all of the hard work has been undertaken by the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company, through their community payback scheme. Special thanks have to go to Danny Ward, who manages and looks after the team of people on the community payback scheme, for getting the project to the finish line despite a large number of setbacks.

### Thanet District Council Asset Disposal

Many of you will have seen the asset disposal list on the Thanet District Council website. The Town Council has considered all assets that will be disposed of in the CT10 area with great interest. This has included obtaining condition surveys and valuation reports where necessary, as it is important that fully justified decisions are made on all the assets available. I can confirm that the Town Council has decided not take over Dickens House or the Lookout Building, although the Town Council actively supports the bid made by the Harbour and Seafront Group for this asset. However, the Town Council has decided to enter into discussions with TDC over the other assets on the list. Updates on final decisions will be made in due course.

### Grants



The Town Council's civic and event grants application process is now open. We encourage applications from groups, schools,



organisations and charities who are located or work in the CT10 area and whose project and or event will benefit residents in the local area. It would be great if we had some applications from new groups and organisations, or perhaps from people who haven't applied for some time.

Full details can be found on our website:  
[https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Grants\\_11299.aspx](https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Grants_11299.aspx)

The deadline is midday on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Defibrillators and Phone boxes

We have had notification that the modern phone box in Percy Avenue will be removed, this is due to a rapid decline in usage and because zero phone calls were made from it in the last year! The Town Council has not objected to its removal, but has decided to be more proactive regarding the remaining phone boxes, especially the red phone boxes in the area.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019-2020

7<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm Town Forum - for Community Groups and Organisations.

5<sup>th</sup> November Fireworks, Viking Bay, live music from 6pm.

8<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Quiz Night Upton Junior School

10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service, War Memorial

8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 VE Day Community Event, Pierremont Park

We will begin looking into adopting the Reading Street phone box over the coming year and perhaps turning this into a defibrillator location. If you have

any other ideas, please let us know.



**Are you a community group, society or community interest company based in Broadstairs?**



**Do you attend the Town Forum?**

**If not, the next Town Forum meeting is Monday 7th October 7pm**

**TAKING PLACE IN THE VIKING ROOM, QUEEN'S ROAD BAPTIST'S CHURCH, BROADSTAIRS**

**Please contact the Town Clerk if you would like more information:**



**Invites bids for the following contracts:**

Pierremont Hall, Pierremont Avenue, Broadstairs CT10 1JX  
 a) Internal cleaning of the communal areas, toilets, kitchens and bookable event spaces.  
 b) External window cleaning.

**Invites expressions of interest for the following contract:**

Management, including opening and closing and facilitation of bookings at the Community Venue, Retort House, Albion Street, CT10 1NE

All contracts to commence in November 2019, date tbc, and expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Closing date for bids and expressions of interest is: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 12 noon.**

For further information please visit the Town Council website:

[http://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Tenders\\_20141.aspx](http://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Tenders_20141.aspx)

raising money for his charities. Events have included visiting the

### VE Day 75 Years

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the WW2 in Europe. To commemorate this important event, a three-day international celebration from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will take place.

The Town Council is planning to undertake a community event in Pierremont Park on the 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday, as part of the town's wider celebrations.

All updates and information about the event will be put on our social media pages and in future newsletters.

### Mayor's News

The Mayor has had a busy few months attending events and

Broadstairs Water Gala, where he met the local lifeboat crew and



attended the teddy bear's picnic, a charity lunch at the Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge and a school prize giving, to inspire new academics at Dane Court School.

The Mayor has also taken time to visit one of his nominated charities, the Zone Youth Club, who are located in the old cricket pavilion in the St. Peter's recreation ground and whom provide a daily youth, groups and community café.