

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council Newsletter



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A Message from The Mayor

There is no denying that 2020 has been the most challenging of times for everyone. With vaccines now being rolled out there is every reason to hope that 2021 will herald a return to whatever the new normal is going to look like. Both the Mayoress and myself have been hugely impressed with the manner in which so many of you have responded to this pandemic, from those already working full or part-time, or volunteering with the emergency and care services, to those who have contributed to your local communities in so many different ways- We thank you! Our Civic duties have also been disrupted but this has brought out the very best in both the staff and the ways we have improvised in raising monies for our named charities. Our Town Council staff have been looking out for our more vulnerable members as well as re-engaging with those community members we may not have seen for a while, either through shielding or infirmity. With hope on the horizon, may I wish you and your respective families a very Happy Christmas and a sincere wish that 2021 is a better year for all of us.

- The Mayor of Broadstairs & St. Peter's Councilor Paul Moore



Picture taken by Harding-Lee Media

Christmas Tree Messages

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council sends you warm greetings for the festive season and New Year. We hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. We know Christmas will be harder than usual for some this year. Due to COVID restrictions we can't see everyone we want. So, this year a member of our staff created message baubles for our Christmas Tree outside Pierremont Park. Short messages were sent into us to reach those that you may not be able to see in person or that are missed. The scheme was only run for a week and we had lots of interest. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that sent in messages, they have touched the hearts of our staff and hopefully they will reach the ones you love and miss.

The messages will be up on the tree until it comes down after New Year. If you sent in a message and would like to keep your bauble, please email Abigail - admin@broadstairs.gov.uk



Pierremont Hall

Like so many other businesses this year, Pierremont Hall hasn't been given the best start as a new events venue due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, in spite of a hard year, the venue has achieved so much already. With the completion of its refurbishment, Pierremont Hall has its own website and social media sites where the enquiries have been flying in.

This year, Pierremont Hall has supported local art groups and fitness instructors and played host to an outdoor Homeworkers Club to support the wellbeing of securely bringing people together that have spent most of the year working alone from home. This month has been especially hard with the cancelling of our Christmas Makers Market at Pierremont Hall and our Christmas Pantomime. We are hoping to bring these events into 2021 by hosting a spring Makers Market and a Pantomime early in the year. 2021 will also bring dancing to Pierremont Hall, with weekly dance classes, followed by a monthly Tea Dance starting in the Spring.

Other exciting news

Our new Meeting Rooms are ready for bookings.

Whether you are looking for a quiet office for the day to take a break from working from home or a conference room, our two new meeting rooms are perfect. Head to our website today to find out more information



<https://pierremonthall.co.uk/our-space/>

Lastly, Pierremont Hall has been transformed into a Christmas dream this year, both on the inside and on the outside. We hope next year more of you get to see inside the venue with our Christmas parties.

This however is very special!

2020 will be a year to remember for Pierremont, as for the first time in its history a couple will be getting married at Pierremont Hall. We wish them a happy marriage and look forward to sharing those special moments with many more couples in the future.

- The Events & bookings Manager, Leanne Hadden

The Little Library



Broadstairs Town Shed, a project from Broadstairs Town Team have made another 'Little Library' which has been installed in Pierremont Park on Thursday, 5th November.

Broadstairs and St. Peter's Town Council agreed that the Little Library could be installed. The aim is to increase access to books for readers of all ages and background. Book-sharing boxes play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books (and encouraging a love of reading!) in areas where books are scarce. Books can be freely borrowed then returned, or exchanged for another, as often as required. There are approximately 8 little libraries already in and around Thanet, 4 of which have also been built at The Shed. It features books for both adults and children to borrow for free, and the hope is that book donations will be made to keep the supply changing. Several local volunteers will ensure the library is regularly checked, re-stocked and sanitised.

-Kerry Millett Broadstairs Town Shed

Tree warden update

Planting season has begun!

In Mocketts Wood on the 7th November, the Tree Warden and The Friends of Mocketts Wood planted 2 Hornbeams. All volunteers were socially distanced and wearing masks.



3 more Hornbeams were planted at St. Peter's Churchyard on the 11th November as a Remembrance Planting. The funding for this is through a grant application from the Church Environmental Committee. Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council has paid for the planting until the funding comes through. The Tree Warden has also applied for hedging for this space through the Woodland Trust Tree Charter programme, this will arrive in March. For more tree warden updates please see the Tree Warden page on our website:

https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Tree_Warden_26546.aspx

The Environmental working party

We are all aware of the challenge we face with regard to Climate Change and the Town Council has formed an Environmental Working Party to spearhead our response to this challenge in Broadstairs & St. Peter's.

We have identified three key areas we want to tackle working with Kent County Council, Thanet District Council and most importantly the community across the Town. These are:

- Improving Air Quality
- Improving Biodiversity
- Improving the Built Environment



You will hopefully have seen the hedgehog survey we launched earlier in the Autumn to help us build a picture of the current population and where they live. Over 60 people responded, which was great, and we're now looking at ways in which we can try and reduce the number killed on the roads by placing warning signposts in strategic places around the Town. We have also persuaded the Town Council to lobby for a 20mph speed limit in residential areas, which will both help reduce air pollution and of course help reduce accidents. We'll be working closely with our County Councillors to help us get this implemented. We are in the process of producing an Action Plan which will identify other ways in which we can work towards each of our goals. We will be letting you know through the Town Council's social media pages and future editions of this newsletter, how you can help us make Broadstairs & St. Peter's a cleaner and greener place to live and visit. If you have any suggestions of how you can help please do get in touch.

-The Environmental Working Party are:

Cllr. Mike Garner - Chair

Cllr. Bob Bayford

Cllr. Ruth Bailey

Advisor:

Karen McKenzie - Tree Warden

Christmas Bubbles

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CHRISTMAS BUBBLE

Between 23 and 27 December you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' of up to three households

Find out more: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Between 23 and 27 December, the government is allowing you to form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' with people from no more than three households.

If you're thinking about doing so, you should reduce any unnecessary contact with those you do not live with from now, if you haven't done so already.

Remember the virus will not be taking a break this Christmas and the risk remains high. So please if you do decide to make a Christmas bubble, please make sure you know the rules and follow them to help protect each other.

For more information on Christmas bubbles visit

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family?fbclid=IwAR2YNgf4pT-475YBm7sGvABwsA_f0aNRcnzx1a8u6Z0FEhT5Pge49V6dwVM



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Office opening times for Christmas and New Year

THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE IN PIERREMONT
HALL WILL BE CLOSED FROM
MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2020 AND
REOPEN AGAIN ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY
2021 AT 9:30am

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE
THIS MAY CAUSE

Contact details for ward Councillors see link:

https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Town_Councillors_11295.aspx

For general enquires over this time please
email town.clerk@broadstairs.gov.uk

We would like to wish you a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Be A Part of Census 2021

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Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Broadstairs & St. Peter's will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk

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Be a part of Census 2021

Census day is 21 March 2021.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community gets the services it needs.



Find out more at www.census.gov.uk

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