



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT
BROADSTAIRS AND ST. PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL

**Christmas
Opening Hours:**

The Town Council
offices will close
on Friday 21st
December 2018
at 12:30pm, and
reopen again on
Wednesday 2nd
January 2019,
9:30am.



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BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



This December issue of the Newsletter marks an important milestone for me here at the Town Council, two years exactly since I took up the position of Town Clerk!

It only seems like yesterday that I started the job, so I must be enjoying the challenge. I am very much looking forward to 2019 and the projects that the New Year has to offer.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the CT10

postcode residents and the visitors to our beautiful town a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Danielle Dunn, Town Clerk

Christmas Lights

We hope people are enjoying the lights that have been installed in both Broadstairs & St. Peter's this year? Following direct feedback from residents the Town Council has been committed to providing improved decorative lighting, especially over the Christmas period.



Following this year's festivities the Town Council will be looking at increasing the decorative lighting in St. Peter's, as only recently have the lighting columns been improved



Danielle Dunn: Town Clerk

enough for this to happen. We will also be buying new Christmas tree lights for the Pierremont Christmas tree, this will ensure that the future trees will continue to look as impressive as the current one.

Remembrance

This year's Remembrance service was extremely well attended and provided an opportunity for the Town to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.



A NATION'S TRIBUTE
11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



Thank you to the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Jan Durrans for conducting the service and to the Mayor's Secretary, Marian Cleverley who planned and undertook the organisation of the event.

In addition to the main Remembrance service, to mark the centenary of the end of WWI the Town Council took part in the National Beacons of Light commemoration, one of only a small number of Thanet locations to do so.

The beacon lighting ceremony was undertaken on Victoria Gardens and the Last Post was kindly played by local resident Natalie Hall. This event was organised by the Town Council's Senior Administrator, Victoria Jenkins and proved to be a fitting tribute to mark the end of the commemorations across the town.

Neighbourhood Plan

The final draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted to Thanet District Council on the 7th November 2018. This has signaled the end of a long 4-year plan preparation period, of which a number of Councillors and

community volunteers have taken an active role from the beginning. The process will now be officer led at Thanet District Council and the plan will have another 6-week period of public consultation and then undergo independent examination, followed by referendum.

For more information on the Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation, please visit the Thanet District Council consultation pages: <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/broadstairs-and-st-peters-neighbourhood-development-plan/>

And finally... let's celebrate that we are the first community in Thanet to get a Neighbourhood Development Plan to this major milestone.



Retort House

It has been a really difficult task for me keeping my lips sealed regarding the new commercial tenant that would be taking-up residence in the small downstairs room and the upstairs space in Retort House. The secrecy was to ensure the best community outcome and the retention of commercial sensitivity.

So, for those of you that missed the newspaper articles and press releases, I can now confirm that the commercial tenants moving into Retort House will be... The Escapement, an escape rooms company currently based in Northdown Road Cliftonville. They will be providing up-to 6 escape

rooms in Retort House, this will undoubtedly be a major new tourist attraction for the town.



We wish Lewis and Mica from The Escapement the best of luck for their new venture in the town.



Work will also start in the New Year on the community sports hall side of the building. A planning application has been submitted for the new porch, kitchen and bin store and a project management firm has been contracted to manage the building of this and the refurbishment of the internal and new disabled toilets. The Town Council has been actively applying for grant funding to help support the costs of these improvement works.

Although, it is difficult to ascertain the exact date of the reopening of the Retort House community hall at this stage, we are very much working towards opening again at the beginning of the new financial year in 2019. Confirmed dates will be provided in the March edition of the Newsletter.

Community Hall and Park Hall



Work on demolishing both the Community Hall and Park Hall are ongoing and it is hoped that this work will happen in the early New Year. Listed building consent has been obtained for both buildings now and they have been substantially surveyed ready for the demolition work.

As part of the listed building consent conditions, following demolition of the Park Hall building a community garden and seating area will be provided on the site.

Pierremont Hall and Buildings

By the time that you are reading this Newsletter, you will have seen the scaffolding appearing around Pierremont Hall and building work will have started. After many months working on the plans and proposals, work on the creation of a major community and business hub has begun.



Listed building consent is being sought to alter the ground floor configuration to enable the provision of a kitchen to serve the Council Chamber, in addition to a disabled and additional toilet facilities. We hope everyone will get behind us and support these plans.

A building firm has now been appointed to renovate the Music Room and the former DVLA building, officially called 'The Cottage'. This work is due to start imminently.

Finally, anyone who is interested in renting the commercial space in Pierremont Hall is encouraged to contact Terence Painter estate agents who have been appointed as sole agents to market the properties.

Toilet Facilities

In accordance with the business plan set out in the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan the Town Council has commissioned consultants to undertake an assessment of costs of running and usage of the toilets. This work will provide the Town Council with a clearer idea of what costs are likely to be involved should the public toilets end up on the Thanet District Council Asset Disposal List.

Viking Ward Councillor Vacancy

Following the by-election held on the 15th November 2018, I can confirm that the Conservative candidate, Vic Todd was elected to fill the vacancy. Vic will sign his Declaration of Acceptance of office at the next

scheduled Council meeting on the 28th January 2019 and will immediately become Cllr Vic Todd. We all welcome Vic to the Council.

Office Flood

During the heavy rainfall suffered over the Remembrance weekend, the Town Council offices unfortunately suffered flood damage. Despite the nuisance that this has obviously caused, it did give us an excuse to start the tidy-up ready for building work! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience whilst we worked on getting the office back up and running.

5th November Fireworks



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invites bids for the following contracts:

- Maintenance and gardening of the area of Pierremont Park in the ownership of Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council Address: Pierremont Hall, Pierremont Avenue, CT10 1JX.
 - Grass cutting and maintenance of Culmer's Amenity Land. Address: adj. Vere Road Car Park, CT10 1JF.
 - Handyperson / odd job person for 8 hours per week.
- Bids are invited on all contracts or individually.

Contracts to commence on the 1st April 2019 and expire on the 31st March 2021

Closing date for receipt of tenders is Monday, 7th January 2019 at 12 noon.

For further information please visit the Town Council website:
http://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Tenders_20141.aspx

OR CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT:

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This year's fireworks were a resounding success, with one of the highest turnouts of people in recent years. There was even an appearance from the Back to The Future Delorean Time Machine on Victoria Gardens!

We have had great feedback regarding the quality of the display and we are already planning for next years' event. The Town Council will be looking at how the traffic and crowds can be better managed. These proposals will be set out in future Newsletters.

New Notice Board

The new notice board at Nuckell's Garden has now been installed. This notice board replaces the previous one that had suffered from the elements until it was beyond repair. It has also given us the opportunity to ensure that all of the notice boards around Viking Bay are matching and eye-catching to residents and visitors.



In the long-run, the Town Council will look at streamlining the number of notices boards that we have, specifically when they are in locations that mean they are poorly used. Therefore, we encourage all residents to sign up to our social media pages to enable them to

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- 2019

Friday 8th February, 7pm for 7:30pm Mayors Quiz, Upton Junior School.

Monday 25th February, 7pm Town Forum (for community groups/organisations), Pierremont Hall Council Chamber.

11th March, 7:30pm, Annual Town Assembly/Meeting, Crampton Tower Hall.

30th March 2019, Mayor's Spring Ball, Broadstairs Pavilion.

keep up-to-date with what is happening in the area.

Twitter: @BROADSTAIRSSTP
Instagram: @BROADSTAIRS8STPETERS
Facebook: Broadstairs & St.Peter's Town Council

Staff News

Congratulations are in order for our marketing and administration apprentice, Abigail Barton, who successfully passed her Level 2 Apprenticeship in Business Administration from EKC. We are delighted that Abigail has decided to stay with us and will now be studying towards her Level 3 qualification.

Mayor's News

It has been an extremely exciting and busy three months for the Mayor, Cllr Paul Moore. Since the production of the September Newsletter, Cllr Moore married his fiancée Wendy, née Steele, in a service at St. Lawrence College. The Town Council has checked the archives and they are the first Mayor and Mayoress in Broadstairs to get married whilst in office! The happy couple celebrated their reception at the North Foreland Golf Club and honeymooned in the Maldives.

The Mayor has remained extremely busy and has attended a large number of fundraising events and commemorations. One very important event was a visit to the Menin Gate, in Ypres Belgium,

which he visited on the 10th November to mark the centenary weekend of the end of WW1.

He has also continued with his fundraising role and raised over £500 at the Mayor's fundraising quiz held at the Upton Junior School in September.

If you wish to invite the Mayor to an event please contact the Mayor's Secretary on 01843 868718 or send an email to:

mayor@broadstairs.gov.uk



From the archives:

4th December 1972, minute 533:

Recommended that, subject to the possible requirements of the law, the concessionaire be allowed to increase the price of donkey rides to 10 new pence per ride inclusive of VAT.