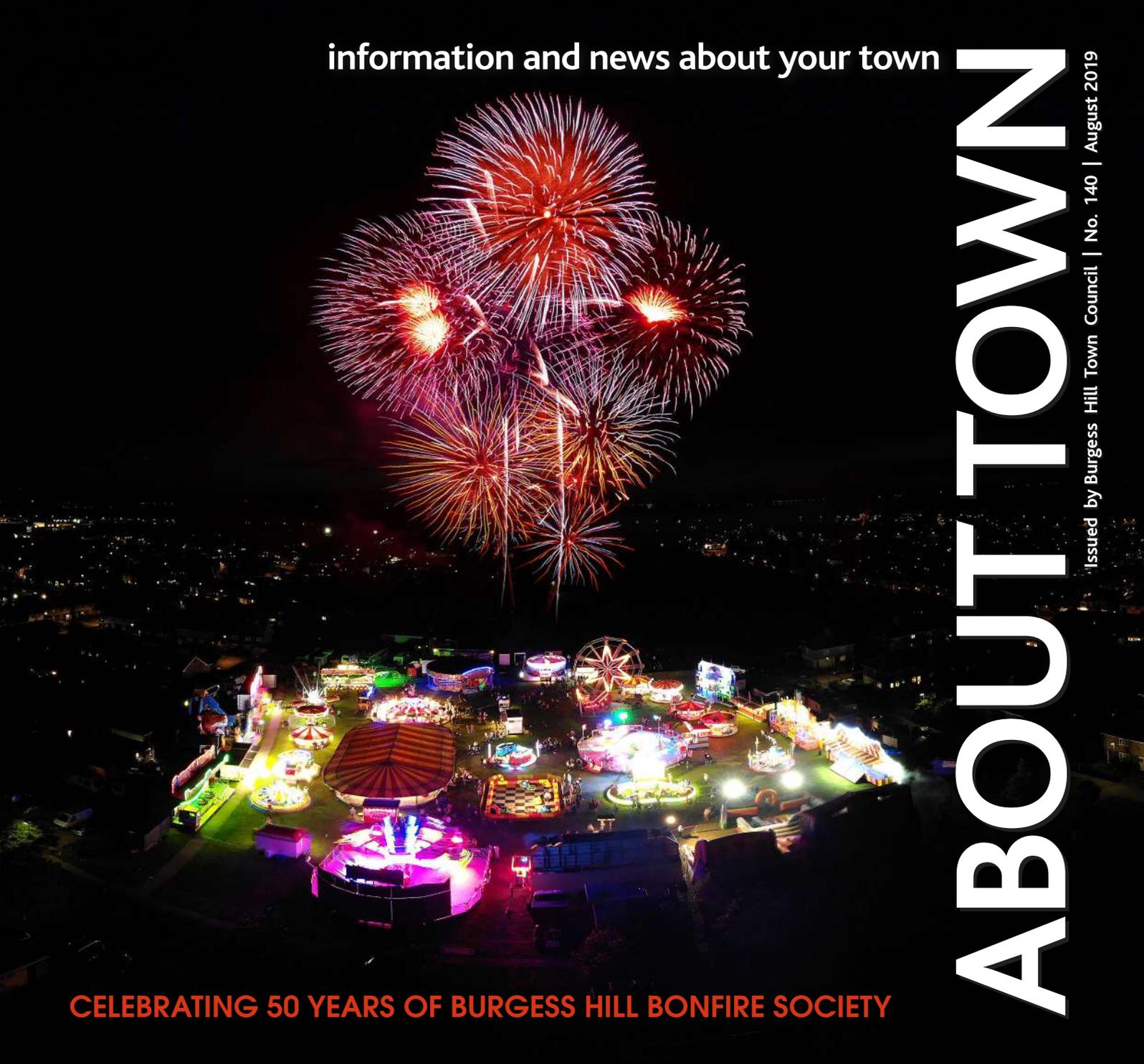


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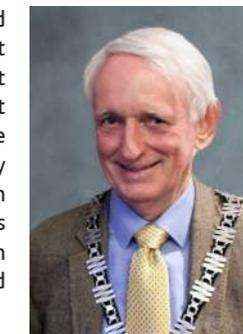
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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

It is an honour to have been elected Mayor, and a privilege. The role is not about the person who holds it, nor is it about politics. As Mayor you represent the town and its Council, and you have the power to give publicity to the many good works that people carry out in the community – some paid, many as volunteers – and to help them obtain public support and much needed resources.



My role so far has been full of activity: a fun afternoon for young carers; an open day with the town centre developers; attending the Burgess Hill Summer Fayre; the unveiling of a memorial to the fifty kindertransport children, who in 1938 were welcomed by Burgess Hill. It promises to be a busy year ahead and I look forward to the challenge.

Roger Cartwright
Town Mayor

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BURGESS HILL CRICKET CLUB

2018 was a remarkable year for Burgess Hill Cricket Club. Having been crowned Sussex League Division 3 Champions on the last day of the season, the club will now play in Division 2 of the Sussex Premier Cricket League, its highest level ever. In addition, in recognition of its commitment to working with youngsters in our local community and the club's charitable work, Burgess Hill CC has been chosen, from some 160 clubs nominated throughout Sussex, to be the Active Sussex Club of the Year.

The club, with its ECB Clubmark accreditation renewed for a further 3 years, continues to invest its resources in developing local young cricketers by delivering qualified coaching to children in primary and secondary schools around Burgess Hill. The club would like to place on record its gratitude for the support it has been given by Burgess Hill Town Council this past year.

RAISING FUNDS FOR CROHN'S IN CHILDHOOD

The Crohn's in Childhood Research Association is dedicated to creating a wider understanding of inflammatory bowel disease in children and young adults. It raises funds to support research for more effective treatments, as well as supporting families, working with health professionals and giving children a voice.

Dorrie Mottram, the West Sussex Representative for CICRA, said: "To the people of Burgess Hill and local communities a very big 'THANK YOU' for supporting the collection can on the counter of Kevin Thorne, the butcher in Market Place Shopping Centre."

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

Cyprus Hall will be filled with glorious scents and colours when Burgess Hill Horticultural Society stage their annual Autumn Show on Saturday 7 September. There will also be home-made cakes and refreshments, plant and produce stalls and a grand tombola. Opening times are 1.30–3.45pm and admission is 50p.

For further information visit www.burgesshillhorticulturalsociety.com or call 01444 245509.

• OUTDOOR CINEMA • THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Following last year's sellout success the outdoor cinema returns to St John's Park in September with a free showing of smash hit *The Greatest Showman*.

Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical inspired by the story of PT Barnum, the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. The film smashed its projected earnings more than eight times over and the soundtrack has broken all kinds of records, spending more time at UK number one than any record in the last 30 years.

Come and enjoy the spectacle on Saturday 7 September, starting at 7.30pm. BBQ and soft drinks available. Bring a chair!



CIRCUS FUN AT PLAY DAY

Circus is the theme of this year's Burgess Hill Play Day with lots of children's activities on offer - including bouncy castle, magician, dance, circus performers, stilt walkers, craft and sports activities, smoothie bike PLUS girls' football taster, organised by Albion in the Community ...and it's all free!

The event will be held at Fairfield Recreation Ground on Thursday 1 August, from 11am - 3pm.

Play Day is organised by Mid Sussex District Council with support from Burgess Hill Town Council. Look out for further information on the Town Council's Facebook page and website from July.

ROCK UP & RIDE

The 4th free BMX Rock Up & Ride event will be held on Wednesday 21 August, from 10am to 4pm, at Burgess Hill BMX track, next to Leylands Park off Maple Drive.

Professional BMX coach Niki Spiers from Gosport BMX Club will provide expert coaching and guidance. The event is organised by Respect Youth Club and Burgess Hill Town Council with funding provided by Burgess Hill District Lions Club.

To book a free place on the coaching session please contact Julia on 01444 871275.

STAY WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

Make sure you stay warm and safe this winter - last year West Sussex Fire Service tested 264 blankets of which 62 were found to be faulty and potentially unsafe. They will be carrying out free electric blanket testing on Monday 14 October, from 9.15am to 4pm, at Burgess Hill Town Council, 96 Church Walk.

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MEMORY OF A LIFETIME

Mid Sussex special needs charity Kangaroos celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. To mark this milestone the organisation launched its 'Memory of a Lifetime' campaign to raise £100,000.



The funding will provide some very special activities and once in a lifetime trips for its members, who have a range of learning disabilities and complex needs, with the aim of enriching their lives with happy memories to treasure.



Kangaroos was set up in 1994 by a handful of parents whose children attended Court Meadow special needs school in

Cuckfield. At that time there was no real provision for after school, weekend or holiday activities for children with special needs in that area and parents wanted their children to enjoy a social life out of school like any other child. This is still Kangaroos' ethos today.

Originally a Saturday play scheme with six children, Kangaroos now provides year round clubs and trips out for over 200 children, young people and young adults, many of whom joined Kangaroos in its early days. Kangaroos has played an important part in their transition from child to adulthood.



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SUSSEX A CAPPELLA'S GOT TALENT

Born out of the long-standing Sussex Harmonisers male chorus, in January 2018 Sussex A Cappella started its journey to develop the female barbershop singing scene in its home county.

The aim of the chorus is simply to have fun learning a wide variety of songs in four-part harmony, whether that's a Disney number, an Adele ballad or something more classical. All the songs are chosen by chorus members, with chorus director, Mark Grindall, carefully considering individual preferences as well as ability because many have never sung in a cappella style before.

There are no auditions, so there's no pressure to be the best, only to enjoy singing as a group and to be willing to learn. Long-term a cappella singer and member of Sussex A Cappella, Ann explains: "I have been so impressed by the quality of sound the group has been able to produce in such a short space of time. Testament to the hard work of all involved and the excellent coaching."

Sussex A Cappella is on the lookout for new members. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, feel free to attend to any rehearsal on a Monday, from 7.15 – 10pm at The King's Church in Victoria Road.

Visit www.sussexacappella.org.uk for more information.



LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH SIGHT LOSS

Dedicated volunteers at 4Sight Vision Support have recently started two new leisure activities for Mid Sussex residents living with sight loss. Both activities run at the Dolphin Leisure Centre in Haywards Heath.



The Bowls Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month, from 2 – 4pm. Enjoy a game of short mat bowls in a relaxed environment. Suitable for players of all abilities, beginners welcome.

The Swimming Club meets every 4th Tuesday of the month from 12 noon - 1pm. The club has use of a self-contained part of the main pool as well as the Health Suite with spa, sauna and steam rooms. Stay on afterwards for coffee or a light lunch at the Dolphin Café.

For further information, please contact Richard Foot on 01444 243744 or email ricfoot@googlemail.com

IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS WITH WALKING FOOTBALL

The Burgess Hill Strollers began as an official 'back to exercise' walking football initiative four years ago, but when the funding for that ran out the players decided to carry on and organise themselves. This friendly group now meets every Tuesday from 5.30 to 6.30pm at Manor Field School, with the emphasis on exercise and fun rather than competition.

They would welcome some new players, men and women over 55 - no experience is necessary. If you would like to find out more, please contact Laurie Perry on 07895 499219.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO THE GREEN CIRCLE

Two wheelchair accessible gates have been installed on the Green Circle path, which runs around the perimeter of Burgess Hill. The gates are located on Malthouse Lane and at the entrance to Bedelands Nature Reserve (at the left corner of Leylands Park).

The other gates on the network are standard gates that allow bicycles and wheelchairs to enter and all the paths have a firm surface suitable for wheelchairs. The work has been carried out by Mid Sussex District Council.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On Remembrance Sunday, 10 November at 10.45am, there will be a 2 minute silence and a short ceremony at the War Memorial in Church Walk, followed by a Service of Remembrance at St John's Church, which residents and visitors are invited to attend.

On Monday 11 November, at 11am, residents are invited to attend a short Armistice Day ceremony at the War Memorial. Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point will host the

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Burgess Hill Model Railway Club will hold their popular annual exhibition on 7 September at Burgess Hill Girls in Keymer Road. Last year was a tremendous success, setting a new record for attendance.

This year's programme will appeal to a wide range of railway modelling interests. Up to 17 layouts will cover all gauges and the many aspects of railway modelling. The popularity of the 1950/1960's era will be represented by several of the visiting layouts as well as the Southern Electric commuter trains that used to serve our region. Many young families attended last year so to encourage their interest there will be two hands-on exhibits where children can operate the trains. As usual, there will be ample trade support, society stands and the club's second-hand stall.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm. Admission is £5 adult, £3 child, and family (2 adults+2 children) £13. Car parking and refreshments will be available and the venue is fully accessible.

Full details are available on the club's website www.burgesshillmrc.org.uk.

People's Wreath so members of the public can donate their own poppy. The wreath will be placed on the War Memorial by the Town Mayor.

If anyone who has not done so before wishes to lay a wreath or take part in the parade, please contact Sarah Voce, email sarah.voce@homecall.co.uk or telephone 01444 246655.

SUPPORTING ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

It costs £7,200 PER DAY to run St Peter & St James Hospice and only 17% of this is funded by the government. Without the voluntary support and generosity of its local community, the hospice would not be able to provide expert and compassionate hospice care to people living with terminal illness, nor support their family and friends through the challenges of bereavement and grief.

Donations, fundraisers and gifts in legacies, as well as over 400 volunteers, are crucial in ensuring local people can access hospice care, whether it's on the Inpatient Ward, through Wellbeing services, or in the comfort of their own home.

The Burgess Hill Support Group was formed in April 2018 to raise much needed funds in the community. They have put on a variety of events including quiz nights, raffles, bucket and counter top collections, curry nights, a casino night and a 60s & 70s rock tribute night. A major fundraising event, 'The Giving Tree', will be held at Market Place Shopping Centre from 2 - 22 December.

The group meets monthly at The Potters pub in Station Road and meeting dates, along with all up and coming events can be found at facebook.com/BurgessHillsupportgroup.

If you would like to join the team or could spare an hour or two to help with the Giving Tree they would love to hear from you - call Geoff Atkins on 07969 344136.



MUSIC FOR MEMORIES

Music for Memories reconnects those living with memory loss through the power of their own musical memories. A personalised playlist delivers high quality music combined with safety features such as no external wiring. Music is one of the most powerful things we can experience and this project will allow families, who may feel lost after an Alzheimer's or other memory loss diagnosis, to come together and share in memories and stories which would otherwise be lost.

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A community based falls prevention programme for the frail and elderly at risk of falling provides a 'step down' service for those exiting the NHS falls prevention service or a step up for people unsteady on their feet wishing to prevent a fall.

In partnership with Mid Sussex Wellbeing, this is a 24-week rolling course of balance and strengthening exercises designed to reduce the risk of falls - at only £1 per class.

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For more information, please contact Debbie Beesley on 07415 020962 or email Debbie@activehousesolutions.co.uk.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BONFIRE

Burgess Hill Bonfire Society has been celebrating in the town for 50 years. Preparations for their big night on Saturday 28 September continue apace.

Supported by bonfire boyes and belles from across Sussex they will be putting on a spectacular to be remembered, including flaming torches, superb costumes, banners and, very important to the Bonfire Societies, honouring the fallen at the town's War Memorial.

For the special 50th anniversary programme this year they have been helped by senior Burgess Hill Bonfire members, who have produced old programmes and newspaper cuttings about the early days. They have also established contact with the very first Chairman of the Society, Jim Clapperton, who was a leading light in the formation of the Society all those years ago.

The Burgess Hill society is well known for its fire banners and firework banners. These will of course feature in the processions on the Night. Look out for their efforts this year. The 50th Anniversary programmes will be available from the Help Point at 96 Church Walk. As usual, they will be collecting for charity during the processions so please take plenty of change to fill the buckets.



PROSTATE SCREENING

1 in every 2 men will have a problem with their prostate gland at some stage on their lives. It could be infection, enlargement or cancer. Burgess Hill District Lions Club has teamed up with PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation) to offer free PSA screening for men aged between 45 and 80.

The screening will be conducted by trained personnel and nurses will take a blood sample. It is not a direct test for cancer as a moderately raised reading can be an indicator of other problems with a high reading, acting as a trigger for further tests to see if any other treatment is needed.

PSA screening is not offered automatically on the NHS, which is why Burgess Hill District Lions Club is working with PCaSO to provide this valuable service. This simple, quick test could prove to be a lifesaver.

The testing will be held at The Triangle Leisure Centre on Saturday 12 October, from 10am - 4pm, and is strictly by appointment. To book online go to www.psatesting.org/burgesshill or for booking enquiries call 0845 650 2555 (call costs can vary).

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CHEER ON THE OLD CROCKS

The annual Veteran Car Run takes place on Sunday 3 November, when more than 400 pre-1905 motor vehicles will leave Hyde Park at sunrise and – if they make it this far – pass through Burgess Hill on their way to Brighton.

The event commemorates the Emancipation Run of 14 November 1896, which celebrated the raising of the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4mph to 14mph and abolished the requirement for these vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot carrying a red flag.

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Burgess Hill Symphony Orchestra

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CLASSIC VEHICLES RETURN

Burgess Hill Town Centre will be filled with classic vehicles at the 2019 Classics in the Town show on Sunday 22 September, when 120 cars, 40 bikes plus a couple of buses will stretch from the bottom of Church Walk to the top of Church Road.

Entrants to the London-Brighton veteran car run will rub shoulders with design classics including Ferraris, Porsches and Jaguars. Some vehicles are stars in their own right, including the Guy coach that appeared in the ITV drama Heartbeat.

The event will run from 10am to 3.30pm when the exhibitors will fire up their engines for a Grand Depart. Everyone leaving together has not been tried before, but they got close in 2017 so thought they would add this unique element to the show.

The show is organised by the Weald Classic Vehicle Club that meets in Burgess Hill every month. They will be raising funds for the Chailey Heritage Foundation Dream Centre appeal.

The show is free to exhibitors and visitors although all donations are welcome. All the shops will be open so the town centre will be buzzing.

For more information contact Nick on 07973 114652 or email events.wcvc@gmail.com.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SOUTHDOWN FC

Formed in 1969, originally as a Boy Scout football team, Southdown Football Club is one of the earliest established youth football clubs in Mid Sussex.



Now offering football training and matches to both boys and girls from aged 4 to 16 years old, the club forms an integral part of the community in Burgess Hill. Under the current Chairmanship of Ian Hadingham, the club has built a strong partnership with Burgess Hill Cricket Club, which encourages young members to play football and cricket throughout the year.



As with most community groups, Southdown FC's success has been down to the hard work and dedication of its many volunteers from the founding year right through to the present day. Those generous members help by becoming parent coaches, taking on Executive Committee roles and turning up week in week out to serve refreshments despite the weather!

Many long lasting friendships and memories have been formed over Southdown's 50 years so to celebrate the legacy there will be an event on Friday 11 October at Burgess Hill Town Football Club to reunite those who have been involved with the club.

The evening will be an opportunity to reminisce with old friends, look over photos of days gone by and toast the continued success of Southdown.

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Domestic Abuse takes many forms and can be defined as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer. It is very common, with 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men experiencing some form of domestic abuse during their lifetime.

Domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to, the following:

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- Psychological and/or emotional abuse
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Financial or economic abuse
- Harassment and stalking
- Online or digital abuse

Safe in Sussex is a charity dedicated to supporting people affected by domestic abuse and preventing domestic abuse through education and awareness. They have recently launched a countywide domestic abuse outreach service with drop-in sessions at various locations across the county including Mid Sussex. Trained domestic abuse outreach workers are able to provide one-to-one practical and emotional guidance and support to individuals. If you are concerned about your relationship you can chat to their staff in confidence.

To find out more about the service and locations of the drop-in sessions please email outreach@safeinsussex.org.uk or call 0330 333 7416.

SPACE CHASE CHALLENGE

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Space Chase - celebrating the 50th anniversary of the very first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge this year will help space family, the Rockets in their thrilling mission to recover books that have been borrowed by cheeky aliens.

Space Chase: the Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local library on Saturday 13 July. It's free for all families to take part and you can collect fun rewards as you read books through the holidays. Best of all, children are free to choose whatever library books they like.

After registering online for the challenge children will be rewarded with a special Space Chase wristband. Holly, Laika, Nana Whiz and the other Rockets will help them solve clues and collect stickers as they read books throughout the summer. Once they've read six books, the children will be rewarded with a special Space Chase certificate and medal.

Everyone can join in with the Summer Reading Challenge. The really little ones can take part in the Space Chase Mini Challenge, collecting stickers as they share library books. When they complete the Mini Challenge, libraries will reward under-threes with a special 'gold medal sticker' as well as a certificate with their name on.

You only need a library card to register for Space Chase - and if you don't have one yet the Library will give you one of those for free too.

Activities over the summer will also feature micro:bits, pocket-sized computers which can be programmed to do all sorts of things - from counting down a rocket launch to powering a sonic screwdriver!



40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CLASSICAL MUSIC

This November, the Burgess Hill Symphony Orchestra will be celebrating 40 years of bringing outstanding classical music to the town and the wider local area.

The Orchestra was founded in 1979 as the Martlets Sinfonietta under conductor Stephen Evans. The current conductor, Michael Stefan Wood BEM, took over in 1982 and has been with the orchestra ever since. Since those humble beginnings and under Mike's dedicated and enthusiastic leadership, the orchestra has gone from strength to strength. It moved to its current venue, St Andrew's Church in 1985 and became the Burgess Hill Sinfonietta.

In celebration of its 21st Birthday in 2000, the Sinfonietta became a fully-fledged symphony orchestra and continued to successfully undertake a range of orchestral challenges. BBC Presenter Katie Derham became President in 2015.

The orchestra holds two main concerts each year, in May and November and a smaller concert in March for the benefit of the Patrons, who have loyally supported the orchestra over the years. In recent years the Orchestra has also branched out into the community, performing at Burgess Hill Summer Festival each June and working closely with Ensemble Reza, another local group dedicated to bringing music to a wider audience.

The 40th Anniversary Concert will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 16 November at St Andrew's Church in Junction Road. The evening will be a Proms style concert and the programme will include *Jerusalem*, *Fantasia on British Sea Songs* and *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story*.

For further details, please visit the website at www.bhso.org.uk.

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The next applications deadline for Major Grants of £1,000+ is 30 September. Major Grants are for capital costs only.

Grant forms and supporting information can be downloaded from the Burgess Hill Town Council website, www.burgesshill.gov.uk. If you have any queries or would like the forms to be posted to you, please contact 01444 238207 or email grants@burgesshill.gov.uk.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATE

Burgess Hill's Christmas Celebration and Lights Switch-On takes place in the town centre on Saturday 23 November. Put the date in your diary!

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RESIDENTS DECIDE ON THE BEEHIVE

The Beehive is the name chosen for the town's new Community and Performance Centre, to be built in Cyprus Road after local schools and the public were invited to participate in naming the new centre.

Burgess Hill has two historical connections with the name. Beehive was the name given to the tall conical shaped kilns which were to be found on all Burgess Hill's brickmaking sites.

There is also a connection with the early filmmaker John Charles Bee-Mason, who lived in Burgess Hill and produced two famous short films about bees. He even changed his name to incorporate the word 'bee'.

Branding and fundraising using the name will follow.



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BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST	
Planning Committee	Monday 19 August 7pm
SEPTEMBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 9 September 7pm
Council	Monday 16 September 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 30 September 7pm
OCTOBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 21 October 7pm

NOVEMBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 11 November 7pm
Council	Monday 25 November 7pm

KEEP IN TOUCH –

If you would like information, dates or times concerning Town Council meetings, please contact Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk, or telephone **01444 247726**. Alternatively, email helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk or check the website www.burgesshill.gov.uk/meetingsagendasminutes

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FUN FOR YOUNG CARERS

Young carers are in for a treat with plenty of exciting activities and entertainment on offer at a free Young Carers Fun Day during the October half-term.

The Fun Day is for young carers aged 6-13 years, who will be able to take part in a wide range of activities including sports, arts and crafts, cooking and much more. Lunch and transport will be provided free of charge.

The event will take place at St Paul's Catholic College on Tuesday 29 October, from 10am to 4pm.

Young carers are children and young people who live with a family member with a disability, long-term illness, mental health problem or substance misuse issue, which impacts on the life of the young person.

The event will be led by Burgess Hill Youth and co-ordinated by Burgess Hill Town Council. For further information and a booking form, please contact Jennifer O'Grady on 01444 238207 between 9am-3pm, or email jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S AUTUMN TEA PARTY

A free Autumn Tea Party for senior citizens will be held at Burgess Hill Girls in Keymer Road during November. The date is currently unavailable at the time of this publication but you will be notified in due course.

Residents will be treated to afternoon tea with musical entertainment by the school students. The event will take place from 2.15 - 3.45pm, with arrival from 2pm.

Tickets will be available from Wednesday 30 October, from 10am, at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point, 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 247726. The date of the event will be confirmed then.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Burgess Hill Town Council's Annual Report for 2018-19 is available from the Help Point at 96 Church Walk or can be downloaded from the Town Council's website www.burgesshill.gov.uk/annualreport.

MEET YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There is an opportunity to discuss issues with West Sussex County Councillors representing Burgess Hill on the following Saturday mornings

14 September, 12 October & 9 November

The surgeries will be held from 10 - 11am at Burgess Hill Library. No appointment is necessary, just turn up.

For further information, please contact the Help Point on 01444 247726.



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TUESDAY	Housing & Council Tax Benefit 9am - 11am	Citizens Advice Help Desk 10am - 4pm	Registrar 12 noon - 4pm By appointment only - 01243 642 122
THURSDAY	4Sight 9am - 1pm To book an appointment please call 07545 501 216 or email tara.beesely@4sight.org.uk	Citizens Advice Help Desk 10am - 4pm	Housing Advice 1pm - 3pm Bi-weekly & by appointment only - 01444 477 574
FRIDAY	Mid Sussex Wellbeing Outreach 10am - 3.30pm By appointment only - 01444 477 191		
Telephone 01444 247 726			

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL (OUT OF HOURS)	0845 602 1035
CLARION HOUSING GROUP	0300 100 0303
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)	01243 642 105
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONTACT CENTRE	01243 777 100
SOCIAL CARE (Adults)	01243 642 121
(Children)	03302 226 664
PRINCESS ROYAL HOSPITAL	01444 441 881
DENTAL EMERGENCIES (NHS DIRECT)	111

The advice sessions are on a drop-in basis, unless otherwise stated. To book an appointment either call in at the Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk or telephone 01444 247 726.

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA?

For the latest news of events in and around Burgess Hill throughout the coming months, visit the Town Council's website, www.burgesshill.gov.uk, or contact Burgess Hill Town Council's Tourist Information Centre, 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 238202 or email touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk. We also stock a full range of theatre brochures along with our ever popular Theatre Token gift cards, which make the perfect gift, not forgetting our heavily discounted Sealife Centre tickets.

If you are a local organisation arranging an event, let us know and we will help you promote it by acting as your Box Office, free of charge.



MOSAIC MYSTERY SOLVED

The mystery of the mosaic that was rescued from Martlets Hall before its closure has been solved. Two local residents who read the appeal for information in the last issue of About Town have provided information about its history.

The mosaic was made in about 1998/1999, in two sections that were subsequently fitted together, under the direction of mosaic artist Jane Fordham.

Lesley Rowlands worked at Oakmeeds School and recalls half the mosaic being made by some of the older students. Tricia Bender and her colleague Verna Bailey were involved with the project at Burnside, a Burgess Hill day centre for adults with learning difficulties. Tricia helped create some of the mosaic bandstand.

Tricia said: "Verna and I always hoped the mosaic would be preserved. We are both retired now but have great memories of working with all who attended Burnside and being involved with projects in the local community."

The mosaic is now in the safe keeping of the History Society, which hopes to display it in a future new public building.



OPEN GARDEN TO INSPIRE YOU

The garden at 9 Sycamore Drive, off Folders Lane, will be open to the public on **Sunday 11 August** (not 12 August as incorrectly stated in the last issue) to raise funds for local hospice, St Peter & St James. This well-designed garden is packed with plants and interest and has been featured in Amateur Gardener magazine.

The garden will be open from 1 – 5pm. Tea/coffee and home-made cakes will be available and you will be entertained by a live 3 piece band. There will also be a plant stall featuring potted dahlias at very low prices. Admission is £3 adult, children free.



LIONS SUPPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD

Drop your old mobile phones, hearing aids and reading glasses into the New Book Den at 86 Church Walk and Burgess Hill District Lions Club will pass them on for re-use in the developing world. They also welcome donations of books and jigsaw puzzles to raise funds for their local charitable work.



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