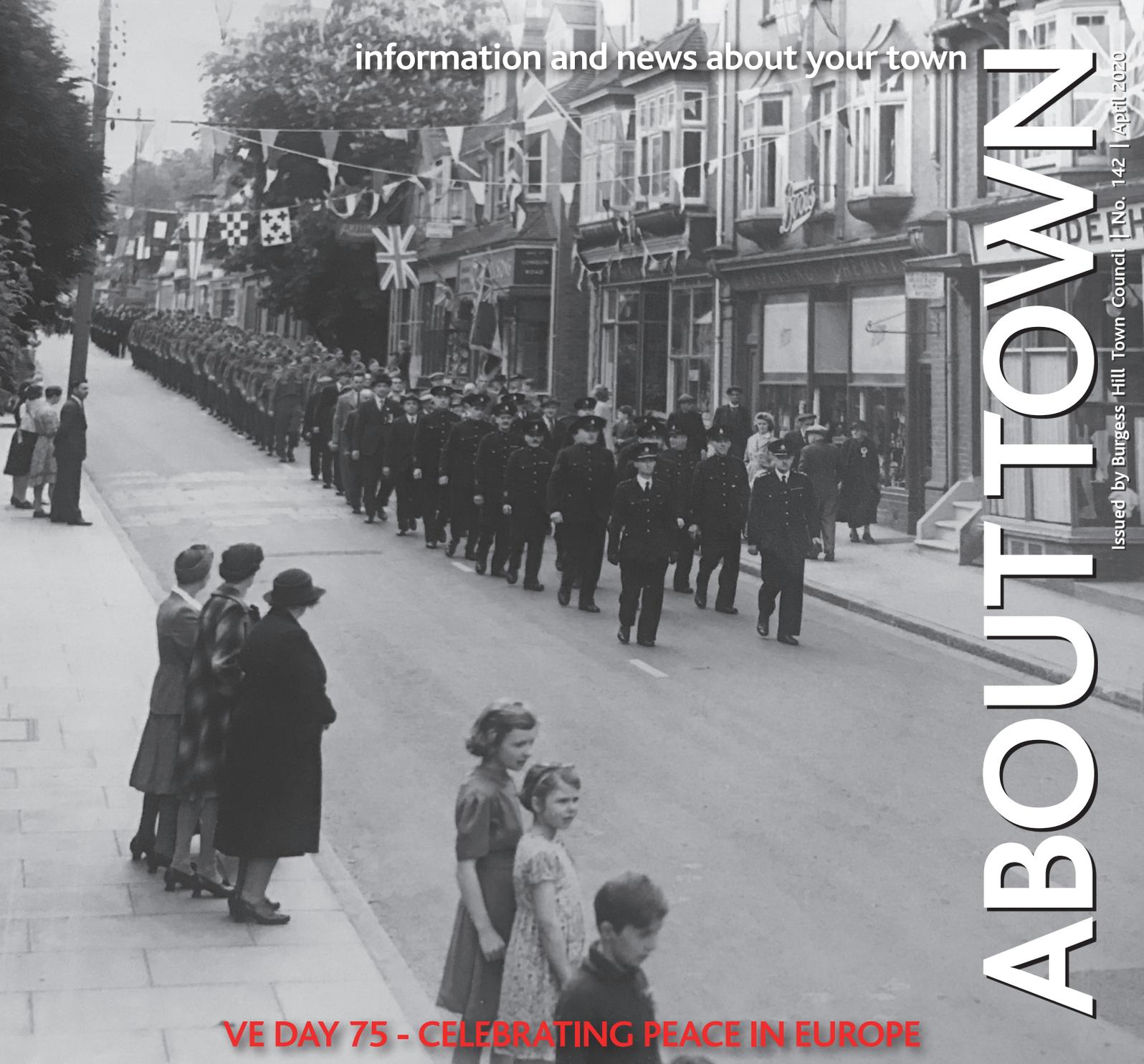


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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

This year the town faces a challenge of reconstructing the centre. The new Library has given a glimpse of what the future will look like. The Council is working to help tailor the plan, as far as possible, to what residents have said they want. In addition, our new arts and performance centre (The Beehive) has been given planning permission - our next task is to raise the money to build it.



The Town Council is organising a range of events during the summer. In May, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The traditional Summer Festival will be in June, ending with the Summer Fayre. And the popular sandpit will return for the summer holidays. Alongside these we are running Bridge-the-Gap, an initiative designed to help the town centre traders maintain their businesses during the development of the new centre. We will be looking to attract people to the centre with a range of events and activities, to keep our town alive and vibrant.

Roger Cartwright
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THE BEEHIVE UPDATE

The Town Council is pleased to announce that planning permission has been approved for the proposed Beehive Arts Centre in Cyprus Road, which will incorporate the Dame Vera Lynn 235 seat theatre. The first step in this project will be to demolish the old Royal British Legion Building and the Council will make a decision on this in the near future.

There is still a way to go to raise £2million for the project with £3million already approved. The Town Council has appointed a professional fundraiser and various grant organisations have been identified, which the Council will approach for support.

This important milestone follows over 2 years of research, planning and public consultation. The new Centre will provide a modern cultural facility and interest has been shown by various local clubs wanting to perform in it. The flexible theatre will provide standing space as well as banqueting space while additional rooms will provide studio space and rehearsal facilities.

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation is currently being registered to lead the fundraising effort and to run the centre once built. The Town Council is adamant that it should be a modern facility worthy of a town the size of Burgess Hill.



Burgess Hill Town Council

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday 14 April 2020
7.30pm start

CYPRUS HALL, CYPRUS ROAD

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME

££ FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Each year, Burgess Hill Town Council awards grants to local voluntary groups that benefit Burgess Hill residents.

The applications deadlines for Minor Grants of up to £1,000 are 30 April and 31 August. Applications will be considered for general running costs as well as capital expenses.

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

Further information and application forms can be downloaded from the Burgess Hill Town Council website, www.burgesshill.gov.uk/grants.

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.

FLOWER BED SPONSORSHIP

The flower bed near the Pigot Memorial in front of St John's Church will be sponsored for the next two years by Burgess Hill Family Funerals.

Lyn from Burgess Hill Family Funerals said: "We are a family-run local business and sponsoring the flower bed seemed a good way of giving something back to our local community."

Burgess Hill Family Funerals is based at 82 Church Walk. The flower bed will be maintained by Burgess Hill Town Council's Maintenance Team.



MEET YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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

18 April, 16 May, 20 June & 18 July

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.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020

Acclaimed professional theatre company The Lord Chamberlain's Men will be a highlight of Burgess Hill's Summer Festival when they bring their production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to town on Sunday 7 June. The open air performance will be held in the glorious grounds of Burgess Hill Girls – bring a picnic and enjoy watching Shakespeare as he first saw it performed; in the open air, by an all-male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

The Festival runs from Saturday 6 – Sunday 14 June. It will include a wide range of music, dance, art and craft, walks, local history, talks, literature, children's and young people's activities, family events, creative workshops, taster sessions and much more. Most of the events will be low-cost or free.

Your Festival programme will be delivered at the end of April and event booking will open in May. Keep an eye on the local press, the Town Council's social media and www.burgesshill.gov.uk for more details.

Burgess Hill Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: **Michael Stefan Wood BEM** Leader: **Andrew Biggs**

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For oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon
Mozart

SYMPHONY No 1 "Titan"
Mahler

MAGIC FLUTE Overture
Mozart

Saturday 16th May 2020 7.30
St Andrew's Church Junction Road Burgess Hill

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VE DAY 75 EVENTS IN BURGESS HILL

Throughout the VE Day 75 weekend Burgess Hill will be playing its part in the commemorations and celebrations. We will remember the sacrifice made by those 90 Burgess Hill young men who lost their lives and the sorrow of their families, the contribution made by countless others, and celebrate the advent of peace after 6 years of conflict.

The following events will be taking place during the VE Day 75 weekend of 8 – 10 May.

Friday 8 May – **VE Day 75 Tea Party** - 2 to 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Station Road. For older residents who lived or were born during the war years. This is a free event but numbers are limited so advance booking only at the Help Point, 96 Church Walk, 01444 247726. Free transport available if required.

Friday 8 May – **Lone Piper playing Battle's O'er**, the traditional tune played by pipers at the end of a battle, and the specially composed tune VE 75 Years – 3pm at Burgess Hill War Memorial, Church Walk.

Friday 8 May – **The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of The Second World War** - 3pm at participating pubs in Burgess Hill. Thousands of pubs across the nation will be inviting their customers to raise a glass at 3pm to toast the Heroes of WW2. The list of participating pubs will be available from the Help Point at 96 Church Walk and www.burgesshill.gov.uk.

Friday 8 May – **Ringing out for Peace** - 7pm, St John's Church. Bells in churches and cathedrals, including our own St John's Church, will ring out around the world to celebrate the peace we share today.

Saturday 9 May – **VE Day 75, Peace in Europe** – 7pm (picnics from 6pm), Fairfield Recreation Ground. A commemoration and celebration of the end of war in Europe, with live 1940s music, poems and readings followed by a firework display. Plus hogroast, food and refreshments. Free event, bring a chair. On-site disabled parking only so please walk to this event.

Sunday 10 May - **Service of Celebration and Commemoration** - 11am at St John's Church, Lower Church Road. Plus reading of the Tribute to the Millions and playing of the Last Post. Followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial.

If you would like to lay a wreath they can be purchased from the Royal British Legion. Please contact Sarah Voce on 01444 246655 or email pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net.



VE DAY 75 - PEACE IN EUROPE

World War 2 was the deadliest military conflict in history. An estimated 70–85 million people perished, which was about 3% of the 1940 world population. When VE Day dawns on 8 May it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe.

Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved-ones and to hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict until the war finally ended on 15 August.

Burgess Hill was not untouched by the conflict – 90 young men did not live to see the peace. Their names are inscribed on our War Memorial and read aloud each Remembrance Day.

To commemorate this important time VE Day 75, a national three day commemoration and celebration of peace, will take place from 8 - May. It will provide an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifices made at home and abroad, the courage of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period and to joyously celebrate as people did 75 years ago, the arrival of peace in Europe.



REPAIR CAFÉ IS UP AND RUNNING

Burgess Hill Repair Café is now up and running at the Salvation Army Hall in Cyprus Road (next to the cinema). Following an appeal for volunteers in the last issue of *About Town*, 25 willing helpers came forward to offer their services and the Repair Café was launched on Big Fix Day in February.

Save the unnecessary cost of replacement and send less waste to landfill. Bring along any items that need repairing and have a cup of tea while you wait.

The Repair Cafe will be open on the following Saturday mornings, from 10am – 1pm

18 April, 9 May, 13 June & 4 July

Repairs and the café are free of charge although donations are welcome to help cover the hall hire and refreshment costs.

FRENCH MARKET

The popular French Market will be back in Burgess Hill on Friday 12 June.

Why not make a day of it and enjoy a French breakfast, lunch and dinner? You could try a traditional French croissant or a crepe made in front of you. For lunch, some tasty French cheeses and baguette, or Tartiflette, a famous cheese, bacon and potato dish from the French Alps.

For dinner, why not try cuisses de canard – tinned duck, ready to cook - just add potatoes and veg for a delicious French meal from the South West of France.

There are a plenty of other stalls to choose from offering a wide selection of goods such as Provençal soaps, vintage music, bags and purses, basket ware, jumpers and so much more.

Don't miss this opportunity to stock up with some Gallic goodies.

BRIDGE THE GAP

The Town Council is aware that trading conditions in town have been negatively affected by High Street trading conditions generally and the disruption caused by development in the town centre. Following a meeting with local traders the Bridge the Gap initiative was launched to promote the town centre through this challenging period.

A small steering committee has been formed of local traders and councillors. Various initiatives are being researched including an Indoor Market, a Food and Drink Fair, entertainment, exhibitions and so on. The intention is to make the town as attractive as possible while the redevelopment of the centre takes place. If some of the initiatives are really successful they could become annual events.

One of the first initiatives will be an Art Trail in the town centre from 15 - 30 May, organised by Burgess Hill Artists in partnership with Burgess Hill Town Council. Participating shops will be listed on an Art Trail sheet available from the Town Council's Help Point. During the half-term week 25 - 29 May a Children's Art Trail will involve finding a clue in each work to solve a puzzle with all returned forms entered for a prize draw at the end of the event.

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JOIN THE GREAT BURGESS HILL SPRING CLEAN

Join the Great British Spring Clean in Burgess Hill and help keep the town looking good. There will be a number of Spring Clean events taking place from 20 March to 13 April so there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Hi vis and litter-pickers will be provided. Let us know if you'd like to nominate a 'grot spot' in need of a clean-up or if you would like to get involved.

Contact emily@burgesshill.gov.uk.



COUNCIL TAX BILLS

With Council Tax bills for 2020/21 dropping through letterboxes this month you will see Burgess Hill Town Council's share of the council tax charge is rising by 12% (£8.10 for a Band D property). This increase is because in the current year (2019/20) the Town Council's share of the bill reduced as all households received a one-off rebate relating to a project that did not go ahead. In real terms, the underlying increase for 2020/21 is 2.75% which equates to £2.02 for the year for a Band D property.

As a percentage of the overall council tax charge, the Town Council's element equates to around 3.7%, while West Sussex County Council (76.6%), Sussex Police (10.5%) and Mid Sussex District Council (9.2%) make up the rest of the charge (2019/20 figures).

Further details can be found at: www.burgesshill.gov.uk/finance.

FREE CLIMBING WALL

If the kids are driving you up the wall during the Easter holidays take them to Church Walk on Thursday 9 April from 10am - 4pm, to have a free go on a supervised 8 metre climbing wall and play Strike a Light. You don't need to book - just turn up. The activities are kindly sponsored by Burgess Hill District Lions Club.

URBAN BEACH RETURNS

The popular Urban Beach will once again return to the town centre for the summer holidays.

The FREE sand pit will be available for children up to 11 years of age, who must be supervised by an adult. The sand pit will be open 7 days a week 10am - 4pm during the summer holidays, from Saturday 18 July to Sunday 2 September. It will be located in Church Walk outside Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point.

First Aid is available at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point (during opening hours) and toilets are available at the nearby Sunshine Café as part of the Community Toilet Scheme.

Bring your little ones with their buckets and spades and have fun this summer!

The project is funded by Burgess Hill Town Council.



VE DAY CHEESE & WINE

A VE Day Celebration Cheese and Wine event with musical entertainment will be held at St John's Church on Saturday 9 May. Proceeds in aid of Headway East Sussex.

Tickets are available from Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk and St John's Church Parish office.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE

Burgess Hill's popular annual Summer Fayre will be back at St John's Park on Sunday 14 June, from 11am - 4pm.



The park will be packed with fun and entertainment for all the family, with free crazy golf, laser tag, bungee run and a bouncy castle. There will also be community stalls, fairground rides, miniature train rides, vintage car display, BBQ, food and refreshments, plus music and entertainment throughout the day.

RECYCLING & RE-USE GUIDE

The Burgess Hill Recycling & Re-use Guide has been updated and is full of information to help you recycle and re-use as much as possible. It is available at the Town Council's Help Point, 96 Church Walk, and the website www.burgesshill.gov.uk/recyclingguide.

QUACK QUACK - THE DUCK FAIR IS BACK

Burgess Hill's long-running Duck Fair will be back again this summer with fun and entertainment for all the family. The event takes place on Saturday 11 July, from 11am - 5pm at Worlds End Recreation Ground.

Attractions include a classic car show, entertainment program with singers and dancers, charity stalls, dog show, fun fair, the Burgess Hill Bake Off and more

Volunteers to help on the day and raffle prizes are needed – to offer help or book a stall, please call 07966 436469 or email munchkas@aol.com.

A WHOLE NEW WORLD IN RETIREMENT

If you are retired or nearing retirement, you can open up a whole new world of learning and socialising by joining Burgess Hill U3A.

With more than 70 groups on offer, ranging from board games to boules, genealogy to Greek, meditation to music, table tennis to tai chi, there is something for everyone, whatever your interest. It's affordable too – just £2 for groups that meet in community halls and free for those that meet at members' homes.

For further information, visit www.u3sites.org.uk/Burgess-hill, contact Membership Secretary Colin Payne on 01273 841959 or email bh3memsec@gmail.com.

NGS OPEN GARDENS

Four glorious Burgess Hill gardens will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme, on Wednesday 22 July.

This diverse group of four gardens is a mixture of established and small new gardens. Two are a great example of what can be achieved over a 10 year period from a blank canvas in a new development (Sycamore Drive), while close by is 14 Barnside Avenue, a wisteria clad house with a more mature garden with family lawn and borders, likewise 20 The Ridings is a mature garden with productive outside grapevine. The gardens provide many useful ideas for people living in new build properties with small gardens and heavy clay soil.

The gardens will be open from 1 – 5pm, with home-made teas available at 14 Barnside Avenue. Entry is adult £5, children free. The ticket provides entry to all the gardens.





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BLOOM**

Website - www.burgesshillinbloom.co.uk

Summer Competition 2020

Who can enter? Any Burgess Hill Resident is welcome to take part, whatever their gardening ability.

Why should you enter? To join others in the community to help improve Burgess Hill's environment.

What can you enter? Anything from your back garden to your shop front to your hanging basket.

When is it taking place?

- Closing date:- 13th July 2020
- Judging: W/C 20th to 24th July 2020
- The sunflower competition will be judged in August to allow for extra growing time.

**Main competition entrants receive a
£5.00 Garden Voucher
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ENTRY FORM

Which Category would you like to enter? Please tick (one entry per household – entrants can however nominate a garden (see 10) as well as their own)

- 1) **Best Environmentally Friendly Garden**
For those carrying out gardening practices that are helping to protect the environment (for example use of water butts, encouragement of wildlife).
- 2) **Best Front Garden**
- 3) **Best Side/Back Garden**
- 4) **Best Garden Design**
- 5) **Neighbours in Bloom**
- 6) **Best Floral Container**
- 7) **Best Vegetable Garden**
- 8) **Best Commercial/Shop Display**
- 9) **Best Pub**

Is there a garden you admire, and you think deserves recognition? If so tick the box below and complete the address and if possible name and contact number of the person who owns the garden and we will contact them to let them know they have been nominated.

- 10) **Best Nominated Garden** (1 x entry per household)
- 11) **Children's Tallest Sunflower** (11 yrs and Under)
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For the following categories a Garden Voucher for £25 will be given to entrants. This includes Vegetable Gardens

- 12) **Best Community/Voluntary Project**
- 13) **Best School Project:-**
Pre School
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 Tel: 01444 244617 / cathybarnett@sky.com

GO WILD ABOUT MID SUSSEX

There will be beasties and bugs galore at Wild About Mid Sussex during Burgess Hill Summer Festival on Saturday 6 June.

Wild About Mid Sussex celebrates wildlife, countryside conservation, outdoor activities and crafts in Burgess Hill and Mid Sussex. It takes place from 10am – 4pm, at the Festival marquee in St John's Park.

There will be displays, demonstrations of traditional country crafts, exhibitions by local and national wildlife conservation groups and those tackling climate change, with fun activities for the whole family including exotic reptiles, tarantulas, scorpions, giant snails, bees, millipedes and more.

Free admission, £1 to handle the reptiles. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



CHANGING PLACES

TOILETS

Over 1/4 of a million people are unable to use standard accessible toilets. This includes people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, as well as older people.

Burgess Hill is becoming more accessible and now has three changing places toilets – located at The Triangle Leisure Centre, Janes Lane Pavilion (adjacent to the accessible play equipment) and the latest addition at Burgess Hill Library in the town centre.

PÉTANQUE TERRAIN FOR BURGESS HILL

It's all systems go for the construction of a Pétanque terrain at Marle Place, with funding provided by Sport England and Section 106 developer funds.

Pétanque is also known as boules and is enjoyed by all ages. The goal is to toss hollow metal balls (boules) and get them as close as you can to a small wooden target ball (jack). This classic French game is easy to learn and great fun for people of all skill levels.

Just turn up to play with family and friends or join the U3A Pétanque Group, contact smith_raymond9@sky.com or call 07779 702835.

HEDEGHOG HAVEN

Hurst Hedgehog Haven was set up in 2017 to encourage the people of Hurstpierpoint and beyond to become a little more hedgehog friendly. They offer advice, give talks, hold information events and run a small A & E in Burgess Hill for poorly hogs.

Not sure if you have hedgehogs in your garden? They are solitary mammals that just get on with their night-time lives often unseen by us. The main tell-tale sign is their black poo, 2 to 3 cm long, or you may hear them snuffling looking for food.

How do I get a hedgehog in my garden? In order to get hogs in your garden they need to be able to get in and have a reason to come. So firstly you need to make a hole in or under your fence, around 13 cm square, and get your neighbours to do the same. They can travel a long way so will need access 8 to 12 gardens. Their natural food lives under logs and plants so keeping part of your garden as a wildlife area would be good, and the perfect excuse to be a bit untidy! If you do nothing else put down a shallow bowl of water as this will help all sorts of wildlife.

Should I feed my hedgehogs? You can feed hogs - they like to eat meat based cat biscuits, please DO NOT feed meal worms, peanuts, bird food, bread or milk as these can be harmful to them. Making a bug hotel and a wildlife area is better so they can find their own food.

Do hedgehogs sunbathe? If they are out in the day this is a sign they are unwell and you need to get help. Watch for a while - if they are still there in 10 or so minutes, wearing gloves put them in a box with some newspaper in a quiet place, put some water in a shallow bowl and call for help. There is one exception for a hog being out in the day and that is if they are a busy mum getting food and bedding for their babies. In this case, they will look like they are on a mission and should not be disturbed.

For help and advice, visit the website www.hursthedgehoghaven.co.uk and Facebook page FB Hurst Hedgehog Haven or call 07787 515296.



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NEW YOUTH CLUB FOR BURGESS HILL

A new youth club for young people in Burgess Hill is now up and running thanks to the efforts of a group of local parents. The Escape Youth Club meets every Friday during term-time at Park Centre for youngsters of secondary school age.

The club offers a range of regular activities including arts and crafts, basketball, ping-pong, air hockey and pool, plus a chance to simply hang out with friends. Additional activities are organised in consultation with the young people.

The club runs from 7 – 9pm, membership is £2 per year plus £1 per week subs.

For further information, visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/escapeyouthclub or www.theescapeyouthclub.com, email theescapeyouthclub@gmail.com or call 07933 276070.

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE PARK TODAY....

All under-5s are invited to bring their teddies, as well as their parents and carers, to the Teddy Bears Picnic, at St John's Park on Wednesday 10 June, from 12 noon – 3pm.

A free afternoon of play, activities and entertainment with rhyme-time, stories, ride-on toys, face painting and much more will be held during the Summer Festival. So, dress up your teddy and bring a picnic to join the fun!

For further information, please contact 01444 238207

TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY

Czech composer Antonin Dvořák wrote the original sketch of his beautiful *Stabat Mater* in 1876 after the death of his daughter, Josefa. He returned to it in 1877, when his two surviving children died within a short time of each other. The grief is there in the music with its poignancy and depth of feeling and yet the piece culminates with a powerful sense of hope.

Burgess Hill Choral Society will be singing *Stabat Mater* on Saturday 25 April, at 7.30pm, at St Andrew's Church, Cants Lane, accompanied by professional soloists and a concert orchestra. The concert will also include Beethoven's *Leonore Overture No 3*.

Tickets are available at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point, via choir members, on the door or phone 07522 493966. See also www.burgesshillchoralsociety.org.uk.

Burgess Hill Choral Society 
Conductor: Michael Stefan Wood BEM



Stabat Mater

Dvořák

Leonore Overture no. 3

Beethoven

Sinfonietta of Sussex

Leader: Richard Sutcliffe

Saturday 25th April 2020 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church Junction Road Burgess Hill

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OLDLAND MILL

2020 sees the 40th Anniversary of the beginning of the volunteer driven project to restore Oldland Windmill in Keymer. The Mill, dating back to pre-1703, was abandoned in 1912, and by 1980 was in an extremely poor condition.

Over the following years the Mill was stripped back and slowly reconstructed by hand by skilled volunteers. After an enormous amount of work, in 2008 the replacement sweeps turned for the first time and flour was produced. Oldland Mill stone-ground flour is available to purchase at Open Afternoons and in local shops.

The Mill needs regular maintenance as well as volunteers interested in learning how to operate the machinery, so new volunteers are always very welcome. Thursdays are the volunteers regular work day throughout the year.

Oldland Mill is open to the public on the first Sunday of every month from March to October, with bigger Event Days on 3 May and 6 September. Further information is available at www.oldlandwindmill.co.uk.



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WILD ABOUT OTTERS

Burgess Hill youngster Dominic Fisher is the first Young Ambassador for the UK Wild Otter Trust. Dominic, age 11, has had a deep interest in Otters for a number of years after seeing a family of Otters on the River Wye in Guildford.

The UK Wild Otter Trust (UKWOT) was set up by Dave Webb as a group designed to raise awareness of the British Otter population that is making a strong comeback, and working with communities and organisations which cross paths with Otters, including fisheries and environmental groups.

Young people have an important role in the future of our Otter species in the UK and Dave felt that the best people to get the message across to young people, are young people themselves and therefore the UKWOT Young Ambassador scheme was set up in 2019, supported by Chris Packham CBE, Ambassador for UKWOT.

Dominic has met with Dave Webb in Devon to learn more about understanding and tracking Otters, which led to him delivering an assembly to his peers at London Mead Primary School.

To find out more about Otters, visit Dominic at his information stall at the Wild About Mid Sussex event on Saturday 6 June in the Summer Festival marquee in St John's Park.

If you would like any more information about Otters and what to do if you find one injured or dead, please contact otters@ukwot.org or call 01769 540560 or 07866 462820.

WATER BOTTLE REFILL

In support of the drive to cut down on plastic, Market Place Shopping Centre has installed a free drinking water dispenser for shoppers to refill their water bottles. You can find it at the top of the stairs in front of the Arch Brow Bar.

YMCA POSITIVE PLACEMENTS – TAKE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Are you aged 16-25? Not in education training or work? Want help to achieve your goals for the future? Then take that first step, contact YMCA Positive Placements, meet a mentor and talk about your hopes and plans, build confidence, identify strengths, find work or training opportunities, get help with applications and interviews.

Are you over 18? Become a Positive Placements mentor and take that step towards helping a young person on their journey towards education, training and employment.

Volunteer mentors are linked with a young person and provide one-to-one support for up to year helping their mentee achieve their potential. No specific formal qualifications are needed, but patience, resilience, empathy and a sense of humour are essential.

YMCA Positive Placements is looking for applicants who are at a reasonably stable point in their lives. Volunteers receive training and ongoing support, including peer support with other mentors.

For more details, please contact 07881 013758 or email positiveplacements@ymcadlg.org.



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BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

APRIL	
Planning Committee	Monday 6 April 7pm
Annual Town Meeting – Cyprus Hall	Tuesday 14 April 7.30pm
Planning Committee	Monday 27 April 7pm
MAY	
Annual Meeting of Council	Monday 4 May 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 18 May 7pm
JUNE	
Planning Committee	Monday 8 June 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 29 June 7pm

JULY	
Planning Committee	Monday 13 July 7pm
Council	Monday 20 July 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

Burgess Hill Town Council website: www.burgesshill.gov.uk
The Youth Zone: www.you-bh.com



The South of England Show is being held this year on 11, 12 and 13 June. During these three glorious days the spotlight will be thrown on the best of British agriculture, equestrianism, horticulture, food and drink, country crafts, sports and many other activities. Pay a visit for a great day out.

Advance tickets for the show are now available at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point, 96 Church Walk. Tickets are valid for any of the dates above.

Ticket Type	At the Gate	In Advance
Adults	£22	£19.80
Under 16s go FREE when accompanied by a paying adult		
Senior Citizens/ Students	£20	£18

Car parking is free at the showground and there will be a shuttle bus service running during the show from Haywards Heath train station to the showground.

For further information, call into the Help Point at 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 247726 or email helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk.



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18 - 25 April 2020

LOCAL GUIDES, GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

The shop at Burgess Hill Tourist Information Centre stocks local guides and literature along with a range of gifts and souvenirs. There is something for everyone whether you are new to the area or a long-standing resident.

To find out more, visit 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 247726 or email touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk.

BRING COLOUR INTO YOUR HOME!

A range of stained glass items lovingly crafted by local artist Pamela Holmes is available at the Help Point. They are ideal decorative pieces for birthdays or any other special occasion.

HEAR THE EXPERTS ON CHRONIC FATIGUE

A range of expert speakers will attend the annual ME (Chronic Fatigue) Awareness Conference at Clair Hall on Saturday 16 May.

Speakers include Dr Charles Shepherd, medical adviser to the national ME Association, who will speak on a wide range of subjects including developments in health care for ME patients, research, and the ME Biobank.

The event is organised by reMEber, the Mid Sussex based charity for people with ME.

Light refreshments will be provided and are included in the price of the ticket (£5). Tickets are available by cheque payable to reMEber and sent to PO Box 1647, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9GQ. For further information, please call 01273 831733.

HELP POINT SURGERY LIST

TUESDAY	Housing & Council Tax Benefit Drop-In 9am – 11am		
THURSDAY	4Sight (First & third Thursday of the month) 9am – 1pm Drop-In	Housing Advice 1pm – 3pm Bi-weekly by appointment only 01444 477574	
FRIDAY	Mid Sussex Wellbeing Outreach 10am - 3.30pm By appointment only - 01444 477 191	NHS Audiology 9am – 2pm By appointment only 0800 622 6282	NHS Audiology patients Walk-In Clinic 2-5pm No appointment necessary
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?

or the latest news of events in and around Burgess Hill throughout the coming months, visit Burgess Hill Town Council's website, www.burgesshill.gov.uk, or contact the Town Council's Tourist Information Centre at 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 Tokens.

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.



MASTERPLAN FOR ST JOHN'S PARK

Major improvements to St John's Park are in the pipeline with the development of a strategic Masterplan for the park.

Mid Sussex District Council has been consulting with residents to establish priorities for improvements and to inform the design and planning process.

The draft Masterplan will go out for formal consultation during April/May. The final Masterplan will show how the park can be improved based on the input received from all those involved in the engagement process.

The draft Masterplan will be available at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point, 96 Church Walk, as well as via the Town and District Council's websites and social media.

If you use or love the park, feed in your ideas.



MID SUSSEX MARATHON 2020

The Mid Sussex Marathon will take place over the end of May bank holiday weekend 23 – 25 May 2020.

There are 3 races – 10 mile races in East Grinstead on Saturday 23 May and Haywards Heath on Sunday 24 May, followed by 10 kilometres in Burgess Hill on Monday 25 May. All three combine to cover a total of 26.2 miles – the distance of a marathon.

Runners can enter each race individually or complete all three, with individual race medals on offer plus a special medal for running them all.

If you don't feel up to the marathon, Mid Sussex Fun Run and the Mid Sussex Mile are ideal events for people of all ages and abilities. The Fun Runs will be held an hour before each of the main races and the Mid Sussex Miles will start half an hour before.

To book your place, visit www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk or for further information email midsussexmarathonweekend@outlook.com or call 01797 229955.

SUPPORT 4 DIABETES

If you are living with Diabetes or are newly diagnosed, Support 4 Diabetes Mid Sussex can help. This small friendly group organises informative talks on living with Diabetes and offers support from others who are living with the condition.

The group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the Salvation Army Hall, starting at 8pm. Meetings are free. For further information, visit www.burgesshilldiabetes.co.uk or email bhdiabetes@gmail.com

69 YEARS OF MUSICAL THEATRE

Burgess Hill Musical Theatre Society was founded in 1951 and will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary next year.

Recent performances include The Witches of Eastwick, 9 to 5, Priscilla Queen of the Desert (for which they were runner-up in the NODA, South East, Best Modern Musical) and Sister Act - all met with outstanding reviews.

This year they are performing Made in Dagenham, about the Ford women's strike for equal pay in the 1960s. What starts as a grievance over being graded as unskilled quickly becomes a much larger stand for equal pay, which sees them take the debate all the way to Westminster. As for whether they achieve it or not, you'll have to see the show...

See it at the New Bury Theatre at Hurstpierpoint College, from Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 April, at 7.30pm with an additional matinee performance at 2.30pm on Saturday. For more information and tickets go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/bhmsts or call 01273 890347.

JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST TREASURE HUNT

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

Geocaches have been hidden near the information plaques for each of the sculptures on Burgess Hill's Green Circle Art Trail.

Have fun exploring the lovely local countryside and find some 'treasure'.

To find out more, visit the Help Point at 96 Church Walk or www.burgesshill.gov.uk/Burgesshillgreencirclepublicartrail.

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SENIOR CITIZENS SUMMER TEA PARTY

Older residents are invited to a free Summer Tea Party at Burgess Hill Girls in Keymer Road on Monday 6 July, from 2.15pm to 3.45pm. Guests will be treated to tea and cakes along with entertainment performed by some of the Senior School pupils.

Bookings will be taken from 10am on Wednesday 17 June at Age UK's Cherry Tree Centre in Fairfield Road and Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 247726.

GORGEOUS GARDENS OPEN TO VIEW

Burgess Hill's annual Garden Safari takes place on Sunday 26 July, from 1.30pm until 5.30pm, organised by Burgess Hill in Bloom.

A range of interesting gardens, new and old, will be open all around Burgess Hill, start where you like. Refreshments will be available plus a Grand Raffle.

The cost is £5 per person, children free. All proceeds will go to St Peter & St James Hospice. The event is sponsored by P & S Gallagher.

Maps and further information will be available nearer the date from cathybarnett@sky.com or 01444 244617.

MAPLE DRIVE FUN DAY

Maple Drive Community Group is holding a Community Fun Day on Saturday 4 July, from 11am – 4pm, at Leylands Park, off Maple Drive by Burgess Hill Football Club.

There will be plenty for adults and children to enjoy including inflatables, crafts, tractors, circus skills, children's games, a treasure hunt, soft play and much more. There will also be a BBQ and Tea Tent.

Don't miss the fun!

For further information, please contact mapledrivecommunityfayre@outlook.com.

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- Taking out your rubbish
- Changing a light bulb

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