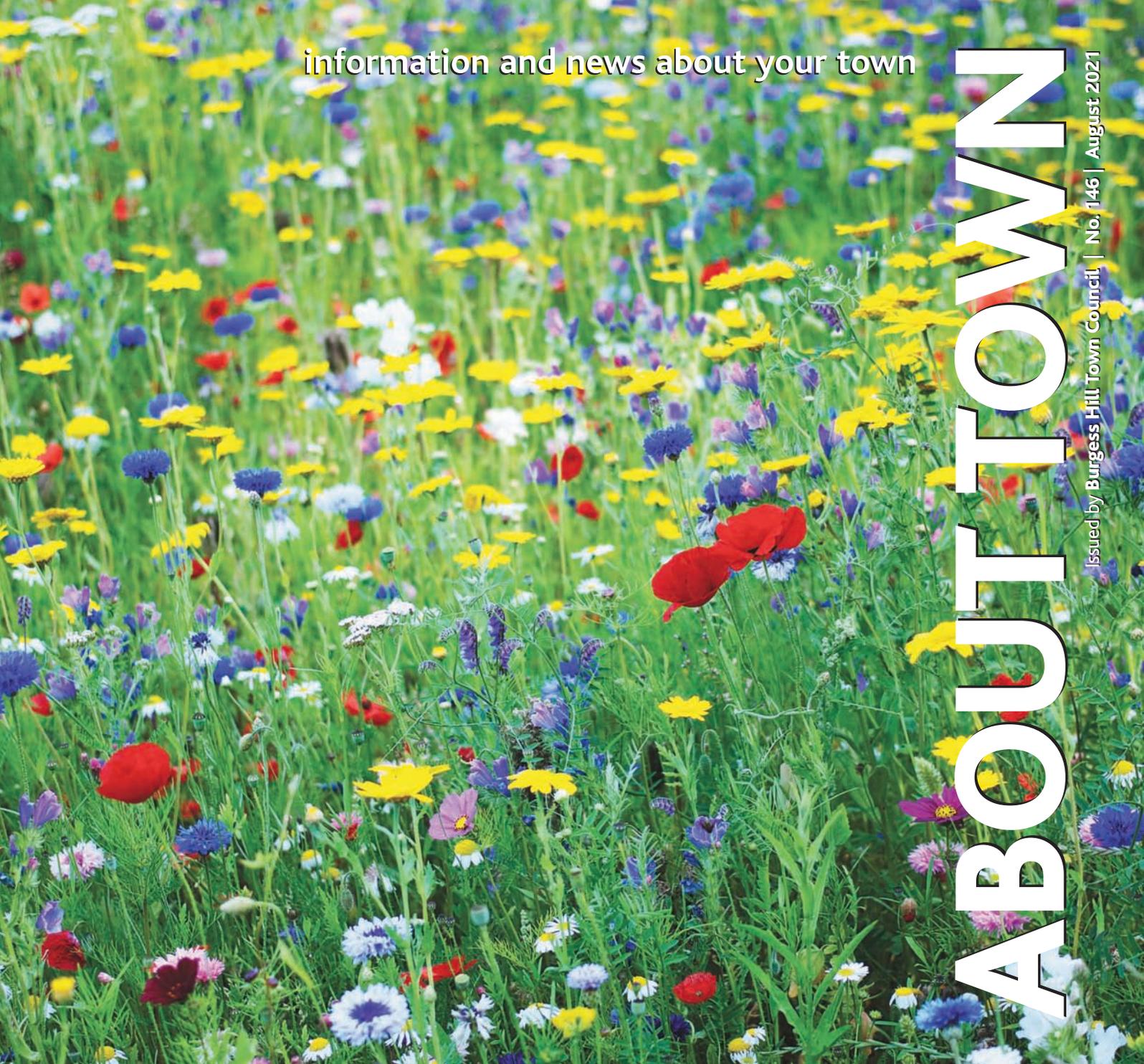


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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

As life starts to return to normal and we all (hopefully) enjoy some summer weather, it is a pleasure to explore all the resurfaced walking and cycling routes in and around the town. They will be a year-round blessing and source of pride for **Burgess Hill**.

Our resounding YES to **The Beehive** (our new community centre & arts venue) has meant the project can finally be set in motion. We must now hope that the loan application is approved so that delivery can begin this year.

Meanwhile, **Burgess Hill Pantry** has opened in **The Martlets Square**, and other ventures there continue to thrive.

The Town Council is planning to put on a summer programme of free events for families and young people, COVID regulations permitting, and to promote the town centre and support our local traders. The programme will conclude with a **Wellbeing Day** and the return of the popular **Outdoor Cinema** to **St John’s Park** in September.

Anne Eves, Town Mayor



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SUPPORT OUR LOCAL TRADERS

LAWRENCE SISSLING JEWELLERS

Lawrence Sissling Jewellers is one of Burgess Hill's long-established independent traders, having traded for more than 40 years at their current premises in Cyprus Road.

Still run today by founder Lawrence Sissling, they buy and sell new and second-hand gold, silver and platinum jewellery as well as antique gold and silver items. They also carry out repairs and valuations, and make rings and other items to order.

Lawrence started the business more than 40 years ago with a twice-weekly stall at Burgess Hill's Wednesday and Saturday market – then a large and thriving market on the site of what is now Market Place Shopping Centre – and carried out repairs during the rest of the week.

The business built up slowly as it took a while for people to realise he and his products were genuine. He gradually built up a following and later, when premises became vacant in Cyprus Road, he made the decision to open the shop.



Over the years Lawrence has built up a loyal customer base with many of them becoming more like friends. It is a relationship Lawrence appreciates and is careful not to abuse. He values these long-standing connections and nowadays finds himself making wedding rings for the second and even third generation, having previously made wedding rings for

their parents and grandparents.

Despite the rise of online shopping the shop continues to provide an opportunity to see the items and talk to someone knowledgeable they can trust.

Lawrence jokes that he came for Saturday and stayed for 40 years. He says: *"I love the business and the work. Over the years, I have served tens of thousands of delightful customers and this has given me a wonderful connection with Burgess Hill."*

Find them at 42 Cyprus Road, telephone 01444 236611. Opening hours Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm.

JOBCENTRE SESSIONS IN BURGESS HILL

Weekly Jobcentre sessions are now held at the Town Council's Help Point, 96 Church Walk on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm. Make an appointment for help with

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COUNCILLORS LISTENING TO YOUR CONCERNS

Councillors who represent Burgess Hill residents at the **County, District and Town Councils** will be holding a surgery to listen to your concerns at the Burgess Hill Town Council offices, 96 Church Walk, on **11 September from 10am to 12 noon.**

More details will be available closer to the time of this surgery on the **Town Council's website** and social media platforms, or call **01444 247726.**

OUTDOOR CINEMA RETURNS WITH A DOUBLE BILL

The popular Outdoor Cinema will return to St John's Park on Sunday 5 September with a double bill special, starting with *Toy Story 4* at 3pm, followed by *Back to the Future* starting at 6pm. The films will be shown on a new and bigger screen this year. Bring a chair and a picnic.

The Cricket Club Bar will be open and also serving hot drinks, with BBQ and hot donuts available throughout the event. **Come along for one film, or stay for both!**

The events are free but you must register for tickets, booking separately for each film, at www.ticketsource.co.uk/burgesshilltowncouncil, with a maximum booking of 6 tickets per film. Tickets will be available in tranches from 26 July.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Burgess Hill Town Council's *Annual Report* for 2020/2021 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.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called **Wild World Heroes** and will take place across all libraries in West Sussex from Saturday 10 July.

Children will join the heroes of Wilderville and their trusted animal companions, who are ready to take action to save the natural world! It's free for families to take part and it is a great way of encouraging children to read for enjoyment during the holidays.

Children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge will need to sign up online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/src, collect a **Wild World Heroes map and sticker pack** from Burgess Hill Library, and borrow some books to read at home. They can also download eBooks and eAudiobooks from the eLibrary.

Once they have completed the challenge and reached their personal reading goal, they can collect their **medal** and **certificate** from any library.

All primary-aged children will receive a bookmark invitation to join the Summer Reading Challenge via their school. Children will need a West Sussex library card to take part – it's free to join online or by visiting your local library.



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BATCHELORS FARM BRIDGE REPAIRS

Volunteers from the **Monday Group** have carried out repair work at Batchelors Farm open space to improve accessibility and safety for local walkers. The fields, which are located on the south side of Burgess Hill adjacent to the water tower, are owned by Burgess Hill Town Council and are open for the enjoyment of residents.

Monday Group volunteers took out and replaced all the wooden slats in the bridge, which were beginning to rot, as well as replacing 12 rotten planks in the north side of the middle walk way. The repairs are now complete and the bridge is open again.



RAINBOW COVID BENCH

A rainbow COVID bench has been installed in St John's Park by Burgess Hill Town Council. The bench commemorates and gives thanks to the Burgess Hill Community and in particular its key workers, charities and volunteers, who responded so magnificently and selflessly during the COVID-19 crisis.

The idea for the bench was proposed by a local resident and the Town Council commissioned and funded it. The bench was dedicated by the Town Mayor and dignitaries from Mid Sussex District Council at an unveiling ceremony during the NHS and Frontline Workers Day on 5 July.



££ FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Burgess Hill Town Council values the work of local voluntary groups that benefit Burgess Hill residents and provides support through its community grants scheme.

Minor Grants of up to £1,000 are available for general running costs as well as capital expenses. Major Grants of £1,000+ are available for capital costs only.

This year funds are also available for environmental projects.

Applications deadlines and the online application forms with supporting information can be found on the Burgess Hill Town Council website www.burgesshill.gov.uk. If you have any queries, please contact 01444 238207 or email grants@burgesshill.gov.uk.

PEERS OF THE PUBLIC REALM

Over the last few years there has been an increasing awareness of the importance of the public realm, which relates to all parts of the built environment where the public has free access. This embraces all the external public spaces of our highways and byways, villages, towns and cities.

Sussex Heritage Trust is highlighting the importance of retaining our historic street furniture that adds so much to the public realm and arguing these 'peers of the public realm' should be preserved and maintained for us and future generations to enjoy.

In Sussex we have outstanding streetscapes which need to be appreciated, preserved and enhanced. The peers of our public realm consist of the everyday objects we often take for granted such as trees, heritage lamp posts, our unique signposts (timber with a cast iron cap and metal letters), cast iron mile posts (indicating the distance to Bow Church in London), brick paving (very much a Sussex tradition), water hydrants, market crosses, pillar boxes and locally cast street furniture (railings, gutter grids, coal hole covers and crossovers).

Taking inspiration from **Sussex Heritage Trust's** campaign, Burgess Hill Town Council is promoting the town's own peers of the public realm. Local historian **Fred Avery**, with **Burgess Hill**



Heritage and History Association, has drawn up a list and is providing most of the information and the Town Council is taking the photographs and putting it all together.

Historic items such as the **Pigott Memorial** in front of St John's Church are being included as well as more recent additions such as the sign at the entrance to **Worlds End recreation ground**. The information will be made available on the Town Council and the Heritage and History Association websites. It

will be a living document that can be added to over time.

If there is a 'peer of the public realm' in your neighbourhood you think should be included please contact emily@burgesshill.gov.uk or call 01444 247726.

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PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Plans for improving St Andrew's play area are taking shape based on residents' responses to the public consultation.

The majority of people who replied liked all or some of the suggested plan. Overall, people agreed the play area needed updating. People liked the plans to cater for young children as well as older children and efforts to make the play area accessible.

There were a lot of responses requesting improved accessibility, so an upright supportive swing seat will be included – everyone can use it, including those with poor core strength who can leave their wheelchair. The possibility of



including a wheelchair accessible in-ground trampoline was investigated, but drainage issues can't be overcome.

Anti-Social behaviour was raised as an issue so the new equipment will be tough, with no secluded areas. For this reason, there won't be a picnic table although seating and bins will be provided within the play area.

The District Council will avoid duplicating equipment at other nearby playgrounds so St Andrew's play area is unique and interesting.

It is anticipated the work will be carried out during the winter so the new play area should be ready next spring.

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FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wowzer Wednesdays is a programme of completely free entertainment for children every Wednesday during the summer holidays. The first four sessions will be held at the Bandstand, so you can make the most of the day with a visit to the **sandpit** too, located in front of the Town Council Help Point, 96 Church Walk. The final session will be held on Wednesday 25 August in St John's Park, starring giant inflatables.

There is no need to book for Wowzer Wednesdays, just turn up and have fun!

28 July, 11am – 1pm:

Poi Passion Circus Skills Workshop,
Bandstand, Church Walk

4 August, 11am – 1pm:

Scotty's Circus Workshop,
Bandstand, Church Walk

11 August, 11am – 1pm:

Poi Passion Circus Skills Workshop,
Bandstand, Church Walk

18 August, 11.30am & 12.30pm:

Whispering Smith Puppet Shows,
Bandstand, Church Walk

25 August, 11am – 1pm:

Inflatables in St John's Park,
former Lido area.

The activities are organised and funded by Burgess Hill Town Council.

URBAN BEACH RETURNS

It is hoped the popular Urban Beach will return to the town centre for this year's 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 24 July to Wednesday 1 September inclusive**. It will be located in Church Walk outside Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point.

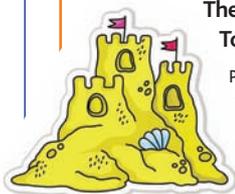
First Aid is available at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point (during opening hours) and toilets are available at the nearby Sunshine Café as part of the Community Toilet Scheme.

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



The project is funded by Burgess Hill Town Council.

Please note at the time of print the Town Council is waiting for confirmation the Urban Beach can go ahead depending on availability of construction materials and the government's covid-19 restrictions.



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WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS ON TRACK

The first phase of the Place and Connectivity Programme is due to be completed this summer, including the popular Green Circle route around Burgess Hill.

The Place and Connectivity Programme is delivering upgraded walking and cycling infrastructure across the town's parks and open spaces. Significant progress has been made with many improved routes nearing completion or open for public use including at Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield railway stations, Fairfield Recreation Ground, West Park Nature Reserve, Marle Place and adjacent to Birchwood Grove School.

Work to the Green Circle is also progressing well with much of the route now upgraded and open for public use.

The first phase of works is due to be completed this summer with the second phase, that will enable many of the routes to be used for both walking and cycling use, expected to be completed in the autumn.

By the end of 2021 over six miles of safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling routes will have been created or improved as part of the Burgess Hill Place and Connectivity Programme.

This programme is being jointly delivered by Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council to improve local public spaces as well as walking and cycling infrastructure to support the Burgess Hill Growth Programme. The project is funded by £22.8m of government Local Growth Funding and developer contributions.

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM

Burgess Hill Town Council is on [Instagram](#) – tag us for information or to notify us of issues around the town. Send us your photos [@burgesshilltowncouncil](#).



Further detail on the Place and Connectivity Programme, including a map and project progress, is available at <https://burgesshill.net/transport/sustainable-transport>.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING DAY

The **Health and Wellbeing Day**, taking place from 11am-3pm on Saturday 4 September, is a brand new event highlighting what is available in Burgess Hill to support your mental and physical wellbeing.

There will be something for all ages, with sports and activity stations and demonstrations, stalls from community groups, charities and local businesses, and a climbing wall, spread throughout The Martlets Square, Church Walk and St John's Park. **You won't want to miss this fantastic free day out!**

A full programme will be released in the lead up to the event, booking will not be required.

WILDFLOWERS LOVE BUGS

You may have spotted a blue heart on some of the grass verges around Burgess Hill and wondered what they signify. They indicate the verge is one of nine around the town that have been sown with wildflower seeds to increase plant diversity and benefit bees and other pollinating insects.

Seed was provided by the County Council, Burgess Hill Town Council and local business eco2home, based at The Martlets shopping centre.

The project is supported by West Sussex County Council, which will mow these areas once a year, in August, to allow the flowers to grow and self-seed.

Local supporters have been encouraged to help by watering the verges during dry spells and removing the grass cuttings in August. Wildflowers thrive on poor soil so it's important the cuttings are not left in situ once the flowers have self-seeded. By their second year the verges should be looking good.

For further information about the Blue Heart Campaign visit www.bluecampaignhub.com, also www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/pollinator-event-creates-a-buzz and the Love BUG Facebook page.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER EVENTS

Play Days on Tour will be visiting Worlds End Recreation Ground on Thursday 5 August from 1-3pm, with lots of free children's activities on offer. Drop in and join the fun.

The popular **Skate Fest** will be back during the summer holidays on Thursday 29 July from 2-4.30pm, at the Skate Park in St John's Park. This is a free event and all ages are welcome. DJ Neel will be there with some banging tunes, taking requests and running mixing workshops, with other activities planned too.

The events are organised by Mid Sussex District Council – for more information look out for the publicity on their website and social media – www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays.

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THE BEEHIVE

BURGESS HILL SAYS YES TO THE COMMUNITY VENUE PLAN!



A public consultation ran from 18 March - 21 April 2021 to gauge residents reaction to the Town Council's funding proposal for The Beehive. The result was a positive 88% majority vote in favour of the proposed funding plan.

Trustee of the Beehive and Leader of the Council, Robert Eggleston, said "This is a great step forward to seeing The Beehive plans realised. The Beehive will both celebrate and greatly benefit the Burgess Hill community." The Leader of the Cultural Quarter Committee, Joseph Foster, felt delighted to see such an overwhelmingly positive response and thanked all voters.

The application was submitted quickly to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) in May 2021. The Town Council and The Beehive Trustees will continue to lead the project forward and updates on the project will continue online at www.facebook.com/burgesshillbeehive and via the websites: www.beehiveartscentre.com and www.burgesshill.gov.uk.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 50'S AT THE CHERRY TREE

Burgess Hill's Cherry Tree Centre in Fairfield Road is open for the over 50s, offering a full programme of activities from Monday to Friday, including exercise sessions for the active and not so active, as well as dance, art and craft.

You can try Silver Ballet or Footlights Dance, Zumba Gold, Pilates, Gentle Yoga, Strength and Balance, Chairbics, Tai Chi and Chair Flex and Stretch. Or if you are creative try Art Club. Fitness sessions are just £4 and art sessions £5 including materials. They are developing new activities so keep an eye on the programme and if there are other activities you would like they are keen to hear new ideas.

You can also drop in to the Chatty Café or join the weekly Healthy Walk, or book yourself in for hairdressing, reflexology or chiropody.

There's no reason to be stuck at home alone – the Cherry Tree will offer you a warm welcome even if you just want to pop in for a coffee and a chat. Tea, coffee and cake are available throughout the day. Transport is available for those who need it. **For further information, please contact 01444 236497.**

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA?

For 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.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER 25 SEPTEMBER

Burgess Hill's annual Bonfire and Firework Display take place on Saturday 25 September at Fairfield Recreation Ground, with all the fun of Benson's Funfair to add to the enjoyment.

This year Burgess Hill Bonfire Society has approved a new costume based on the Romans. This is in addition to the traditional Aztec and Smuggler costumes members of the Burgess Hill Society usually wear.

Sadly, the parade through the town with visiting Bonfire Societies won't be taking place this year. The decision to cancel the procession is based on several factors, the first one being to protect the financial future of the society. Fundraising this year has been severely curtailed as the Summer Festival and other fundraising opportunities were cancelled due to COVID-19. With very little money coming in from fundraising and donations the Society decided that carrying over the funds from last year and those raised this year makes more long-term sense.

Torch-making preparation has also been restricted by COVID-19. With all these things and more taken into consideration the difficult but necessary decision was made to remove the procession from the event for 2021. It will be back in 2022!

It will still be an unmissable family event in the park with a huge fire and spectacular firework display to make you ooh and aah, so put the date in your diary.

Bonfire Programmes will be on sale as usual, priced £1, and will be available from the Town Council's Help Point and Disco Furnishings in Church Road. Funds raised from programme sales support the cost of putting on the event so do please buy one and support the Bonfire Society's efforts.



GUIDING GIRLS TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Girlguiding gives girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. Guiding builds girls' confidence and raises their aspirations, giving them the chance to discover their full potential and helping them on their journey to becoming strong, independent women.

Girlguiding spans the age range 5 to 18 years with groups for Rainbows (5-7yrs), Brownies (7-10yrs), Guides (10-14yrs) and Rangers (14-18yrs). Girlguiding Burgess Hill Division has 17 units with a membership of 274 girls and 72 volunteers meeting at a variety of venues around the town on different days of the week.

During the last year, despite the groups being closed due to the COVID lockdowns, Leaders were 'Zooming', sending out challenges, quizzes and newsletters and directing their girls to various Girlguiding websites to ensure they experienced 'Adventures at Home'. It was amazing what the girls achieved remotely. New members made their Promise via video, badges were achieved and the Girlguiding



programme continued.

It was with great enthusiasm that most units finally returned to face-to-face meetings this summer. Outdoor meetings, walks, baking, support for other charities, craft and science challenges, and badges are just a few activities being enjoyed by all.

Some units are planning to camp this summer and the older girls are looking forward to attending the West Sussex International Jamboree next year with 3,000 other members of the Guide and Scout Movement from both this country and hopefully abroad.

Girlguiding Burgess Hill Division welcomes new members to enjoy the fun and learn valuable life skills. Volunteers are also needed – volunteering can be flexible to meet your interests and time available, you don't have to attend every week. Full training and support is provided.

For further information, please contact **Sue Davis**, email burgesshillguidingdiv@gmail.com, or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or www.facebook.com/GirlguidingBurgessHill.

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Professional BMX coach Nikki Spiers from Gosport BMX Club will provide expert coaching and guidance with music from DJ Matt.

The event is organised by Burgess Hill Town Council with Respect Youth Club, with funding provided by Burgess Hill District Lions Club. Keep an eye on the Town Council's social media and websites for further information and bookings, and any COVID updates.

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The updated **Burgess Hill Town Guide** is available now, free of charge, from the Town Council's Help Point. The Town Guide is an informative publication for residents and visitors alike, with stunning pictures of Burgess Hill throughout.



HELP POINT CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point and Tourist Information Centre celebrates its 25th anniversary on 1 November. The concept was to open a 'one stop shop' providing a single point of contact for all local government enquiries in West Sussex.

The Help Point's knowledgeable staff currently deal with over 30,000 enquiries a year from residents and visitors on a wide variety of issues ranging from potholes, blocked gullies, bus and rail passes to tourist information queries.

Please look out for future information in the Help Point and on social media regarding the anniversary celebrations.

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BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST	
Planning Committee	Monday 9 August – 7pm
Planning Committee	Tuesday 31 August – 7pm

SEPTEMBER	
Council	Monday 20 September – 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 27 September – 7pm

OCTOBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 18 October – 7pm

NOVEMBER	
Planning	Monday 8 November – 7pm
Council	Monday 22 November – 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 29 November – 7pm

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FURNIHELP MID-SUSSEX NEEDS YOUR HELP

Furnihelp Mid-Sussex is not the most glamorous or eye-catching charity but for those in need of help with basic furniture and household items it is an essential lifeline. Over the last 23 years Furnihelp has helped on average around 230 households a year by providing for example a bed, a chair, a table and so forth, all sourced by collecting such items from generous local households. They have managed to keep going through the pandemic much to the relief of Mid Sussex District Council's Housing Department.

Many of their clients have been homeless and have been found Council or Housing Association accommodation. However, this merely provides a roof, four walls, a bathroom and a kitchen sink so whilst protected from the elements a bare floor is all that is available to sit on, sleep on and eat from. Furnihelp's existence and work helps them through those difficult times.

Over the years Furnihelp has been funded from a variety of sources, certain charities have been generous, for five years West Sussex County Council provided extensive funding, now much reduced, and until recently the largest social housing provider in the area made an annual contribution, now ceased. The current lease on the warehouse, on the Horsted Keynes Business Park runs to August 2023 and now is an appropriate time to consider the charity's management and its future.

Furnihelp is staffed entirely by volunteers and managed by Trustees who also give their time. Those Trustees are not getting any younger and are looking to pass on the baton to local people who have a similar urge to help those most in need in our District. They are seeking to welcome at least three new volunteers who would be prepared to take on the role of Trustee, at least one who could manage their financial affairs, one with an interest in fund raising and others who may have interests in the social care sector, logistics or who just want to help.

They would really welcome expressions of interest from people prepared to consider taking a role with the charity. Please have a look at their website www.furnihelp.co.uk and contact them by phone 01342 811755 or email admin@furnihelp.co.uk.



On Remembrance Sunday, 14 November, the Parade will leave Cyprus Road car park at 10.30am, followed at 10.45am by a short ceremony and 2 minute silence at the War Memorial in Church Walk. The ceremony will be live-streamed on the Town Council's Facebook page.

Following the ceremony at the War Memorial there will be a Service of Remembrance at St John's Church, which residents and visitors are invited to attend.

On Thursday 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 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 Pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net or telephone 01444 246655.

PANTRY HELPING MAKE ENDS MEET

The pandemic has revealed how many people find it difficult to make ends meet on a regular basis. Burgess Hill Pantry is a new local charity that has been set up to help those who are struggling financially to put food on the table.

The Pantry works on a simple concept – surplus food from a variety of sources is donated to national charity FareShare, which in turn distributes it to small local charities such as **Burgess Hill Pantry**. Food is also donated by local food stores and other supporters.

Local residents join the **Pantry** and for a small weekly fee of £4 can select 10 items of food worth considerably more. The **Pantry** also helps signpost people to other sources of support.

The project has social and environmental benefits as it provides low-cost food items to help those who are struggling financially to stretch their budgets a little further, while helping to reduce food waste.

Whereas Burgess Hill's well-established **Food Bank** provides food for people in a crisis situation, the **Pantry** supports those who struggle long-term on low incomes.



The Pantry is setting up a Friends Group of supporters who wish to donate food and raise funds.

If you would like to help, or for more information, please email hello@bhlocalpantry.org, call 0800 987 1156 or visit www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/find-a-pantry/burgess-hill-pantry/.

ANIMAL WAR MEMORIAL

A plaque in the War Memorial Garden in Church Walk is dedicated to the millions of animals that served and died in the First and Second World Wars and other conflicts. The memorial was installed by the Town Council a few years ago following a request from a local resident.

Over 16 million animals served in WW1 alone, including horses, mules and donkeys, elephants, camels, dogs, cats, birds and even the humble slug.

Large animals were used to transport men, equipment and supplies. Cats were used to catch rats in the trenches and on ships. Dogs were trained as guards, scouts and to carry messages. Pigeons were also invaluable in carrying messages, with a 95% success rate in reaching their destination. Small creatures played their part too with mice, canaries and even slugs being used to provide early warning of poison gas.

Animals were not only used for work but also as mascots and pets, to raise the troops' morale.

Their contribution and suffering is remembered each year during the Armistice Day ceremony at the War Memorial.



VETERAN CAR RUN CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

The annual Veteran Car Run will be back in style this year in celebration of its 125th Anniversary. More than 500 pre-1905 motor vehicles will leave Hyde Park at sunrise – although whether they all make it to Brighton remains to be seen.



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.

The event will take place on **Sunday 7 November** and as in previous years the route will pass along the London Road in Burgess Hill. **Come and cheer them on!**

NEW WAITING ROOM AT BURGESS HILL STATION

The Old Salt Barn on the London-bound platform at Burgess Hill station has been transformed into a waiting room complete with automatic doors, seating for 27 people, space for wheel chairs, CCTV and heating.

It is the oldest remaining building on the station, built in 1841 by the London and Brighton Railway. It was originally a parcels office, which stood between the old goods yard and the station along with some other buildings which have since been demolished. In recent years it has been used for storing de-icing salt and other equipment. The original barn type doors have been refurbished and can be seen attached to the back wall of the room and in line with its age, heritage colours have been used.

As well as its use as a waiting room the space is being used to exhibit art from the local college.

These improvements are part of the Station Improvement Programme. Southern has funded a range of work across the network including waiting shelters, refurbished toilets, more seats, information screens, automatic doors, more cycle parking, refurbished waiting rooms, station planters and LED lighting.

WHY YOU SHOULD ACT F.A.S.T.

A stroke strikes someone every five minutes in the UK – and can change lives in an instant. It can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time. It's vital to know how to spot the signs of a stroke in yourself or someone else.



FACE

Drooping on one side



ARM

Weakness on one side



SPEECH

Jumbled, slurred or lost



TIME

To call an ambulance

Stroke is a medical emergency. The F.A.S.T. test can help you recognise the signs.

- **FACIAL WEAKNESS:** Can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?
- **ARM WEAKNESS:** Can the person raise both arms?
- **SPEECH PROBLEMS:** Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- **TIME TO CALL 999:** if you see any of these signs.

If you spot any of these signs of a stroke, don't wait. Call 999 straight away. Make sure you and your loved ones all know the F.A.S.T. test.

FROM LOST WOODS TO LOVED WOODS

Majestic structures, rootedness, clean air and the beauty of nature, spending time and exercising in woodland is really good for our health and wellbeing. However, despite West Sussex being a very wooded county, many ancient woods are neglected. They are now often small, fragmented and vulnerable to the pressures of development, invasive species and climate change. Without our help, there is a risk they will be lost forever.

Action in Rural Sussex, along with **The Woodland Trust**, **Sussex Wildlife Trust** and the **Small Woods Association**, have a plan.

60% of ancient woodlands in the project area are not being managed for a variety of reasons so they would like to support woodland owners with the management of their woodlands, to increase their resilience to climate change and create places for our wildlife friends to thrive.

They also want to work with community members and groups who would like to get involved in loving and protecting their local woodlands, or even go to a woodland for the first time simply for their own enjoyment.

If you are involved in a group that would be interested in getting involved, or if you would like to get become a volunteer, please get in touch by calling **01273 473422** or emailing lostwoodsteam@ruralsussex.org.uk.



They can also be contacted via their website www.ruralsussex.org.uk/lost-woods-environment-programme or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/actioninruralsussex/.

ROTARY DOING GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

On 21 May 1948 the Inaugural Meeting of the Rotary Club of Burgess Hill was held at St John's Institute (now Park Centre) in Park Road. Since that meeting numerous men and women have contributed to the wellbeing of local and international communities.

Over the years a wide variety of projects have been undertaken with local schools and the elderly, as well as to provide water and sanitation in the developing world.

Perhaps the project that stands out the most was started in 1985 when Rotary World Wide asked all their members to raise money to help eradicate polio. At the time polio was found in over two hundred countries – with the help and support of Rotary it now exists in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Burgess Hill community has supported the local Rotary Club's efforts to raise money to "End Polio Now".

They support these projects with their two major fundraising activities – the **Car Boot Fairs** they hold 3 times a year at Burgess Hill Academy and the **Santa's Sleigh street collection** in December. The sleigh routes are advertised on Facebook and Burgess Hill Radio.

The next Car Boot Fair will be held on the 30 August Bank Holiday Monday at Burgess Hill Academy car park.

All Rotarians enjoy fellowship and the satisfaction of serving their community as well as supporting overseas projects. They have been meeting every week via Zoom during the pandemic and now plan to continue with Zoom as well as holding face-to-face meetings.

If you are a like-minded person and would like to know more, please contact Jack Bennett, email jackbennett36@btinternet.com or call 01444 232310, or visit www.therotaryclub.co.uk.





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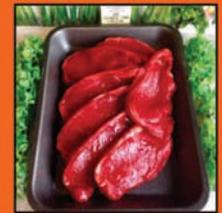


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