

Silver Sunday Tea Party

2 October 2025

2-4pm

Kings Weald Community Centre

Budget: £500

Sponsorship: £100

Breakdown: £157.50 -hall hire

£125.08 -food

£50 -entertainment

Total cost: £332.58

Aim: To provide an event where people in the local community, who are senior citizens or were feeling isolated, could come and meet others. Also to celebrate Silver Sunday, which was on 5 October.

Number of attendees: 60 of 70 spaces available. It was fully booked but we had a few no shows.

Publicity: The event was advertised:

- On all the notice boards across Burgess Hill
- In the Mid Sussex Times
- The Help Point window
- Across the Town Council social media pages
- On the Town Council website

Event breakdown: Tickets were booked in advance via the Help Point only, this was either in person or by phone. People were limited to booking two tickets each, to stop there being double bookings, as people often book friends in and then we find they have already booked. During the booking process, they are asked about any dietary requirements, whether they are a Burgess Hill resident and to provide permission to be included in photos.

Burgess Hill District Rotary sponsored the event and Anita, one of their members, made floral table decorations for each table, which were then gifted to attendees. 6 members also attended the event and sat at tables with residents. Staff from Keymer Hall and Jenni from Age UK West Sussex, spoke to attendees in the reception area as they came in.

Attendees were greeted at the door by the BHTC staff, where they were then checked in and invited to find a seat. Once everyone had found a seat, they were welcomed with a quick speech from myself, thanking the sponsors and introducing Brian from Burgess Hill District Rotary, who said a few words.

BHTC staff took a tea pot to each table, and offered any other hot drinks to attendees, which were made individually, this included hot chocolate, coffee, decaf options, and fruit teas. Any guests who declared dietary requirements at the time of booking, were given a selection of suitable items for their needs, on a separate plate to ensure there was no cross contamination.

Burgess Hill Girls brought 11 students, via minibus, who sung or performed using musical instruments. They also used the piano that resides at the venue. Once they'd finished, I thanked them and the guests were invited to talk with each other and complete the quiz sheets, as well as being offered top ups for drinks and food. Chloe Collard then performed a mixture of songs for about 30 minutes.

Before leaving, guests were then asked to complete the feedback slips, that had been laid out on the tables. As well as being provided with answers for the quiz sheets.

Two members of the Maintenance attended the venue prior to the event to set up the table and chairs, and then again at the end of the event to put them away. Sarah, from the Help Point, helped served during the event.

Feedback: We received lots of comments verbally during and at the end of the event. Two types of feedback slips were laid out on the tables. One asked three questions:

- What kinds of events would you like to attend?
- What's the best location for events?
- What days and times work best?

And the other was a tick sheet asking:

- Cake or scone
- Choir or entertainer
- Quiz sheet or quizmaster

We collected them at the end of the event, and responses have been listed below.

Cake	8	Scones	9
Choir	11	Entertainment	7
Quiz sheets	12	Quizmaster	4

What kinds of events would you like to attend?

- Afternoon tea with entertainment
- Film shows
- Afternoon tea
- Quiz and afternoon tea
- Tea parties. The girls school.
- Tea parties. Please have Chloe again.
- Social with music, afternoon tea with more savory than sweet, games afternoon
- Primary school to sing (e.g BWG)
- Quizzes. Variety of entertainment
- Cream tea. BHG musicals
- Events like this
- Everything you do is wonderful
- Anything involving singing of comedy
- Tea party or show

What's the best location for events?

- King's Weald and the girl's school
- King's Weald (x8 comments)
- Near a bus route for people who don't drive
- Love this location
- Hall like this one
- Burgess Hill Girls
- Council offices and Kings weald

What days and times work best?

- Afternoon (x4 comments)
- Day time
- Any afternoon but Friday
- Afternoons, early evenings in summer. Any day of the week
- Monday afternoon, Thursday, Friday afternoon.
- Most afternoons 2-4pm
- Thursday afternoons
- Most times
- Thursday is good
- Morning or afternoon
- Monday, Thursday, Friday.

Any other comments:

- Thank you very much for a great afternoon.
- Thank you for today, it was most enjoyable. The Burgess Hill Girls were all stars (hope they come again). Special thanks to BHTC and their event staff for a lovely afternoon.
- Delightful afternoon, thank you to Burgess Hill Town Council and the talented young ladies from Burgess Hill school for Girls and Chloe for their entertainment.

Evaluation: Previously staff from the venue would have helped with the tables and chairs but due to a change in staff, they can no longer assist. This meant we required MMT to help, as it is a very physical task, which obviously had an impact on their own tasks.

Looking at the feedback, it seems people are generally happy with the venue, as well as the day and time (we generally stick to Thursdays, 2-4pm). In terms of entertainment, we ensured we had microphones and speakers, following feedback in the past, which helped to project the sound. Attendees seem to be happy overall with the event, so we would not be looking to make any big changes for 2026.

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Photos of event



Celebrating Silver Sunday with tea party at community centre

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Last Thursday, October 2, Burgess Hill Town Council held their annual Silver Sunday Tea Party at the Kings Weald Community Centre, where students from Burgess Hill Girls and Chloe Collard entertained the guests with their beautiful musical talents.

It was great to see so many people enjoying the treats on offer and the musical entertainment.

The event was sponsored by Burgess Hill and District Rotary Club, who's members also came along and sat with attendees.

Anita, from the Rotary Club, also kindly made flower arrangements for each table, which attendees were then able to take home and enjoy.

If you attended and want to leave feedback visit: forms.gle/Aqujvfk-qua6x3jN8



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