

WHAT'S ON?

All meetings are held at the Town Hall and are open to the public, and participation from members of the public is encouraged. For details contact the Town Clerk's office. Audio recordings of meetings will be available on our website.

NOVEMBER 2014	
Monday 24th	Finance & General Purposes, Planning and Public Buildings Committees, 7pm, Town Hall.
Saturday 29th	Christmas Lights Switch-On, from 4pm, High Street.
DECEMBER 2014	
Friday 5th	Christmas Market & Late-Night Shopping, from 2pm, High Street.
Thursday 11th	Civic Awards, 6pm, Town Hall
Monday 15th	Town Council and Planning and Highways & Amenities Committees, 7pm, Town Hall.
JANUARY 2015	
Monday 12th	Tourism & Business Committee, 5.30pm, Town Hall. Finance & General Purposes, Planning & Public Buildings Committees, 7pm, Town Hall.
29th, 30th, 31st	Tenterden Operatic & Dramatic Society - Sweet Charity, Town Hall. Tickets from Smith's, 16 High Street.
FEBRUARY 2015	
Monday 2nd	Town Council and Planning and Highways & Amenities Committees, 7pm, Town Hall.
Monday 23rd	Finance & General Purposes, Planning & Public Buildings Committees, 7pm, Town Hall.

GETTING IN TOUCH

You can contact your local Councillor directly using the telephone numbers and email addresses listed below, or of course you can bring any matter to the attention of staff at the Town Clerk's office, which is open from 9am until 5pm Monday to Friday. Staff will often be able to help you directly, or of course can refer matters on to Town Councillors on your behalf.

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FITNESS CLASSES AT THE TOWN HALL

Fitness classes are held in the Town Hall throughout the week. If you would be interested in attending, please give the instructor a call on their number shown below.

If you are an instructor looking for a space in which to hold a class, please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

MONDAY
9.15-10.45am—Pilates with Liz—07958 708874
11.15-12.45pm—Pilates with Liz—07958 708874
TUESDAY
9.00-10.00am—ChiBall with Ally—07709 052808
12.15-2.00pm—Yoga with Maureen - 01233 861362
WEDNESDAY
9.00-10.30am—Pilates with Liz—07958 708874
10.45am-midday—ChiBall with Ally—07709 052808
THURSDAY
9.30-10.45am—Pilates with Annie - 07989 869217
FRIDAY
10.45am-midday—ChiBall with Ally—07709 052808

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TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2014



TOWN MAYOR'S UPDATE

Jennifer Crickmore-Porter

Wheels grind frustratingly slowly where officialdom is concerned. Understandably most of us would prefer not to increase the size of Tenterden; however we have to comply with Government legislation. With your help and input through all the design stages, the Council has now been able to sign and seal the papers for Tent1.

A new memorial bench donated by the Royal British Legion and the recently completed paving around the War Memorial make a real feature of this part of the High Street. Commemoration of WW1 has been widespread with schools, societies and individuals producing a variety of re-enactments and static displays. Artwork created by our schools will be shown at the Town Hall before Christmas. Unfortunately the Pavilion in the middle of Tenterden Recreation Ground has been allowed to deteriorate. The Council has agreed to spend essential monies to make the building fit for safe use by football teams and anyone wishing to hire the building. The dugouts at the south side of the pitch will be removed as they are no longer required. The Town Hall has undergone a small face lift with redecoration to the foyer and staircase and new curtains in Mayors Parlour and Assembly Room. This improvement adds to the pleasant atmosphere for wedding ceremonies, TODS productions and general lettings.

The main High Street Christmas lights will be switched on after a short church service, candlelight parade and gathering for carols outside the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon 29th November, with our Honorary Freeman, Roger Champion, performing the switch on of the Rotary Club's Christmas tree lights. There will be a Mayoral fundraising event on the evening of late night shopping, 5th December, with Mayors and Councillors from other Cinque Ports towns looking around the market, sampling a hog roast and enjoying a cabaret by the Tuesdays singing group.

The Council has had a good response to its request for nominees for Mayoral and Civic Awards, and a ceremony to present these awards will take place on 11th December. My first five months in office have been most interesting; some enjoyable some requiring a "stiff upper lip". Being a member of the Cinque Port Confederation enhances the activities of Town Mayor both in pageantry and the mix of people one meets. As a Council we have improved our relationship with both ABC and KCC, which is vital for negotiations to take place. The big concern we have at present is the threat to reduce by half the number of Community Wardens throughout Kent. I am sure you will agree that Jo Vos is invaluable in her work with youngsters in the area, and we must fight to retain her services to the community.

FREE PARKING

You can now park in the Bridewell Lane car park free of charge on Sundays and Bank Holidays. It is hoped that this scheme will reduce the number of vehicles parked along the south side of the High Street on Sundays, easing congestion. The controlled hours of this stretch of road will soon be changed to include Sundays, so drivers continuing to park there may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

TENT 1 DEVELOPMENT

Ashford Borough Council has now given planning permission to the Tent 1 development (the land between Recreation Ground Road and Smallhythe Road), on the provision that a number of issues are corrected and the appropriate Section 106 payments are made. Section 106 payments are vital, as this money is used to provide essential services for the residents of the new development (healthcare, schools etc.). The land promoters must now appoint builders, and it is expected that building work may start as soon as April 2015.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

To commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War the Town Council has renovated the surroundings of the war memorial on the High Street and the Royal British Legion has dedicated a new bench at the memorial, and this was officially unveiled on 4th August 2014.

This year's Remembrance Service will be held at the war memorial on Sunday 9th November 2014.

WORLD WAR 1 EXHIBITION

An exhibition of artwork by local school children, commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, will be on show in the Town Hall from the evening of the Christmas Market & late-Night Shopping on 5th December 2014.

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GRANTS & DONATIONS

Every year Tenterden Town Council gives donations to local and charitable organisations. Usually the deadline for applications for the next financial year is 30th September, but as there are still funds remaining to allocate, there is still time to apply for donations for 2015-2016.

If your organisation would be interested in applying for a grant please read through our donations policy, which can be found on the 'photos & documents' page on our website, or contact the office and we will send you the policy along with an application form.

STAY IN TOUCH

There really are more ways than ever to contact Tenterden Town Council;

Email: townhall@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk,

Telephone: 01580 762271,

Facebook: [facebook.com/TenterdenTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/TenterdenTownCouncil),

Twitter: @TenterdenTC,

Or of course you can come and see us in the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall!

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Town Clerk's office will close at midday on Christmas Eve, and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2015. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

FROZEN ROADS

Please take care on icy roads at winter, and drive only if you really have to. Salt bins for use on **public roads** are located at Biddenden Road, [outside the Raja of Kent], Harbourne Lane, Wayside Avenue, Chalk Avenue, Henley Fields, Ingleden Park Road, Haffenden Road, St. Benets Way, Rothley Close, Hales Close, Station Road, Pittlesden, West Cross, Plummer Lane, and Hurst Close.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Robert Parham

I have worked at Tenterden Town Council since early in 2012, and continue to find my duties both challenging and stimulating, and I especially enjoy dealing with the wide variety of enquiries brought into the office by the public.

As well as every day administrative tasks such as preparing, copying and sending agendas and minutes, my work includes booking and preparing for ceremonies and other functions held in the Town Hall, and generally being the first point of contact for members of the public coming into the Town Clerk's office. I also compile and design each edition of this newsletter.

In my time with the Town Council, I have put some effort into improving the internal appearance of the Town Hall, with the aim of maximising the revenue it can generate for the community, to pay for other facilities and services.



AWARDS EVENING

A number of awards are to be presented by the Town Council to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community.

A public request for nominees was made earlier this year, and awards will be presented the successful nominees at a ceremony on Thursday 11th December 2014 at the Town Hall. The event will be by invitation only, but a report will feature in the next newsletter.

ST. MICHAELS PUBLIC TOILETS

The public toilets in St. Michaels have been closed indefinitely following two instances of vandalism in October. The Town Council was already in the process of upgrading these facilities, and they will now re-open when the improvements have been made.

CCTV footage of the vandalism has been recorded, and this is being progressed with Kent Police.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Town Council is now making audio recordings of meetings, and these can be listened to by visiting the "Audio" tab on our website, www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk.



CEREMONIES AT THE TOWN HALL

The Town Hall is licensed for marriage, renewal of vows and baby welcoming ceremonies, and we will be holding a wedding fair on Sunday 18th January 2015, at which many local wedding-related businesses will have their wares on show, and the Mayor's Parlour will be set up in all its glory for a wedding ceremony.

If you are thinking of being married and would like to see a selection of the many services Tenterden has to offer for your big day (or even if you would just like to come and have a look around the Town Hall) you are very welcome to come along. Entrance is free, and the event will run from 11am until 4pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you enjoy driving, have a clean driving licence and would like to help people, then the Ashford Volunteer Bureau is looking for you!

The volunteer car service provides transport for individuals who would not otherwise be able to get to hospital and similar appointments—this is especially useful in rural areas, including Tenterden.

If you have a few hours a week to spare and you think you could help, please call 0300 3650045 for more information.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: MAY 2015

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Are you concerned about your local area?

Do you care about services provided to our community?

Can you contribute your skills and expertise?

Could you represent the views of local people?

If the answer to *any* of these questions is yes, then you are *exactly* the kind of person who should stand for election as a member of Tenterden Town Council.

We are committed to seeing a fully contested election in May 2015, and we therefore appeal to YOU to put your name forward for election!

What does Tenterden Town Council do?

The Town Council is not burdened by statutory duties to deliver services, which means it can use all of its resources to directly help the community. Recent years have seen new laws brought into place which permit us to do anything that is not specifically prohibited by other legislation. This means that we can be more creative in our thinking than we could in the past, with the goal of making a real difference to the lives of local people.

The Town Council has been involved in numerous activities over the last few years, among them;

- The implementation of the Tenterden Sports and Community Facilities Review, which was designed to identify the needs of the community over the next fifty years and beyond,
- Active involvement in the planning stages of the Tent 1 development,
- Taking over the public toilets in Tenterden and St. Michaels to prevent their closure by Ashford Borough Council,
- The improvement of the play areas at Tenterden and St. Michaels recreation grounds,
- The installation of a new bus shelter on the High Street,
- Giving financial support to a large number of local charities and organisations.
- Extensive cleaning and refurbishment of the war memorial and its surroundings.
- Setting up the Tenterden Parking Forum, to help address some of the many parking issues facing the town.

THURSDAY
7TH MAY
2015



Code of Conduct for Councillors

You **MUST**;

- Act in accordance with the Council's requirements,
- Make sure that the Council's resources are not used for political purposes,
- Disclose any personal interest you have in matters discussed by the Council.

You **MUST NOT**;

- Attempt to bully or intimidate anybody,
- Do anything to compromise the integrity of anybody working on behalf of the Council,
- Disclose information given in confidence (unless required to by law),
- Prevent anybody from accessing information they are entitled to,
- Do anything that would bring the Council into disrepute,
- Use your position for personal gain.

What do Town Councillors do?

The most important parts of a Councillor's role are to talk and to listen! Meetings of the Town Council are held once every six weeks, usually on a Monday evening, (and contrary to popular opinion, are painlessly brief). It is at these meetings that the recommendations and decisions of the Council's committees are considered and (hopefully) agreed upon.

The Council currently has five committees, and Councillors may join as many or as few as they wish to. Committees also meet once every six weeks (except for the Planning committee, which meets every three weeks), also on a Monday evening. Committee meetings tend to run a little longer than Council meetings, but rarely take much longer than an hour.

The standard Council term is four years (the last election having been held in 2001), although Councillors do sometimes step down from the Council earlier for various reasons, and in this case a 'casual vacancy' will open up, allowing a replacement member to be elected or co-opted.

Who can be a Town Councillor?

It is important that the Council is representative of the whole community. For this reason people of all ages (18 and above) and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to stand for office. You may feel that Council's views do not reflect your own—if so, you are in the perfect position to change this!

Any person over the age of 18 who is a citizen of the United Kingdom, The European Community, or the Commonwealth can be a Councillor if they live or work in Tenterden, or if they live within three miles of Tenterden.