

## WHAT'S ON?

All meetings are held at the Town Hall, are open to the public, and participation from members of the public is encouraged. Agendas are posted on our website and notice boards the week before meetings, with minutes and audio recordings available soon afterward.

For details contact the Town Clerk's office.

FEBRUARY 2015	
Monday 23rd	Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Public Buildings: 7pm. Town Hall.
MARCH 2015	
Monday 16th	Tourism & Business: 5.00pm. Town Council, Planning, Highways & Amenities : 7pm. Town Hall.
APRIL 2015	
Tuesday 7th	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 7.30pm. Town Hall. All residents strongly encouraged to attend.
23rd, 24th, 25th	Tenterden Operatic & Dramatic Society "The House of Bernada Alba" Tickets from Smith's, 16 High Street.
Monday 27th	Tourism & Business: 5.00pm. Town Council and all other Committees: 7pm. Town Hall.
MAY 2015	
Monday 4th	May Fayre, Recreation Ground, additional info at <a href="http://www.tenterdentown.co.uk/Events-Tenterden-May-Fayre">www.tenterdentown.co.uk/Events-Tenterden-May-Fayre</a>
Thursday 7th	ELECTIONS.
Thursday 14th	Annual Meeting of The Town Council, including Mayor Making. 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. Sessions at which you can meet your Town Councillors are held on the second Saturday of every other month.

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## FITNESS AT THE TOWN HALL

Fitness classes are held in the Town Hall each week. Please give the instructor a call if you want to attend. If you are 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 : Liz—07958 708874	
11.15-12.45pm—Pilates : Liz—07958 708874	
6.30-8.00pm—ChiBall : Ally—07709 052808	
TUESDAY	
12.15-2.00pm—Yoga : Maureen - 01233 861362	
WEDNESDAY	
9.00-10.30am—Pilates : Liz—07958 708874	
10.45am-midday—ChiBall : Ally—07709 052808	
6.15 - 7.15pm—Aerobics : Susan—07732 789878	
THURSDAY	
9.30-10.45am—Pilates : Annie – 07989 869217	
FRIDAY	
9.15 - 10.15am—Aerobics : Susan—07732 789878	
10.45am-midday—ChiBall : Ally—07709 052808	

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# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2015



## TOWN MAYOR'S UPDATE

**Jennifer Crickmore-Porter**

The country is being warned of heavy snowfalls and icy roads, but so far (as of early February) Tenterden has escaped the severe weather which has claimed some areas of the UK. Our Emergency Planning Committee has made good progress enrolling volunteers, and a Community Emergency Plan will soon be ready to help us cope in the event of any emergency in the future.

This issue of the Newsletter concentrates on the forthcoming local elections for Tenterden Councillors on 7th May. There will be several vacancies as not all current members will be standing for re-election. Please consider the possibility of your own involvement. It is so easy to criticise, but if you are in the "driving seat" you are more likely to achieve improvements. Listening is as important as speaking, enabling a group to work harmoniously.

We hope to meet many of you at the Town Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, where there will be much to discuss. Prior to the meeting Councillors intend to compile a wish list for improvements in

the town. This list will be on our website for you to consider and make further suggestions at the meeting.

May I highlight some of the achievements made for you by the Council during this Council year? In December we hosted a most enjoyable evening when we presented eleven members of the community with awards for their contribution to the wellbeing of Tenterden. We have an agreement with ABC for free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays in Bridewell Lane car park. You will have noticed the improved area around the War Memorial, which was achieved by our own work force. Christmas lights appeared in more High Street trees this year, and there will be even more next year. There is now a power supply on the Recreation Ground to facilitate events thereon, and our Youth Policy Group has recently been founded in conjunction with the Tenterden and District Voluntary Youth Group which must be commended for its work so far. The Council has worked with Ashford Borough Council throughout the Tent1 development, and will continue to be involved in the monitoring to ensure the highest quality build. Finally Tenterden Council, through the Mayor, is enjoying involvement within the Confederation of Cinque Ports and its special roles and pageantry.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will take place in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.30pm, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

Reports from the Council (and other organisations who wish to make one) will be followed by an open floor for you to ask any questions you may have. This year's meeting should be of particular interest, as possible uses of income arising from land in the Tent 1 development will be discussed.

To read the minutes of the 2014 meeting, please visit our website and click on the 'Meetings' tab, or pick up a paper copy in the Town Hall.

## MEET YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

The first Town Council resident's surgery of the year will be held at St. Michaels Village Hall on Saturday 7th March from 10.00 until 11.30am. Please come and chat with us about any local issues that you are concerned about.

Alternatively, the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall is open from 9am until 5pm from Monday to Friday, and Phil and Robert are always happy to help with any queries you may have.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The procedure has changed this year and you need to register by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote), or calling **01233 330402** for assistance.

## YOUTH CAFE

After a number of years of gradual decline, the Highbury Hall building was at a stage of becoming unfit for use, its loyal regular user groups were finding it increasingly difficult to provide their services and its main purpose of providing a facility for the town's young people had in fact ceased to operate. Four years after a committee was formed to look at the future of the Youth Club at Highbury Hall, and two years after the Club was re-opened, the committee was awarded a Town Mayor's Award at a ceremony held on 11th December 2014. The Youth Café (under the watchful eyes of Jerry Newsom of the Zion Baptist Church, Community Warden Jo Voss and Youth Worker Sheila Young) has had great success in engaging with the youth of the town, and several members have received the prestigious Try Angle Award. These awards were introduced in 1994 to raise the profile of young people in the community who try, often with little recognition, to do their best! Highbury Hall has been an example of co-operation between county, borough and town councils, with additional funding coming from many local sources, and local people freely giving their time to assist in the renovation and upkeep of the hall. It is hoped that a quiz night will be held in March to raise funds (and awareness) for the project. Town Councillors Alan Sugden and Callum Knowles are members of the Highbury Hall management committee, as well as sitting on the Council's Youth Policy Working Group and other outside committees, to ensure that the youth of this Town continue to have the facilities and services that they need for the future.

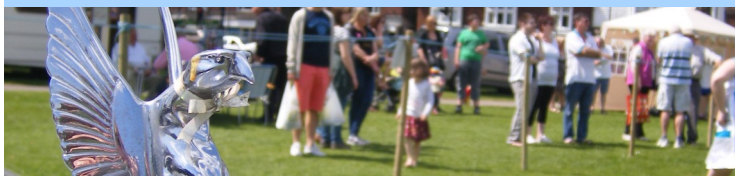
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## MAY FAYRE

The annual May Fayre will be held on Tenterden Recreation Ground from midday until 4pm on Monday 4th May 2015. You can see photographs from previous years and read more information at [www.tenterdentown.co.uk/Events-Tenterden-May-Fayre](http://www.tenterdentown.co.uk/Events-Tenterden-May-Fayre).



## MAINTENANCE TEAM WORKER

### David Bourner

I've been a part of the maintenance team since May 2011. It's a very physically demanding job and a varied role that requires flexibility. One day I can be laying paving at the war memorial, the next I can be setting the Town Hall out for a wedding. I like the fact that every day is different. I particularly enjoy tending to plants and the outdoor maintenance side of my job. Reviving the Millennium Garden [*behind White Stuff, 55 High Street*] has been hard work but extremely enjoyable, and is still an ongoing project. I've had lots of positive comments from residents and visitors. It's Tenterden's hidden gem. It's so frustrating when the minority decide to vandalise Tenterden. It's very debilitating to see hard work undone by the very few people who don't appreciate having such lovely surroundings. The majority of people do appreciate what a special place Tenterden is though, and take pride in it. I don't know anywhere else that has such a well used recreation ground or such a great play area for children and adults alike to enjoy.



## TOWN COUNCIL WARDS

For election purposes, Tenterden (and St. Michaels) is split into four wards. To stand for election onto the Council, you need backing from two residents of the ward you hope to represent.

### NORTH WARD

Adams Close, Admirals Walk, Ashford Road (only TN30 6AB, 6LL, 6LN, 6LR, 6LX, 6LU, 6NB, 6ND, 6NE and 6QU), Beacon Oak Road (west side), Caxton Close, Chestnut Close, Church Road, Colonel Stephens Way, Coombe Lane, Curteis Road, Danemore, Drury Lane, East Cross, Eastwell Barn Mews, Eastwell Meadows, Forson Close, Golden Square (north side), Goldsmith Court, Haffenden Road, High Street (north side), Highlands, Homewood Road, Ingleden Park Road, Knockhurst Court, Knockwood Road, Mill Lane, Mulberry Gardens, Oaks Road (north side), Park View Terrace, Penderel Court, Penderel Mews, Pittlesden, Pittlesden Place, Rogersmead, Rolvenden Road (only TN30 6JJ), Rothley Close, St. Benets Court, St. Benets Way, St. Mildreds Close, Station Mews, Station Road, Stevens Cottages, Summer Close, The Lindens, Turners Avenue, Vineys Gardens, Wealden Avenue, Wells Close, West Cross (north side), West Cross Gardens, West Cross Mews, Westfield House, Wrights Close, Yew Tree House.

### WEST WARD

Ashbourne Bungalows, Ashbourne Cottages, Ashenden Bungalows, Castweazle, Chennell Park Road, Cherry Orchard, Cranbrook Road, Grove Cottages, Hurst Close, Lawn Close, Mill Pond Lane, Park View Cottage, Parkside Court, Pickhill Oast, Plummer Lane, Rolvenden Road, Smallhythe Road, The Quarter, Westwell Court.

## UPDATES IN BRIEF

**PARKING FORUM:** We have reopened discussions with ABC, with the aim of achieving the goals of the parking forum in the very near future.

**TOWN NET RADIO:** Planning permission has been granted for an antenna to be mounted at the rear of the Town Hall to facilitate a scheme whereby retailers in the town can be kept in constant contact, with the aim of reducing crime and disorder. The emphasis is now on the organizers of the Town Net scheme to proceed with installation.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:** Having established a steering group, We are still appealing for volunteers to act as wardens in the event of a serious emergency. Please contact us for more information.

**ONLINE PRESENCE:** Additional content has been added to our website, making it a more useful tool. Our Twitter feed (@TenterdenTC) is used to share important information such as severe weather warnings. You can find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TenterdenTownCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/TenterdenTownCouncil).

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** Electrical work is being undertaken to allow the installation of Publicly Accessible Defibrillators in Small Hythe, St. Michaels and Tenterden.

## RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to record meetings (via audio, video and blogging), and audio recordings of all meetings are uploaded to our website alongside the minutes shortly after they take place.

## WE WANT YOUR VIEWS

If you have any queries, suggestions or opinions about any projects undertaken by the Town Council, or matters it is discussing, we urge you to bring them to our attention using any of the ways listed on the front page, or by dropping in to see the Town Clerk in the office in the Town Hall.

### ST. MICHAELS WARD

Acacia House, Ashford Road, Bardens Row, Barnfield, Battern Mount (Ox Lane), Biddenden Road, Birds Isle House, Boreisle, Breton Court, Bugglesden Road, Chalk Avenue, Chapel House, Church Cottages, Crisfield Court (Chalk Avenue), Dawbourne, Dawbourne House, Glenwood, Glenwood Close, Grange Crescent, Grange Road, Harbourne Lane, Heather Drive, Henley Fields, Henley Meadows, Henley View, Holly Cottage, Ingleden Cottages, Jarvis Place, Jireh Houses, Laurel Cottages, Leslie Crescent, Little Hill, Marshalls Land, Nassim Cottages, Nortons Lane, Orchard Road, Ox Lane, Penhill Cottages (Readers Bridge Road), Shoreham Lane, Springfield Avenue, St. Michaels Cottages, St. Michaels Terrace, Swain Road, The Pavement, Wayside, Wayside Avenue, Yew Tree Cottages.

### SOUTH WARD

Abbot Way, Appledore Road, Austens Orchard, Beacon Oak Road (east side), Beacon Walk, Bells Close, Bells Lane, Bennetts Mews, Bridewell Lane, Bridewell Mews, Cedar Court, Cherry Orchard, Collison Place, Crayside Mews, Craythorne, Cruttenden Close, East Hill, Eastgate Road, Elmfield, Elmfield Court, Elmfield Place, Gibbett House, Golden Square (south side), Hales Close, Hales Court, High Street (south side), Highbury Lane, Holly Tree Cottages, Jubilee Court, Kiln Field, Limes Close, Longfield, Martins Close, Mayors Place, Mill Cottages, Mount Pleasant, Oak Barn, Oaks Gate, Oaks Road (south side), Old Tannery Close, Orchard View, Pigeon Hoo Lane, Preston Hill Lane, Preston Lane, Priory Way, Reading Street, Roethorne Gardens, Sandy Lane, Sayers Lane, Shrubcote, Six Fields, Southgate Road, Spring Farm (Reading Street), Stace Close, The Bungalows (Shrubcote), The Cobs, The Croft, Theatre Square, Tilden Gill Road, Warrens Court, West Cross (south side), William Judge Close, Woodbury Gardens, Woodbury Lane, Woodchurch Road.

## LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: MAY 2015

# YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Could you help your community by standing for election onto the Town Council? Here are some questions and answers to help give you the facts you need to help make your decision...

### Q) Who can stand for election to the Town Council?

A) Probably you! As long as you are a UK, EC or Commonwealth citizen who has lived or worked in Tenterden (or lived within a 3 mile radius) for one year before the election, and are registered to vote. The only exceptions to this are if you are employed by the Town Council, or have been declared bankrupt, or have been sentenced to prison for more than three months.

### Q) What is the Town Council responsible for?

A) Nothing! We have no statutory responsibility to carry out services, which frees us to spend our time and resources directly on projects for the betterment of the town. The Council decides how a portion (known as the 'precept') of your Council Tax is spent.

### Q) How often are meetings held?

A) At present meetings are held every three weeks on Monday evenings, but you would only be asked to attend meetings of the whole Council, or the committees on which you serve.

### Q) How much will I be paid?

A) Nothing! Councillors are members of the public who give their time and expertise freely, although expenses directly arising from Council work can often be reclaimed. It is important to note though, that you will not be considered a volunteer as you will be the holder of a public office.

### Q) What will I do on the Council?

A) You will raise matters for the Council to consider, and engage in the discussion about them.

### Q) How much will I need to do?

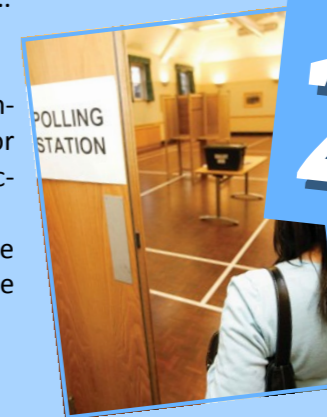
A) As much or as little as you like! The minimum requirement is that you must attend Council meetings every six weeks (8 per year), and these usually last roughly half an hour. You are of course welcome to become more involved in projects undertaken by the Council, and Councillors are encouraged to take on a special area of interest each year.

### Q) Will I have to make decisions on my own?

A) No, you will be a member of the Council, and all decisions are made collectively by majority vote, or in some cases by the Town Clerk. Not even the Mayor has the power to make unilateral decisions on behalf of the Council.

### Q) How long will I be on the Council for?

A) A council term is four years, but you are of course welcome to stand again at the next election.



THURSDAY  
7TH MAY  
2015

### Q) How many people will I be working with?

A) There are sixteen Councillors, and four permanent members of staff, based at the Town Hall.

### Q) Will people know who I am?

A) Yes, your name, contact information and photograph will be made public, so that members of the public can approach you with matters they would like the Council to consider.

### Q) Are there rules to follow for a Councillor?

A) Yes, this is called the Code of Conduct, and this is shown below.

### 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 dispute,
- Use your position for personal gain.

### Q) I'm interested, so what do I do now?

A) You can register your interest with the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall, or by directly contacting Legal and Democratic Services at Ashford Borough Council (ABC is responsible for running the election). You will then be supplied with nomination papers as soon as they are available.