

# MAY 2026 UPDATE

## THE BIG BONIFACE BASH – SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Summer in Crediton is always something to look forward to, and this year's programme is shaping up to be a real celebration of everything that makes the town special. The season kicks off with The Boniface Bash, Crediton's way of marking Devon Day with pride and personality. Devon Day is all about celebrating what makes the county unique, and The Boniface Bash does that by putting Crediton's own story centre stage. Named after St Boniface, one of the town's most well-known historic figures, the event blends local heritage with a modern, easygoing mini-festival atmosphere.

This year we aim to continue The Boniface Bash through a mix of the traditional and the new. There's a strong sense of history and local identity running through the event, supported by live music, performances and family-friendly activities. This year we will be hosting a silent disco, with thanks to Crediton pub The Ship.

An aim for all events is to give the town centre a real boost. Welcoming people into Crediton supports our independent shops, cafés and traders, and encourages people to spend time exploring the town. For many residents, it's become a favourite way to start the summer: bumping into familiar faces, enjoying shared moments and feeling part of a wider community

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TUESDAY 26 MAY

1. Welcome and Introductions - The Mayor of Crediton Town Council will open the meeting, welcome local electors and members of the public
2. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting - To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 17 June 2025
3. Review of the Mayoral Term - Cllr Steve Huxtable will reflect on his term as Mayor, sharing successes since 2025
4. Public Participation

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 May on Crediton Town Square. We will be taking photos with 2026-27 grant recipients from 18.00 and light refreshments will be available. The public meeting starts at 18.30 and is open to all. Residents on the Crediton electoral roll may raise any issue of their choice and vote at the meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity for local people to discuss important topics, ask questions and review the Council year

## IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY - AMAZING EVENTS WE SUPPORT

Crediton Town Council is putting £55,000 into 30+ community groups and projects this year. Here are the activities of four of them over the last few weeks

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat CODS (Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society) A brilliant production performed with real verve and confidence. Great production standards all round – choreography, orchestra, costumes, performances – if you missed it, you missed a treat. Good to see so many talented young people in the show. More to come from CODs in September (CODS Concert) and October (CODS Youth Theatre Academy performing Matilda). Should be good!

Crediton Museum Exhibition – Crediton in 21 objects CAHMS (Crediton and Area History and Museum Society) This exhibition was in large part designed by the late Tony Gale, who did so much to commemorate and celebrate the town's history and heritage. It's a thoughtful and thought-provoking collection of objects found in and around our town from the prehistoric to the contemporary. Residents of Pedlarspool, aka Libbett's Grange, might be interested to see what archaeologists found where their houses now stand – and so might everyone else! The exhibition continues until early autumn.

Spring Concert - North Creedy Choral Society A chorus of 40+ with soloists and orchestra performed Fauré's Requiem, Vivaldi's Nulla in Mundo Pax and Mozart's Coronation Mass to an enthralled audience in the parish church in April. The choir is amateur (and you can join it) but definitely not amateurish. It was a delight to hear these favourite choral pieces performed in our town by local people accompanied by local musicians. Cllr Liz Brooks-Hocking

Crediton Arts Centre were awarded £500 towards their concert - Spring Awakening. The decision was made to switch focus from the annual Busk IT! to their new venture, the Spring-Awakening Music Festival. It started this year, with performances of folk, jazz, classical, Americana, world music and opera. Throughout the town indoors and out it was remarkably successful, playing to an audience of around 1000 people. "We aim to give the whole town a celebratory feeling for the week by placing performances in various locations" said Crediton Arts Centre.

## A FOND FAREWELL

We were all immensely saddened to hear of the recent passing of Tony Gale. Tony was a great champion for Crediton and the history and heritage of the town and wider local area. Amongst the many hats Tony wore was the role of chairman for the Crediton Area History & Museum Society. He had a great hand in putting together Crediton Museum's current exhibition 'A History of the Crediton Area in 21 Objects' and this exhibition is a fitting tribute to the boundless knowledge and infectious enthusiasm that Tony possessed. Tony will be remembered in the legacy of his work as an outstanding local historian and missed by all of us lucky enough to work with him. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

## MAYOR VISITS LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Mayor of Crediton, Cllr Steve Huxtable recently attended Newton St Cyres Primary School to present awards to children who took part in the Kick Start Art Monsters competition. The overall winner fought off competition from over 478 entries. Congratulations to all the winners! Kick Start Art is a fun and free art project for children in Crediton and its surrounding villages.

## COOKERY CLASSES AT QE SCHOOL

Cllr Jim Cairney recently attended QE School as part of Involve Voluntary Action in Mid Devon's Crediton Cookery Hub with Crediton Lions Club. Cllr Cairney, who ran Cairneys Bistro in Crediton for many years, helped to teach his cooking skills to young people and adults.

The classes are designed to support skills-based learning for all ages and develop stronger community connections. The findings will now feed into county-wide insight into food, health, and wellbeing. CTC is proud to support Involve Voluntary Action in Mid Devon with a community grant this year.

## CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE

### UPCOMING ACTION DAYS

9 May - Jockey Hill, 10am - 12pm

13 June – Town Square, 10am - 12pm

11 July - Western Road, 10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code to visit the [CUT!] webpage, view the scheduled action days and join our mailing list. Or Email [reception@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:reception@crediton.gov.uk) Call the offices on 01363 773717 9

## CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE – WHAT'S ON?

Trip to Woodlands Theme Park on Tuesday 28 July, Ages 11+

Since our last newsletter, Amazon spending stands at £0.00!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

SAT 02 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 05 – ANNUAL MEETING OF CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL, CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE – 19.00

SAT 16 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 26 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE – 18.30

### JUNE

SAT 06 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

SAT 06 – THE BIG BONIFACE BASH FROM MIDDAY

SAT 20 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

## Council Office Update!

Sadly due to extended internal works, we are not yet operational from our new offices on North Street. Please find us at the library on a Monday between 10.00 and 14.00. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for updates.

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