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Council

# Newsletter

July - September 2018



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ANIVERSARY WALK?**

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AWARDED A TOWN  
PLATE AT THIS YEAR'S  
MAYOR'S RECEPTION**

## The 10th Food & Drink Festival

The Town Square was bustling on 9th and 10th June as the 10th Food & Drink Festival kicked off. With a range of stalls, cookery demonstrations, a Craft Fair and live music, the Food & Drink Festival brings the centre of the town to life with the Town Square radiating with energy. People visit from far and wide to see the variety of locally sourced food and drink that Crediton has to offer. The organisers did themselves proud, as always, and we have heard endless praise from the public.



## Crediton's Greatest Show

On Friday 8th June, Newcombes Meadow was all-singing and all-dancing as the popular musical *The Greatest Showman* was aired on the big screen! Once again, the Town Team, organisers of CredFest, arranged a free of charge open air cinema for everyone to enjoy. Hundreds turned up for what was the perfect community gathering with a picture show, picnics and popcorn enjoyed by all ages.



## Flowers, Flowers Everywhere!

This year's Flower Festival, at the Parish Church, included 20 outstanding floral displays, all created by members of our community. The money raised from the festival, from the sale of catalogues and refreshments, helps to keep the church looking so magnificent and contributes significantly to the much needed roof replacement. The annual church festivals are vital to the upkeep of the church, so don't forget to pop along to them - you will not be disappointed.



If you have walked by the Town Square recently, you won't have been able to miss the flourishing displays in every corner. It takes huge amounts of effort to keep these planters looking great all year round and we are sure you would agree that it is well worth it. This year's planting has kindly been sponsored by *Gilbert Stephens LLP*, *Haines Watts*, *The Greenhouse* & *Homeleigh Crediton Garden Centre*. Local gardening expert, Bert Jewell, does a fantastic job planting the Town Square every year. Without Bert's green fingers and the generosity of the local sponsors, the floral displays on the Town Square would not exist!

We hope you have also noticed the colourful hanging baskets that are brightening up the town until the end of September. In previous years these were supplied by Mid Devon District Council, however this year was slightly different. The Town Council faced the challenge of sourcing 38 hanging baskets and 8 hanging troughs, as well as finding a company to water the displays twice a week.

We are pleased to say that thanks to Taunton Deane Nurseries and S.A.J Window Cleaners Ltd, the hanging baskets went up on 1st June and look as vibrant as ever!





## Council Office Building Update

Okay, so it's cards on the table time. We didn't get the building. Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) has decided not to sell the building to the Town Council. In doing so, MDDC has clearly shown that it does not exercise fairness and transparency across its towns and it has a blatant disregard for the needs of Crediton and its residents.

Unfortunately, the Town Council has no more cards to play. We have taken advice from the National Association of Local Councils, Solicitors and we've written to our MP asking for help, all to no avail. We are now out of options. So, we must focus on moving forward and what happens next.

The good news is that the buyer of the building has said that they would like the Council to stay in situ. So, we will start negotiations and explore whether this will be a financially viable option. We are forever mindful that the building is used by a range of local groups and organisations, all of which play an important role in the well-being of our town, and wherever possible we don't want to lose any of these important services.

Sadly, this is not the case for CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team) who has decided, due to the uncertainty over the future of the building, to relocate its Outreach Surgery. For further information regarding the new service, please contact CHAT on 01884 255606.

## Saying Thank You at the Mayor's Reception

The annual Mayor's Reception is an opportunity for the Town Council to say thank you and celebrate the fantastic work being undertaken in our community. This year it was held on 16th April 2018 and the Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch, was joined by representatives of numerous groups and organisations in Crediton.

During the proceedings, the Mayor, presented Town Plates to Crediton Town Councillor Joyce Harris, Penni Tearle, Chair of the Boniface Allotment Association and Mark Smith, Crediton Fire Service. The presentation of the town plate recognises the efforts of those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the well-being of Crediton and the community.

After the presentations Reverend Helen Drever said a prayer of thanks before the buffet was served accompanied by non-alcoholic drinks.



## Crediton's Health & Well-being

The Health & Well-being Open Day, hosted by the Town Council, took place on Wednesday 25th April 2018, at the Boniface Centre. It showcased a range of groups and organisations that focus on health & well-being, providing information and answering questions. The Town Council would like to thank everyone that was involved, whether you were an exhibitor or visitor. Here is some of the feedback we received.



"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk with members of the public and to network with other health and wellbeing providers." **Devon In Sight**

"A shorter time span would be good." **Anonymous visitor**

"Picked up useful leaflets. More publicity needed." **Anonymous visitor**

"The stalls were all very informative. Everyone was very welcoming." **Anonymous visitor**

"The lunchtime entertainment by Turning Tides was brilliant!" **Crediton and District Access**

"It was extremely well organised and had a great atmosphere." **Action for Children**



# Redvers Ramble Anniversary Walk

To celebrate the anniversary of Redvers Ramble and its associated leaflet, there will be a small procession travelling the High Street on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00 am.

This year, the Town Crier will lead the parade with a VIP guest, the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon! Members of the parade will be handing out the "Redvers Ramble & Other Walks" leaflet, aiming to encourage people to explore CREDITON's footpaths.



Come along to the Town Square at 11.00 am or look out for us on the High Street. Anyone is welcome to join the procession so why not bring someone along who is not a regular walker - it is never too late to get started! Help us spread the word and help everyone "take a step towards a healthier lifestyle!"

# Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is holding a public consultation on the Draft Plan this Autumn. It will be held in the Council Chamber, Market Street, and will run from 18th to 20th October 2018.

Following the consultation, the Steering Group will look at comments received and review the Draft Plan. The group will then work with Mid Devon District Council to progress the legal process that the plan has to follow.

It is hoped that by this time next year the Neighbourhood Plan will be completed.

## Dates for your diary

### July

- 7th & 21st** Farmers Market CREDITON Town Square
- 17th** CREDITON Town Council meeting 7.00 pm Council Chamber, Market Street
- 21st** Redvers Ramble Anniversary Procession 11.00 am CREDITON Town Square

### August

- 4th & 18th** Farmers Market CREDITON Town Square

### September

- 1st & 15th** Farmers Market CREDITON Town Square
- 18th** CREDITON Town Council meeting 7.00 pm Council Chamber, Market Street

**AN INVITATION TO ALL ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS!**  
Throughout the summer months, Cllr John Ross will be at the Bandstand in Newcombes Meadow playing the pipes and would like to invite you to join him! Weather permitted, Cllr Ross will be there on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 1.30 pm.

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