



# Credition Town Council

# Newsletter

July - September 2017

## COLOURFUL CREDITON

To quote Aristotle: 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.' How true this statement is for Credition at the moment. The Town is looking beautiful and this is thanks to all the different parts of our community coming together.

The Town Council has once again provided floral displays in and around the Town, Rotary Club of Credition Boniface have planted the newly refurbished wishing well brick planters on the entrances to the Town and Credition Arts Centre is running its beautiful flag project, ably assisted by the Chamber of Commerce, who erect and take down all the flags. Local businesses are putting up hanging baskets and floral displays outside their premises and residents are tending their gardens and entering the Floral Credition competition. Local community groups, organisations and individuals are litter picking public areas, transforming community spaces and gardens and taking part in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Competition. All of which will help the Town to look its best for the Britain in Bloom judges, who will be touring the Town on 18th July 2017 for this year's Pennant Competition.

Individually each contribution is excellent, together they really do make the 'wow' factor. This all helps in making Credition a beautiful and vibrant town to live and work in. It also helps to attract visitors to the town. Hopefully those visitors will contribute to the economy of our town by visiting our businesses, shops, cafés and restaurants.

To assist with bringing visitors to the Town, this year Credition Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council have teamed up to 'Sponsor an Otter' as part of Dartmoor National Park's Public Arts Initiative, the Moor Otters Trail. 'Otterly Alice' is one of 100 Moor Otters, which make up the Moor Otters Trail, a three-month fun and cultural event for everyone. An interactive map showing the locations of Alice's 99 unique companions, and the luxury prizes consisting of weekends away, Bovey Castle's cream teas, etc. can be viewed at [www.moorotters.co.uk](http://www.moorotters.co.uk).



The Town Council would also like to say thank you to this year's Floral Credition Sponsors:



*All the wildlife friendly trees at Upper Deck*



*Another successful flower festival at Credition Parish Church*

# New Face Joins the Town Council

At the May Town Council Meeting, John Ross was co-opted and welcomed as the new Boniface Ward member. John and his wife have lived in Crediton for 23 years. He is a keen amateur musician and enjoys playing a range of instruments including flute and Northumbrian, Irish and Scottish bagpipes, all of which he has made himself! John originally trained as a scientific instrument maker but then retrained in Hatton Garden as a professional silversmith and candlestick maker where he remained for 12 years until he decided to become self-employed.

John said: "I genuinely love my work as a silversmith and will continue part time while taking the opportunity to become involved in local politics and my local community of Crediton."

In the past, John has been an active member of housing cooperatives as he enjoys community living and is very keen on the principles of public involvement in local community affairs and encouraging local community groups and positive activities.

When asked why he had decided to become a Town Councillor John said: "I feel impelled to become involved in local affairs, rather than simply allowing others to do that for me, which is why I have joined the Town Council."



John and his wife celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

## Mayor's Reception 2017



THANK  
EWE!

On Monday, 15th May 2017, the Mayor of Crediton was joined by local organisations and individuals to celebrate the achievements of the Crediton community.

Peter Hamilton, Margaret Jewell, Pete Beal and Bob Stacey were awarded a Crediton Town Plate, recognising their outstanding commitment to the Town. The Jamie Fleming Memorial Award, given to a young person who has

done something outstanding, was presented to Alice Fraser Edwards. Local organisations were also presented with grant cheques awarded by the Town Council. A list of the grants allocated so far is available on our website.



The Town Council, members of the Royal British Legion and the public joined together on the 19th June 2017, for the annual raising of the Armed Forces Day Flag. The flag is flown for the week prior to Armed Forces Day, which this year was on Saturday, 24th June 2017.

Armed Forces Day celebrates and salutes the work and dedication of our Armed Forces and the sacrifices they make in serving our country.



**We Salute You!**

What do  
you think?

Have you read the Town Council's Annual Report? Did you find it informative? What can we do to improve it for next year?

Crediton Town Council is inviting residents to give their views on the future of 3 Crediton Play Areas. In order to protect these valuable community spaces, the Town Council made the decision to long term lease the Fulda Crescent, Spinning Path Gardens and Greenway Play Areas from Mid Devon District Council. We are now consulting with local residents regarding their future. Please take 5 minutes to complete our short questionnaire and help shape the future of these areas. Questionnaires are available from the Council Offices or can be downloaded from our website.



Pick up the Annual Report from the Council Offices or view on our website.



## Crediton Festival 2017



The start of this year's CredFest was celebrated with a flag procession from Newcombes Meadow to the Town Square, where the Mayor officially opened the festival.

What followed was a three-week wave of events across the town, ranging from the all singing and dancing open air cinema screening of Mamma Mia, to the ever popular, and hugely successful, Food and Drink Festival. It was all rounded off with the grand Finale showcasing the immense talent we have in Crediton.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who organised and took part in this year's CredFest you certainly know how to put Crediton on the map!

## Youth Orchestra Visit

At the end of May the Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch, Crediton Twinning Association and numerous host families welcomed the Mayor of Avranches, Monsieur David Nicolas and members of the Avranches Youth Orchestra to Crediton. The visitors joined the Choir of Crediton's Holy Cross Parish Church to provide a free concert in aid of FORCE, who raised money by serving refreshments during the interval.



Mayors David Nicolas & Frank Letch

There was even time for a quick game of Bowls!

## It's Decision Time



The Town Council is still pursuing the purchase of the Crediton Office building from Mid Devon District Council (MDDC). On Monday, 3rd July 2017, MDDC's Cabinet will be meeting to make a final decision on the proposals.

It is hoped that by taking over the ownership and management of the Crediton Office building, the Town Council will be able to provide a one-stop-shop for high quality public services. This includes providing information, signposting, community meetings, access to support services and associated facilities, which enable and enhance the quality of life and life chances of those living in Crediton and its rural hinterland.

? Think you ?  
? know Crediton? ?



Where would you find this little door?

Answer on back page

## Let's Get Mooving...



Saturday, 1st July 2017 marked the first anniversary of the launch of the Redvers Ramble walking route. To celebrate the success of Redvers Ramble, the Town Council has produced a new leaflet containing 5 walking routes in and around Crediton.

On Saturday, a procession made up of the Town Crier, Councillors and local walkers, made its way from the Town Square travelling up and down the High Street distributing the new leaflet. The routes vary in length and difficulty, so whether you are an experienced walker or enjoy a country stroll, there is something to suit you!



A copy of the leaflet can be collected from the Council Offices, Library, various shops and cafés. You can also download a copy from the Council website.



And there's more...

Crediton Twinning Association Annual **Boules Tournament**  
Crediton Town Square  
**Saturday, 8th July 2017**



**Report local problems** including graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting  
[www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

**Christmas Lights Switch-on 2017** is on **25<sup>th</sup> November**



**Think you know Crediton? Answer**  
St Boniface's Well  
in Newcombes Meadow

Following the **public consultation**, the Town Council will not be installing **fitness equipment** outside Newcombes Meadow toilets, however we would like to thank everyone for their feedback!

## Dates for your diary

### July

**1st & 15th** **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square  
**8th** **Boules Tournament** Crediton Town Square 1.00 pm  
**13th** **Floral Crediton Competition Judging**  
**18th** **BiB Pennant Competition Judging** 2.00 pm  
**Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm  
Council Chamber, Market Street



### August

**5th & 19th** **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square

### September

**2nd & 16th** **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square  
**19th** **Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm  
Council Chamber, Market Street

If you would like a diary date included here, please contact the Town Clerk

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### Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

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### Useful Contacts

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Crediton Library	01363 772578	
Citizens Advice	01363 776210	
Crediton Hospital	01363 775588	
Social Services	0845 155 1015	

### District & County Councillors

John Downes (District)	01363 774267
Bob Wright (District)	01363 773566
Frank Letch (District)	01363 775739
Nick Way (District & County)	01363 777903

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