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Council

Newsletter

July 2020

SUMMER UPDATE!

A Message from the new Clerk—Rachel Avery



Starting in my new position was never going to be easy whilst in 'lockdown', but I have been fortunate enough to have lots of people knock on the office door to introduce themselves. Whilst our offices remain closed, council meetings are taking place using Zoom. These meetings are open to the public as they usually would be and details of how to join can be found on our website.

The Town Council were delighted to support both VE Day commemorations (Friday 8th May) and Armed Forces Week (22nd-28th June). As we start to emerge into our 'new normal', I am really looking forward to meeting and working with many more of you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me to introduce yourself or if you have a query.



St Boniface Statue Update

As most of you will be aware, we received sad news in May that the St Boniface Statue in Newcombes Meadow had been vandalised with graffiti. Since then, we have been working hard to get the graffiti removed as quickly as possible.

I'm sure many of you may have been wondering why the writing was not removed immediately but unfortunately, due to the delicate Portland stone, it quickly became clear to us that this was going to be a big job. After receiving advice from local stonemasons, F J Stevens & Sons, we were able to track down the specialist cleaning system needed to successfully remove the paint. So, we are pleased to confirm the Statue will soon be restored to its former glory for everyone to enjoy, with the clean scheduled for Thursday, 9th July 2020.



A very big THANK YOU!

Due to current restrictions, we were unsure whether we would be able to decorate the town with the usual floral displays, but, we have to say huge thank you to Somerset West & Taunton and Jordan Hewitt for making it happen. With their help, we have managed to get all of the floral displays up as planned, despite the difficult circumstances.

Behind the scenes, local gardening expert and town council volunteer, Bert Jewell (along with his wife Margaret), has been working tirelessly to plant up the Council's other displays throughout the Town. This includes the planters on the Town Square and outside Hillbrow Care Home as well as hanging new baskets on Redvers House (not to mention removing weeds around the Town too!!). Bert and Margaret's hard work has been invaluable and we hope you agree that all of this year's displays look fantastic.





Christmas in Crediton

It may still be a few months away, but I'm sure a lot of you are wondering what to expect with the dates in your diary for later this year.

Christmas in Crediton is set to take place on Saturday, 28th November 2020. As with many events, we are unsure what the lights switch-on will look like this year but rest assured there will be Christmas lights!

As the changes in restrictions continue, we will be monitoring the situation and planning in advance as best we can.

Please check our Christmas in Crediton Facebook page for all the updates!



Share in the Square

From the first week of July until September, look out for *Share in the Square*, a new Town Team project, supported by the town and district councils.

Twelve well-spaced picnic tables with benches and parasols will be in the Town Square for people to sit at, meet friends or take a break, completely free of charge. Anyone can use them, and they're large enough to allow 2 metres distance between people. The food and drink businesses around the square are supporting *Share in the Square*. It's not necessary to buy refreshments in order to sit at the tables – though if you fancy a take-out drink or snack, please do! Volunteers will be on hand to clean the tables regularly and to help ensure social distancing.

Later in the month, some socially distanced entertainment and community activities will be included in *Share in the Square*.

by Cllr Brookes-Hocking



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



July

4th & 18th Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square
21st Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm

August

1st & 15th Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square

September

5th & 19th Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square
22nd Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm

Details of how to join Zoom meetings can be found on our website within the Public Notices.

Have YOUR say!

Did you know you can view active consultations and submit your comments for consideration on Mid Devon District Council's website?

We value your opinion in shaping the district and this is your opportunity to have your say! Just visit www.middevon.gov.uk/consultations

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