



Credition
Town
Council

Newsletter

January - March 2020

Winter Edition

**CREDITON
NEEDS
SNOW
WARDENS!**



**New Year
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from the
Mayor!**

**Missed the Church Christmas Tree
Festival? Don't worry - we have
plenty of photos inside!**



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*Photo Courtesy of
Rupert Geering*

Christmas in Crediton 2019

Maskerade!

This year's sponsors...

The Switch-on event set the Christmas season off with a fizz, a sparkle and a profusion of magnificent masks. The afternoon's entertainment was local, enthusiastic and appreciated by the gathering crowds. Haywards and Landscore school choirs sang beautifully; Turning Tides musicians both played and sang; the Scouts' Batmobile offered selfies with Batman; Otter Morris danced; La Juega, the Exeter-based band, got folk bobbing to the Latin beat; Exmouth land train gave rides up and down the High Street all afternoon.

Dozens of children entered the Mask Competition. The winners were chosen by the Methodist Minister, Ann Varker, Reverend Mathew Tregenza and Teresa Rodrigues. Then everyone assembled at the top of Market street. The parade formed up under the Guides' glittering arches and set off to the square, led by Exeter Street Band, the Scouts' Batmobile, and the Competition winners.

The parade arrived in the packed square. Father Christmas appeared at the window of the Three Little Pigs (whatever was he doing there?), waved enthusiastically at the crowd and led the countdown to zero. The lights came on and fireworks whizzed up into the sky. Then it was back to the rhythm of La Juega, more train rides, hot drinks and burgers.

The Town Council would like to thank all those who contributed to the event in any way, especially the children and young people from the schools, pre-schools, scouts, guides, army cadets and air training corps, and all the adults who work with them and support them. We are a fortunate community in having so many people in the town who are willing to put in time and effort to our Christmas events and many others through the year. We're all looking forward to the next one!



New Year Message from the Mayor

I wonder if it has slipped under your radar! 2020 is a LEAP YEAR! This gives us an extra day to get things right! We do not contemplate the opposite. As we move into a new year it is customary, perhaps, to look back on the previous 12 months. Briefly we have had some changes in members of the council and have carried out our usual events, culminating in the wonderful Christmas in Crediton and lights switch-on. "The best ever" said the Courier, so no pressure there then!

This year we shall carry on attending the Farmers' Market with the Town Council's surgery. It is your chance to exchange views and ideas of what we might do in and for the town. Do not waste the opportunity please!

There are some big national and international topics that impact on our town not least of these climate change. I urge those interested in this major challenge to come forward with POSITIVE suggestions that are ACHIEVABLE and not just shout and tell others what to do!



Did you see Batman & Robin collecting donations at the Christmas Light Switch-on? Thanks to your generosity 1st Crediton Scout Group collected over 6 large boxes of food!

Crediton Food Bank



Crediton Food Bank works tirelessly to provide emergency food to local people in crisis and this is all done on an entirely voluntary basis. Within Crediton and the surrounding area, there are families struggling for food and often families are left choosing between paying their bills or eating.

Please do not hesitate to visit the food bank if you have anything at all to donate, it would not survive without your help! The food bank operates from the Manse which is next door to the Congregational Church.

Remembrance Sunday 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 Remembrance Day Service & Parade! And thank you to the groups involved, for taking the time to attend meetings and rehearsals during the year to ensure the smooth running of such an important event for the town.

The preparations for the Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade probably start earlier than you think! In February, the Council applies and pays £200 to Devon County Council for permission to close the road. Following this, the Town Council obtains three quotations for the road closure to be instigated on the day, costing approximately £800. On the day, the event is managed by the Town Clerk assisted by another member of Council office staff. It starts with checking and removing dog poo from the Town Square (not a nice part of the job but extremely necessary) to ensure nobody steps into something nasty. Ensuring all road closures are enacted correctly and that the parade lines up and forms at the War Memorial in a manner which, to the best of our ability, involves the whole community. We were very pleased to receive lots of positive feedback!

2019 was the first year that the Union Flag was flying next to the War Memorial, with a new flagpole kindly installed by R J Brooks free of charge and just in time!



Christmas Tree Festival

Once again, residents and visitors were queuing out of the Church to see the wonderful displays created by local businesses, charities, groups and schools, for the Annual Christmas Tree Festival. The Festival was held from 4th - 8th December and saw over 3,500 visitors through the doors! The Church was full of colour with 77 Christmas trees on show ranging from a delicate lace theme to pirates and mermaids! This year, Daphne's Lace Group won the best decorated adult tree with Crediton Brownies topping the children's group. We would like to say a massive congratulations to the Parish Church for out-doing themselves once again and organising another fantastic community event.



Snow Warden Scheme

by Councillor Andi Wyer

Crediton Town Council recently took delivery of a new grit spreader for use around the town this winter. At just under £1,000 this is a significant investment in the work of our Snow Warden volunteers who are regularly out on icy/snowy mornings keeping the pavements clear and safe. The entire cost of the gritter was met by a grant from DCC Highways to allow us to compliment their winter road gritting service.



The snow warden scheme allows the Town Council to hold supplies of salt/grit for use around the town by trained volunteers. (We have already secured supplies of salt/grit ahead of this winter.) If you would be interested in helping to keep your road safe please get in touch as we could always do with more volunteers. The Town Council will be holding a Snow Warden Training Session on Monday, 3rd February 2020. Please come along if you are interested in helping the community during times of extreme weather!



And there's more...

The Town Council is in the process of updating its website to improve its overall accessibility.

This is a lengthy process, but keep an eye out for any changes and please give us any feedback you have!

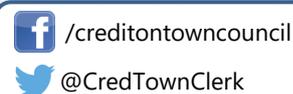
This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th March 2020.

Visit our website for further information on how to get involved!

This year it will be held at Old Lanscore School

Thank you to the Crediton Courier for supplying the Town Council with some fab photos.

If you would like to see which groups/ organisations have been awarded a Town Council grant for 2020/2021 please visit our website!



Dates for your diary

January

18th Farmers Market Crediton Town Square
21st Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm, Old Lanscore School, Greenway

February

1st & 15th Farmers Market Crediton Town Square

March

7th & 21st Farmers Market Crediton Town Square
17th Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm, Old Lanscore School, Greenway
24th Annual Town Meeting 7.00 pm, Old Lanscore School, Greenway



Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8a North Street, Crediton

We are open Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

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