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A new council for Crowborough

Following the elections and the co-options at the Annual Statutory Meeting the Town Council for Crowborough met for the first time in the Town Hall on the 19th May. Cllr Ron Reed was elected Mayor of Crowborough at the meeting.



Top (L-R): Cllr Kay Moss, Cllr Heather Rogers, Cllr Martyn Garrett, Cllr Peter Ellefsen, Cllr George Moss, Cllr Neil Waller, Cllr Quentin Burch.

Bottom (L-R): Cllr Wendy Scrace, Cllr Margaret Brain, Cllr David Neeves, Cllr Alan Penney, Cllr Ron Reed, Cllr Sandra Timms, Cllr Greg Rose.

Cllr David Larkin and Cllr Matthew Street were unavailable for the group photograph

Please see the back page of the newsletter for the full list of Crowborough Town Councillors.

Councillor stands down after 16 years of service



a number of years. Mr Fermor was elected Mayor of Crowborough in 2008.

Philip Fermor said 'It has been an honour for me to serve my town for the last 16 years. My ancestors have lived in this locality for many centuries. I was brought up and educated here and having those deep roots with the area I wanted to help work towards making Crowborough a town to be proud of. My time as Mayor was a particular highlight as I represented Crowborough at a great variety of functions across Sussex and Kent.'

After 16 years of service to Crowborough as a councillor Philip Fermor will be enjoying a rest from public life. Mr Fermor has served as a councillor for Crowborough since 1999 and in addition to serving on council committees represented the council on The Uckfield Railway Parish committee and Haven Homes Alms-houses for



The Crowborough Summer Fair

'The Great Crowborough Cake Off' makes its debut at the Summer Fair this year. At 4.15pm in the large marquee Crowborough organisations will battle it out to win 'The Great Crowborough Cake Off' Trophy for 2015. Who will produce the most elaborate or imaginative multi layered sponge cake? You will need to come along to the Summer Fair to find out!

The event kicks off with the fight for democracy between the Crown Loyalists and the Rebel Barons in the arena at 1.00pm. Our very own Crowborough Players will be asking you to pick a side and join in.

We are also delighted to welcome the Joseph Peace Fire Show and The Essex Dog Display Team in the arena. Both are internationally acclaimed performers. Joseph Peace has been wowing audiences with his spectacular fire stunts for over 12 years and the Essex Dog Display Team have appeared at some the U.K.'s most prestigious events including The Royal Tournament, Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee in Hyde Park and Twickenham International Rugby.

Entry is FREE to the Crowborough Summer Fair as are ALL the rides and activities. Children can learn to juggle or walk on mini-stilts in the Circus workshop, attempt to gyrate in the space ball, ride the rodeo broomstick, sit in a tea cup ride, play the gladiator duel game or let off steam on the bouncy castle.

The Horticultural Society will have their open show of Garden Flowers and Produce in the large marquee from 2.00pm. Last year they had the highest number of exhibits to date. Closing date for entries is Monday 6th July and entry forms are available at the Town Hall.

The Crowborough Summer Fair

Saturday 11th July

Goldsmiths Recreation Ground

1.00pm – 5.00pm

A First World War centenary website

A First World War centenary website by East Sussex County Council is hosting stories about the effect of the war on the local area. The website was launched on 4th August 2014, the anniversary of Britain's entry to the war, and has collected over 100 stories and events.



Gas chamber at Seaford
by Frederick Varley

The sound of guns from France could regularly be heard from the Sussex coast and soldiers from around the world were stationed in the county. The boundary between the home front and war front was blurred in East Sussex more than anywhere else in Britain.

The website includes moving stories, evocative photographs and wartime ephemera showing how the war touched the lives of people in East Sussex, as well as details of events being held to mark the centenary of the war.

Members of the public, schools and history groups are encouraged to submit their own stories which will be featured on the website as well as memories or details of any research they've done. Members of the public and organisations are also encouraged to post details of any events being held in East Sussex which will feature on the events page and interactive map.

You can also help chart war memorials in your local area through our sister project, Recording Remembrance.

Stories currently featured on the website include, amongst others:

- The defences put in place to protect Sussex from invasion or Zeppelin attack
- How Eastbourne provided a safe haven for Belgians fleeing the fighting in their country
- How the hills near Seaford sheltered a gas chamber to train troops to survive this new, deadly weapon
- The women of Summerdown Camp pioneering massage as a means of treating wounded soldiers
- The German U-Boat which washed up on Hastings beach in April 1919
- Details of a Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurse working out of Filsham Park Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, including images from an autograph book
- Indian Soldiers in East Sussex and how they contributed to the war efforts
- Chinese Labourers in Newhaven alleviating manpower shortages

The website also features a series of 'Did you know?' stories which are shorter tales containing interesting facts and snippets about the First World War. For example, the graves of the first and last British soldiers to be killed in

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the war are in the same cemetery and, coincidentally, face each other.

Contributions are welcome and all stories and events submitted contribute to the success of this website. After the commemorations have ended, the website will be migrated into The Keep's website ensuring a permanent legacy to ensure future generations will

remember the vital role played by East Sussex and the tremendous sacrifices people here made for their country.

The website, which includes all the stories and details of World War One events across East Sussex, can be found at www.eastsussexww1.org.uk. You can also follow the project on Twitter: @EastSussexWW1.

Horwich & Crowborough 25th anniversary twinning news



Photograph by kind permission of the Kent & Sussex Courier

Wealden Cycle Club welcomed fellow cyclists from Horwich as part of the sporting events to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the twinning of the two towns.

Wealden Cycles laid on bacon sandwiches and coffee for the cyclists before they set off on their joint 62 mile ride on Saturday 16th May.

Neil Brown of Horwich said 'We received splendid hospitality from the Wealden cyclists and the people of Crowborough. Our thanks go to everyone involved in the organisation of such a wonderful weekend.'

Ranger's Update



My name is Daniel and I am very pleased to be the new Crowborough Town Council Countryside Ranger. I am principally responsible for managing the town's two wonderful Local Nature Reserves (The Ghyll and The Country Park). I also look after the beautiful little piece of woodland by Waitrose which is called Bluebell Wood.

This year we saw a magnificent display of Bluebells in all three of our sites alongside much bird activity as the Blue Tits, Robins and Sparrows all rushed about nest building and feeding their young. We have also seen a magnificent display of blossoms on the trees and now have an abundance of spectacular wild flowers lining the paths and glades, which I do hope as many as possible of you are managing to get out and about to see.

One of my main activities at the moment is getting the Palesgate Lane Pony fields ready for the arrival of the Exmoor Ponies. Last year's experiment was a

great success as grazing the meadows rather than mowing them allowed the grass to remain the perfect length to not only allow more cover for slow worms and small mammals etc., but also to allow many more species of wild flowers to appear. This attracts a greater variety and abundance of lovely insects such as butterflies and dragonflies. Did you know that allowing your garden lawns to grow that little bit wilder or longer in places will have exactly the same effect?

I hope to see many of you using the nature reserves throughout the rest of the year. If you see me about then I am very happy to stop and chat, or to answer any question about what I am up to and why.



Bluebells and Ferns in the Ghyll



Greater Spotted Woodpecker nesting on one of the sites

Crowborough Summer



Fair



11th July 2015

at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground 1pm-5pm

See The Crown Loyalists
fight The Rebel Barons!

- *FREE entry*
- *FREE rides*
- *FREE activities*
- *Stalls*
- *Beer Tent*
- *Horticultural Tent*

**Don't Miss
The
Joseph Peace
Fire Show
and
The Essex
Dog Display
Team**

NEW for 2015

The Great Crowborough Cake Off 4.15 in the large marquee

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