

Crowborough News

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I Care for Crowborough

Crowborough Town Council's "I Care for Crowborough" week was launched on the 21st September at Bluebell Wood with an army of volunteers ready to clean up Crowborough. Children from Ashdown Primary School, Town and District councillors, volunteers from Crowborough's Waitrose store and Crowborough residents were among those who gave up their free time to help litter pick in the town.

The Town Council organised a week of activities from litter picking, surveying blocked paths and dirty road signs to holding recycling information exhibitions. The week culminated in Wealden MP Nus Ghani joining the Southon Scout group who organised their own litter pick around Whitehill Road.

Cllr Sandra Timms who initiated the idea said "A big thank you to everybody that took part. I am really pleased with the number of people that have demonstrated an interest."



Beacon Academy Pupils



Volunteers in Jarvis Brook



I Care for Crowborough Launch



Waitrose Staff help out



Ashdown Primary School children in Bluebell Wood

New Arriva Bus service 228 and 229 in Crowborough



The new basic route:

A half-hourly service between Crowborough station and Tunbridge Wells for the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays, leaving Crowborough station at 18 and 52 minutes past each hour.

The route is Crowborough station, Crowborough Hill, Montargis Way, Queens Road, Church Road, Crowborough Hill, Broadway, Crowborough Cross, Steel Cross then straight into Tunbridge Wells (also serving Sainsburys). Journeys from Tunbridge Wells leave at 02 and 32 minutes past each hour.

The service does more than that:

Once an hour a journey starts at Alderbrook (Aldervale Cottages) and then serves Walshes Road, Western Road and the station before continuing via Crowborough Hill and Montargis Way.

Once an hour the journey that starts or finishes at Crowborough station also serves Burdett Road, Forest Rise, Medway, Hill Rise and Green Lane.

Journeys towards Tunbridge Wells before 0900 on Mondays to Fridays and returning to Crowborough at school time:

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The 229 journey goes towards Tunbridge

Wells from Crowborough Hill calling at the station at 0735, Western Road at 0738, Alderbrook at 0742, South View Corner at 0749 and continues to Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School, returning at 1550 from the school. During school holidays the morning journey goes as far as Tunbridge Wells at the Tesco store and doesn't run in the afternoon

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The 228 journey starts at Alderbrook at 0655 and 0715 and goes via the station, Crowborough Hill, Montargis Way, Church Road and Crowborough Hill to Tunbridge Wells extending on schooldays to Southborough, Tonbridge, and Weald of Kent School.

In the afternoon on schooldays the journey starts at Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School at 1550 and finishes at Crowborough station running via Crowborough Cross, Crowborough Hill, Montargis Way and Crowborough Hill. During school holidays this journey starts at Tunbridge Wells Mount Pleasant at 1605.

A later journey leaves Tonbridge Castle at 1607 on schooldays going over the same route. During school holidays this journey starts at Tunbridge Wells Mount Pleasant at 1640.

Finally, there are several new bus stops on the route in Crowborough.

Full details are available at www.arrivabus.co.uk/southeast and Arriva Customer Services on **0344 800 4411** or cssoutheast@arriva-shires.com or at Crowborough Town Council office.

CROWBOROUGH'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Friday 27th November 4 - 6pm

Crowborough Town Centre

Santa's Grotto opens at 3.30pm!



Stalls

Stilt Walkers

Land Train

Glow Jugglers

Bubble Artiste

Live Music

CBBC'S Tracy Beaker and Jamie Rickers of CITV will be turning on the Christmas Lights at 6pm.

Christmas begins in Crowborough

DON'T MISS IT!

Crowborough Historical Display

Thanks to the Crowborough Heritage Group, Crowborough residents are now able to get in touch with the town's past. Items of historical interest are on display in the heritage cabinet situated in Crowborough's Community Centre.

The current display is "Former Crowborough Shops and Businesses" and will bring back many memories to those residents who have seen Crowborough change over the years.

There are plans to house a different theme every two or three months and in November, to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2, there will be a display of memorabilia from the WW2 era.

If anyone from the Crowborough community has any items of historical interest that they are willing to loan, or if they would like to become involved with the historical group

overseeing the project please contact: Elizabeth Fermor – em@fermor.me.uk or Linn Law - rainbow@linn-law.co.uk from the Crowborough Heritage Group.



GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2015

7.30PM

BEACON LIT 7.15PM

GOLDSMITHS RECREATION GROUND. ERIDGE ROAD. CROWBOROUGH

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SET TO THE MUSIC OF
JAMES BOND



Are you ready to get your smart meter?



The mass rollout of smart meters begins in 2016. By 2020 everybody is expected to have one. Smart meters will be free to everybody. Your energy company will write to you to see if you want one beforehand.

You will get a smart gas meter, a smart electric meter and a smart meter display. The smart meter display will show your energy consumption in near real time, in £ and Pence.

The new meters should be placed in the exact same location as your old meters. If they need to be put in a different place you will be asked first. The installers work to a code of practice laid down by Ofgem. The Smart Meter Installation Code of Practice (SMICoP) is there to ensure a high standard of workmanship. The installer will also explain the smart meter system so the benefits can be realised by everybody.

Smart Meter Benefits:

- View your energy consumption in real time.
- Your meter readings will be taken automatically as the system is wireless.
- An end to estimated billing.
- The technology is available to prepayment meter customers. No more power shortages, you will be able to top up remotely.
- Better tariff availability and faster switching times.

Smart Energy GB is the national campaign for the rollout of smart meter technology.

For more information visit:

www.smartenergygb.org

The Crowborough Christmas Cracker 2015

Christmas comes early to Crowborough this year when the town holds its annual Christmas Cracker event.



From 4.00pm – 6.00pm the town centre will play host to stalls, street entertainers, Lennie the land train, Santa's Grotto and of course Crowborough's stilt walking fairy.

We are delighted to welcome the Jon Hamilton Big Band this year to Crowborough. Tap your feet or come and jive to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie live at the Piazza from 5pm.

CBBC 's Tracey Beaker and CITV's Jamie Rickers will be taking time off from The Tunbridge Wells Panto Cinderella to turn on the Christmas Lights at 6pm.

Santa's grotto opens at 3.30pm.

Crowborough Town Council Candlelit Civic Carol Service

at

All Saints Church, Chapel Green

Tuesday 1st December 2015

7.30pm

All are very welcome to attend.



Your new Councillors

Cllr Maggie Brain - West Ward

I have lived in Crowborough since 1975 when my husband and I moved here and bought our first house. We then went on to have our three children so I have had a lot of first-hand experience of Crowborough's maternity unit! I was pleased to help when the unit was under threat whilst I was pregnant with my third child and have always supported them in their campaigns since. Our children have all been to St Mary's primary school here and then went on to St Gregory's in Tunbridge Wells.



I have seen Crowborough change through four decades but it has still retained its friendliness and sense of community. As I am a northerner by birth I thought it a great compliment when one of the health visitors referred to Crowborough as 'the only northern town in the south of England.'

I am now retired with more time to give and I currently sit as a magistrate in Brighton.

In the last few years I have seen Crowborough 'abandoned' by the local services. Wealden District Council has gone. The ambulance service has gone. The police presence has been reduced and our staff at the hospital are moved to keep other services running. On a positive note the building of the community centre has given a much needed boost to the town.

I'm passionate about our beautiful countryside and wildlife. In Crowborough we are lucky to have an enthusiastic ranger in our country park who wants to engage with our schools and encourage our children to look at what goes on in the world around them. I'm ready to join the next pond-dipping session!

Cllr Greg Rose - East Ward



I fell in love with Crowborough whilst house hunting across the Wealden area with my partner John. We eventually moved here from London in 2011 and quickly made East Ward our home alongside John's elderly mother who also lives with us. As I work full time away from the town I really wanted to become more involved with the local community, and with a keen interest in politics I soon wanted to become a councillor.

I am very proud to be elected District and Town councillor for Crowborough East. It's an honour to represent the area in which I live. I am whole heartedly throwing myself into the role, dealing with issues as varied as pot holes, dog fouling and disabled parking bays. I also make a point of attending as many events as possible so that people know who their councillor is. As part of the Crowborough Conservative Branch I am delighted to have helped raise funds for Alderbrook Community Association, Jarvis Brook Community Centre and the High Weald Dementia Social Group; all of which do amazing work in our local community.

I never knew who my councillors were or what they did before I took the decision to stand and that's why I intend to remain visible, open and contactable to all those who may need me.

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