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I was born in Clacton on Sea and as the son of a Royal Navy Officer have always had an affinity with the sea.

I have been married to my wife Linda for 35 years and we made the move to Crowborough 30 years ago. We chose Crowborough as a home because of its country feel and its proximity to beautiful countryside.

I trained as a mechanical engineer and have worked both in the U.K. and abroad managing engineering projects. Not surprisingly many of the projects I have managed have been marine based.

From a young boy I have had a fascination with steam locomotives and am a life member of the Bluebell Railway. As well as being a volunteer at the railway I am a friend of Sheffield Park Station.

I have been a Town Councillor since 2011 and look forward to representing our Town as Town Mayor for the next twelve months.

Cllr Ron Reed

The Palesgate Lane Meadow Project

Crowborough Town Council in conjunction with Crowborough Conservation and the Sussex Pony Grazing Trust introduced pony grazing this summer as a way of sustainably managing an ecologically – important flower meadow in Crowborough.

The meadow was acquired in 2012 by Crowborough Town Council and was accessed as having a very high nature conservation value. The site supports a rich but scarce and nationally declining variety of flora and fauna. The habitat has been classified as a 'Habitat of Principle Importance'.

The Sussex Pony and Conservation Trust is a registered charity set up to preserve and restore endangered species. The trust owns their own ponies and oversees numerous grazing projects within Sussex.

After consultation with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit, the Sussex Pony Grazing Trust and Crowborough Conservation it was agreed that as the meadow is of high conservation value, grazing by ponies would be the best management option of the site.

Crowborough Town Council was awarded a grant by the High Weald Sustainable development fund to support the project which included the installation of fencing, a new field gate and water trough.

By implementing this type of conservation grazing scheme Crowborough Town Council hopes to conserve the meadow for future generations of Crowborough.



Design a flower bed for Crowborough

Crowborough is well known for its prolific array of flowers in and around the town centre.

This year Crowborough Town Council invited primary school children in Crowborough to create a design for one of the town's most prominent flower beds situated on Chapel Green.

Ben Gaskell's innovative idea of a design based on the colours of the schools of Crowborough impressed the judges and Ben's design is now in full bloom on Chapel Green.



Ben Gaskell with Lou Foot and John Stevenson of Crowborough Town Council



Crowborough Lions

Wall to wall sunshine for Crowborough's Summer Fair

Crowborough residents took advantage of the sunshine at the Crowborough Summer Fair and turned out in their hundreds to make the most of the free entertainment and activities that were on offer. Youngsters tried out their climbing skills on the climbing wall and little ones made the most of the bouncy castle and slide. Even mums and dads joined in with their children to learn juggling and stilt walking in the circus skills tent. Special guests the BMX stunt riders gave a spectacular show in the arena and both adults and children alike were enthralled by the birds of prey.

Gill Taplin of the Crowborough Horticultural Society said that the horticultural show was their best ever yet with over 300 entries, all of outstanding standard.



Visitors enjoying the sunshine



A magnificent member of the birds of prey



The Crowborough Dog Show



Stunt riders wow the crowds



Youngsters brave the climbing wall



Vision Academy youngsters show off their skills

Energy Pop-Up Café opens in Crowborough

Organised by Communities Matter and in partnership with Wealden District Council, Crowborough's Energy Pop-Up Café took place at Jarvis Brook Guide & Scout Hall and Crowborough Town Hall over 4 days in June.

150 Crowborough residents visited the café and saved an average of £200 per person per year on energy bills.

As well as helping people make real savings on their energy bills, advice was given on energy saving techniques in the home.

Crowborough Town Clerk Philippa Hewes said "Hosting the Energy Café in the Town Hall has worked extremely well. We are delighted to see so many people making a saving on their energy bills"



Crowborough Town Council at the South of England Show

Councillors Kay Moss and Ron Reed along with Operations Manager David Foot represented Crowborough Town Council at the South of England Show held in July.

The council attended as part of the 'Parishes of the Councils of East Sussex' stand. The representatives talked to visitors about current projects instigated by the town council and councillors were also able to talk about their roles within the town council. This is of particular importance as local elections take place in 2015 and it is hoped that more people will stand as councillors to represent and become more involved in their community.



Crowborough Town Council helps locomotive society steam up

Crowborough Town Council is supporting the Crowborough Locomotive Society in its plan to extend the current track at Goldsmiths recreation ground in Eridge Road.

The plan is to double the length of the existing track which will enhance the ride for visitors.

The railway is considered an important part of the recreation facilities available at the recreation ground and its growth is seen as a positive move for the future.

The club which is currently celebrating its 25th year since being formed is run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers who own and run the steam locomotives, which are used to pull the passenger carriages.

They have been very successful in attracting some younger members to the society, which hopefully will secure its future and give the young volunteers an insight into the engineering that is required to build a steam locomotive.

All the work to extend the existing track will be carried out by the volunteers and new members who would like to get involved are welcome.

If you would like to join the club please contact John Wood on 01892 852741.



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