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HENHAYES FETE SUCCESS



This year marks 100 years since the ending of WW1, so it was appropriate to make that the theme for this year's Henhayes Fete.



Sadness at death of Town Councillor



The Town Council paid tribute to Cllr. Mrs Sylvia Allman, who passed away recently.

Sylvia was elected as a Town Councillor in May 2007 and also served as a member of the Crewkerne & West Crewkerne Joint Burial Committee.

The Town Council held a minute's silence before its meeting on 30 July as a mark of respect when the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Kathy Head, said "Sylvia served the Town Council and the Burial Committee well in the 11 years she has been a Councillor. She was liked and respected by both Councillors and staff and will be much missed."

The Crewkerne Branch of the Royal British Legion joined forces with the Town Council to organise the event and mark this important year.

The fete began with a moving tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during WW1, as the bugler played the "Last Post". After that, it was time for visitors to enjoy the sunshine, visit the many stalls and to watch the activities taking place. This year, the Windwhistle Archers joined the fete to promote their sport, along with the fire service, police, RBL Riders Branch and the chain saw artist. There were military vehicles on show and music was provided by the Dark Town Strutters jazz band. It was a very relaxed day, enjoyed by all.

The Town Council would like to thank all of the charities and volunteers for their involvement and support.

Town Crier Competition



On the day of the Henhayes Fete, the George Shopping Centre was a blaze of colourful costumes and bellowing voices as the venue for the Town Crier Competition. Neill and Heather McClintock kindly hosted the competition in the shopping centre and also joined Chris Gough and Cllr. Sylvia Allman to undertake the difficult job of judging the winner.



Photos in the Henhayes Fete and Town Crier Competition articles, are taken by Jeff Hutson

It is with great sadness that the Council heard that Neill passed away some days after this event. The thoughts of all Councillors and staff are with Heather and Neill's family.

Lest We Forget



The chainsaw artist, Rob Beckinsale was once again a star turn at this year's Henhayes Fete, producing some incredible sculptures. Since the theme of the fete was a commemoration marking 100 years since the end of WW1, we asked Rob to produce a suitable sculpture. The result is an outstanding piece of art.



The Town Council has now donated this sculpture to the Crewkerne Branch of The Royal British Legion, who plan to place it at the Severalls War Memorial for Remembrance Day.

Community Voluntary Transport

Have you spotted the new Voluntary Transport bus around the town? Did you know that groups can book a bus for just £1 a mile?

Crewkerne Voluntary Transport is a registered charity run wholly by volunteers and has been helping provide transport for people in Crewkerne and the surrounding villages for 50 years. There are 2 mini buses, a 16 seater and an 11 seater, both with disabled access, which can be booked by any community group or organisation for long or short journeys, shopping trips or days out.



For enquiries to book the bus or to find out about joining the team of volunteer drivers, please telephone: 01460 271669 or email: crewkernevoluntarytransport@gmail.com

Annual Open Day at Townsend Cemetery

Sunday 16 September, 1 - 4 pm

**Organised by the Crewkerne & West Crewkerne
Joint Burial Committee**



Please join us for the open day and look around the chapel and the beautiful and tranquil grounds of the cemetery, which was established in 1874.

This year there will be two talks. At 2.30 pm, the Clerk will give a talk illustrating how the burial records reveal how life has changed since the Victorian days when the cemetery first opened. This will be followed by a talk and guided tour by Tracey Warren, a local funeral director, where she will point out some of the notable graves in the cemetery and how they give an insight into Crewkerne's social history.

As always, the historic burial registers will be available for inspection and the Clerk will be on hand to assist visitors if they wish to undertake some family history research.

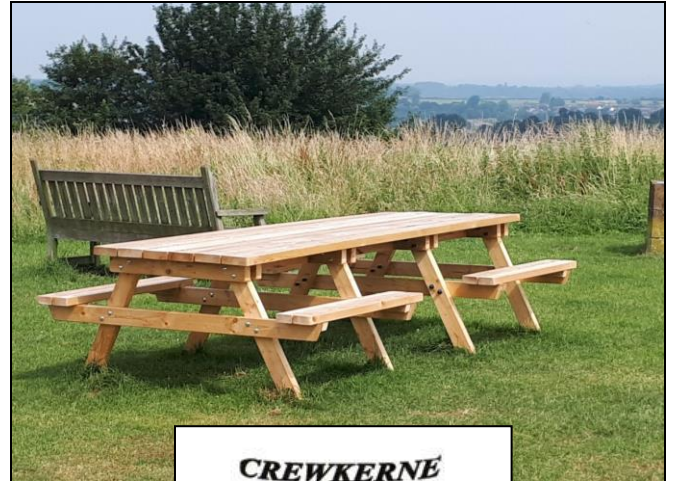
Townsend Cemetery Maintenance

In conjunction with West Crewkerne Parish Council, the Town Council maintains the Townsend Cemetery grounds and chapel. This is a fine example of a Victorian cemetery, but inevitably there is a great deal of work involved in maintaining both the buildings and the grounds. Recent visitors will notice that the main driveway into the cemetery, which was in a very poor state, has now been completely resurfaced and the opportunity taken to create a small amount of additional parking for vehicles (something which the Victorians did not need to worry about!).



Disabled-Friendly Facilities

You may have noticed that a new disabled-friendly picnic bench has been installed at Bincombe Beeches. The Town Council would like to thank the Crewkerne Action for Disabled (CAD) community group for their generous donation, which enabled this bench to be purchased.



As this newsletter was going to press, work was about to commence on the installation of a disabled-friendly swing in the Henhayes playground. Once again, the Council would like to thank CAD for their generous donation which has allowed this piece of play equipment to be purchased.

Bincombe Beeches Volunteer Dates



Regular monthly volunteer days are run on Bincombe Beeches by the Council's Grounds and Amenities Supervisor. Forthcoming volunteer days:-

- **Thursday 23 August**
- **Thursday 20 September**
- **Thursday 18 October**

Everyone welcome, just turn up from 10 am onwards, please meet at the entrance by Beechwood Drive

Litter Hotspots in Crewkerne

The Town Council has a number of litter and dog waste bins distributed around the town. We are interested to know from residents whether there are any litter "hotspots" which could perhaps benefit from the addition of a bin.



Please let us know what you think.



Lighting Up Night VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Christmas Lighting Up night is one of Crewkerne's most popular events but it only comes about because of the hard work and dedication of a small group of volunteers. The Crewkerne Christmas Committee do a sterling job each year but they need more volunteers.

Would you like to help in the organisation and running of the Lighting Up event? If so, please get in touch with us at the Town Council.

Road Closures during the Crewkerne Charter Fair

There will be traffic restrictions in place from the evening of Thursday 6th September until the evening of Saturday 8th September, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, due to the Crewkerne Charter Fair (formerly St. Bartholomew's Street Fair). This fair is organised by the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District and will be held in the centre of Crewkerne on the Friday and Saturday.

The full Traffic Management Plan can be found on the Rotary Club's website:- <http://crewkernefair.co.uk> and details of diversions are available on the Somerset County Council website.

SPEAK TO YOUR COUNCILLOR

Forthcoming Town Council Surgeries in the Community Office at the Town Hall, Market Square from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Saturday 15 September

Saturday 20 October

Saturday 17 November

Opportunity for informal conversations with District and Town Councillors

Diary Dates

**Townsend Cemetery
Annual Open Day
Sunday 16 September**

**Lighting Up
Friday 30 November**

**Christmas Market
Saturday 8 December**

If you have any comments or concerns about issues which affect Crewkerne, please contact:

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