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HENHAYES FETE & TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

Saturday 9th June, 2 – 5 pm

This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War, so it seems fitting that we should work with the Crewkerne Branch of The Royal British Legion to bring you a fete to commemorate this event. The Royal British Legion, along with scout groups, cadets and guides will parade on the field, ending with the Last Post prior to the Mayor opening the fete. A sombre moment and a time to remember, but then let us enjoy what we have, thanks to those who lost their lives fighting in the First World War and subsequent wars.



In association with the Crewkerne Branch of The Royal British Legion

This year's fete will showcase artwork from schools celebrating the centenary, many local voluntary organisations will be there and back by popular demand is a chainsaw artist. His work can be seen on the Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve and we are hoping that he will create some more woodland creatures for us. There will be classic military vehicles on show, stalls and activities, food, a bar and music.

The Town Crier competition will take place this year in The George Shopping Centre from 11 am. Once again, there will be town criers from across the south west. The first cry of the morning will be the home cry and the final cry in the afternoon will be based on the centenary of the end of WW1.



One of the highlights of the fete will be a demonstration by Devon & Somerset Fire Service of an extrication of people from crashed cars. What happens when a crew arrive at an accident? *Join us at 3pm to find out.*

Photos taken by Jeff Hutson (Henhayes Fete 2016)

Pillbox Listed with Historic England

Crewkerne's well known pillbox dates back to World War II, when it was built as part of a continuous line of anti-tank defences stretching from the north coast of Somerset to the south Devon coast.



Mr Colin Coggan and Deputy Clerk Ms Laura Gowers

The pillbox, which is of an unusual design, is still very well preserved and represents the sole remaining visible evidence of Crewkerne's role in World War II. Mr Colin Coggan of the Crewkerne & District Museum and Heritage Centre undertook extensive research into the pillbox and its role within the overall network of defences constructed against invasion. Armed with this and with the support of the Town Council, an application was submitted to Historic England to have the pillbox listed. This application has been successful and as a result the pillbox now has Grade II listed status.

Residents Parking

Parking is a very difficult subject for a Georgian town, with streets that were designed for horses and carriages rather than the volume of traffic seen today.

The Town Council has had a number of requests for residents permit parking and we would like to clarify that responsibility for managing all permit parking schemes rests with Somerset County Council. There is a rather involved process which the County Council use to assess the viability of any proposed permit parking scheme and, if approved, to manage the implementation and ongoing charges.

You can find information on permit parking schemes and the associated application process at the County Council's website, at www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/parking/parking-permits/

Mayor and Councillor Roles

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, held on 21 May 2018, Cllr. Mrs Kathy Head was elected as Mayor with Cllr. Robin Pailthorpe to serve as Deputy Mayor.

The following Councillors were also elected:

- **Planning and Highways Committee**
Cllr. Robin Pailthorpe (Chair)
Cllr. Mike Best (Vice-Chair)
- **Amenities Committee**
Cllr. Mrs Rusty Jackson (Chair)
Cllr. Dan Wakeman (Vice-Chair)
- **Policy and Resources Committee**
Cllr. Neil Sturtivant (Chair)
Cllr. Ben Hodgson (Vice-Chair)

Presentation of Grants for 2018/19

On 16 April at the Annual Town Meeting of Electors, the Mayor, Cllr. Ben Hodgson presented cheques totalling £6,574 to the following organisations:

- [Crewkerne & District Museum & Heritage Centre](#)
- [Crewkerne Cricket Club](#)
- [Crewkerne Location Information Centre](#)
- [Crewkerne Tea Dance Group](#)
- [CUDOS](#)
- [Henhayes Community Centre](#)
- [Rebel Runners](#)
- [Rotary Club of Crewkerne District](#)
- [Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club](#)
- [The Speedwell Club](#)
- [Twinning Association](#)

Crewkerne in Bloom Update

The first few weeks of June will see the introduction of more colour in Crewkerne. The Crewkerne in Bloom group along with their 'friends' will be seen around the town, planting weeding, watering litter picking and generally doing what they can to brighten up Crewkerne and improve the surroundings and environment.



Anyone who would like to help make Crewkerne a more attractive place to live is invited to explore their neighbourhood and find ways to improve the area, in whatever way you think fit. If it involves the entire family, so much the better, if it is an idea you would like explored further or would like help with, please let the Crewkerne in Bloom group know your thoughts and if they can assist in any way they will. Please contact Desi on tel: 01460 63856 or email: crewkerneiw2017@gmail.com.

Honoured Citizenship Award 2018

At the Annual Town Meeting of Electors held on 16 April, the Mayor presented an Honoured Citizenship Award to Mr Tony Cooper



Pictured from left to right – the Mayor of Crewkerne, Mr Tony Cooper (Honoured Citizen) & the Town Crier

Mr Cooper had been involved with many organisations; he had been Chairman of the old Crewkernians, was an active member of the Mary Davies Alms Houses Committee and had volunteered at the Aqua Centre since it opened and was still volunteering there. Mr Cooper also volunteered at the annual triathlon, was a Director of the Orchards Care Home and was instrumental in setting up the Friends of the Orchards and continued to be their Chairman.

Mr Cooper volunteered for traffic control every year at the Lighting Up Night and most years helped with the Pram Race. He was a life member of The George Reynolds Centre and was an active and valued member of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne, he was also instrumental in setting up the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District. Mr Cooper was also Chairman of the Community Committee and was always active in collecting donations for local charities.

Mr Cooper accepted the award and thanked everyone. He said he was surprised and honoured to receive the award and thanked his wife for her support. Mr Cooper mentioned that his father was the first person to have received the award in 1997 and he was proud to follow in his footsteps.

Severalls Tennis Courts



In 2017 the UK Lawn Tennis Association launched an initiative to increase tennis playing throughout the UK. Their goals are to double the number of children playing tennis and to get more adults playing the game.

To help achieve this, the All England Club (Wimbledon) have put aside nearly £125 million to help clubs, parish and town councils and community organisations up and down the country reach their goals. With this in mind, the Town Council has been speaking with the local schools and with neighbouring parish councils, and a working group has been formed with the aim of increasing the number of people playing tennis in Crewkerne.

Over the coming months, the working group will be assessing what would be required to improve the condition of the town's tennis courts and put in place modern booking systems, with a view to submitting bids for grant funding support.



**WOODLAND
TRUST**

Donation of Saplings Planted at Bincombe Beeches

The Town Council would like to thank the Woodland Trust, who kindly donated over 400 saplings to the Council, consisting of hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel and oak. All of these saplings have now been planted at the Bincombe Beeches reserve.

The Council would also like to thank Waitrose, who recently donated compost and bulbs for the town.

Town Hall Exterior Renovation Project Update

The front face of the Town Hall building has now been restored to its former glory and work is now well underway on the west face. As soon as the west face is completed, the contractors will be turning their attention to the north face of the building. The Council's contractors make every effort to minimise any disruption that this work entails but we would ask drivers for their forbearance whilst the work is underway.



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 21 June**
- **Thursday 19 July**
- **Thursday 23 August**

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

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 16 June & Saturday 21 July

Opportunity for informal conversations with District and Town Councillors

VICTORIA HALL HIRE

The hall is available to hire for:

- Parties and wedding receptions
- Music events and gigs
- Fitness classes etc.

Please phone the office for details

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

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