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Christmas Lighting Up

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Organised by the Crewkerne Christmas Committee



The nights are drawing in and Santa's beard is growing. It can only mean one thing: Christmas is just around the corner. The Crewkerne Christmas Committee have been as busy as Santa's elves, organising the Crewkerne Lighting Up night. Put the date in your diary: Friday 24 November 2017.

The popular craft fair will be upstairs in the Victoria Hall from 5.30 pm. There will be charity stalls in Falkland Square and food and drink around the town, including a hog roast, mulled wine, bacon butties and mince pies.

All the usual entertainment will be available: Phoenix Brass Band will play, music will be provided by Steve Carpenter in Market Square, where there will also be Christmas carols with CUDOS, just before the lights are switched on.

Santa will travel down Market Street and will arrive at the Town Hall in time to help the Mayor switch the lights on at 7 pm. Santa will then make his way to the grotto in the Town Hall to hear the children's Christmas wishes.



Children's Christmas Hat Competition

Enter the hat competition and win prizes on the night!
This year's theme is
"Christmas Trees"

Entry is free, just turn up with your decorated hat. There are two age categories:

0-3 years and 4-8 years

Judging will be at 5.55 pm on
Friday 24 November, at Market Square

Timetable of events

- 4.30 pm** Children's activities, Crewkerne Library
- 5.30 pm** Craft Fair, Victoria Hall
- 5.55 pm** Christmas Hat Competition judging, Market Square
- 6.00 pm** Phoenix Brass Band
- 6.30 pm** Christmas carols
- 7.00 pm** Santa arrives to switch the lights on
- 7.15 pm** Santa will be in his grotto at the Town Hall

Cubs & Beavers Volunteering at Bincombe Beeches



The 1st Hinton St George Cub Scouts and the Hinton Beavers recently undertook a community project at the Bincombe Beeches nature reserve, where they ably assisted the Town Council's grounds staff in planting bulbs and laying down wood chip for the paths. Mark Cummings, a Cub leader, said "the Cubs and Beavers had a great time and we all loved to do something which was benefitting the local community".



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 16 November & Thursday 14 December

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

Henhayes Playground Project Update

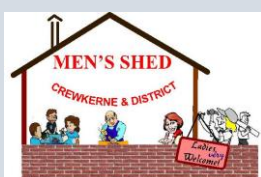


As this newsletter was going to press, work was about to commence on the final major phase of the Henhayes playground project. This will see a new play area established in the "moat" area of the playground, consisting of several new pieces of play equipment. The Town Council would like to thank South Somerset District Council for their generous grant funding support in helping to bring this latest phase of the project to fruition.

Improvements to Henhayes Lane Entrance



Crewkerne residents who walk from Henhayes Lane into the Henhayes recreation ground will be familiar with the sight of this entrance gate. A number of residents have commented that the old gate is in a poor condition and that the entrance itself is not disabled-friendly. The Town Council is addressing this issue and will shortly be installing a set of offset railings in place of the old gate and replacing the uneven surface with paving bricks. Alongside the ongoing work to improve the playground facilities at Henhayes, this should further enhance our town centre recreation area.



Men's Shed

The newly formed Crewkerne & District Men's Shed, coming under the auspices of the Henhayes Centre, aims to combat loneliness and depression, particularly among older men (and women), through the pastime of woodworking.

Interim Chairman, Peter Boothby-Smith said, "Our aim is to offer the opportunity for a new purpose in life with workshop and basic woodwork facilities. The Men's Shed is a place where men – and ladies – can get the support they need to take up a new hobby and to undertake projects for their own benefit or for the benefit of the wider community. The Men's Shed is a safe, friendly, inclusive environment to work or to just meet and chat over a cup of tea".

If you would like to join the Men's Shed or find out more, why not call in. Sessions are every Wednesday at 10 am at the King's Arms (next to Oscar's Wine Bar).



CREWKERNE

Christmas Market

~ **Saturday 9 December** ~
10 am – 3 pm

***Around the Town Hall,
 Market Square***

**A variety of stalls with
 Christmas gift ideas**

Christmas carols

Severalls Tennis Courts



In the last issue of the newsletter, we asked for your views on the future of the tennis courts at Severalls. We received an excellent response to our request and would like to thank all those who took the time to put pen to paper and to email us.

Your overwhelming view was that the tennis courts at Severalls should be retained. This feedback will help greatly in guiding the Council as it moves forward.

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 18 November**
- **Saturday 16 December**
- **Saturday 20 January**

Opportunity for informal conversations with District and Town Councillors

New Town Council Apprentice



The Town Council has a new grounds maintenance apprentice. Fin Hodson-Wright, seen here on the left assisting in planting a tree at the Barn Street recreation ground, is undertaking his apprenticeship in conjunction with Bridgwater & Taunton College. Fin, who lives locally, said "it is hard work but I am really enjoying the varied work involved in helping to look after the different grounds and play areas in Crewkerne".

A Youth Service Funded by the Town Council

Fun Time

Term time activities for children (school years aged 3-6 or aged 7-12). **Every Wednesday, from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. £2.50.** Located at the George Reynolds Centre (next to the Aqua Centre).

baking, dance,
 disco, karaoke,
 sports & games,
 arts & crafts

circus skills
 healthy food

Youth Zone

For years 7 and over. **Every Thursday, from 7-9 pm. £1.** Located at the George Reynolds Centre (next to the Aqua Centre). **Free drop in every Wednesday from 9-10 pm.**

arts & crafts
 graffiti & street art

cooking world food
 health & other advice

A Busy Cemetery Open Day



Once again, Crewkerne's Townsend Cemetery opened its doors to the public at its Annual Open Day in September. Despite the autumnal weather, there was a good turnout of visitors, many keen to trace their descendants who were buried at the cemetery. The old burial records were on display in the cemetery chapel, which provided visitors with a fascinating glimpse into life (and death!) in Victorian Crewkerne. Tracey Warren, a local funeral director, once again gave an illuminating and enthusiastic talk and tour of some of the notable graves in the old section of the cemetery.

Community Safety Day

The Community Safety morning in Crewkerne was held in front of the Town Hall on Friday 9 September, although, sadly, numbers attending were disappointingly low. The event was moved away from its previous location at Falkland Square due to the number of vehicles attending.



DEVON & SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



SOMERSET
Road Safety

The aim of the event was to give local people the opportunity to discuss and receive advice on community safety issues, whether personal or environmental. There are very few of these events running across South Somerset and they provide an ideal opportunity to talk to professional services in an informal setting.

Please tell us what you think: Would you like to see this event continue in Crewkerne? What would make you attend?

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING

The Town Council and the Community Office in the Town Hall will be closed from 1 pm on Friday 22 December and will re-open at 9 am on Tuesday 2 January 2018

If you have any queries, please ring:

Refuse/recycling: 01935 462462

Street lighting: 0845 601 0939

Highways: 0300 123 2224

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

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