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CHRISTMAS EVENTS



*Christmas is just around the corner, so make a note in your diary
for the following exciting events:*

CHRISTMAS LANTERN WORKSHOP*

Saturday 23 November, 10am – 5pm

Victoria Hall, Market Square

Come and learn how to make your own Christmas lantern! Materials will be provided. Family and friends are welcome and children must be supervised.



To book a place on the workshop, contact Laura at the Town Council. And don't forget to bring your completed lanterns to Lighting Up Night and join in the Lantern Parade and the "best lantern" competition.

LIGHTING UP NIGHT*

Friday 29 November, 5.30 – 8pm

Market Square

The event will kick off at 5.30pm with the popular craft fair in Victoria Hall. There will be a variety of 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 7pm. Santa will then make his way to the grotto in the Town Hall to hear the children's Christmas wishes.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 7 December, 10am – 2pm

Market Square

As always, there will be a variety of stalls at the market.

** organised in conjunction with the Crewkerne Christmas Committee*

CLR - Progress Update

Long-standing residents of Crewkerne will be all too aware that CLR, the proposed major housing development by Taylor Wimpey on the eastern side of the town, has languished for years, if not decades. South Somerset District Council, as the Planning Authority, granted outline planning permission for the development some years ago. But the next key step, which is a detailed planning application (known as a Reserved Matters application) has so far not been forthcoming from the developer. The Town Council can report that, at last, there does appear to be positive progress towards turning CLR into reality.

At a recent meeting held with Taylor Wimpey, they reported to the Town Council that work was well advanced on preparation of their Reserved Matters application, which will focus on the initial phase of the development, involving the build of 110 homes at the southern end of the site, in combination with development of the all-important link road. They had also been undertaking some essential ecology-related work, including the relocation of over 1000 slowworms from the site!



Artist impression

What does this mean to the key question of when site works could actually commence on CLR? If Taylor Wimpey hold to their forecast that a Reserved Matters application will be submitted before the end of this year, then it is conceivable that work could commence on site before the end of next year. The Town Council have asked for regular meetings with Taylor Wimpey so that progress can be monitored.

Please watch out for updates on the Town Council website and through the Local Information Centre.



VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR FOR CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

- **Do you want to serve the community of Crewkerne?**
- **Are you passionate about our town?**
- **Do you want to help shape the future of your local community?**

Crewkerne Town Council have a vacancy for a Town Councillor. The Council term of 4 years began in May, with several new Councillors being elected. You would join this team and serve the people of Crewkerne throughout the remainder of the term, until the next elections in May 2023.

The Council are seeking a person with energy, passion, ideas and commitment. You will need to be able to commit to attending three evening meetings per month (usually on Mondays) as well as participating in various working groups. In return, you will get the opportunity to help shape the future

of this great town and get involved in some exciting initiatives, such as the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and the ideas being generated by the newly formed Environment Working Group.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Town Council, please contact the Town Clerk or one of the Councillors listed on the back page of this newsletter **before the end of November**.

Note: To qualify to become a Councillor you must be at least 18 years old and an elector, be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination, you must have lived in the parish of Crewkerne or within three miles of it, or occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish, or your principle or only place of work has been in the parish.

Success for Crewkerne in South West in Bloom

As we reported in the last edition of the newsletter, the hardworking team behind the Crewkerne in Bloom (CiB) group entered the town into this summer's prestigious South West in Bloom competition. The CiB volunteers worked tirelessly to create colourful and imaginative floral displays throughout the town, which have been much appreciated by both locals and visitors to Crewkerne.



That hard work certainly paid off because, at the judging event in Newquay on 11 October, the team won a number of awards, including a Gold Award and awards for "Best New Entry" and, with Bincombe Beeches, the "Best Nature Reserve" award. Catherine Bacon of CiB said *"this tremendous success was thanks to the dedication and hard work of the volunteers and the support and encouragement of the whole community, which was a major point picked up and appreciated by the judges"*.

Crewkerne achieved more success at the Newquay ceremony, with both Ashlands School and Severalls Memorial Garden group being awarded an Outstanding in the "It's Your Neighbourhood" awards.

Congratulations and well done to them all!



Crewkerne In Bloom Needs You!

The Crewkerne in Bloom group are looking for more volunteers, not only to assist with the gardening tasks but also to help with administration, from organising competitions through to maintaining the website and Facebook page. If you are interested, please come along to CiB's social evening on Wednesday 20 November, 6.30 for 7pm at Crewkerne Museum. The team would be delighted to see you! Or, contact the team on crewkerneinbloom@uwclub.net or phone 01460 72665.



Environment Working Group PROGRESS UPDATE

The Town Council have been running a survey to gather your views on how the Council and the town can become 'carbon neutral' by 2030. We also ran a stall at the recent Community Safety Event and then in the library. Over 200 people have now given their views, with a range of interesting ideas coming forward.

The next step for the Environment Working Group is to bring together everybody in the town who is concerned about the environment, at a public meeting on **Thursday 21 November at 7pm** at the Town Hall.

The results of the survey will be presented at the meeting but the main focus will be to look at practical steps that can be taken to address the environmental issues that we face, with a particular focus of course on the critical question of how to reduce carbon emissions.

If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch and come along to the meeting. For more information, please contact: Cllr. Ben Hartshorn – ben.hartshorn@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

Volunteer Flood Wardens Required

The Town Council is developing an Emergency Plan and, as part of this, is looking for volunteers to fulfil the role of Flood Wardens in the town. Flood Wardens are the "eyes and ears" of an effective flood response team for the town.



If you live in the areas around **Lyewater, Viney Bridges, Mill Lane, Orchard Lane** or **Pople's Well** and are keen to support the community, then we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Deputy Clerk by phone 01460 74001 or e-mail deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk for more information.

Bincombe Beeches Volunteer Dates

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

Thursday 21 November
Thursday 19 December

Just turn up from 10 am onwards, please meet at the entrance by Beechwood Drive

Business Breakfast Event

An opportunity for the local business community to network and to meet members of the Town Council.



Saturday 22 February 2020

**George Reynolds Centre
South Street, Crewkerne**

**GUEST SPEAKER FROM
YEOVIL CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

The event is free but please register your interest by contacting the Town Council.

DRIVERS: SLOW DOWN!



Residents on East Street are very concerned that many drivers are ignoring the 20mph speed limit.

As a result, crossing the road at the zebra crossing next to Clammer Hill Lane can often be a hazardous experience. So, drivers please respect the 20mph speed limit – it is there for a reason!

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

Town Council surgeries take place in the Community Office of the Town Hall on Saturdays, from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Forthcoming surgeries are:-

16 November, 21 December & 18 January

Alternatively, why not come along to the Council's next "Coffee with your Councillors" event, on



**Saturday 25 January
2 – 3pm
at Bilby's, Market Street**



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING

The Town Council will be closed from 1pm on Friday 20 December and will re-open on Thursday 2 January 2020



If you have any queries on any of the following, 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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