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CHRISTMAS IN CREWKERNE



Lighting Up the town for Christmas 2021

This year, and for one year only, the Town Council has brought the Lighting Up night in Crewkerne forward by one week. So, this year, the date for your diaries is **Friday 19 November 2021**.

It has been a difficult year for everyone, so an extra week of Christmas cheer and sparkle seemed a good idea to us. Santa will be with us, along with the Majorettes, lanterns, Christmas carols and the Christmas window competition. The Christmas lights will be switched on at 7pm in the Market Square and we're hoping to persuade Santa to stay on in his grotto to see the town's children.

The Christmas craft fair is also back this year. It will be open from 5pm on Friday and will be in two locations this year: The Victoria Hall and the Ballroom at The George Hotel. This is to allow us to spread out a little, to ensure everyone is safe whilst we all continue the battle against Covid.

On **Saturday 20 November**, the Christmas market will be held around the Town Hall, this year combining with Somerset Farmers Market. We will have lots of stalls, inside and outside, as this year we will continue to have stalls in the Victoria Hall and the Ballroom at The George Hotel. The market will be open from 9am – 2pm.



Lanterns light the way to Christmas

By the time you read this, and barring any change in the relaxation of rules regarding Covid, we will have run our lantern workshop in the town. This workshop was to enable families and groups to come together and be guided in the art of making lanterns by Richard at PlayArt Education. Let's hope for some amazing creations that will join our Christmas procession on Friday 19 November. If you want to make your own, and join the Christmas procession, email [Laura deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk) and she will send a link to a video, made by Richard, that you can follow.





CREWKERNE IN BLOOM

Huge congratulations are due to Crewkerne in Bloom, who have surpassed previous years' results to win a Gold Award in the Champion of Champions category of this year's Royal Horticultural Society's South West in Bloom contest.

On top of this, Level 5 'Outstanding' certificates were awarded to Lyewater Allotments & Community green space, Severalls Park War Memorial Gardens and Friends of Crewkerne Station in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category, and a Level 4 'Thriving' certificate awarded to the Pill Box near Wadham School.

The CiB team attended a special awards ceremony in Weston Super Mare to collect their certificates, and the flag is proudly flown at the Town Hall.

A special mention goes to Crewkerne in Bloom volunteer John Davies who won a Community Champion Award and the Serco Cup for his superb efforts with Severalls Memorial Gardens. A big thank you to all volunteers involved for keeping Crewkerne blooming!



Welcome Back Funding

Crewkerne Town Council was able to access some funding from South Somerset District Council, to encourage shoppers back to the high street, following the lockdowns and Covid regulations, which are now relaxed. The Town Council is working closely with the business group to help them become a constituted organisation that will support businesses in the town. We are also aiming to produce a small event, each month up to and including March 2022. Look out for the "We are Crewkerne....We Are" brand each month.

The October event ran on Saturday 16th and focused around "We are Crewkerne.....We are Local Producers". We joined forces with the Somerset Farmers Market and Cultivate who are a creative partnership between local food producers and the arts sector. They aim to bring local food, arts and people together. David Reakes from Tor Theatre joined us mid-morning and performed the "Bags v Boxes" poem at various locations around the town and trumpet player Luis Martelo entertained everyone around the Town Hall.

Look out for a short story, commissioned by Cultivate, written by Nick White, about Duncan Palmer from Bower Hinton Farm and the connections with food in our area. This will be available in local shops soon.

November will bring us "We are Crewkerne – We are makers". Keep an eye around the town for more information.



The George Reynolds Centre



We are back and open for bookings. For further information or to hire one of the rooms for your group events or parties, please contact Crewkerne Town Council – our details are at the top of this newsletter!

Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve

Volunteer Mornings

Thursday 18th November

Thursday 16th December

Thursday 20th January



10.00 am onwards

**Please meet at the entrance by Beechwood Drive
everyone welcome, just turn up**

**Unfortunately, refreshments cannot be provided
Please bring your own gloves**

Christmas Competition

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DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

'Crewkerne Supporting CRUK'

invite the children of Crewkerne & surrounding areas

**to build a snowman
using recycled materials
that is no taller than 1 metre**

£5 per entry
to be submitted to Louise (07939 346422)
by Tuesday 30th November

Prizes for the best entry in the following sections:
5 years & under, 6-7 years, 8-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years

Snowmen will be displayed in Crewkerne town centre windows
throughout the festive period

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CANCER RESEARCH UK

RBL Centenary Award

Crewkerne Town Councillor Alice Samuel was proud to have been put forward for the Reward and Recognition Award for the centenary celebrations by the Somerset County Royal British Legion. This was in recognition of her work within the community raising awareness of the RBL to youth associations.

Alice explained, *"Just before the lockdown period, I began to lead a dementia awareness group 'The Forget-Me-Nots' at St. Bart's School, as Crewkerne branch are affiliated with the school. We made memory cushions to comfort a dementia buddy from the Memory Group. We managed to fundraise just over £500 for RBL Admiral Nurses. Over the pandemic, we made Easter & VE Day cards and they were delivered to veterans and elderly members of the community, to show that there was someone thinking of them."*



Alice was delighted to receive her award, presented at Westminister Abbey, and attended by the Queen and Princess Anne.

New defibrillator - pitch side!



(Pictured: Mark Holton, Club Chairman and Tony Aslett, Manager U7 and U10 teams)

Crewkerne Rangers FC have successfully applied for funding for a pitch side defibrillator through the charities Jay's Aim and The Adam Stansfield Foundation. Crewkerne Town Council were pleased to be able to fund the remaining £300. The unit will be mounted on the wall of the George Reynolds Centre and accessible 24/7. Well done to all involved at the Football Club!

Council Surgeries are back...

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 20 November

Saturday 18 December

Opportunity for informal conversations with District and Town Councillors

Sadness at death of a former Councillor and Mayor

The Town Council paid tribute to former councillor Geoff Clarke, who passed away recently. Geoff was a District Councillor as well as Crewkerne Town Councillor and Mayor from 1994-1998. He was awarded Honoured Citizen in 2012. The Council held a minute's silence before its meeting on 25th October as a mark of respect. Geoff died peacefully at home on Sunday 10 October, aged 84, from pancreatic cancer, after 29 years with Parkinson's. His wife and 3 children were with him.

Crewkerne Town Council on the web!

You can now keep up to date in between Newsletters by liking or following the Town Council on Facebook. Simply search 'Crewkerne Town Council' on Facebook for details of meetings, events, and much more.

Face to face council meetings have now resumed following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and the expiry of the Government's remote meetings legislation. Councillors feel that continuing to live stream meetings is an important way for residents to keep informed about how decisions are made. You can view Town Council meetings either live, or at a later date, on our YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>



If you have any comments or concerns about issues which affect Crewkerne, please contact:
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING

The Town Council will be closed from 1pm on Wednesday 22nd December and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022



If you have any queries on any of the following, please ring:
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