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Thank you for taking the time to pick up this community magazine, I hope you enjoy reading it. If you have any thoughts for future articles or would like to send me some photos of our lovely town for inclusion in a future magazine, please send them to me at [georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk](mailto:georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk)

As you will see inside the magazine, the new Town Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Ann Berry was elected by fellow Councillors in May. Folkestone has hosted many civic events within the last couple of months including the Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone presented to the Canadian Army serving within the United Kingdom, further information and photos are inside the magazine.

I would like to thank Albane for the cover photo which was taken at the parade for the Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone by the Royal Canadian Air Force, more photos and article inside the magazine. If you have any photos of Folkestone I would be grateful to receive them, permission to use them will always be requested prior to publication.

There are many events happening in the town during the summer holidays as you will see in the What's on section, don't forget the Folkestone Museum is open and free, we also have a new Explorers Guide for younger visitors. There are a number of workshops being held within the museum, further details can be found in the What's on section or keep an eye on our websites [www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk) and [www.folkestonekentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonekentparishes.gov.uk) and [www.visitfolkestoneandhythe.co.uk](http://www.visitfolkestoneandhythe.co.uk)

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# New Mayor of Folkestone 2018-19

**At the Annual Council Meeting, held on Friday 11 May in front of invited guests and dignitaries, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Roger West gave a farewell speech after a successful year having raised over £2,800 for his nominated charities (Folkestone and Hythe Sea Cadets and Community Network in Cheriton).**

Councillor West was presented with a gift from Councillors and thanked for this hard work in promoting Folkestone and raising money for charity throughout the year.

Councillor Ann Berry was elected The Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone for the year 2018-19 and her husband, Mr Maurice Berry, was appointed as the Consort of Folkestone. Reverend Stephen Bould, from The Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph Folkestone, was named as the Mayor's Chaplain and Corporal Henry, from Shorncliffe Army Cadet Force, was named as the Mayor's Cadet for the year.

The Town Mayor announced that her nominated charities for the year will be Young Carers, Army Cadets, Winter Shelter and RBM Folkestone.

Councillor Berry commented "it was a pleasure being Deputy to Councillor West during the past year and thank you to fellow Councillors for voting me in as Mayor. I will, with the support of my fellow Councillors and Officers help to promote Folkestone and maintain that this is the place that people want to live and visit. With the many changes that have happened in the past and are proposed, there is still much to do. I am upbeat about the future and I am sure that we, and the residents of Folkestone, can and will be justly proud of what we have and can achieve going forward."

Councillor Richard Wallace was elected as Deputy Town Mayor and thanked Councillors for the nomination.



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# The Town Mayor's Charity Fund

The outgoing Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Roger West, presented cheques to his nominated charities. Following various charity events organised by the Town Mayor, Mayoress and their Charity Committee, £3,800 was raised. These events included a Nepalese Evening, Wine Tasting, Caribbean Night, Fun Night and a Night at the Museum Quiz night.

The Mayor's nominated charities for the year 2017-18 were United Response's Community Network and Folkestone & Hythe Sea Cadets.

The Mayor said "I am delighted to be able to present these cheques to two such worthy causes within our local community and hope that this money will help with the valuable work they undertake. I would like to thank my Charity Committee for all its work in putting together the events. Thanks also to the guests



that attended various events in support of our fundraising activities throughout the year and the many organisations and individuals who donated raffle prizes. These included The Grand Hotel, Tesco Store in Cheriton, Chambers, Eurotunnel and The Cliffe Restaurant."

Martine Norton, Area Manager for United Response, said "A huge thank you for yet another incredibly generous donation to our work. I honestly believe that the Network's success is in no small way down to the Mayor and his drive and enthusiasm to support us. Without community minded people like Cllr West, our neighbourhood would certainly be rather boring to say the least."

Councillor Roger West's term in office ended on Friday 11th May when the new Mayor was elected at the Annual Council meeting.



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# Folkestone Festivals

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Spirits were not dampened on the Saturday, by the lunchtime downpour and the Leas Village Fete provided a great attraction for locals and visitors, one of whom took the time to write to the Festivals committee saying the event 'was delightful and made the weekend for us'.

Folkestone Festivals is a not for profit organisation whose summer programme of activity brings added vitality and vibrancy to the town, complementing a range of things that other organisations do. Folkestone Festivals also hold the monthly ArtMart, which takes place on the last Friday of each month, in Bouverie Place Shopping Centre, and organises the Sunday afternoon Bandstand concerts on the Leas, thanks to funding from Folkestone and Hythe District Council.



Other events that have taken place include: Folkestone Festival Mammoth Boot Fair on Radnor Park; Bouverie Place Shopping Centre – One Great Day; Folkestone Festivals Music Day at the Bandstand and UK Strongest Man U105kg Competition which Folkestone Festivals brought to the town in 2017

A brand-new event for 2018 is the Mariner's Cake Bake Day; taking place on The Stade, Folkestone's Fish Market from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 29th September. If you are a budding Mary Berry, then get baking and enter the Cake Bake competition. Lots of other activity will be taking place with Live Music and other entertainment on the Stade.

Folkestone Festivals welcome enquiries from local charities and not for profit groups who wish to raise awareness for their own good causes at these events. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Folkestone Festivals stalls organiser **neville@folkestonefestivals.org**

Further details about the range of events provided under the Folkestone Festivals banner can be found through our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/FolkestoneFestival** or online at **www.folkestonefestivals.org**

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# Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone by The Royal Canadian Air Force

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**On Wednesday 4th July 2018 the Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone was presented to the Canadian Armed Forces serving within the United Kingdom.**

The title of 'Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone' is the highest honour that a Town Council can confer and it was presented to the Canadian Armed Forces serving within the United Kingdom, in recognition of their devoted military service to our Sovereign and Country and the continued links with Folkestone in the annual commemoration of the 305 Canadian Soldiers buried at the

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery. In celebration of this significant event, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) paraded through the Town of Folkestone.

The Parade commenced at the Leas Bandstand and processed down Langhorne Gardens into Sandgate Road where members of the local Ex-Service Associations were present with their standards in front of the Garden of Remembrance. The Parade continued down Sandgate Road and into Bouverie West Terrace, Albion Mews, Alexandra Gardens and back onto Sandgate Road coming to a halt at the front of the Town Hall. An inspection of the Parade took place and a presentation, along with speeches, was made by the Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Ann Berry, and Brigadier-

General L.E. Thomas OMM CD who is the Commander of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in London. Following the inspection and Parade the RCAF then went back up Sandgate Road into Bouverie Place eventually making their way onto The Leas, being dismissed at the Leas Cliff Hall.

The Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Ann Berry, commented "The last time the Town Council





awarded Freedom of Entry to the Town of Folkestone was in 2009 to the 2nd Battalion of The Royal Gurkha Rifles, when the people of Folkestone came out in force to celebrate the momentous occasion. This is a fantastic opportunity to show our appreciation and support for past and present Canadian Forces that have served and continue to serve within the United Kingdom. I am sure many people in the community, if they were educated at primary schools in Folkestone, would have attended the annual flower laying service at Shorncliffe Military Cemetery which has taken place since 1919. We were pleased that so many joined us in welcoming the Parade to our Town."



Lieutenant-General Al Meinzing, Commander, Royal Canadian Air Force, said "The Canadian Armed Forces and, in particular, the Royal Canadian Air Force share a long and proud history with the United Kingdom and the town of Folkestone. During the Second World War, RCAF personnel flew from RAF Hawkinge to assist our allies and, ultimately, achieve victory. It is a tremendous honour for the RCAF to be accorded the Freedom of Entry to Folkestone and, on behalf of all members of the RCAF, I extend my gratitude and appreciation for this prestigious honour."

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# Folkestone Coastal 10k Race – good turnout and a great event

Forward comment from Race Director:

I'm delighted that there was a terrific turnout for this year's race, with over 700 entrants and good support from spectators along the whole course, with the crowds and marshals creating a great atmosphere. We enjoyed superb weather conditions for our seventh Folkestone Coastal 10K. The children's race was well-attended with great enthusiasm from these budding athletes of the future.



Congratulations to all those who participated, and in particular this year's winner Richard Newsome of South Kent Harriers who came in at an excellent 0:34:22. Similarly the ladies' winner, Liz Weeks from Sittingbourne RC, achieved an outstanding 0:39:16.

The male team prizes went to South Kent Harriers and female team prizes were awarded to Folkestone Running Club. Many Kent clubs participated, and runners came from London and as far as Scotland. There were also many other teams from running clubs and charities participating.

This year's children's race enjoyed a good field of over 40 runners, and the winners were Sam Schuurings (boys) and Eilidh Irons (girls).

It is a fantastic achievement for the runners to complete the course either as an elite runner or a new participant to a 10 kilometre race. The objectives of the race were to encourage participation, assist charities, visit our district and promote good health, as well as increasing the profile of sport and I am particularly

delighted that there were many more runners and spectators than last year.

It was especially pleasing that there were so many spectators along the whole route which gave tremendous encouragement to the runners – there must have been hundreds providing support!

First indications are that the event has raised in excess of £30,000 which is a terrific start for many worthwhile causes. Last year's event raised £40,000 and we are set to beat this. This year's event will provide vital support for various projects including The Rainbow Centre, Gurkha Memorial Fund, Step Short, Folkestone Youth Project, Green Kordofan, Touchbase and local Rotary Clubs for distribution to local causes.

The event went extremely well, and help was received with sincere thanks from over 80 marshals and assistants including Folkestone Running Club, the Hythe, Channel & Folkestone Rotary Clubs and Folkestone Harbour. I would also like to thank Shepway District Council and Folkestone Police for their valuable support.

Once again, we have received tremendous feedback from the runners congratulating us for such a great event, by way of organisation, goody bags and encouragement from marshals. They also thoroughly enjoyed the course and all of the facilities available.

Further feedback / information can be viewed by going to: [www.runnersworld.co.uk/events](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk/events) and [www.folkestonecoastal10k.co.uk](http://www.folkestonecoastal10k.co.uk)





Next year's race will be on Sunday 26th May 2019 and we have already received a few entries!!

I made our first donation from the fund to Step Short and the Town Mayor Cllr Ann Berry who received the contribution and a free T Shirt.

Step Short look after our runners and as a thank you they provide a cuppa and a slice of cake from The Harbour Canteen sponsored by Independent Insurance Services & Motis Estates. This encourages the runners to stay on and visit the harbour also one of the event sponsors and see more of Folkestone in the hope they will re-visit.

When I set the race up back in 2012 there were several objectives which included getting a 10K race in place within Folkestone during the London Olympic year, to encourage sport participation and wellbeing as well as encouraging runners to raise funds for charity. The events proceeds support local good causes and over the years over £280,000 has been raised. Presenting contributions to the local good causes including is always a pleasant occasion.

Town Mayor Cllr Ann Berry – trustee Step Short commented: Seeing the queues of runners at the Harbour arm is always an exciting occasion, hundreds come along, and they enjoy a well-deserved refreshment. We are grateful to Ray for his ongoing support for our charity. [www.stepsport.co.uk](http://www.stepsport.co.uk)

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# What's on – Autumn 2018

## AUGUST

**12th August – 2.30 – 4.30pm**

### **Birchington Silver Band Performance at the Leas Bandstand**

For further info visit [www.folkestonefestival.org](http://www.folkestonefestival.org)

**15th August**

### **VJ Day - Garden of Remembrance**

This is an annual service to celebrate the surrender of Japan, ending combat in the Second World War on 15th August 1945. Members of the public are welcome to attend, for further information visit [www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**19th August – 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

### **Second Wind Concert Band Performance**

at the Leas Bandstand.

For further info visit [www.folkestonefestival.org](http://www.folkestonefestival.org)

**20th August – 10am – 4pm**

### **Fossil Roadshow at Folkestone Museum**

Come and chat to the Time Travellers about fossils and discover more about the fascinating fossils on our doorstep. Bring your own fossils in to be identified by the experts and chat about recent dinosaur finds in Folkestone. This activity is a free drop-in event for all the family, no booking required, donations are gratefully received. For further information visit [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**20th – 25th August – 10am – 4pm**

### **Dinosaur Week at Folkestone Museum**

Travel back in time hundreds of millions of years to when life was very different. All activities are free drop-in events for all the family, no booking required, donations are gratefully received. For further information visit [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**20th – 25th August – 10am – 4pm**

### **Bugs and Dinosaurs at Folkestone Museum**

Get creative with bugs and dinosaurs, any age is welcome for some arts and crafts fun. All activities are free drop-in events for all the family, no booking required, donations are gratefully received. For further info visit [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**21st August – 12.30 – 1.10pm and 2.30 – 3.10pm**

### **The Iguanodon Restaurant at Folkestone Museum**

This is an outdoor theatre performance for families set in a life-sized dinosaur and tells the story of the birth of geology in a fast and furious romp through 60 years of scientific discovery. This activity is a free drop-in event for all the family, no booking required, donations are gratefully received. For further information visit [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**22nd August – 10am – 4pm**

### **Fossil Roadshow at Folkestone Museum**

Come and chat to the Time Travellers about fossils and discover more about the fascinating fossils on our doorstep. Bring your own fossils in to be identified by the experts and chat about recent dinosaur finds in Folkestone. This activity is a free drop-in event for all the family, no booking required, donations are gratefully received. For further information visit [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**23rd August – 11am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 3.30pm**

### **Dinosaur Diorama Workshop at Folkestone Museum**

A fun free workshop for ages 8 years and above. Create your own Dinosaur Scene that captures a moment in time. Please bring a cereal box! This is a bookable event, to book a place and find further information visits [www.folkestonemuseum.com](http://www.folkestonemuseum.com)

**26th August – 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

### **Gravesend Borough Band Performance at the Leas Bandstand.**

For further info visit [www.folkestonefestival.org](http://www.folkestonefestival.org)

**31st August**

### **ArtMart**

This well established and increasingly popular specialist Art, Craft and Artisan Food Market held in the Town Centre. For further information visit [www.folkestonefestival.org](http://www.folkestonefestival.org)

## SEPTEMBER

**3rd September – 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

### **First Whitstable Scout Brass Band at the Leas Bandstand.**

For further info visit [www.folkestonefestival.org](http://www.folkestonefestival.org)

**15th September**

### **Battle of Britain Day**

The day will be commemorated with a wreath laying service at the RAF War Memorial on The Leas. Members of the public are welcome to attend the service commencing at 5.45pm. For further information please call 01303 257946 or visit our website [www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**14th – 16th September**

### **Folkestone Skabour Festival**

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**16th September –**

### **Channel Triathlon –**

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## 28th September

### ArtMart

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## 29th September – 10am – 6pm

### Mariners Cake Off Competition

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## 30th September

### Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon

The marathon starts at 10am outside The Grand on The Leas. For further information contact Folkestone Rotary on 01303 221188 or visit their website [www.folkestonerotary.org](http://www.folkestonerotary.org)

## OCTOBER

## 6th – 7th October – 10am – 5pm

### Model Railway Exhibition

This is held at the Leas Cliff Hall from. For more information visit [www.folkestone-mrc.com](http://www.folkestone-mrc.com)

## 21st October

### Trafalgar Day

This service is organised by the Royal Naval Association and held at St Peters Church from 10.15am. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For further information please call 01303 257946 or visit our website [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

## 26th October

### ArtMart

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## NOVEMBER

## 4th November

### Dedication of Garden of Remembrance

Held at the Christchurch Tower, Sandgate Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend arriving no later than 1.40pm for the service to take place from 2pm. Following the service attendees are invited to place a cross in the Garden of Remembrance. For further information please call 01303 257946 or visit our website [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

## 10th November

### Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) Memorial – Armistice Day.


The Two Minute Silence is observed followed by a short ceremony. Members of the public are welcome to attend the service commencing at 11am. For further information please call 01303 257946 or visit our website [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

## 11th November

### Remembrance Sunday

This service and parade will commence at 11am at the War Memorial at the top of the Road of Remembrance. The civic party and columns will assemble from 10.45am in readiness for the silence and wreath laying, followed by the service. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For further information please call 01303 257946 or visit our website [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

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# Charity screening of *War Horse*



The Shorncliffe Trust are hosting a Charity Screening of the Stephen Spielberg Film 'War Horse' which will take place at the Silver Screen Cinema in Folkestone, commencing at 5pm on Sunday, 30th September.

'War Horse', released in 2011, follows a young man named Albert and his horse Joey and how their bond is broken when Joey is sold to the cavalry and sent to the trenches of World War One. Despite being too young to enlist, Albert heads to France to save his friend. The Film carries a 12A Certificate.

The Shorncliffe Trust is dedicated to retelling the story of Shorncliffe Garrison which has played a key part in world military history over the past three centuries. Now, with the vast majority of barracks and buildings to be demolished

to make way for 1200 new homes, the Trust and their supporters feel it vitally important that some form of legacy from the Garrison remains for future generations to understand its importance. Shorncliffe can claim to be the

birthplace of the modern British Army under Sir John Moore (1761-1809) and we are all familiar with the defences constructed at that time to defend the coast against Napoleon including the Royal Military Canal, Forts and Redoubts and chain of Martello Towers.



During World War One, Shorncliffe was home to many thousands of Horses housed in stables on the Calvary Grounds. The Canadian Army Veterinary School was also based at Shorncliffe. Now residential quarters on Mackenzie Drive and Craufurd Green occupy the former Cavalry Grounds.

Included in the forthcoming demolition programme at Risborough Barracks is the very last stable block on the garrison site; which is the last connection to horses at Shorncliffe from WW1. It now lies in a perilous state. The Trust has lodged an expression of interest to take on this building as it feels this would create an incredible asset to its education programme and could bring huge benefits to tourism if it were to be saved; but unfortunately, the developer has no plans to keep the building.

War Horse author Michael Morpurgo is a long-standing supporter of the work of the Shorncliffe Trust; he said "Without horses to support the war effort in the First World War, the war would have been lost. They were vital to supplies, to the ambulance service, to the artillery, to the cavalry, and they died in their hundreds of thousands as the men, the same way too. Machine gun and shellfire, wire, exhaustion and disease. Shorncliffe contributed hugely to the war effort, providing veterinary attention and care alleviating the suffering. It is

a place that played a significant part in the story of the First World War, and that is a story that must be told in all its aspects and passed onto the next generation"

Tickets for the Charity Screening which are £5 each, can be purchased online through the Shorncliffe Trust's

website and via Eventbrite ticket website.

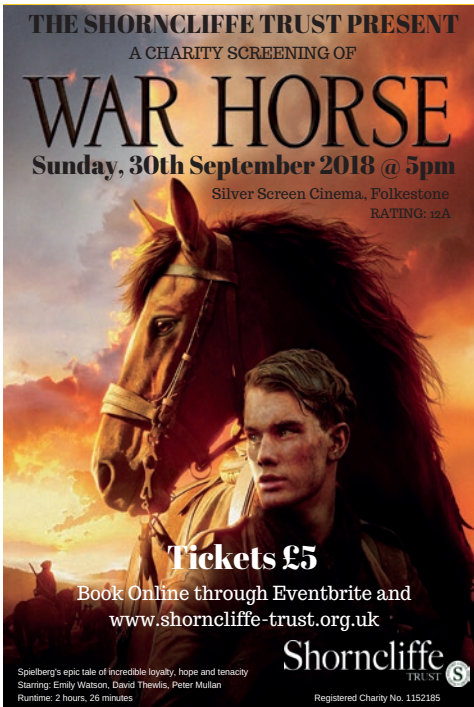
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# Rotary Club of Folkestone Update

**The Rotary Club of Folkestone have recently supported the efforts of The Brass Academy Band, who are based in Folkestone and give children from all backgrounds the opportunity to learn to play music from scratch on instruments that are lent to them. All the tuition and facilities are provided at a nominal weekly subscription of £2.00.**

Learning to play an instrument and read music has been shown to improve their skills and concentration and belonging to a band is like any team activity in as much as they all have to pull together. They become a social and competitive group.

They are split into three sections according to their age and ability and the Bands perform at various indoor and outdoor events which again gives the children confidence in the public eye.

The club will continue to support the project as it provides so many benefits all-round.



*Picture shows Peter Woodward-Bailey (pictured right) presenting the cheque on behalf of the Rotary Club of Folkestone.*

The club was pleased to support most recently both Mundella and St Eanswythes schools by presenting a payment of £420 each as well as 10 food parcels.

The payment for Mundella Primary was to provide for three year 6 children to attend an outward-bound weekend residential character building course in Ashford during October. The club and school were delighted that we were able to support this project as these pupils are now able to join together the large group from the school that will have the opportunity to learn beneficial educational needs for their future.



*Picture shows David Taylor (far left) and Val Webb (far right) presenting the payments on behalf of the Rotary Club of Folkestone.*

The Rotary Club of Folkestone welcomed its latest member, who along with others is now the third in one month.

Alex McNeice was delighted to join the club and commented, "I am very much involved within community groups, and in particular those within the music field as well as a teacher and performer. By joining the club will be very exciting for me to help others within Folkestone and the surrounding area."

Tom McNeice, the President, welcomed Alex to the group, who incidentally is his son and with Alex's enthusiasm and determination to assist others will be a great benefit to the club. His experience and involvement, particularly with music, will complement many of our projects and I'm sure his work will be a very much worthwhile addition to the community.

If anyone is interested in joining the club, please do look at our website, [www.folkestonerotary.org](http://www.folkestonerotary.org) or contact the PR representative Ray Johnson on 07968 290 352.



*Photograph shows left – Alex McNeice, who recently joined the club where President Tom McNeice (right) introduced him to the club during a recent meeting.*



*Picture shows some of the guests at the event.*

The Gurkha Memorial Fund held its second annual charity dinner evening in support of its next phase of providing a computer technology and education project in Nepal.

The dinner included a special three-course Nepalese meal provided by the Namuna Gurkha Restaurant, along with entertainment and dancing. A raffle and auction followed and we are very grateful to all the individuals and companies that supported the event. We were delighted that we raised over £3,000 towards our second phase computer technology centre fundraising appeal to provide a fully-fitted computer centre at a secondary school at a secondary in the Rolpa district, to the eastern part of Nepal. Children within this area face an hours-long journey just to access internet facilities.

The new centre will provide computer knowledge and skills for those children who have never had access or the opportunity to use computers before. Other local schools will also use the classroom and the Gurkha Memorial Fund will support the educational needs. The site will comprise of a minimum of 15 laptops, as well as all the relevant furniture, infrastructure, support and backup to enable the project to succeed. Thereafter, the schools will be encouraged to communicate with other schools in Folkestone to share cultural experiences.

There were many dignitaries including Folkestone Town Mayor, Cllr Roger West, who thanked the fund and the trustees for their ongoing support and dedication to assist a variety of projects and, more importantly, the local Nepalese community and Gurkha regiment. We are aiming to raise £12,000 for the project

and any donations or support will be greatly appreciated, which may be made by providing cash payments c/o Ray Johnson, Church House, 136 Sandgate Road, Folkestone CT20 2BN or preferably BACS payments, via sort code 52-41-42, account number 47201290.

For further information please call Ray Johnson, UK project co-ordinator.

In a special ceremony on 2nd June 2018 the Gurkha Memorial statue within Christchurch Gardens Folkestone was officially handed over to Folkestone Town Council (FTC).



The Town Mayor Cllr Ann Berry was presented with a Certificate of appreciation from the Chairman Dhan Gurung where trustees and representatives from the Gurkha and Nepalese community enjoyed the occasion.

Dhan Gurung – Chairman GMF commented: I am honoured that the Ghurkha Memorial statue which acknowledges the Gurkhas sacrifice and their great contribution to the United Kingdoms is recognised as a local government Folkestone town Council memorial and we will continue to hold our annual memorial service on the first Sunday of each October on behalf of the country's Gurkha community. I would also like to thank the Mayor, our trustees and supporters.

The Town Mayor commented: It is always a delight to be with the Ghurkha community and join members of the charity and I wish the charity future success with the various projects moving forward.

Ray Johnson – Project coordinator trustee commented: We are most grateful that FTC have taken on this special statue as custodians



within its vast collection. Moving forward the GMF will continue with many projects to help and assist those both in Nepal and here in the UK. We are developing a second computer suite at school in Nepal and are further enhancing connectivity between schools in both countries to improve skills and communications for future work prospects.

The statue was unveiled in October 2015 by Joanna Lumley to recognise the service of Gurkha soldiers, and further information is available here: <https://gurkhamemorialfund.org.uk/the-memorial/>



*The photo shows youngsters learning crafts thanks to the project, and President Tom McNeice (L) presenting a cheque to Alongside Africa.*

'Amasiko' is the name of a new facility in Kabale, Uganda to provide residential training for street children, to help them gain education and useful skills so that they can find jobs and become productive members of the community. Youngsters take up residence in the new, purpose-built facility, for up to six months, and will learn useful trade skills as well as furthering their basic education. The facility was designed and built by Architectural students from the University of Ljubljana, for Folkestone-based charity Alongside Africa.

President Tom McNeice commented, "It is always a wonderful occasion when we can support a good cause, particularly where there is a desperate need for both funding and assistance. The Rotary Club of Folkestone are delighted to lead on this project and we are pleased with the feedback and assistance it has given within the communities."

The Rotary Club of Folkestone, on behalf of it

and its partner Clubs in Cologne, Liège and Lille, supported this new project by providing £12,000 to furnish and fully equip the new purpose-built building. Each year the four partner Clubs undertake an international project, led by each Club in turn.



*Picture shows (left) Tom McNeice, Folkestone Rotary Club and Charles Evans, Folkestone Channel Rotary Club (middle) presenting cheque to Trish Bishop, CEO Touchbase Care (right).*

At a recent lunch, the joint Rotary Clubs of Folkestone, both Folkestone and Folkestone Channel, were delighted to present a contribution of over £2,000 to Touchbase Care, also based in Folkestone. Touchbase Care are a local charity that provide day care and a variety of workshops and facilities for adults with disabilities, ranging from arts and crafts, cooking, holistic therapies, as well as photography and music.

The president of the Folkestone Rotary Club, Tom McNeice, commented as always, we are pleased to support local good causes and this charity, formerly known as ARRCC, have undergone a transition and we wish them very well for the future. The work and support they provide to those in need is a vital service that provides superb facilities.

Trish Bishop, the CEO of Touchbase Care, commented, "We are most grateful to the support from both clubs that on this occasion have joined together during our time of need to support those in need. The work we do will now progress and this particular funding has assisted us with immediate financial support for our ongoing running costs. The work the respective Rotary Clubs do within the area

is very much appreciated, and I thank all the members for their ongoing support.

Charles Evans, on behalf of the Channel Rotary Club, commented, "Working together collaboratively demonstrates that we can achieve good outcomes and I, along with our members, were most pleased to support this most important project within our community."

The Rotary Club of Folkestone welcomed its new President, Bill Wright from Folkestone. He was handed the chain of office by immediate Past President, Tom McNeice. The incoming President Elect is Lynne Beaumont, also from Folkestone.

Looking forward to the year, Bill commented "I am delighted to be the new President of the club and I am particularly looking forward to assisting the local community as well as international projects. We shall vary some of our activities and look at membership more closely to develop enhanced engagement, particularly with potential younger members. In addition, we will focus on fun, fellowship and fundraising. I am looking forward to further projects to assist those within the immediate community of Folkestone."

Immediate Past President Tom commented that he appreciated the work carried out by the members during his year, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The club also presented Paul Harris Fellowships to David Taylor, David Roseveare, Bob Ratcliff and Don Falvey, which is the highest accolade from Rotary to acknowledge dedication and support.



Picture shows Bill Wright, new President, wearing chain of office and both Tom McNeice, immediate Past President, and Bill Wright.

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# Civic Events in Folkestone

## William Harvey Sunday

On 3rd June, the William Harvey Commemoration Ceremony took place in Folkestone. William Harvey was born in Folkestone on 1 April 1578 and died on 3 June 1657. Each year, around the time of his death, a thanksgiving service is held where the Town Mayor, Councillors, Town Clerk, members of the Harveian Society of London, the Old Harveians and representatives from local schools processed to the William Harvey Statue on the Leas where wreaths were laid.



## Annual Service of Remembrance, Normandy D-Day Landings



On 6th June, the annual service of remembrance for all Normandy Veterans who fought and died in the Normandy Campaign in June 1944 was held. The Remembrance Service was held in the Methodist Church Hall and then all present was asked to make their way over to the Garden of Remembrance where wreaths and wooden crosses were laid around the NVA Memorial and Rose Bed. In attendance, with local Normandy Veterans and representatives of Folkestone's Ex-Service Associations and Standards, was the Folkestone Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry, representatives from 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, Civic Dignitaries, Councillors and youth organisations.

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Over 250 children from local schools were positioned by Canadian graves and laid posies on the graves. This tradition started in 1919 and the Mayor of Folkestone stated in 1927 that "As far as Folkestone is concerned, the ceremony should last as long as it is in the power of human beings to do so." This statement is strongly endorsed by all who participated in the ceremony.

## Canada Day

The annual Canada Day Service in Folkestone which commemorates the 305 Canadian soldiers who died during WWI and are buried in the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery took place on Friday 29 June.

A memorial service takes place each year on or near Canada Day at the Canadian Servicemen's graves at Shorncliffe, which is attended by local civic dignitaries, representatives from the Canadian High Commission and Canadian Provincial Governments, the local British Army Command, War Graves Commission, Veterans and Old Comrades' Associations.

The Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Ann Berry, attended the service accompanied by the Councillors of Folkestone Town Council, Major Dennis Bradley (Retd) DL, Major Daniel Martimbealt – representing the Canadian High Commission, officers from the Canadian Detachment in the UK, the Commanding Officer and Gurkha Major of 1st Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles, members of local ex-service associations and their Standard Bearers and local dignitaries.

The current Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Ann Berry, thanked past and present Regiments based at Sir John Moore Barracks for their support in enabling the annual Canada Day Commemorations to continue for 99 years and said "Let us all hope that we can continue this tradition for many, many years to come and remember the 305 Canadian Soldiers who gave their lives in WWI and are buried at the Shorncliffe Cemetery".

This year the North Lakeshore Chorus from Ontario, who are touring the UK, Belgium, France and Germany to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, attended the service and sang during the wreath laying.



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# Latest news from Folkestone Channel Rotary Club



This has been a busy time for Channel Rotary. Since the previous edition of the Magazine we've held a very successful Charity Golf Day, 2 Channel Rotary members have driven around the UK to raise awareness of Rotary's worldwide 'End Polio Now' campaign, and we've entertained a group of local Young Carers to a very enjoyable day-out at Leeds Castle. We're also putting the finishing touches to our annual Charity Bike Challenge on Romney Marsh on 8 July and our first Folkestone Channel Triathlon from the Harbour Arm on 16 September. Somehow, we've also found time to change our President with Alan Myers handing over to Bill Flavell at the end of June. An exciting next 12 months beckons. Read on for further details!

## IN THE SWING FOR CHARITY - CHANNEL ROTARY'S ANNUAL GOLF DAY RAISES OVER £3,000

Under the excellent leadership of Mike Simmonds, Channel Rotary's 28th annual Golf Day has raised over £3,000 for charity. 90 golfers from all over the South East enjoyed the sunny weather and blue skies at Sene Valley Golf Club, with its panoramic views of the Channel. The course was in wonderful condition, the greens ran true and there was an occasional breeze to keep the golfers on their toes. This is a friendly event and some golfers have played every year.

Presenting the prizes, Channel Rotary President Alan Myers said "It's been a superb day for golf and friendship, and a great result for local good causes. Our grateful thanks to all our golfers, sponsors and Sene Valley Golf Club. With your marvellous support we're helping Pilgrims Hospices, Prostate Cancer UK and our other local Rotary charities to continue their amazing work."

### Prize Winners:

Saga Cup for the Overall Winner:  
RAJU TAMANG.

Runner up:  
BILL WHITBY

Channel Rotary Trophy for the Winning Lady:  
SUE TIMMINS

Channel Rotary Trophy for The Winning Team:  
RAJU DURA, MUKTI GURUNG, RAJU GURUNG

Runners Up:  
NICK HOPKIN, MIKE HOPKIN, SIMON READMAN

Channel Rotary Trophy for Winning Ladies Team:  
LISA BROUWER, VAL MAKIN, SUE TIMMINS



*Overall winner Raju Tamang receives his prizes from Channel Rotary President Alan Myers.*



*The 2nd place team enjoying their round: Nick Hopkin, Mike Hopkin and Simon Readman.*

## INTREPID CHANNEL ROTARIANS DRIVE ROUND THE UK TO HELP RAISE OVER £120,000 FOR 'END POLIO NOW'

Not content with organising our Golf Day, Mike Simmonds and partner Lisa Brouwer represented Channel Rotary in the UK Rotary 'End Polio Now' Grand Tour in their 15 year old Audi TT christened 'Audi Doodi' together with Channel Rotary member Edwin Beddy and his friend Mike Gilman in a 15 year old Alfa Romeo christened 'Channel Day Tripper'. They joined 46 UK Rotary teams in driving 1,500 miles around the UK mainland in 4 days to raise over £120,000 for Rotary's worldwide 'End Polio Now' campaign.

Starting from Brands Hatch Race Circuit, their trip took in a wide range of places in England and Scotland including Mercedes World at the old Brooklands race track, Williams F1 Racing Centre at Wantage, Rockingham Race Track near Corby, Coventry Motor Museum, Manchester, Preston, Dumfries, Glasgow, Edinburgh and finally ended in Halifax. They drove on motorways with the usual hold-ups and on glorious country roads with beautiful scenery; they visited places with great motoring history and national heritage and there were several cloudbursts (not good in an open topped sports car). They were even accompanied everywhere by a converted dust cart driven by members of Appleby & Upper Eden Rotary Club carrying the motto 'Rotary Dumping Polio' and the signatures of all the rally drivers and their Rotary Club names. All vehicles carried the slogan 'Purple 4 Polio' to recognise the purple dye which is put on every child's finger after they have been immunised; this is why UK Rotary Clubs donate purple crocus bulbs to local primary schools to tell pupils of this programme which is protecting the lives of millions of children worldwide.

Mike and Edwin were delighted with their trip. "We've had the privilege of raising money for an immense humanitarian project and met so many wonderful people. When Rotary started its worldwide End Polio Now campaign 30 years

ago, some 500,000 children in 125 countries died from polio or were crippled by it every year. Today Rotarians are proud to say that this year there are only 10 or so cases in 2 countries. It's a mammoth achievement in which Channel Rotary Club has played its part."



*Mike Simmonds & Lisa Brouwer with President Alan Myers and their 'End Polio Now' Rally Car*



*Edwin Beddy at the End Polio Now check-in at Drumlanrig Castle near Dumfries.*

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR CHANNEL ROTARY

70 Channel Rotary members and partners welcomed new President Bill Flavell when he took over from Alan Myers at the Burlington Hotel, Folkestone at the end of June. This was a typical fun-filled Channel Rotary evening with sketches, songs and other homemade entertainments based on Alan's working life as a world renowned 'tunneller' including the Channel and Heathrow Tunnels. At the end of the evening he was presented with the traditional large, framed picture as a permanent reminder of his year. It had a Channel Tunnel theme with all Club



members dressed in hard hats and overalls and armed with picks and shovels.

Our new President, Bill Flavell, hails from Somerset but has lived in Hawkinge for over 30 years. He moved here with his family after several years as Operations Director of an Outside Catering Company based in London which provided the catering at all the major UK cricket grounds as well as other venues. With his wife, Jane, he owns a Kent based catering business which is now in its 35th year. He has 2 grown up children, both working for major companies in London. In his spare time Bill enjoys watching cricket of all types, gardening and walking his two chocolate Labradors.

A Channel Rotary member since 2011, Bill has been a driving force for the Annual Santa Run. He is also a Trustee of Age UK in Folkestone and is passionate about providing great facilities for older people in the Folkestone area where they can socialise and take part in a wide variety of interesting activities from art to exercise and much more.

Bill is a great believer in Rotary's ability to support good causes in the Folkestone area as well as further afield. In his own words "At this time of diminishing government funding, Channel Rotary will continue to do its best to support both young and old, at home and abroad. Rotary is proud to have been the driving force in eradicating Polio worldwide but we in Channel Rotary are equally proud to support the many local causes that have received donations and hands-on support from us in the past year."



New Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell (left) is congratulated by Past President Alan Myers.

## LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS WORKING TOGETHER

The 4 local Rotary Clubs (Channel, Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh) work together, regularly eg supporting youth activities. Here are two recent examples:

## YOUNG CARERS ENJOY A VERY SPECIAL DAY AT LEEDS CASTLE

The four local Rotary Clubs recently entertained 22 youngsters and staff from Kent Young Carers to a wonderful day of new experiences and fun at Leeds Castle.

The day began with a magical, hands-on falconry experience including a fascinating talk by the Head Falconer, followed by great fun exploring the gigantic play area which resembles a medieval castle, with slides and climbing frames galore. In the afternoon, they

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completed the Leeds Castle Trail which took them into the fantastic maze, round all the grounds and inside the Castle. On the way, the tour guides told them stories of Kings and Queens and how the castle has changed over the years. Everyone received a Leeds Castle medal for completing the trail and a card to remind them of this very special day.

Liz Mohr of Kent Young Carers said "We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather and I have received many messages from parents and families saying thank you so much for such a memorable day. Everyone at Kent Young Carers says thank you to the Rotary clubs for your unwavering support and providing once again another magnificent experience for our young carers in Shepway."

And there is more to come! On behalf of all four Rotary Clubs, Romney Marsh Club will host the Young Carers to a Hog Roast at Littlestone Warren Golf Club on 5th August.



*Happy Young Carers at Leeds Castle*

## LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR ST EANSWYTHE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Folkestone and Channel Rotary Clubs joined together in providing £4,500 to install a much needed new sound system in the main hall of St Eanswythe's School. To say thank you, the School invited Club members to join Mums and Dads for a special music concert at the end of June.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 demonstrated their excellent musical and singing talents led

by Head of Music Mrs Brookes. They sang music from around the world and played guitars, trumpets, percussion, violins and even a group of atmospheric djembe drums from West Africa. On behalf of the Clubs, President Bill Flavell of Channel Rotary thanked the children and staff for their wonderful performance and said we would certainly come to hear them again. Responding, Head Teacher Mrs Garrett said "Our special thanks to both Rotary Clubs. As everyone has heard today, the new sound system has made an enormous difference to the life of the school."



*St Eanswythe Head Teacher Mrs Jane Garrett with Head of Music Mrs Brookes, Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell and Rotary members.*

### You can play your part, too!

Join us at Channel Rotary's next big Charity Event. The first Folkestone Channel Triathlon takes place from the Harbour Arm on 16th September in support of the Celia Blakey Cancer Care Centre at the William Harvey Hospital and the Shepway Youth Trust. There are lots of categories for all abilities and you can also enter as a team with a swimmer, a cyclist and a runner. Otherwise, please come and help us cheer the athletes on their way. See [www.channeltri.com](http://www.channeltri.com)

### You Could Be A Channel Rotary Member

It's not all work! Our year includes lots of talks, outside visits and social evenings. To hear about this and membership opportunities please contact Alan Myers **07904 317047** or Duncan Hopkin **01303 242082** or visit [www.channelrotary.org.uk](http://www.channelrotary.org.uk)



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# St. Peter's Church, Folkestone

## HLF Project reveals stunning scene for Sesquicentennial

A successful second funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards further restoration work to St. Peter's Church on North Street, Folkestone, along with supporting funding from the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust and the Friends of Kent Churches has enabled significant work to commence repairing the internal walls.

Shortly after restoration work commenced, a very pleasant surprise emerged, which created a dilemma for the PCC. As the paint was stripped from the walls, a highly decorative Victorian brickwork scheme was revealed.

Originally this decorative work formed part of the Church's first extension which added the North Aisle, Apse and East Window to St. Peter's, whilst extending the Sanctuary Eastwards in 1870. However, the brickwork was painted over, probably in the 1920s, and its existence forgotten.

On finding the decorative work, the PCC faced several challenges. When most people wanted to leave it as intended the PCC decided to leave



as much of the original brickwork exposed as is practical both because it is beautiful, it restores the building to its proper Victorian condition and it will save significant ongoing maintenance costs (as it will no longer need repainting and has maximum breathability).

Most of the areas of newly exposed decorative brick are cleaning up very well. Some areas need extra work but the conservators from Calibre

Conservation are very happy with progress.

The original walls of the 1862 Church did not benefit from the decorative work, but it has been decided to paint these to be in keeping with the Victorian style now exposed, which makes the history of the building far more immediate and coherent.

"Enhancing the heritage of the Church, so that it becomes visible in time for the 150th anniversary of the Parish is very exciting!" exclaimed Churchwarden, Dr. David Wilson. "To see the walls as our founding Priest,





Father Ridsdale, knew them, is humbling. The colours are so wonderful... so complex. It is an extraordinary opportunity to be able to restore the old Anglo-Catholic heritage to the Church."

Michelle Roffe, Head of HLF South East England, said "We have been delighted to provide support to carry out urgent repairs and engage new audiences with this much-loved local landmark. Thank you to the National Lottery players who have made it possible."

The works, which are being co-ordinated by local builders, Charlier Construction, were due to be completed in June, with the first opportunity for public viewing likely to be at the annual Blessing of the Fisheries on Sunday, 24th June.



## Forthcoming Meetings

All of these meetings will now be held in the Town Council's offices at the Town Hall starting at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

### Full Council Meeting – 13th September

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Electors of the Town are able to ask questions relevant to the agenda. For further information contact the Town Council on 01303 257946.

### Finance and General Purposes Committee – 23rd August and 18th October

Scrutinise, monitor and further develop the Council's budget and oversee Council's policies.

### Grants Committee – 16th August

To consider Town Grant applications. There is currently approximately £30,000 in Town Grants available each year with a limit of £2,500 per project with a maximum of three applications per organisation per financial year. Please note this meeting starts at 6.30pm.

### Planning Committee – 9th and 30th August, 20th September and 11th October

Closely examine all planning applications submitted to Shepway District Council in the Folkestone Town area and make recommendations and comments on acceptance as part of the statutory consultation process.

### Community Services Committee – 7th August and 2nd October

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# Folkestone Art Society

The Folkestone Art Society's Spring exhibition was held at St Eanswythe's Church in May. This was the largest exhibition to date in the church and there was a lot of excitement about the exhibition. Visitors had the opportunity to see watercolours, oils, drawings, ceramic and wood sculptures from a diverse array of artistic styles, throughout the exhibition musicians played in the nave of the church making it a calm escape from the hustle and bustle of the town centre.

The exhibition was opened by the outgoing Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Roger West. In addition, patrons Richard (Producer of The Darling Buds of May and A Touch of Frost) and Irene Bates were in attendance, together with artist Fiona Graham Mackay who exhibits in The National Portrait Gallery and The Mall Gallery, London and who is also the President of the Folkestone Art Society, together with member artists and their guests.

Several artworks were chosen as President's Choice and People's Choice winners (as pictured).



*Teasles by Melanie Chalk  
(President's choice)*

The Autumn Exhibition will be held from 5th September to 15th September at the St Eanswythe's Church.

The Folkestone Art Society is celebrating its 90th year. It runs two major exhibitions a year in Folkestone – the Spring and Autumn exhibitions at St. Eanswythe's church as well as smaller exhibitions in various venues around Folkestone. The Society has over 200 members including both professional and amateur artists. Famous past members include Sir Winston Churchill. For further information go to [www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk](http://www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk)



*A good day Sailing  
by David Atherton  
(People's choice 1st)*



*Christine Crane View from Farthing Common  
(People's choice 2nd)*



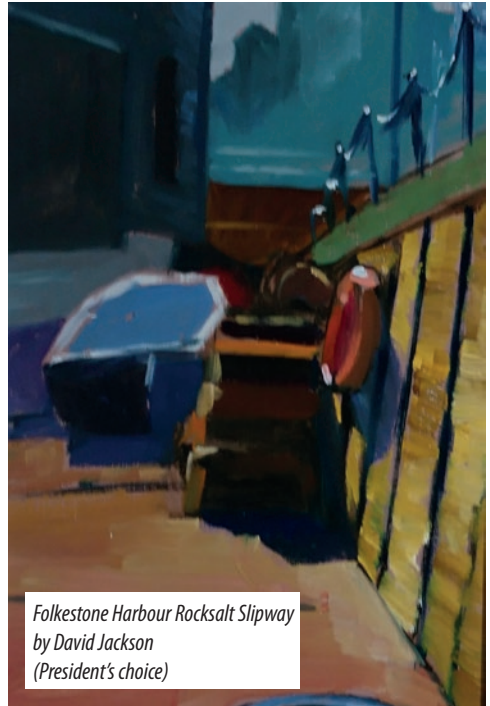
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(People's choice 3rd)*



*Still Pool by Stephen Thompson  
(President's choice)*



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# FOLKESTONE CHANNEL TRIATHLON

## 16th September 2018

The exciting, new Charity Channel Triathlon is centred around the redeveloped Folkestone Harbour Arm, which attracts large crowds of visitors for its entertainment, restaurants and bars - a fantastic, unique setting for a triathlon.

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Approved by the British Triathlon Federation and professionally managed by triathlon experts TRI SPIRIT EVENTS of Ashford, Kent on behalf of Channel Rotary Club, it offers a challenge to triathletes of all levels:

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### Which Charities are we supporting?

The Celia Blakey Centre for Cancer Care, based at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Kent, supports cancer sufferers in a sympathetic and very personal way to help them through their medical treatment.

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# Blessing of the Fisheries

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His Grace Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated at Folkestone's annual Blessing of the Fisheries conducting a service which contained equal amounts of humour and humanity.

His Grace commenced by advising the congregation that "the last time he wore this Cope (Cloak) was at the marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle" and "he would style today's service similar to sermon by The Most Reference Michael Curry".

Large crowds gathered in the sunshine to witness the Blessing which is one of Folkestone's oldest and most colourful traditions. The historic Blessing of the Fisheries and service of thanksgiving for the sea, the fisheries and for the safety of those who work at sea.

A Piper led the procession from St. Peter's Church, which included the Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Ann Berry, along with Mayors of the Cinque Ports and Civic Dignitaries, who joined His Grace.



Following the procession to the Stade, the Archbishop blessed the fleet and the fisheries. Music for the service was played by Simon Langton Brass Band.

Following the service, the procession returned to the Church for the final Blessing where the Archbishop spoke of the enormous support of the ongoing restoration of St Peter's Church, thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding, The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, The Ridsdale Trust and Friends of Kent Churches. He added; "St. Peter's had suffered from various forms of attack over the years including damage to its



spire from aircraft bullets; as well as support for its restoration through funding, the greatest support for the church's longevity are to enjoy continued large congregations".

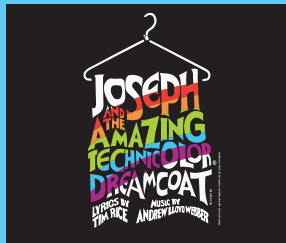
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# Walter Tull: His Life and Legacy

Folkestone Museum is delighted to present an exhibition celebrating the life and legacy of Walter Tull.

Born in Folkestone in 1888 to a British mother and Bajan father, Walter was one of the first black outfield footballers to play at the highest level, for Tottenham Hotspur, Northampton Town and Clapton. He also signed for Rangers of Glasgow in February, 1917 intending to play for them after the war. In December 1914 Walter readily enlisted with the 17th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, otherwise known as the Footballer's Battalion.

Defying the military regulation that restricted the rank of officer to those of 'pure European descent', he became the first black officer to lead white men in battle. Tragically, like so many, Walter was killed in action on 25th March 1918, a month before his 30th birthday.

To coincide with Armistice centenary commemorations in November and Black History Month in October 2018, 100 years after Walter's death, Folkestone Museum will bring Walter's story to a new generation. Owing to the generous loan of objects, letters, diaries and photographs, this will be the first extensive exhibition about Walter Tull.

His early formative years in Folkestone, his character forming decade at The Children's Home and Orphanage in Bethnal Green, his footballing and military careers and his enduring legacy will all be explored. The exhibition will also investigate what it meant to be part of a mixed-heritage family in 19th century Britain, over 70 years before the Empire Windrush brought larger numbers of Caribbean British Citizen migrants to the UK. Some of the lesser-known aspects of Walter's life such as his father's connection to Folkestone and the lives



of his equally pioneering siblings will also feature.

This exhibition has been made possible by the generous loan of archival material from the Finlayson Family Archive, Action for Children (The Children's Home and Orphanage), the National Army Museum, and Tottenham Hotspur, and with the kind assistance of Walter Tull's biographer, Phil Vasili.

A programme of talks and workshops for adults and children will compliment the exhibition. Details will be available on the Museum website.

Folkestone Museum is bringing

Walter's story to the children of the district through free outreach workshops for schools run by singer/songwriter Randolph Matthews, with the support of Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Kent County Council, and The Roger de Haan Charitable Trust. Workshops are available for KS 2 and 3. If you are a teacher and would like to book a workshop, please email [museum@folkestone-tc.gov.uk](mailto:museum@folkestone-tc.gov.uk)

## VISITOR INFORMATION:

Admission: FREE

Opening Times:

Term time, Mon-Sat, 10am – 4pm

October half-term, open daily, please check the website for updates to the schedule

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- Blood Brothers

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