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# Welcome



Welcome to the winter edition of the Folkestone Community Magazine, if you have an idea for an article, please do not hesitate to contact me, all articles will be considered, please email me at [georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk](mailto:georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk)

I would like to thank Mike Hull Photography for providing the lovely wintery cover photo, if you have photos of Folkestone you would like to be considered for future editions of the magazine, please email them to me, to view more of Mike's photos, search for Mike Hull Photography on Facebook.

This year is the centenary of the end of World War One, there are lots of services and activities taking place in Folkestone leading up to Remembrance Sunday which marks the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent. See the article inside for further information or look at our website [www.folkestone-tc.kentparish-es.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-tc.kentparish-es.gov.uk) or our Facebook page.

We are fast approaching the festive season which brings joy to a lot of people, for some it can be a difficult time of the year with the increased cost of heating etc. Since 1974 the Town Mayor of Folkestone has offered a Christmas Fund for residents of Folkestone to assist with winter expenses. Due to the increased demand and reduction in the donations towards the Fund, it has been necessary to increase the age of those eligible to apply from 70 to 75. Therefore you must be aged 75 or over on 31st

December 2018 to be eligible to apply. Further details are in the article inside the magazine or contact the Town Council on **01303 257946**. Keep your eye on the Folkestone Museum website [www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk) for information on free workshops during the school holidays. The workshops that were held during the summer holidays were extremely popular, especially the visit from the Iguanodon Restaurant. The Museum Team hope to run more events like this one in the future.

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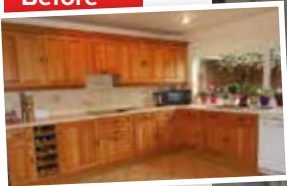
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The Town Mayor is elected by fellow Councillors at the Annual Council Meeting held in May each year in the Council Chamber. This year Councillor Ann Berry was elected to be Mayor for the municipal year 2018/19.



The Town Mayor acts as a representative for Folkestone by promoting the town at various events around the District and by attending many local events such as the opening of new shops in the Town. As you can see in the photos, Cllr Berry was delighted

to recently open some new businesses in Folkestone - the Radiance Beauty Clinic in



Shellons Street and the Fish Basket in Guildhall Street.

If you would like to invite the Mayor to your event, please contact:

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# Ledley King Opens Walter Tull Exhibition



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## On 27th September, Tottenham Hotspur Club Ambassador Ledley King opened Walter Tull: His Life and Legacy, a special exhibition at Folkestone Museum.

Local young sports fans were invited to meet the former England player and be the first to see the new exhibition. Ledley answered questions from the young audience and talked about his time at Tottenham and England.

The exhibition, which is open until Thursday 31st January 2019, features letters, photographs and artefacts from Tull's childhood growing up in Folkestone, his

time at an orphanage in Bethnal Green and his footballing and military careers.

The opening of the exhibition coincides with the centenary of Walter's death, Black History Month and the centenary of the end of the First World War.

After making his mark as a talented local football player, Tull went on to become one of Britain's first professional players from a black heritage, playing first for Clapton FC before being signed by Tottenham Hotspur and later transferring to Northampton Town.

When war broke out, Tull enlisted in the Footballers' Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment and became the first black combat officer in the British Army. He was mentioned

in despatches and recommended for the Military Cross for his bravery in the face of enemy fire. Sadly, he died during the Battle of the Somme on March 25, 1918.

Amongst the attendees were local school children who had the chance to be the first to see the new exhibition.

Ledley said: "It's important to remember Walter Tull and educate the next generation about his incredible story. I am honoured to have opened this exhibition and have enjoyed observing the artefacts and learning more about his story."

All items for Walter Tull: His Life and Legacy have been kindly loaned from the Finlayson Family Archive, the Children's Home and Orphanage, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the National Army Museum.

Visitor Information:

Admission: FREE

### Opening Times:

Mon-Sat, 10am – 4pm

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Image credits:

Studio photograph of Walter Tull (Officer), Taken Folkestone, Kent.

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Postcard of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club 1910-1911,

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# 'Big Cake Off' & Fun Day On The Stade



**The Big Cake Off - a new family-friendly, fun event for Folkestone Festivals in collaboration with 'The Mariner' on the Stade, took place on Saturday 29th September.**

Hundreds of people took advantage of the late summer sun and enjoyed live music and entertainment and food, drink and craft stalls long with lots of fundraising activities.

Folkestone's First 'Big Cake Off' provided the ultimate baking competition where passionate baking fans competed to be Folkestone's Best Amateur Baker, Cup Cake Competition and Main Cake Competition with prizes and trophies.

Judges included the Folkestone Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry, and Angela Butler from Django's in Rendezvous Street. Folkestone Festivals and The Mariner were grateful for their time and very considered judgement before making a final difficult decision. A third judge Zoe Wynne from the Cake Junction in the Old High Street was very sad to pull out at the last minute due to family circumstances but wished all contestants well.

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They released their debut album “Writing on the Wall” in the summer of 2014 which resulted in the band opening the main stage at the Gibraltar Music Festival and again in 2016.

Their single “Come Back” reached number 9 in the Irish Country Music Charts. In 2016 the band won the Country 2 Country music festival at the O2 Arena and are now Yamaha supported artists and the “Never Slowin’ Down” albums lead single “It Would Be You” rose to the top 10 of the iTunes UK Country Chart. “An incredibly talented trio; superb” Dave Cash BBC Radio Kent. “One of the UK’s top country acts” Maverick magazine. (Abi – vocals, piano, percussion), Louise (Vocals, piano, guitar, tambourine), Matt (Guitar, vocals, harmonica, banjo, ukulele). Orfila’s recent singles are “Snow, Rain and a Hurricane”(which featured as track of the day on BBC – Introducing the South) and “Built with a Dreamer’s Hand”(with Maverick magazine giving the release 5 stars).



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## The Big Sleep Out

**On 28th of September, over 75 people braved the elements to sleep out overnight to raise funds for the Rainbow Centre.**

This is the 6th year that the event has been run, raising funds for the Folkestone based charity working to tackle homelessness and supporting people in crisis. A wide range of people took on the challenge including Folkestone Mayor, Councillor Ann Berry and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Wallace. The Rainbow Centre is one of Councillor Berry's Charities of the Year and the organisation is immensely grateful for her support, particularly swapping her bed for a cardboard shelter for the evening! Many other community groups were represented including local Scouts, a small group of children from Cheriton Primary School, the Labour party and local businesses.

Organiser Sarah Elliott said: "As well as having fun with games, a shelter building competition and a chip supper, our sleepers were asked on the night to think about the reasons they had chosen to sleep out and the responses were very varied and personal.

They reflected all of the different services Rainbow Centre offers, not just for those experiencing homelessness, but also the family services we offer including Foodbank".

The CEO of the Rainbow Centre, Ali Chambers was one of those people sleeping out on Friday. "The response to the event has been tremendous. We had 78 people taking part, with the youngest being just twenty months old, so it felt like a real community effort. I would like to thank everyone who took part, or who gave money in sponsorship.

The Big Sleep Out is our biggest annual fundraiser and last year we raised over £5000 which was an amazing result. I really hope that we can do the same this year. All the money raised from the Big Sleep Out will be used to support our Winter Shelter which starts in December, as well as the Shepway Foodbank and Foodstop and the Homeless Support Service.

There is such a high demand for our services at the moment, and without fundraising events such as this, we struggle to provide the support which so many people in our community so desperately need.



The Rainbow Centre would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in any way, and for those who would like to support financially there is still time! Online donations can be made via: [www.rainbow-centre.org](http://www.rainbow-centre.org)

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# Chris and Gabs World Cycling Tour



The Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry, met some very inspiring people in July. Chris and Gabs have embarked on an epic cycling tour covering 67 countries in 7 continents raising awareness and funds for the charity "Prevent Breast Cancer". They stopped in Folkestone to meet with the Mayor before continuing on to Dover where they caught the ferry across to Dunkirk and continued their mammoth journey which will take them several years to complete. You can find further information about their story on their website where you can also track

their journey and donate to the "Prevent Breast Cancer" charity, 100% of the money donated goes to the charity as Chris and Gabs have self-funded this tour.

Folkestone Town Council wanted to wish Chris and Gabs the best of luck with their World Cycling Tour and will be keeping an eye on their website for updates on their progress.

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# Cheriton Christmas Lights



## **At the recent Donkey Derby, Cheriton Ward Councillors had a stall to raise funds for the Cheriton Ward Christmas lighting.**

Since Folkestone Town Council took over the responsibility of organising and funding the Christmas lights for Folkestone, we have been trying to improve the coverage of Christmas lights.

This is not a cheap process, so every penny that can be raised makes a difference to the amount of new lights we can include in our future Christmas lights program. If you would like to donate to the Cheriton Christmas Lights fund, please do so by contacting any of the Cheriton Ward Councillors, details are on page 4 of this magazine.

The Cheriton Christmas Lights Switch on event will be held on Saturday 1st December. There will be many activities including a Christmas Market at St Josephs Church Hall, opening at 2.30pm (£5 per stall, to book

contact Cllrs Pat and Roger West, details at the front of the magazine).

There will also be Children's Festive Fun at All Souls Church from 3.30pm, the Cheriton Baptist Church programme from 4.30pm and the Switch On stage from 5.30pm with a tombola and Santa's Grotto, and hope to see lots of you there! Also involved in the festivities will be All Souls Church, Lemon Leaf and Curios Craft.



# Town Mayor Of Folkestone's Christmas Fund 2018

**Since 1974 applications have been welcomed each year from residents of Folkestone to apply to the Town Mayor of Folkestone's Christmas Fund for assistance with their winter expenses.**

Prior to 1974 this was known as the Mayor's Coal Fund and gifts of coal were distributed to those eligible.

Each year local businesses and individuals make donations to the Mayor's Christmas Fund and payments are then sent in January to residents aged 75 and over who fall within a certain financial criteria, as agreed by the Town Mayor of Folkestone's Christmas Fund Committee. Due to the increased demand and reduction in the donations towards the Fund, this year it has been necessary to increase the age of those eligible to apply from 70 to 75.

In order to be considered for a gift applicants need to:

- Complete an application form available from the Town Council offices in the Town Hall, from the Civic Centre in Castle Hill Avenue or by phoning **01303 257946**
- Be aged 75 or over on 31st December 2018
- Be a resident of Folkestone
- Not reside in a residential or care home
- Only submit one application per household
- Return the form to Folkestone Town Council, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1DY by 4.00pm on 20th December 2018

Any organisation or individual who wishes to make a donation, however small, can do so by addressing it to the Town Mayor of Folkestone, Folkestone Town Council, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1DY. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Town Mayor's Christmas Fund'.

## Folkestone Town Council are proud to support the Armed Forces Community

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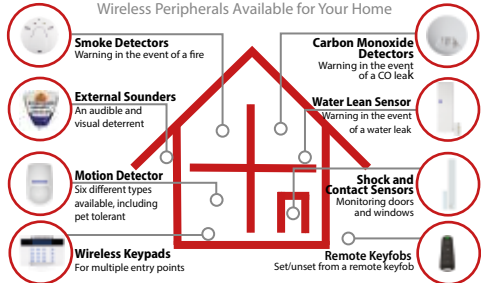
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**Come and see the Big 'Switch On', Christmas Lantern Parade at 5.30pm from Leas Cliff Hall and Festivities at the Town Hall:**

**Friday 30 November 2018 from 4pm**

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**Cheriton 'Switch On' Event and festivities from 2.30pm with a Christmas Market, Children's Festive Fun and the switch on, which will be outside the Community Network from 5.30pm with Cheriton Councillors and the Network Team on:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 from 2.30pm**

See the article within the magazine for further details





# Could You Foster a Cat?

**Folkestone and Hythe Cats Protection is launching a local poster campaign, urgently seeking people who could foster cats which come into their care, before they are found permanent homes.**

For every cat that is rehomed, another is waiting to come into the care of the branch and be given some much-needed attention. If you would like to look after a cat and have a few hours to spare each day, this is an ideal way of enjoying a cat if you can't commit to actually owning one.

You'll need an appropriate room or house space, a practical personality, enjoy interacting with people and a willingness to follow the cat care standards of the charity.

In return for your time and commitment the Branch will provide everything you require, including;

- Equipment to adapt the facilities made available
- Food, litter and trays, bedding, feeding bowls and toys
- Veterinary treatment for Cats Protection cats/kittens in your care
- Help, support and training, so you feel confident as a fosterer.

The Folkestone and Hythe Branch is part of a national network and has been helping unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens for over twenty years. If you would like further information, please contact: **0345 260 1253**



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Sadly, more and more households and individuals are experiencing hardship and deprivation and the Shepway Foodbank is there to help support them through those times of crisis. Sitting under the umbrella of the Rainbow Centre, and supported by the Trussell Trust, the Shepway Foodbank has been working the local community for the last four years. Demand has increased and last year, the Foodbank fed 1,700 people.

To obtain food, residents must first go to one of our referring agencies to obtain a voucher. The agency confirms the applicant's address and circumstances, and once the voucher has been issued, the person is able to present it at the Distribution Centre in exchange for a three day supply of food.

In order to continue to meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our community, we need to ensure that sufficient long-life food is donated throughout the year. We have tremendous support from local business, groups and individuals and we are very grateful to everyone who has collection bins within their premises and the local people who contribute to them.

If you can help Shepway Foodbank in any way, please e-mail:

**[foodbank@rainbow-centre.org](mailto:foodbank@rainbow-centre.org)**

If you would like to donate to the Foodbank, the Town Hall is a donation station and is open between Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm, alternatively the Rainbow Shop in Cheriton Road is also a donation station, they are open Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm.

# RBL Gold Badge



**On 3 July 2018 Trevor Mays, the current Chairman of Cheriton & Morehall Royal British Legion (RBL), was presented with the RBL Gold Badge for his work at the Branch over the past 9 years and as Kent County Welfare Case Worker for 8 years.**

The Gold Badge awards are given to RBL members who have given at least 8 years meritorious and conspicuous service to the objectives of the Legion as defined by the Royal Charter. The Cheriton & Morehall Branch of the RBL have to date been awarded two Gold Badges – the previous recipient was Mr Lance Cruse.

Trevor was put forward for the award by his fellow Branch Members and Richard Cast, the Chairman of the Kent County RBL, was in attendance to present Trevor with the accolade. Trevor said "I am truly honoured to receive this award, but I have to say, my Wife, Avril, deserves half!"

If you have an interest in the objectives of the Legion and want to help and support those who have served and their families, membership is open to everyone. The RBL welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not.

Anyone interested in joining the local branch are welcome to attend the Branch meetings which take place on the first Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm at the Cheriton Bowls Club, Weymouth Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.



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## Victory Over Japan Day (VJ Day)

**VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) is the celebration of the surrender of Japan, ending combat in the Second World War on 15 August 1945.**



In Folkestone the day was commemorated by a service in the Methodist Church Hall, Sandgate Road, followed by the laying of wreaths in the Garden of Remembrance at the Burma Star Memorial.

The Service, which was conducted by Reverend Bob Weldon, was attended by civic dignitaries, representatives from ex-service associations and their standards, youth organisations, local community groups, Kent Police and members of the public.



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# What's On – Winter 2018/2019

**28th September – 31st January 2019**

## **Walter Tull Exhibition**

Folkestone Museum will be celebrating the life and legacy of Walter Tull, born in Folkestone in 1888.

[www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk)

**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.

[www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**6th November**

## **The Royal Artillery Roll Call at the Step Short Arch**

The South East Region of the Royal Artillery Association along with students from local schools, will be naming 2,003 fallen gunners at the Step Short Arch. For further information contact John Bishop on **07803615160**

**8th – 10th November**

## **My Boy Jack at the Tower Theatre**

To book or for further information visit:

[www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)

**10th November**

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

The Two Minute Silence is observed followed by a short ceremony at the Machine Gun Corps Memorial in Cheriton Road Cemetery. Members of the public are welcome to attend the service commencing at 11am.

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**10th November**

## **The Youth Festival of Remembrance**

6pm at The Leas Cliff Hall – for further information check the article and poster inside the magazine.

**11th November**

## **Battle's Over – Sleep in Peace, Now the Battle's Over**

A lone piper will play Battle's O'er under the Step Short Arch on the Leas at 6am.

**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.

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# What's On – Winter 2018/2019

**11th November**

## **Folkestone Remembers**

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[www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestoneetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**16th – 25th November**

## **Book Festival**

This year, the festival and the Creative Quarters Christmas festivities will be opened by the inspiring novelist Kit de Waal. Half Irish, half Jamaican, her novels are beautifully humane and moving. The 2018 Folkestone Book Festival will be the most international ever with an Indian Day, an American Day and a Turkish night, not to be missed.

[www.folkestonebookfest.com](http://www.folkestonebookfest.com)

**16th November**

## **Creative Quarter Christmas Light Switch on**

From 5pm in the Town Centre. For further information visit

<http://www.creativequarterfolkestone.org.uk/xmas-lights-in-the-quarter/>

**17th November**

## **Girlguiding Kent East Choir and Sussex West Choir concert at the Tower Theatre**

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**20th – 21st November**

## **Singing in the Rain Junior at the Tower Theatre**

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**22nd November**

## **Mayors Charity Event**

6pm at The Restaurant at East Kent College - Raising funds for the Mayor of Folkestone's Charities with a classic fine dining experience with a modern twist, there will be a raffle, stand-up bingo and a pay bar. Tickets cost £25 and are available from the Town Council office or contact **01303 257946** or email:

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**24th November**

## **Authentic Smile Mind & Body Expo at the Tower Theatre**

To book or for further information visit:

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**24th November**

## **The Life and Legacy of Walter Tull 1888 – 1918: reluctant hero?**

Author and Biographer, Phil Vasili will be at Folkestone Museum at 4pm to give a talk on the life of Walter Tull, booking via the museum website [www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk) is essential as numbers are limited.



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### 30th November

#### Christmas Lights Switch On

From 4pm in the Town Centre, the Christmas Lantern Parade from the Leas Cliff Hall at 5.30pm and a fireworks finale at 7.30pm. For further information see the article inside the magazine or check our website:

[www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

### 30th November - ArtMart

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

### 1st December

#### Cheriton Community Christmas Lights Switch On

Starting from 2.30pm with a Christmas Market finishing with the switch on from the main stage from 5.30pm outside the Community Network. For further information see the article inside the magazine, check our website [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

### 14th – 24th December

#### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Tower Theatre

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### 14th December

#### ArtMart

This well established, and increasingly popular specialist Art, Craft and Artisan Food Market will be held in the Town Centre.

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### 25th January 2019

#### Holocaust Memorial Day

An annual commemoration will be held in the Methodist Church Hall and the Garden of Remembrance to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in memory of those who died in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

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# 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

15th November 2018 and 10th January 2019

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

13th December 2018

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

## GRANTS COMMITTEE

8th November 2018

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

1st and 22nd November, 12th December 2018, 9th and 24th January 2019

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

20th November 2018

Look at how to enhance and improve the environment and facilities in our area, from agreeing expenditure on new facilities to supporting new and proposed events.

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# Latest News From Folkestone Channel Rotary Club

**It's been a busy year for Channel Rotary members as you'll have read in the previous Community magazines, so like everyone else we took a well earned break in August with relaxed meetings in local pubs, new and very old. Here are some of the highlights of the past 3 months.**

## **Channel Rotary Bike Ride Raises £6,000 Much Needed Funds For Pilgrims Hospices And Other Local Charities**



The Star Inn at St Mary in the Marsh was once again a sea of cycling colour as 300 riders from the South East of England and EU came together in Chanel Rotary's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Bike Ride sponsored by KAP and One Ashford Hospital. Some £6,000 was raised with the main beneficiary being the Pilgrims Hospice which provides an amazing service to our community solely funded by charitable donations. Since 2010 the Bike Ride has raised £50,000 with much more to come in the future.

This was a fun day with a carnival atmosphere at the Star Inn and much revelry, barbecuing and foot-tapping music. Star Inn landlords Dave and Terri gave us wonderful support, providing their paddock and facilities through the day with a refreshing 'pint' and a bite to eat for the returning riders in their sun-drenched garden.

Everyone enjoyed cycling along the peaceful and historic Marsh lanes on fully marshalled, KCC approved 10, 30 and 50 mile routes with

plenty of stops to keep them happy with drinks and Channel Rotary's famous flapjacks. It wasn't a race day, but the fastest 50 mile riders did it in excellent times. Top of the self-timed honesty board was Team Just Brian in 2 hours 34 mins.

Event Organiser Bill Whitby summed it up. "The Channel Rotary Bike Ride has become an annual favourite with our local cycling fraternity. We've had a wonderful day of family fun and raised a significant sum for Pilgrims Hospices and other very deserving local charities. Our grateful thanks to the Star Inn, the residents of Romney Marsh, our sponsors, the donors of prizes and our superb cyclists. We'll see you all again next year!"

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## **Chernobyl Childrens' Helpline - Bringing Hope To Disabled Children In Belarus And Ukraine**



For some years Channel Rotary has been supporting the local arm of a UK charity called the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline which helps children and their families living in areas in Ukraine and Belarus still affected by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the world's worst man-made calamity. Sarah Day, the organiser of the local Ashford, Romney Marsh & Rye Link, is also a member of nearby Romney Marsh Rotary Club which makes Channel Rotary's involvement more personal. Together with the other members of the Link, she oversees the Link's Community and Family Support Projects and organises recuperation trips for children

to the UK. One of these projects is the Source Of Hope Centre For Disabled Children in Korosten, Ukraine where over 30 children, who would normally be house-bound, benefit from treatment, therapy and social involvement. The Centre is funded by UK donations including those from Channel Rotary and supported by gifts including essentials such as equipment, clothes, shoes, nappies, books and toys.

For further information, please contact [cclisarahday@gmail.com](mailto:cclisarahday@gmail.com)

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### Channel Rotary Celebrates The Last Night Of The Proms



There is something very special about the Last Night Of The Proms. All those musicians, singers and Promenaders having a unique, uplifting evening of music and friendship in the Albert Hall. And so it proved with Channel Rotary's own annual Proms Night at the Burlington Hotel, Folkestone on 29 August. This was the first guest event of our 2018-19 programme and Gary Calver and his team set the bar very high.

President Bill Flavell welcomed Channel members, partners and guests. In the spirit of the evening, the dining room was ablaze with red, white and blue and many of the guests were dressed in Union Flag waistcoats, ties, scarves, socks and hats. The Hotel served a splendid meal to the accompaniment of the excellent Kent Military Community Choir which performed a medley of old and new songs. This was followed by an amusing table quiz to identify a selection of patriotic sayings, poems and speeches with a fine box of chocolates for the winning table to share.

After a break for coffee, the choir returned for the rousing finale. The audience joined in renditions of Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and Rule Britannia accompanied by much energetic flag waving. All in all it was a great evening.

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### Local School Pupils Triumph In UK Rotary Young Writer And Young Photographer Competitions

Two Folkestone primary school pupils have come up trumps in the UK Rotary Young Writer and Young Photographer competitions organised locally by the Shepway Rotary Clubs.

Kate Dennison-Herbert (age 11) of Sandgate Primary School was the proud winner of the Shepway heat of the Rotary Young Writer Competition (Junior Section). Her entry on the subject 'A Different Perspective' went on to win the regional heat for Kent, Sussex and Surrey and take a Highly Commended at national level - a wonderful effort. She was presented with her certificates and prizes at a special school assembly on 18 July by Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell.

At the same time, Poppy Taylor-Casey (age 10) of Castle Hill Community Primary School has won the local Young Photographer Competition (Junior Section). She was presented with her certificate and prize by Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell and Youth Organiser David Jarvis in front of all the school's pupils at the annual prize giving ceremony on 19 July. Shepway has a strong record in this competition; Henriette Stainer of Folkestone Girls Grammar School won the national Rotary Young Photographer Senior Competitions in 2015.

Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell said "These are wonderful competitions which show the amount of talent we have in Shepway schools. The local Rotary Clubs are very pleased to provide this opportunity for our youngsters to shine. We send our thanks to the schools and wish everyone who took part the very best for the future."

## Channel Rotary Honours Its Late Member David Strickland



**David Strickland was a respected member of Channel Rotary for over 35 years and was its President in 1999-2000.**

He was also well known in Folkestone both as the owner of the Dover Road Post Office and as an excellent, multi-talented sportsman including cricket, hockey, tennis and table tennis achievements. His greatest love was cricket and he was a life member of Kent County Cricket Club.

When David passed away Channel Rotary decided to honour his memory by presenting a trophy to Folkestone Cricket Club to be awarded annually to the 'Players' Player Of The Year'. The presentation took place on 14th September at Three Hills Sports Centre before the Club's end of year dinner and prize giving. The magnificent trophy was presented by David's wife Becky, son John and daughter Kate to Folkestone Cricket Club Chairman John Godden. Also present were Channel Rotary President Bill Flavell and members Peter Godden and Hugh Barker together with 45 members and wives from Folkestone CC, including Folkestone CC's President Bill Hewson and James Tredwell, the prominent Folkestone, Kent and England player.

Bill Flavell explained why Channel Rotary and David's family had together chosen to honour David in this way, referring to Channel Rotary's commitment to support local good causes including youth and sporting opportunities. John Strickland then said how proud the family was to support Folkestone CC with this prestigious award. John Godden gave the Cricket Club's thanks and announced that the first recipient was a long standing member of the Club, Stuart Graham, who was the clear choice of all the players for his achievements over this past season.

## Channel Rotary At The Shepway Sports Trust Annual Awards



**One of the main beneficiaries of Channel Rotary's inaugural Folkestone Channel Triathlon is the go-ahead Shepway Sport Trust (SST) and the Leas Cliff Hall was full to the brim with sporting talent for its recent annual awards ceremony.**

Everyone knew it would be a great evening when several people dressed in black unexpectedly hurtled down the steps into the main hall, dived over the bannister and did amazing gymnastics on the stage. They were the Thanet Parkour Academy and the applause was deafening.

Three Channel Rotary members, Joe Sullivan, Gordon Robinson and Duncan Hopkin, joined the guests and promoted the Triathlon. We had the excitement of rubbing shoulders with sporting stars like double Olympian athlete, SST Gold Ambassador and keynote speaker Jack Green who lives locally.

The other keynote speaker was another local sportsman Ricky Reina. He and his friend John Wilson (also from Folkestone) will attempt to row the 3,800 miles across the Atlantic from Cadiz to Antigua in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge this November. Channel Rotary will be monitoring the row very closely as Ricky is also the son-in-law of our member Brian Barnes and will be carrying a Channel Rotary award banner with him.

MC Paul Carney gave the Triathlon several excellent plugs and what started out as a working evening turned into a very enjoyable occasion.

## First Folkestone Channel Triathlon Is A Great Success



The first Folkestone Channel Triathlon took to the water and roads on 16 September, organised by Channel Rotarian Joe Sullivan and professionally managed by TriSpirit Events of Ashford. The response of the triathletes was excellent and 8th September 2019 has already been reserved for the next one. Please put it in your diaries now whether you'll be a competitor or a spectator.

200 enthusiasts of all standards from beginners to GB age group athletes swam, cycled and ran to challenge themselves and their best times. We are so lucky to have the use of the Harbour Arm which is a fantastic setting and this enabled us to also showcase the major developments at the Harbour and our amazing coastal and countryside scenery during the cycle and run phases.

The wind was stronger and the sea rougher than forecast for the swim but the athletes took to it like ducks with the safety protection of the canoeists (mostly from the Folkestone Rowing Club) and for the support of the Folkestone Rescue Boat. Triathlons are essentially about challenging yourself and many swimmers were exhilarated by being able to swim in these sea conditions knowing that they were being safely watched over. The same drive, commitment and achievement was demonstrated in the cycle and run phases.

Organise Joe Sullivan said "What a brilliant event with super athletes. There have been so many examples of personal achievement. Our grateful thanks to everyone who made it

possible: Tri Spirit Events, athletes, volunteers and sponsors". The event raised nearly £5,000 for the Celia Blakey Cancer Care Unit at the William Harvey Hospital and the Shepway Sports Trust which do amazing work in our community. We believe the athletes have raised at least as much for their own personal charities. We are immensely grateful to County, District and Town Councils, The Folkestone Harbour Company, The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust and all the local businesses who generously sponsored the event, also a special thanks to the Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone Cllr Ann Berry for her support in this event.

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### You Can Play Your Part, Too!



Join us at Channel Rotary's next big Charity Event - Santa's Run, Jog Or Walk on Sunday 9th December.

This ever popular event has raised around £75,000 for local good causes over the past 15 years. So please put the date in your diary and get into gentle training to join our Super Santa Stars in the fun event of the year! Full details shortly at:

[www.santasfunrun.org.uk](http://www.santasfunrun.org.uk)

You Could Be A Channel Rotary Member  
Its not all work! Our year includes lots of talks, outside visits and social evenings. To hear about membership opportunities, please contact Alan Myers **07904 317047** or Duncan Hopkin **01303 242082** or visit:  
[www.channelrotary.org.uk](http://www.channelrotary.org.uk)

# Rotary Club of Folkestone Update

## The Rotary Club of Folkestone were delighted to recently support Cheriton Community Donation Station.

Part of United Response, the donation station receives donations from the local community and in turn sells the goods to support the charity, creating revenue which is then fed back to the community via the Community Network!

Within the premises the charity was desperately in need of a chair lift, which has been recently installed following a donation from the club.



Helen Lawrence from the charity commented, "we are most grateful for the support of the Rotary Club and appreciating every penny counts within the scope of the charity we were so pleased that they were able to be generous by assisting to the

installation of the lift which is vital for those that we assist. At the same time if anyone would like to donate any items these would be gratefully received to the premises in Cheriton (not electrical)."

Bill Wright, the president, was equally pleased to support the charity on behalf of the club and the members appreciate the hard work and dedication of United Response, which is always a delight to assist. The charity further has great outcomes and we receive many updates of the excellent facilities available to those in need within the area.

Each year the club has an initiative of Dragons' Den where various charitable organisations are invited to enter a competition and demonstrate their charitable work, where the club then awards a contribution to support their good cause.

Bill Wright, the club president, commented "It is always nice to support small, local good causes and on these particular occasions we have been an enabler to provide outside participation for which we are most pleased with. All recipients were most grateful for our assistance and the two latter funding facilities were part of our recent Dragon's Den initiative which gives various charities or projects the opportunity to demonstrate their ambitions and requirements to assist their cause."

- Christchurch School was awarded £500 to create a sensory garden at the school to benefit all the children at the school but especially those with Special Educational Needs.
- St Peter's School was awarded £500 for an artistic project involving the artwork of the children and the talent of a local artist.
- Salvation Army was awarded £300 for help in renovating a room to be used as a Youth Room.
- Harcourt School was awarded £380 to help buy more books for Key Stage Two students.
- Rainbow Centre Nursery (Held at the Salvation Army) was awarded £300 to purchase some outdoor equipment for the youngsters to enjoy in the nursery garden.



- St Mary's School was awarded £320 to reward children with a trip to Dymchurch for improving their behaviour.



- Spectrum Arts Group (Meet at Hill Road Baptist Church) was awarded £500 to buy new equipment which is needed due to the increase in numbers of this group.
- MASC (Music and Art for the Shepway Community) was awarded £200 to support the extension of their work from choirs to include drama sessions and other creative arts.

The Rotary Club of Folkestone recently welcomed the Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Ann Berry to a recent lunch where she kindly provided a résumé of her activities as Mayor to the members by providing a most informative talk. This included this year's Mayor's charities that she is supporting which are young carers, army cadets, the homeless and Royal British Legion. It was interesting to learn the intricacies of the Mayor's role and how engagement, support and work assists those locally which is very much the work of Rotary as well so there were some synergies.



The president of the Rotary Club Bill Wright commented, "We were most pleased to

welcome the Mayor to our meeting and to understand the good work within our community that the Mayor's office provides. We are appreciative of the help and support given and on occasions throughout our Rotary involvement work closely with both the local authority and Folkestone Town Council and we look forward to welcoming Ann back once again."



The Mayor Cllr Ann Berry commented, "It was a delight to come along to the lunch recently along with my husband Maurice as consort. We had a most enjoyable time and it was both informative and surprising with the amount of activities and involvement of the club and it was so nice to see those members supporting those that need help that may be less privileged or needy particularly within the area."

During the same occasion the club welcomed new member Rob Bryer. Rob works for The Good Estate Agent and lives in Lympne. The President Bill Wright commented, "It's so nice to welcome my first new member during my presidential year. Already Rob has shown willingness to support the club by assisting his sponsor Ray Johnson the race director of the Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon."

Rob commented that he was looking forward to assist the club wherever possible in the future and he is delighted to be able to help those in need by devoting some time effort and support within the scope of the many interesting activities the club performs to raise funds. It is quite fascinating the further work that the club does on an international scale not just within the immediate area and he is looking forward to being involved in a couple of new projects coming up.

# 13<sup>th</sup> Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon



## **Over 600 runners enjoyed the 13th Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon on Sunday, 30th September.**

It was a fantastic day for runners, spectators and marshals as well as achieving its aim of raising many thousands of pounds for local charities. Congratulations to all those who participated.

The race was established in 2006 and it has become a prominent fixture in the running calendar, bringing runners of all standards from all over the South-East in to Folkestone.

The race was won by Marshall Smith from Ashford Athletics Club, in a time of 1hr 14 mins 45 secs, 44 seconds clear of Carl Selya-Hammer also of Ashford & District in second place 1hr 15 mins 30 secs, followed by Alix Ramsier in third place not far off at 1hr 16 mins 12secs. First lady home was Megan Bates with a time of 1hr 29 mins 35 secs. Second lady was Tanya Cornish and Helen Taranowski in third place. The men's team prize went to Dover Road Runners (Alan Wood, Chris Searson & Kevin Hart). The Ladies team prize went to Folkestone Running Club (Charlotte Avery, Carolyn Lewis & Diane Parson). In addition, the children's race was well attended.

Both race winners received a £100 prize courtesy of sponsors Independent Insurance Services.

This year's race proceeds will benefit local and international charities through the good work of Folkestone Rotary Club, with the main beneficiaries being Folkestone Action for Children and The Rotary Helping Hand Project. Race director Ray Johnson was once again a happy man! "With fabulous weather a huge raft of spectators, a great day and we have already received some superb feedback. As always, I am

most grateful for the support from a number of local organisations who help make sure this event remains one of the most popular half marathons in the south east. We have now achieved over £430,000 for good causes since the race started in 2006 and many runners are raising further funds from their sterling efforts yesterday including a large contingent of runner representing the Pilgrims Hospice"

The event will return on Sunday 29th September 2019 and features a prize of £100 to the runner that may crack the current course record of 1 hr 8 mins for the men's and 1 hr 21 mins & 05 secs for the female.

It is a fantastic achievement to complete the course either as an elite runner or a new participant to a half marathon. 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 Rotary. This year we held our fifth children's race with over 30 participating.

First indications are that the event has raised in excess of £30,000 and we are hopeful that we can beat last year's amount of just over £25,000. This year's chosen charities are Folkestone Action for Children and Rotary Helping Hand. In addition, many runners were raising funds for various chosen causes.

Once again we have received tremendous feedback from the runners congratulating us for such a great event, by way of organisation, goodie bags and encouragement from marshals. They also thoroughly enjoyed the course and all of the facilities available although some runner had requested we reduce the temperature and remove the Road of Remembrance on the return which is known as the 'Sting in the Tail'.

Further feedback/information can be viewed by going to:

**[www.runnersworld.co.uk/events](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk/events) and [www.folkestonerotary.org](http://www.folkestonerotary.org)**



# FOLKESTONE REMEMBERS 2018

Each year, Folkestone remembers those who lost their lives in war. With this year being the centenary of the end of World War One, there are various services and activities taking place in Folkestone leading up to Remembrance Sunday, marking the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent

## 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER TO 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### **Poppy Crafting at Folkestone Museum (Family Drop-in Workshops)**

Folkestone Museum invites you and your family to join them in making some poppies in remembrance. Personalised poppies can then either be taken home or laid as part of the Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance service on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Contact Folkestone Museum on 01303 257946 or email [museum@folkestone-tc.gov.uk](mailto:museum@folkestone-tc.gov.uk)

## SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### **2.00pm Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance**

This short service dedicates the Regimental Crosses that are placed out each year for the duration of November. Civic dignitaries, cadets and ex-service personnel stand on parade and members of the public are invited to attend. All are invited to place a cross in the Garden of Remembrance.

## TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### **11.00am The Royal Artillery Roll Call at the Step Short Arch**

The Royal Artillery Roll of Honour for WWI contains 49,076 names of fallen gunners and the Roll will be read out by various units across the Country from 2<sup>nd</sup> November through to 10<sup>th</sup> November. The South East Region of the Royal Artillery Association, along with students from local schools, will be naming 2,003 fallen gunners at the Step Short Arch. Contact John Bishop on 07803 615160.

## SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### **11.00am Machine Gun Corps at Cheriton Road Cemetery**

The annual service, organised by the Royal British Legion, will take place at the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) Memorial.

## SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### **06.00am Battle's Over – Sleep in Peace, Now the Battle's Over**

1,000 individual Pipers across the United Kingdom and countries around the world commence the day's commemorations with the traditional Scottish lament played at the end of battle – Battle's O'er.

In Folkestone, a lone Piper will play Battle's O'er under the Step Short Arch on The Leas.

### **11.00am Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade**

The Service and Parade will commence at 10.45am at the War Memorial at the top of the Road of Remembrance.

### **6.00pm Folkestone Remembers**

Music will be played on The Leas Bandstand and commemorative candles distributed, leading up to the end of the national Battle's Over commemorations.

### **6.55pm Battle's Over - The Last Post**

1,000 individual Buglers will sound this historic tribute at WWI Beacons of Light locations across the Nation and UK Overseas Territories. In Folkestone a Bugler from one of the local Cadet Units will play by the Beacon on The Leas.

### **7.00pm Battle's Over - WWI Beacons of Light**

Over 1,000 Beacons of Light symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace will be lit across the Nation and UK Overseas Territories. In Folkestone, the Beacon on The Leas will be lit.

### **7.05pm Battle's Over - Ringing Out for Peace**

1,000 cathedrals and churches will ring out their bells across the Nation, and beyond, in celebration of peace.

Contact Folkestone Town Council on 01303 257946 or email [toni.brenchley@folkestone-tc.gov.uk](mailto:toni.brenchley@folkestone-tc.gov.uk)



# Folkestone and Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society



**Folkestone and Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society (FHODS) is a thriving amateur theatre company who perform a variety of productions, from musicals, comedies and dramas, to their hugely popular annual panto.**

The company is a charitable organisation, originally formed as 'Folkestone Dramatic Music Club' back in 1902. Since then they have gone from strength to strength, recently becoming the proud owners of the huge garrison church in Shorncliffe which they have tirelessly transformed into a wonderful venue – the Tower Theatre. As well as FHODS productions, the Tower Theatre hosts countless community events and touring shows in its impressive 280 seat auditorium. For more information about joining or volunteering for the theatre, please call **01303 223925** or visit our website:

**[www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)**

We have got some great shows coming up and to mark the centenary of the First World War armistice this November, Folkestone and Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society is honoured to present David Haig's moving

play 'My Boy Jack' at the Tower Theatre, in collaboration with Step Short. Folkestone has a poignant connection with the First World War, being the departure point for many young men leaving Britain for the first time to be dispatched to the front line. Step Short is a local charity dedicated to commemorating our town's involvement in the war. Shorncliffe camp was established in 1794 and was a staging post for many troops during the First World War.

The play 'My Boy Jack' depicts the devastating true story of how the Great War impacts one man and his family. But this isn't any man, it is the most celebrated and widely read writer of the time, Rudyard Kipling. The drama takes place at Bateman's, the Kiplings' famous home in Sussex; and – in stark contrast – the nightmare trenches of the Western Front. FHODS has many plans in place to make this a very special production and an unmissable local event. Members of the cast have already visited Bateman's for a photo shoot with the kind permission of the National Trust.

The theatre will also showcase a number of displays including a unique poppy installation

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and an exhibition of Rudyard's letters to his son Jack.

'My Boy Jack', directed by Roger Joyce will run from November 8th to the 10th, with a matinee on the 10th. To book and for more information visit [www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook at 'FHODS at the Tower Theatre'.

We are delighted to then welcome back the Girlguiding Kent East Choir and Sussex West Choir for a concert on the 17th November, followed by 'Singing in the Rain Junior', a musical not to be missed on the 20th and 21st November! Or why not take a day out for you, your mind and body and come and join us on

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a day of interactive self-care workshops with the 'Authentic Smile Mind & Body Expo' on the 24th November.

Its behind you! Mike Nolan from Bucks Fizz is back again to star in this years' Folkestone and Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Societies pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Tower Theatre. It's brought to life with an abundance of comedy, song and dance, with seven friendly dwarfs, a beautiful princess, a handsome prince and plenty of audience participation. Throw in a magical mirror and a fabulously sparkling fairy, then watch as we outwit the Wicked Queen and let love prevail in this glittering festive treat for all ages. Mirror mirror on the wall who is the fairest of them all? Not the dame, as back again playing Dame Edna Bucket is John Pritchard for his and Mike Nolan's fifth pantomime for FHODS. The show opens on Friday the 14th December and with the exception of a few days will run twice daily up to the 24th December. To book and for more information visit:

[www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook at 'FHODS at the Tower Theatre'.

# Youth Festival of Remembrance

**The Youth Festival of Remembrance will return for its 9th Consecutive year on Saturday 10th November 2018 at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone.**



Once again, the Festival is being sponsored and supported by Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Folkestone Town Council. This year's performers include Local Sea, Royal Marines, Army and Air Cadets along with Local Secondary and Primary Schools, Dance Warehouse, Shepway Brass Academy, Dance Fusion, Scouts and the incredible Blue Falcons Gymnastic Display Team, plus a few new additional elements throughout the evening all ending in a muster with standards and a short dedication service followed by a 2-minute silence with a poppy drop to finish.

Don't miss out on this truly unique and outstanding show and one not to be missed!! Tickets Cost £9 and are on sale now and can be purchased at the Leas Cliff Hall Box Office.

All money goes to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018. To date the festival has raised over £26,000 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



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# YOUTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Leas Cliff Hall Folkestone

Saturday 10th November

Starts at 6PM - Doors open at 5:30PM

Tickets £9

In Aid of RBL Poppy Appeal

Commemorating the  
Centenary of the end of WW1

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## FEATURING:

Sea, Army & Air Cadet Displays  
Local Primary & Secondary School Choirs  
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Shorncliffe Military Wives Choir  
The Blue Falcons Gymnastics Team

Tickets Available From: The Leas Cliff Hall Box Office  
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# Folkestone Town Council Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Tournament – 26 September 2018

**Folkestone's Town Council's Annual Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Tournament was held at Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road Cricket Ground starting at 11am on Wednesday 26 September and, as always was a free event with fun and participation the main focus.**

16 Primary School teams enjoyed a day of Kwik Cricket and friendly competition which was welcomed by pupils and teachers alike after much hard work with SATs tests.

The Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Ann Berry welcomed everyone to the tournament with games of one innings per team and innings of 8 overs long commencing!

Folkestone Cricket Club helped to coordinate the fixtures and contributed with volunteers including Sports Leaders from The Folkestone Academy who provided umpiring, scoring for another successful and enjoyable event.



## Folkestone Festivals - UK Strong Man Contest

**With a warning of 'Don't try this at home'; Folkestone hosted the UK Strongest Man 105kg Finals on a very sunny Leas on Sunday 15th July.**



Enthusiastic crowds were amazed at the strength of the fantastic competitors from Scotland, Wales and England as they battled it out for the UK Title.

Local disabled strongman Phil Cannon from Hawkinge attempted to break the world record and gave a tremendous effort but the weather was perhaps against him. We

wish him well in his future attempt on the Continent later this year.

It was a really tough competition and was eventually an all-England First, Second and Third! Prizes were presented by Past Town Mayor Alan North.

Make sure you book the same weekend in your diary for next year!



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