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Welcome



Welcome to this Winter edition of the Folkestone Community Magazine.

Christmas is quickly approaching and is a time of year when we should think about people more in need than ourselves. Inside this magazine is an article with information on the Mayors Christmas Fund, if you are over 75 and are a resident in Folkestone, you could be eligible for a one off payment to help towards winter costs, application forms are available from the Town Hall and can be posted out, for further information contact the Town Council, details on the front cover.

As you will see in the What's On list, there are many Christmas events taking place over the next couple of months. We are very lucky in Folkestone to have not one but three Christmas Light Switch On events, with the Creative Foundation at The Old High Street being switched on Friday 15th November, the Folkestone Town Centre switch on taking place on Friday 22nd November and the Cheriton switch on taking place on Saturday 30th November, further details of all these events and many other Christmas events are in the What's On list.

The Folkestone Museum currently have the extremely interesting Eurotunnel 25 Exhibition on display until March 2020, pop along during the open hours of Monday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm. Unfortunately the Museum has had to close for a short time for some repairs to be made after experiencing a water leak, please

check the Museum is open before visiting:
www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk

A big thanks to Samantha Jarrett for providing us with the beautiful cover photo of Sugarloaf Hill in the snow. If you have any photos of Folkestone you would like considered as a future front cover, please email them to me at georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

Finally, Folkestone Town Council wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.



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Eurotunnel 25 Years On

Eurotunnel are celebrating their 25th anniversary at Folkestone Museum!



'Eurotunnel 25 Years On' is a one-off exhibition and will be open for the public to enjoy in our temporary exhibition space until 7th March 2020. The Exhibition explores the history of the Channel Tunnel bringing together original artefacts from the archaeological digs, documentary photographs and an insight into the creation of the wildlife reserve, Samphire Hoe.

Throughout the duration of the show we have invited various guest speakers to run uniquely prepared talks and workshops. Dates and details will be posted on social media and on Folkestonemuseum.co.uk over the coming months.

The exhibition was opened on Friday 13th September by Councillor Ray Field, Deputy Town Mayor and Jae Hopkins, Marketing & Sales Director - Eurotunnel Le Shuttle. Jae Hopkins said: "We are delighted to have this opportunity to showcase a little of the history, engineering and ecology around the creation and operation of the UK's link to France and beyond. It's been a pleasure to work with Folkestone Museum to make Eurotunnel more visible to the people, and particularly school

children, of Folkestone as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our service. Thank you to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and help in making it happen."

Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Ray Field said: 'I'm very pleased that Eurotunnel decided to choose Folkestone Museum to show this exclusive exhibition to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. The opening of the Channel Tunnel was a major moment in this Town's great history and this exhibition will help tell the story to local people and visitors alike.'

Admission to Folkestone Museum is free of charge but as a not-for-profit organisation we do rely on donations to maintain free admission. Donation boxes are situated on both floors of the museum and we recommend a minimum donation of £2.00 per visit.



Left: Deputy Town Mayor, Ray Field, Right: Jae Hopkins, Marketing & Sales Director - Eurotunnel Le Shuttle cutting the ribbon to open the exhibition.



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Raising money for charity

An amazing sum of £658 was recently raised for the Mayors three charities; Rainbow Centre, For Youth Charity and Living Words; on 26th July when the Mayors Big Quiz was held at the Southcliff Hotel.

Big thanks to Ian Jackson, the General Manager of the Southcliff Hotel, for donating the hall free of charge and for throwing in a bottle of Vodka for a raffle prize!

Special huge thanks to the winning team, the Labour Misfits, who donated their winnings of £100 back into the pot! Councillor David Horton also donated his winnings from the stand-up Bingo.

Aisling Dundon was quiz master supreme on the night. Thanks to all who brought raffle prizes and supported the event.



Forthcoming Meetings Nov 2019 – Jan 2020

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

14th November 2019 and 16th January 2020

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

19th December 2019

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

Grants Committee

7th November 2019

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

21st November, 12th December 2019, 9th January and 30th January 2020

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

19th November 2019

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St Peter's Church Folkestone welcomes new Priest in Charge

On the 9th September, the licensing and installation of the new Mission Priest in Charge of St Peter's Church, Folkestone took place.

The Service was exactly 150 years to the evening that St. Peter's held its first service. The Reverend Prebendary Mark Haldon-Jones said he was delighted to be moving to his new post in Folkestone, not for the first time as Father Mark's previous parish was the Army where he spent time at Shorncliffe Garrison and he remains Hon Chaplain to the Welsh Guards.

Father Mark enjoyed a distinguished career as an Army Chaplain on Active Service and before, as the Vicar of a large Grouped Benefice in Wales.

Following Retirement from Army Chaplaincy – being the longest-serving Army Chaplain – Father Mark was heavily involved with The Princes Trust, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Agencies in the Voluntary Sector.

Members of the Armed Forces were present at the ceremony including General Sir Adrian Bradshaw KCB OBE, General Governor of the Royal Hospital Chelsea who shared Father Mark's ministry in Afghanistan and in the British Army.

Father Mark has many interests, including Skiing (having been a ski Instructor in the Army), Sailing, Riding, Driving, Reading (mostly Biographies and Histories) and Travelling.

Father Mark will be the Tenth Priest at St. Peter's. The Ninth Priest, Father David Adlington passed away suddenly last year.



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Cheriton Christmas Light Switch On Event

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The lights will be switched on at 6.40pm (please note times may change slightly) from the main stage outside of the Community Network.

Some events organised so far include a Christmas Market at St Josephs from 2pm-4pm, story and craftwork from 2pm at the Cheriton Library with entertainment outside, Strange Cargo will run a craft event from 4.45pm at All Souls Church Hall, refreshments will be available from Cheriton Baptist Church from 5pm, St Andrews, Curious Crafts, Cheriton Primary School, Turner Free Academy, 1st Cheriton Beavers and 1st Cheriton Scouts will also be taking part. The Main Stage will be in front of the Community Network and from 5pm will have a Tombola, Santa's Grotto, Refreshments and stalls.

FHODS are holding an Art Competition, entries must be based on "Jack and the Beanstalk" and sent to the Tower Theatre, North Road, Folkestone, CT20 3HL before 25th November. The competition is open to children of Primary School age (4-11 years), first prize is a family Panto Ticket with a chance to go on the Backstage Tour, with the winner announced at the switch on event.

Sponsors for this community event so far are Folkestone Printing, FHODS, Cllr Roger West, Pat West, Cllr Peter Gane, Cllr John Collier, Community Network and the Donation Station.

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Folkestone Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 22nd November 2019

This year's festivities will kick off with a Christmas Market along Guildhall Street, showcasing a variety of stalls.

The stage will once again be setup outside the Town Hall and will host a range of entertainment, please note times may change.

The popular Festive Parade will once again make its way from the Leas Cliff Hall to the Town Hall and the Grand Firework Finale will be fired from the Harbour Arm with viewing points at The Stade, Harbour, East Cliff and surrounding areas.

Provisional running order is as follows:

- **5pm** Pre-Parade Festivities at the Leas Cliff Hall
- **5.30pm** Parade party to depart for the Town Hall
- **6pm** Primary School Choir on the stage outside the Town Hall
- **6.15pm** Festive Parade will arrive at the Town Hall with music from the Community Choir
- **6.20pm** Festive Song and Dance Act
- **6.40pm** Primary School Band and Choir
- **7pm** Christmas Card Competition Winner and Runner Up to be announced by the Town Mayor
- **7.05pm** The Leas Cliff Hall's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Pantomime Cast performance
- **7.30pm** The Big Switch On by the Town Mayor with the Panto Prince, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and the Grinch
- **8.10pm** Grand Firework Finale Display from the Harbour Arm

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Folkestone flash flood memories – Glenda's story

In August 1996, parts of Folkestone suffered badly from severe flash flooding, when an exceptional amount of rainfall fell in under two hours.

This is Glenda's story – a resident of Folkestone who wants to share her experience of that devastating flash flood.

Glenda's story

"I awoke to the sound of heavy rain; my first thoughts being "Good the gardens need to be watered". However, listening to the radio and the damage reported to houses in Folkestone, this was no ordinary storm.

I had planned to complete an essay, part of my professional development as a staff nurse at the local hospital. I settled downstairs on the settee in my living room with research papers and nursing textbooks scattered on the carpet around me, yet I remember feeling uneasy, not being a lover of storms. I checked that the windows and doors were tightly shut, reassuring myself that at least I was warm and dry indoors!

I was totally absorbed in my work, but aware that the noises outside appeared to be abnormally loud. I kept thinking to myself what a bad storm this was, when I was distracted, causing me to look towards the kitchen window and door that overlooks the back garden. I was amazed to see water almost to the top of them, like being in a goldfish bowl. Totally unaware of the chaos taking place in nearby Black Bull Road, and with my heart pounding, I rang 999 and requested the fire brigade to pump out the water, having had drain problems in the past.

I was informed there was flooding in the area and firefighters were being brought in from Margate. I walked outside to find out what was happening, but finding the pavements were just wet from the rain returned downstairs to answer the phone believing it to be the fire brigade, who said they would get back to



Glenda with one of her precious pictures she managed to save in the flood

me. The phone went dead, and I remember thinking I would take some pictures upstairs... I recall a sinking feeling of impending doom coming over me that something awful was about to happen. Surely this must have been an earthquake with all the excessive sounds of crashing and banging very near, or could it be the end of the world was nigh?

Suddenly, within seconds, and without any warning, a loud deafening roar akin to that of an angry bear signalled the enormous tidal wave that came in from behind me and swept me off my feet. As I was forced down into the depths and engulfed in a mass of murky water, I prepared to meet my maker, my end had surely come.

When I came up in a state of total shock, there was an uncanny silence in the semi-darkness; only the gentle lapping of the water sounded, its evil deed completed.

An unreal scene met my eyes. What had been my home was now upended and babbling about in the water; kitchen cupboards and appliances, radiators, furniture, all up-ended by the sheer power of the water.

Glad to be alive and thanking God, I prayed for help to get me. All the while I was thinking was there more to come, would I be trapped in my home and nobody would know. I managed to grab hold of the cushion I had been sitting on only seconds earlier, and using it as a life raft I slowly moved, bumping into furniture and possessions, towards the windows. If I could open a window and hang my head out at least I could breathe. I managed to open the small top window and shouted "help" to the people who were standing outside on the pavement looking in. I later learned it was my neighbour, who had had a miraculous escape seconds earlier with her two young children.

Help was sought from the firefighters in nearby Black Bull Road, and I will never forget the inexpressible feeling of relief when I was two young men wearing yellow hats wading through the water to carry me out to safety – I was alive!

When the water finally subsided, a scene of utter mayhem and devastation met my eyes. I likened my home to a scene from the Blitz – my furniture and possessions were in a state of disarray and covered in a grey mud-like mixture smelling of sewage!

The following days were spent disposing of treasured memories into the skips provided by the council, the dank darkness of indoors contrasting sharply with the summer sunshine outside. Friends and family came to help with a community spirit borne of deep need, prompting new friendships to be forged.

The Salvation Army called each day, bringing welcome food and light into this scene of destruction: they even washed some salvaged china for me. Little by little I rebuilt my home and my life with the help of family and friends and my local church of St. John's, although my health like many others has suffered in the process."

Folkestone remains at risk of flash flooding today.

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Folkestone's got talent as Collabro star headlines christmas panto

This year's annual family pantomime at Leas Cliff Hall will see the iconic Folkestone venue team up for the first time with award-winning pantomime producers Paul Holman Associates to present the ever-popular tale of Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs from 13th-31st December 2019.

Paul Holman Associates has produced over 350 pantomimes, musicals and children's productions in its 25 year history and is considered to be one of the UK's leading producers in family entertainment. The company is highly regarded for its lavish scenery, sparkling costumes and for its high quality storytelling which blends classic comedy with cutting edge music and choreography from some of the top names in show business.

Headlining the glittering production as Prince Benedict will be Thomas Redgrave who shot to fame on Britain's Got Talent as a member of Musical Theatre group Collabro. Since winning the nation's favourite talent show back in 2014, Collabro have enjoyed phenomenal success with 4 Top Twenty Albums, numerous sell-out performances throughout the USA and Asia and, most recently, they completed a 52 date sell-out UK tour culminating at the world-renowned Royal Albert Hall in London. You may have just seen them on ITV competing in BGT The Champions. Thomas is joined by award-winning comedian Andre Vincent as Dame Dolly Doolittle and acclaimed cabaret performer Dave Lynn as the Wicked Queen. Completing the line-up is up-and-coming comedy star Phil Reid as Muddles and Naomi Slater in the title role of Snow White.

Pantomime producer Paul Holman said: "I am thrilled to be presenting Snow White at the beautiful Leas Cliff Hall. I can promise this will be Folkestone's most spectacular pantomime yet and a truly magical event that all the family, young and old, can enjoy together."




Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs will feature all of the time-honoured, traditional elements of pantomime with plenty of audience participation and chances to join in the fun combined with dazzling scenery and costumes, breath-taking special effects, sensational song and dance and true magic at the heart of this most loved story.



Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs runs at Leas Cliff Hall from Friday 13th to Tuesday 31st December 2019. Book online at atgtickets.com/folkestone or via the Box Office on 0844 871 3015.

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Litter Pick

Councillors for Folkestone Central ward; Abena Akuffo-Kelly, David Horton, Belinda Walker and District Councillor Laura Davison organised a community litter pick with the Central Gardens Resident Association on Sunday July 7th and the response was magnificent!

Giles Barnard from Folkestone & Hythe District Council provided everyone with tools and safety equipment as local volunteers basked in the lovely hot sunshine. The area from Brockman Road right down to Foord Road South was given a right good clear up and around 7 bags of rubbish were collected in just over an hour!

The Councillors plan to do this regularly so please do contact them (details at the front of the magazine) if you would like to get involved with future community litter picks or if you want to suggest an area that you feel needs a thorough deep clean.

The Folkestone and Hythe District Council are responsible for rubbish collection and fly tipping, their contact number is **01303 853660** or visit www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/recycling-waste-and-bins

The Folkestone Household Waste Recycling Centre is situated at Ross Way in Folkestone, their contact number is **03000 417373** and are open:
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Folkestone channel triathlon is a super success!



The second Channel Triathlon took to the water and roads of Folkestone on 8th September, coordinated by Joe Sullivan of Folkestone Channel Rotary Club and professionally managed by TriSpirit Events of Ashford.

The response of the athletes was excellent, and plans are already in hand for the next one in September 2020.



200 enthusiasts of all standards from beginners to fully experienced swam, cycled and ran. Based on the fantastic Harbour Arm, the Channel Tri showcases the major developments in the Harbour area, the Town and our amazing coastal and countryside scenery during the swim, cycle and run phases. The wind and sea conditions were fine, and the athletes took to the water like ducks with the safety protection of canoeists from the Folkestone Rowing Club and Folkestone Rescue Service. Triathlons are essentially about challenging yourself and many swimmers were exhilarated swimming in these sea conditions knowing they were being safely watched over.

The same drive and commitment were evident in the cycle and run phases and there were some powerful, personal achievements as athletes conquered the route and their tiredness.



Channel Rotary President Edwin Beddy and Coordinator Joe Sullivan were delighted with the outcome. "This has been a wonderful event and has built on the success of last year. The weather was good, and the sea was comfortable despite the wind. We've had many excellent comments about the event, location and organisation including:

- "It was right up there with the very best Tri events".
- "Superbly well organised and marshalled".
- "Brilliant event. Great value for money".

"We are immensely grateful to everyone who helped to make the Folkestone Channel Tri such a success including the athletes, our magnificent marshals, Channel Rotary members and friends, volunteers, the professional managers Tri Spirit Events and NE Timing and our sponsors including County, District and Town Councils, Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, Folkestone Harbour Company and all the local businesses who so generously supported us.

Together with the sponsorship raised by the athletes for their own charities, we expect the Channel Tri has raised several thousand pounds with Channel Rotary particularly supporting the Pilgrims Hospices and the Shepway Sports Trust."

Honours Board

Sprint Tri

Men: Leigh Rowley, Alexander Tebbs, Darren Kingston

Women: Ellie Riley, Katherine Harvey, Emma Thackray

Team: D&J, South Kent Harriers

Standard Tri

Men: Jonathan Bird, Carlo Nebuloni, Dan Chapham

Women: Lucy Baxter, Jeimy Caviedes

Team: Pilgrims Progress, Bald Monkeys, TriSexuals

Standard Aquabike

Men: Leigh Stace, Richard Nuttall, Dan Duran

Women: Cat Alabaster, Belinda Harrison, Natalie Scott

Sprint Aquabike

Men: Terry Jefferiss

Women: Christine Fox

1500 Swim

Men: Peter Cribben

Women: Jacqueline Chapman

SHEPWAY ROTARY CLUBS ORGANISE HOG ROAST & FUN AFTERNOON FOR YOUNG CARERS



50 Shepway Young Carers and their families thoroughly enjoyed the annual Hog Roast and Games Day organised for them by the Rotary clubs of Romney Marsh, Folkestone, Folkestone Channel and Hythe at Warren Golf Course, Littlestone.

The weather was ideal and there were 20 Rotarians on hand to oversee the activities including putting, tennis, croquet and hobby horse racing. The Young Carers entered all the activities with great gusto with two of boys winning prizes for 'holes in one' in the putting and one of the girls winning the prize for the lowest score. Everyone thought the annual event, the second to be held courtesy of the Romney Marsh Rotary Club, had been a huge success.

Many of the young carers headed straight for the putting green, as word circulated that there were prizes for the lowest score and holes in one. The hobby horse racing game was also very popular, with each participant mounted on a numbered wooden horse and progressed along the track according to the roll of some dice with the winner taking their pick from a large box of sweets. Once the young carers had worked up an appetite and the adults were in need of a rest, everyone enjoyed the delicious hog roast as they chatted in the sunshine.



The feedback from the young carers, their families and the management of Imago (the organisation responsible for Young Carers in Kent) was excellent and the Rotarians are already planning their next activities for the youngsters.

Joe Taylor, Children & Young People's Locality Manager from Imago summed it all up beautifully:

"This was a fantastic day for the young carers and their family members. As last year, it was a unique opportunity for families which have members with an illness and/or disability to come together in a supportive environment. I know how much it means to all the families to see Rotary members providing such a wonderful day out and showing such interest in their circumstances. I have since received lovely messages of thanks from the young carers including "The whole day was wonderful. Thank you so much for such a lovely afternoon."



CHANNEL ROTARY MAKES SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The essence of Rotary and the mission of Rotary Club members worldwide is to support our local communities using our watchword of 'Service Above Self'. Folkestone Channel Rotary Club has been doing this for nearly 40 years raising nearly £1 million for charities and good causes and giving innumerable hours of personal, hands-on service. A sizeable part of this has been concerned with the support and development of our young people.

It was the idea of a member of our Youth Committee, Brian Banks, to extend this concept into the local schools that our Club supports by awarding an annual Channel Rotary Shield For Community Service and a small financial award to people in each participating school who had displayed a similar commitment. The recipient(s) would be chosen by the school and their names would be put on the shield. Three schools took part this year and we hope that more will join us next year.

This year's recipients received their awards, at school assemblies, from Channel Rotary President Edwin Beddy, Secretary Bill Flavell and Youth Committee member David Rolls.

Channel Rotary is proud to announce that the recipients are as follows:

- **Sandgate Primary School**
Jasmine Aitchison, Daisy Ashby-Griggs, Annabel Babot, Chloe Punnett and Bethany Richley who together showed kindness, determination and skill in organising an event for residents with special needs in Sheltered housing.
- **St Eanswythe Church Of England Primary School**
Lily Goodchild for always thinking of other people in the school and broader community.
- **Elham Church Of England Primary School**
Helen Lester, Chairperson of the School Parent Teachers Association, for devoting herself unconditionally to the cause of the PTA.

Said Channel Rotary President Edwin Beddy "It is such a pleasure to see that community service is alive and well amongst our younger people and those who devote themselves to the well-being of our youngsters. Channel Rotary congratulates all our award winners for their achievements and for encouraging others to follow suit."

FOLKESTONE INNER WHEEL CLUB DONATES £1,750 TO LOCAL CHARITIES.



At the final meeting of their year, the Folkestone Inner Wheel Club gathered at Wards Hotel to say farewell to our outgoing President Jo Scott and to welcome our new President Ann Brame. One of Jo Scott's final actions was to recognise another successful year for the Club by presenting the substantial sum of £1,750 to several charities making a total of around £3,000 for the year.

The cheques were presented to:

- Mary McLaughlin representing the Air Ambulance for Kent, Sussex and Surrey (the charity chosen by Jo Scott for her Presidential year).
- William Mills representing Food Stop which is part of the Folkestone Rainbow Centre and provides a volunteer-run mobile food service in Folkestone every week of the year. The funds for this donation were raised at the Club's popular, annual Frugal Lunch.
- Retired local GP Bill Whitby representing the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. A member of Dr Whitby's family was diagnosed recently, and he was delighted to receive the donation and good wishes for the member of his family.



Retiring President Jo Scott said "On behalf of all my colleagues may I say what a pleasure it is to donate these much needed funds to three wonderful charities that provide magnificent support to those in need."

CHANNEL ROTARY'S ROMNEY MARSH BIKE RIDE RAISES £4,000 FOR CHARITY.

There is no better place to cycle on a lovely Sunday summer morning than the stunning Romney Marsh. That is what 200 cyclists did on Sunday 7th July as they participated in the 10th annual Channel Rotary charity bike ride and raised a magnificent £4,000 for Prostate Cancer UK, the Royal British Legion (local branches), The Poppy Appeal and local Rotary charities. The Bike Ride has now raised nearly £60,000 for deserving causes from its base at the historic Star Inn at St Mary In The Marsh.

Organised by Bill Whitby and his Channel Rotary colleagues, cyclists of all ages from



all over the South East tackled the fully marshalled, graded for ability, 10, 30 and 50 mile circular routes through the picturesque Marsh countryside. As an added bonus, there were several other historic pubs on the route to keep the riders refreshed including the iconic Red Lion at Snargate and the Bell at Ivychurch as well as service points for water and Channel Rotary's famous flapjacks. The returning riders could then down a welcome pint at The Star Inn.

Fastest round the self-timed 50 mile route for serious cyclists was 'The B Team' in a cracking 2 hours 18 minutes. They were presented with the Team Wheel Trophy which now hangs proudly in The Star Inn.

The event was very kindly sponsored again by KAP and Holidays Extras and very well supported by The Star Inn, Raynet, Romney Cycles, Aquaid and the local community. Our grateful thanks to them all.

Organiser Bill Whitby said "This wonderful event is enjoyed by local cyclists and receives remarkable support from the community. It reflects many elements of Rotary which include having fun, supporting our local community, fund raising and helping those in need. Well done, everyone!"

Folkestone remembers 2019

Each year during November, Folkestone remembers those who lost their lives in war with a series of Civic events.

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

2.00pm Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance

Each year, Regiment Crosses are placed out in the Garden of Remembrance at the end of October and remain in the Garden of Remembrance in Sandgate Road until the end of November for members of the public to pay their respects.

Following the placement of the Regiment Crosses, a service is held to dedicate the Garden and Crosses. The service is led by the Mayor's Chaplain, and attended by Civic dignitaries, cadets and ex-service personnel. Members of the public are invited to attend and all are asked to congregate by 1.40pm.

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade

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

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

11.00am Machine Gun Corps

The customary service, organised by the Royal British Legion, will take place at the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) Memorial at the Cemetery in Cheriton Road. The service commences at 1100 hrs, all assembling at 1050 hrs.

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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.

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 2019
- 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 2019

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.

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On Friday 15 November, what better way to kick off the festive season and this year's Folkestone Book Festival, than with an evening of light, song and cheer at the Creative Quarter's Christmas lights switch-on. We're delighted to be joined by Booker Prize-winning author Ben Okri, who will be counting us down to the big switch-on.

To get you in the festive spirit, local choirs and bands will be bringing the streets to life with live music; local businesses will be wowing crowds with their Christmas window displays; and shops will be open for you to pick up that gift for someone special.

The Creative Quarter's Secret Postcard Show returns for its fourth year this November. Inspired by the long-established RCA show, artists, designers and makers are invited to create new, thought-provoking work in the form of an anonymous postcard. Every original artwork will be available to purchase for £30 each, with money raised donated to a local charity. The launch event takes place on Thursday 14 November, with the show running from **Friday 15 – Sunday 24 November**.

The Creative Quarter's fourth carol service will take place in the beautiful St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church on Wednesday 11 December.

Free and open to all, this special evening is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the festive season over a mince pie and warming glass of mulled wine. The service will feature a programme of live music, readings and performances by members of the local community, alongside more traditional Christmas carols.

Paper Balloon presents this year's Quarterhouse Christmas show, *Once Upon A Snowflake*. Experience a magical world of shadow puppetry, storytelling and enchanting songs for all the family, from **Friday 13th December – Tuesday 24 December**.

Liza has gone missing and no one knows where she can be. One thing is for certain - those mysterious Winter Sprites have something to do with it! Every winter, these tiny elf-like creatures can be found hiding in pockets, shoes and sock drawers, watching and hearing everything. But how are they connected with Liza's disappearance and can they help to find her? Follow Liza into a colourful whirlwind of stories and adventure led by a tiny Sprite with a fascination for snowflakes.

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Rotary Club of Folkestone Update

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.

Winners details are below:

- Turner Free School were awarded £150 for the purchase of books for the gifted and talented pupils who have read all the books currently in the library.
- Touchbase Care were awarded £300 for turning an area into a garden built and maintained by young people with additional needs and to grow seasonal vegetables.
- The Sea Cadets were awarded £365 to secure two places on the Training Ship Royalist for two Cadets who would not normally be able to afford to go.
- Stella Maris School were awarded £250 to run an after school creative club to learn print making and etching skills and to buy an etching press and resources.
- The Mill Youth Club were awarded £200 to purchase board games and table-top air hockey for use on their Friday evening Youth Club.
- The Air Cadets were awarded £500 to purchase polo shirts with the squadron logo (and Rotary Logo) for a common sense of belonging when not in uniform.
- St Mary's Primary Academy were awarded £300 to create a low maintenance garden for the residents of St Clements Sheltered Housing.
- St Peter's School were awarded £250 for making and creating props and costumes for a production to entertain residents of a local care home.
- East Folkestone Youth Club were awarded £150 for resources for a poppy mosaic, art



- materials and a trip to the cinema for the 20 members of the youth club.
- Christchurch School were awarded £300 to transform an area in the grounds into a place of peace and reflecting, based on a Labyrinth theme - Peace Garden.
- Seabrook Primary were awarded £300 for a project on showing love for the community, the planet, nature and promote more kindness and tolerance.
- The Beacon were awarded £200 to purchase an iMAC music technology machine for composition, recording and lighting.
- Hawkinge Primary were awarded £100 for family learning, to invite parents into school for shared craft sessions, engaging parents in their child's education.
- Christ Church School Years 5 and 6, All Souls School Year 6 and St Peters School Year 6 were awarded dictionaries.

Bill Wright, the Club President, commented "It is always a delight as a club 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."



14TH FOLKESTONE ROTARY HALF MARATHON

Folkestone, Kent – 29th September 2019 — Over 600 runners enjoyed the 14th Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon on Sunday. Weather conditions were incredibly difficult for all involved with gale force winds, rain and tidal issues however it did not deter the enthusiasm of the runners to complete the course. The event was the most challenging of conditions we have ever encountered and It was quite remarkable during very trying weather how the sprit and enthusiasm shined through.

I have received some incredible feedback and overall 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 into Folkestone.

The race was won by Rhys Boorman, in a time of 1hr 14 mins 43 secs, Marshall Smith of Ashford AC in second place 1hr 16 mins 14 secs, followed by Nick Collins also from Ashford AC in third place not far off at 1hr 18 mins 18secs.

First female runner home was Hannah Roberts of Petts Wood Runners with a time of 1hr 33 mins 16 secs. Second female was Hannah Wilding of Canterbury Harriers at 1hr 42mins 55secs and Penny Ellison of Maidstone Harriers of Maidstone Harriers in third place at 1hr 43mins 20secs. The male team prize went to Cambridge Harriers (James MacDonald, Steven Groom & David Worden). The female team prize went to Folkestone Running Club (Victoria Green, Jenny Quinn & Catherine O'Connor). In addition, the children's race was well attended including a two year old!.

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 The Fifth Trust.

Race director Ray Johnson was once again a happy man! "Despite crazy weather conditions runners, marshals, helpers and spectators all pulled together to support each other in what turned out as the toughest conditions we have ever encountered. I have received an overwhelming amount of thanks from all concerned which is great and it certainly proved we are a rather hardy bunch!



And so many congratulations to all. It was wonderful to have so many participating and children running as well in those strong winds. The age range was 2 years to 76. 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 £469,000 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 runners representing the Pilgrims Hospice”.

The event will return on Sunday 27th September 2020 and will primarily be supporting Folkestone Youth Project. The race features a prize of £100 to the runner that may crack the current course record of 1 hr 8 mins for the male and 1 hr 21mins & 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.

As always it was particularly pleasing that there were so many spectators along the whole route which gave tremendous encouragement to the runners – it’s always great boost to them which helps push them on. We even had some providing extra support for our marshals.

First indications are that the event has raised in excess of £25,000 and we are hopeful that we can beat last year’s amount of just over £35,000. This year’s chosen charity is The Fifth Trust. In addition, many runners were raising funds for various chosen causes.

The event went extremely well, and help was received with sincere thanks to members of the Folkestone Rotary Club, Hythe and Folkestone Channel Rotary Clubs, Folkestone Running Club



including the juniors, other running clubs and the local community also assisted. Thanks also to Folkestone & Hythe District Council and the public 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, goodie bags and encouragement from marshals. They also thoroughly enjoyed the course and all of the facilities available although many runners still request, we still 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 and www.folkestonerotary.org in due course.

Open Male	Open Female
1. 01:14:43 Rhys Boorman	28 01:33:18 Hannah Roberts Petts Wood Runners
2. 01:16:14 Marshall Smith Ashford AC	64 01:43:55 Hannah Wilding Canterbury Harriers
3. 01:18:18 Nick Collins Ashford AC	66 01:43:20 Penny Ellison Maidstone Harriers

What's on

14th September (Saturday) – 7th March (Saturday)

Eurotunnel 25 Years On – Folkestone Museum

The exhibition explores the History of the Channel Tunnel, bringing together original artefacts from the archaeological digs, documentary photographs and an insight into the creation of the wildlife reserve, Samphire Hoe. For further information please contact 01303 257946 or visit our website:

www.folkestonefestival.org

(Please check the museum is open before visiting)

3rd November (Sunday)

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

9th November (Saturday)

The Youth Festival of Remembrance

6pm at The Leas Cliff Hall – Tickets can be purchased from The Leas Cliff Hall on **01303 228600**

10th November (Sunday)

Remembrance Sunday

This service and parade will commence at 10.45am 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

11th November (Monday)

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

If you have an event you would like included in the next edition of this listing, please send details to: georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

15th November (Friday)

Creative Quarter Christmas Lights Switch On

The lights will be switched on this year by Booker Prize-winning author Ben Okri, local choirs and bands will be providing a festive feel as well as local businesses hoping to wow the crowds with their festive window displays. For further information please visit:

www.creativefolkestone.org.uk

15th November (Friday) – 24th November (Sunday)

Secret Postcard Show

Returning for the fourth year and inspired by the long established RCA show, artists, designers and makers are invited to create new, thought-provoking work in the form of a postcard, which will be available to buy, money raised will be donated to a local charity. For further information please visit

www.creativefolkestone.org.uk

15th November (Friday) – 24th November (Sunday)

Book Festival

This year, the festival will be opened by Liam Browne and Sean Doran, it is entitled "The Shape of Things to Come – Think Folkestone, Think Future". For further information please call **01303 760750** or visit:

www.folkestonebookfest.com

22nd November (Friday)

Folkestone Christmas Lights Switch On

Festivities will take place outside of the Town Hall, a lantern parade leaving the Leas Cliff Hall at 5.30pm and making its way to the Town Hall, the light switch on will take place at 7.30pm and the grand finale firework display at the Harbour at 8.10pm. For more information see the article within the magazine or contact **01303 25746** or visit

www.folkestonetc-kentparishes.gov.uk

29th November (Friday)

Artemart

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

What's on

29th November (Friday)

Armed Forces Veterans Support Group – 10am – 12pm – Town Hall.

This is a drop-in session to support our local Armed Forces Community, either by offering support and advice to veterans or just a cup of tea and a chat with likeminded people. For further information contact **01303 713957** or armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

30th November (Saturday)

Cheriton Community Christmas Light Switch on – From 4pm.

The Main Stage will be outside the Community Network with a Tombola, Santa's Grotto, Refreshments and stalls. For further information see the article within the magazine or contact a Cheriton Ward Councillor, details at the front of the magazine.

8th December (Sunday)

Salvation Army Christmas Celebration - 6pm - Tower Theatre.

Get in the Christmas spirit for an evening of Christmas carols featuring Captains Callum and Barri Mckenna, the Shepway Community Choir, the Salvation Army Band, Steve Hawkins from FHODS and Wesley Carroll as Musical Director. To book tickets or further information visit:

www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

11th December (Wednesday)

The Creative Quarter's Carol Service St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church.

This event is free and will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the festive season over a mince pie and glass of mulled wine. For further information please visit:

www.creativefolkestone.org.uk

13th December (Friday) – 24th December (Tuesday)

Once Upon A Snowflake - Quarterhouse.

Experience a magical world of shadow puppetry, storytelling and enchanting songs for all the family. For further information please visit:

www.creativefolkestone.org.uk

14th December (Saturday) – 27th December (Friday)

Jack and the Beanstalk at the Tower Theatre.

This year FHODS brings you Jack and the Beanstalk, with Mike Nolan from The Fizz and John Pritchard playing Dame Trott. To book tickets or further information visit:

www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

20th December (Friday)

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

26th December (Thursday)

Folkestone Boxing Day Dip at Sunnysands.

Registration will take place at 11.30am at The Mariners Pub. There will be fancy dress judging on the beach at 11.45am with the dip time due to start at approx 1pm. Sponsorship forms are available from:

www.folkestonelions.org.uk or Facebook.

27th January (Monday) 2020

Holocaust Memorial Day

An annual commemoration is 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. For further information please contact 01303 257946 or visit:

www.folkestone-tc-kentparishes.gov.uk

31st January (Friday)

Armed Forces Veterans Support Group – 10am – 12pm – Town Hall.

This is a drop-in session to support our local Armed Forces Community, either by offering support and advice to veterans or just a cup of tea and a chat with likeminded people. For further information contact **01303 713957** or armedforces@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

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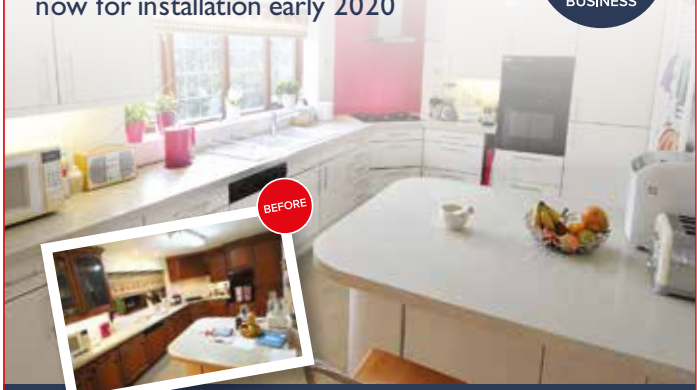
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Kent County Council – Winter Service Provision

As we enter the winter period for 2019/20 KCC would like to take this opportunity to remind residents about the Highways and Transportation's winter service provisions.

Please visit the website www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/winter-service

This section will provide useful information on:

- Salt bins (including locations)
- Gritting routes
- How and when KCC salt the roads
- Clearing snow in the community
- The latest weather updates
- How KCC deal with rural roads with help from local farmers
- Tips on winter driving

Please also have a look at the Direct Gov Snow Code website www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway which you may find has some useful information and hints.

KCC also work closely with the local farmers and provide them with the necessary

equipment in order to clear country lanes and act as extra resources when we are fully mobilised during a snow emergency.

The website also provides information on all aspects of highway management, such as the tree policy, information on roadworks and planned works, crash and casualty data. It also allows you to report faults online at www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem Highways and Transportation will continue to work hard to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible; however you can also help us in the following ways:

- Drive to the conditions of the road at all times, especially during times of rain, ice and snow
- If we do get snow on the roads, please don't make any non-essential journeys

Folkestone town team prepares for independent business awards

Folkestone Town has some fantastic independent businesses doing some great things that the Folkestone Town Team believe deserve recognition.

In December 2018 a number of businesses were rewarded through the first Town Team Awards programme, with categories ranging from customer service to website to décor and displays. Amongst the winners were A Simmonds, Crosskeys Travel, Wild for Flowers, Anna's Tea Room and Landau Sports. Winning businesses were thrilled to receive the recognition of their commitment to their own unique businesses with certificates presented by past Folkestone Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry. The project team have now commenced the process for the 2019 Awards and are confirming categories and calling for nominations from Town Team Members. A new Category for a 'Green Business' has also been included and shortlisting will take place late

August and voting will be completed at the end of September in readiness for the Town Team Awards Dinner on 7th November at the Burlington Hotel.

The Categories ensure the many businesses that make up a town can be included. Winners and Runners up will receive a certificate, and the Town Team and are calling for fellow business to add to a package of benefits that can help support fellow businesses.

Folkestone Town Team invite all Folkestone businesses to subscribe to receive regular news and updates from them. Further details about projects and to keep in touch can be found online at:

www.folkestonetownteam.org/



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Big Sleep Out

On a wet and very windy night Town Councillors; Connor McConville, David Horton and Jonathan Graham; joined the Town Mayor, Councillor Jackie Meade in taking part in this year's Big Sleep Out.

The event is organised by the Rainbow Centre and is a fundraiser for the Winter Shelter, providing 14 beds for the homeless during the 3 coldest months of the year.

Pictured is Councillor Douglas Wade, Hythe Town Mayor paying a visit to show his support,



and Chris Deane, John O'Hara, Thurle Wright, Marthijs Reeves and just waking up, little Ossian! Erica Rasmussen had an early date with the dentist so missed the photo call but big thanks to her and everyone who took part this year. The group's fundraiser stands at around £1300 so far with more donations being made.

For further information or to make a donation, please visit www.rainbow-centre.org/our-services/folkestone-churches-winter-shelter/



Sidney Cooper Weston Fountain

The water fountain in Folkestone (at Bruce Porter garden on the corner of Wear Bay Road and Wear Bay Crescent) was constructed in 1897.

It was built to provide water for both the horses and drivers of the horse drawn cabs that used to queue along West Terrace whilst waiting to pick up shoppers from Sandgate Road. It was removed and rebuilt in its present location to make way for the erection of the war memorial in 1922. It was erected as a monument to prominent Quaker philanthropist Sidney Cooper Weston.

Weston died in 1893, aged just 50, he was a very popular man, highly regarded, who cared for the poor and elderly. His public spirit and kindness were known, not just in Folkestone, but across Kent. When he died his funeral cortege consisted of 25 carriages and wreaths were sent from the Earl and Countess of Radnor, Baron and Baroness Bissing and the Salvation Army. The Town Council have made enquiries with the Folkestone and Hythe District Council with regards to rumours that the fountain is to be moved, there are currently no plans to move the fountain.

The Town Council will continue to monitor the situation and supports the fountain remaining in its current position and being maintained by the District Council.

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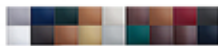
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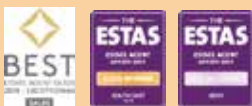
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