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Bognor Regis Town Council

OUR TOWN



'Evening Lights' ~ by Monika Kotowicz

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A message from the Mayor

Cllr. Stephen Reynolds

This last year spent representing the good people of Bognor Regis as Town Mayor has been a huge honour. As Mayor I have had the privilege of meeting so many dedicated and passionate people within our community.

During this time there have been so many positive and memorable events, of which I thought I may remind you of just a few of them:

- The opening of the wonderful 4th screen at the Picturedrome cinema.
- The Engineering and Digital Technology Park at the University of Chichester's Bognor Regis Campus, including a visit from Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex.
- The new 'Play on the Beach' play area on Bognor Regis seafront, which has been a massive hit.

Also, there has been investments by many businesses creating a more appealing offering for residents and visitors. The future of Bognor Regis is,

I am certain, on the up with so many new and exciting plans in the making.

11am on the 11th November 2018 was, for me, the most meaningful and emotional event. The streets around the Town Hall, for the Town Council's Remembrance Sunday service, and later the seafront for the beacon lighting, were full of people who came to pay their respects and to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the ending of the First World War.

I am filled with great gratitude and admiration for all the armed forces, serving personnel, war veterans and cadets that joined us at these Remembrance events.

My chosen charity for this year has been Arun Angels. If you are not a night owl then you may not even know of their existence. Arun Angels is run purely by volunteers who patrol the streets of the Town during the night predominately at weekends. Their aim is to watch out for those who have become vulnerable and to offer help and support.



Remembrance Sunday: Alan Barber

I myself, having been out with them on a cold Winter's night, must commend them for their dedication to the work they do. I know that they always require more volunteers to join them, so please do get in touch with them if you have the spare time to give.

Lastly, I would like to praise Bognor Regis Town Council for running, and making possible, so many wonderful and vibrant events that happen throughout the year.

PHOTO COMPETITION

In October 2018 the Town Council launched a competition to find a photograph for the front cover of the Town Newsletter that portrayed a landscape of, or a recognisable landmark in, Bognor Regis. Entries were then anonymously shared on our Facebook page with members of the public invited to 'like' their favourite. Following the deadline for voting the Town Council were pleased to declare **Monika Kotowicz** as the winner, with her photograph titled '*Evening Lights*'. Our thanks go to all those who entered, and voted, with many congratulations to Monika.



Elections | 2nd May 2019

On Thursday 2nd May 2019 the Local Town Council Elections will be held and in Bognor Regis 16 Members will be elected to the Town Council. One of them could be you!

You do not need to be affiliated to a political party or group and some Town Councillors stand as independent representatives. Either way a Town Councillor is elected to serve and represent the residents who vote for them and strive to improve the community, its facilities and services. You don't need to be a political expert, just a local resident who really cares and who wants to have a direct influence on policy and decision making for the benefit of our Town.



Bognor Regis Town Council is responsible for: Allotments; organising and promoting Town events; Town Force; sponsored planting; some benches; input on planning applications; seafront beacon; improvement of signage and restoration of neglected architectural features; dealing with graffiti; seafront showers; In Bloom; Picturedrome cinema building and supporting local organisations and events via a grants programme.

They are also the liaison between the District and County Council, to ensure the voices of local people are heard.



We have Full Council Meetings approximately once every other month and there are also four Committees: – Community Engagement and Environment; Events, Promotion and Leisure; Planning and Licensing; Policy and Resources that each have scheduled meetings regularly throughout the year. Council and Committee Meetings usually begin at 6.30pm and are not intended to last for more than two hours.

For the Council to work most effectively, committed and enthusiastic team players are needed from diverse backgrounds and ages, with a broad range of skills and experience, so that all parts of our community are fully represented.

If you are interested in your Town, why not consider representing your community. Come and talk to us to find out more - we can give you the advice, information and the support you need to take your first steps towards helping to make your local area better. Contact Bognor Regis Town Council on 01243 867744 or email: bognortc@bognorregis.gov.uk for more information.

For those who are just as interested in their Town, but who do not wish to stand for election, then please show your support for our community by submitting your vote on Thursday 2nd May 2019. A list of Polling Stations will be published from 24th April 2019.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

At the current time to be able to stand as a candidate at a town/parish council election in England you must be: - at least 18 years old; a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the EU; meet at least one of the following four qualifications: - You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards; You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election; Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area; You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Youth Work



CREATE is a weekly youth project based in Bognor Regis and surrounding parishes, facilitated by Sussex Clubs for Young People and funded by Bognor Regis Town Council, which engages with disadvantaged young people to make a difference for all young people in their community.

Young people chose the name CREATE as a reflection of the fact this group is peer-led and about supporting young people to achieve their goals regardless of their background:

- C** - Childhood
- R** - Recognition
- E** - Experimenting
- A** - Attitude
- T** - Transition
- E** - End-Result

They are all about creating a positive future for young people,

allowing them to achieve, succeed and define their individuality within society in a variety of ways. The project works in allowing young people to have ownership and empower them to make positive changes, promoting community cohesion, empowerment, participation and achieving something for themselves.

Successful programmes have included transforming a rundown, dirty subway with graffiti art created by the young people, and participation in outdoor sports, games and activities on greens in local parishes. CREATE has also identified and supported young volunteers into mentoring others and encouraged them to further develop their skills.

Young people, over the age of 12 years old, are welcome to go along to the Phoenix Centre, Westloats Lane, between 5pm and 7pm on Wednesday evenings and join in all the fun.

PLAY DAYS For younger children, aged 8-12 years old, 'Play Days' is a Town Council initiative delivered in partnership with Bognor CAN (Community Action Network). Over a four-week period, during the School Summer Holidays, 2-hourly sessions are provided on three days each week at the Youth & Community Centre in Westloats Lane.



The Play Day events include at least one sports session each week, as well as arts & crafts and indoor games, for example. Funded by the Town Council, children can join in the fun and games for only £1 (per family) a session. This money is then reinvested by Bognor CAN in more low-cost activities for our community.

Previous Play Days have been well attended, and really successful in having a positive impact within the neighbourhood. Look out for further details for this Summer on our Facebook page.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018 the Office for National Statistics released an article in which research showed that millennials are more likely to admit to suffering chronic loneliness than any other age group, with some experts blaming social media. Campaigners called for the return of youth clubs to combat these feelings.



Picturedrome Cinema

PICTUREDROME CINEMA ~ 100 YEARS OF ENTERTAINMENT

In the same year as the opening of the Bognor Regis pier in 1886, the new assembly rooms were constructed at a cost of £4,500. The building had novel and innovative marketing features with its octagonal lantern tower which at one time housed a revolving light operated by a boy pedalling a bicycle type mechanism advertising its presence for miles around.

The assembly rooms were used in the early days for a variety of things, including the screening of an animatograph in 1887, frightening local patrons who thought the galloping horses would leave the screen and crush them to death.

In 1911 the assembly rooms were renamed the Queens Hall commemorating the coronation of George V. The rooms were used as a barracks during the First World War but then taken over by a company called the Picturedrome (Bognor) Ltd. It was then in 1919 that the District Council approved plans to convert the Queens Hall into a full-time cinema known as the [Picturedrome](#). The building was converted into a permanent cinema with a glass canopy, supported on columns, installed at the entrance.



With the ceiling having been lowered to improve the acoustics in 1911, the conversion work in 1919 also included a new side entrance, and a paybox was established in the corner of the auditorium. Additionally, the floor was raised as a slope, new seats installed, four boxes built at the rear of the auditorium, a new projection box built inside the original proscenium and a tea room created on the ground floor.

In April 1954 the interior of the Picturedrome was damaged by fire and, as this was the era of wide screen, it was decided to almost double the width of the proscenium arch to take a Cinemascope screen.

Over the years, the cinema operated under various owners with a second screen being added in 1984. In September 2010 Bognor Regis Town Council made the decision, with the support of local electors, to purchase the Picturedrome building. At the time the decision was taken, the cinema was operating on a three-month lease, with an application by the landlord to turn the auditorium into 3 flats. The planning application for conversion to flats was however refused and the Picturedrome became Grade II listed in 2009.



Since Bognor Regis Town Council have owned the building, a third screen has been added by the current operator. In 2017, work began to build an extension to house a fourth screen.

Picturedrome Cinemas' Managing Director, Adam Cunard, said "Adding a fourth screen to the Picturedrome is another part of the Town's regeneration and will act as a magnet to bring local and outside visitors to Bognor Regis. We aim to provide a first-class cinema experience to all our customers and with four screens on offer, that experience will only get better."

The new, fourth screen is a state-of-the-art, 110 seat auditorium, with the latest digital sound and projection, plus sumptuous luxury seating provided by Picturedrome Cinemas.



Bognor Hospital | Centenary Year

BOGNOR REGIS WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - 100 YEARS ON

During the First World War, scores of wounded soldiers were sent to Bognor Regis and accommodated in temporary wooden huts under the care of local GP Dr S Lane. Very quickly the people of Bognor realised that the area needed a "proper" hospital and so a local man, Mr James Fleming, donated Springfield House on Chichester Road, along with £2,000 to furnish and equip it as a hospital. It opened on 16th July 1919 and had 8 beds, a small operating theatre and an outpatient's department.



Bognor War Memorial Hospital Springfield House

In its first year, the hospital cared for 26 inpatients but by 1928, admissions had increased to 258 and the local population demanded a larger and more adequate hospital.

So, James Fleming donated the adjoining land and, with the local community holding lots of fundraising events (including the proceeds from the first film showing at the new Bognor Picturedrome Cinema), they raised enough money to build a new hospital. The foundation stone was laid in 1931 and the new hospital was opened on 24th September 1932.



Bognor Regis War Memorial Hospital 1931

The new hospital had 29 beds, x-ray facilities, a casualty department, theatres, an outpatient's department, two adult wards and a children's ward, and cost the grand sum of £31,000. It also had a carved wood memorial in the entrance hall, which listed the names of the 324 men from the town who had given their lives in the war.

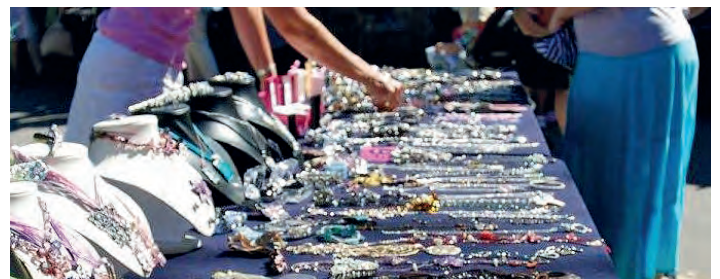
Shortly after the introduction of the NHS in 1948, the Western Regional Hospital Board announced plans to close the hospital, but the people of Bognor had other ideas! They held public protests and marches and showed such support for their hospital that the Board withdrew their plans.

The Friends of Bognor Hospital was founded in 1953 by two local businessmen, Leslie Smith and Don Baines. Their mission was to raise funds for the hospital to ensure that the people of Bognor Regis could continue to receive first rate medical care close to home. Over the next few years, services at the hospital grew and in 1959, another extension was added at a cost of £10,000. In 1991 a new wing, which also included a Chapel for which Don Baines designed the stained-glass windows, was opened in 1991 by Princess Alexandra.



Springfield Dialysis Unit

Over the years the Friends have raised money to fund hundreds of purchases, from reference books for the Physiotherapists to funding the entire Springfield Dialysis Unit. The main fundraiser of the year is the annual Summer Fete which is held on the last Saturday of July. The Friends committee members, along with the staff and volunteers from the hospital's wards and departments can be found selling raffle tickets, manning stalls, playing games and often looking daft, all in the name of charity.



Summer Fete

With thanks to Friends of Bognor Hospital for their contribution to this article.

Our Budget 2019/2020

Dear Resident

As we approach the Town Council Elections in May, we are going forward with a Council that is in good shape financially.

We will continue to contribute towards both existing, vital local services such as the 2 Hour Free Parking Scheme and CCTV and also new initiatives such as the Business Wardens that are becoming a regular sight in the Town Centre. Awarding Grant Aid funds will also enable us to support local organisations in recognition of the valuable work they do.

The Town Council continues to provide free to attend events, such as the Proms in the Park, and the Drive Through Time Motor Gala as well as the ever popular Funshine Days which in 2019 will once again offer 4 weeks of entertainment completely free of charge. Details on the budget can be found on the Town Council website www.bognorregis.gov.uk

Cllr. Adam Cunard
Chairman
Policy and Resources
Committee



BUDGET FIGURES		
	Allotments	0.42%
	Democratic & Corporate Management	43.65%
	Events & Christmas Activities	7.79%
	Floral Displays with sponsorship	5.48%
	Grant Aid Funds	6.55%
	Highways & Transport	0.41%
	Partnership Working	4.71%
	Projects & Event Support	24.58%
	Street Scene Enhancements	4.77%
	Tourism & Visitor Info incl. Promotion	0.52%
	Weather Recording	1.12%

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE

Total Revenue Expenditure	£874,888	Total Expenditure	£972,901
Total Capital Expenditure	£98,013	Less Income	£56,900
Precept			£916,001



Did you know that you can park for 2 hours FREE in either Fitzleet multi-storey car park, Hothampton car park in the Queensway, or Lyon Street car park? To use all of the 3 car parks this year's grey disc is required. Once purchased, the disc can be used as often as needed, following the instructions given. Purchase your disc for £2.00 at outlets showing the 2 Hour Free Parking logo, or from the Town Council Offices at the Town Hall.

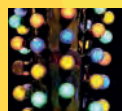


Events for 2019 | At a glance

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Events organised
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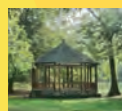
Thu 18th - Mon 22nd Apr: BOGNOR ILLUMINATIONS

Esplanade & West Park - The switching on of the summer illuminations along Bognor's famous seafront.



Sat 27th Apr: ROX SPECTACULAR

Hotham Park - A live music event for the whole family, themed around Moulin Rouge.



Sun 5th May: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - The first in a summer programme of musical Sunday afternoons, brought to you by Hotham Park Heritage Trust.



Sun 19th May: BOGNOR PROM 10K

Seafront - from 9am. 25th Anniversary Run. New for 2019 the race is open to wheelchair entrants and will include a 1.5k Fun Run for ages 4-14.



Wed 29th May: BOOK DAY

Hotham Park - This annual event, taking place in half-term, is a magical day that celebrates the world of books with storytelling, children's rides and lots more.



Sun 2nd Jun: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - An afternoon of free musical entertainment at the Bandstand in Hotham Park.



Sat 8th Jun: BOGNOR CARNIVAL

Esplanade & West Park - Procession of 'Medieval Madness' themed floats, including a marching band, with events such as The Great Bognor Bake Off in West Park.



Sun 16th Jun: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - Bring a picnic, sit back and enjoy another afternoon of entertainment from a wide range of musical styles.



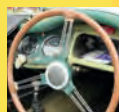
Sat 22nd Jun: ARMED FORCES DAY

Waterloo Square - 10am-5.30pm. Honouring Britain's Armed Forces - including bands, drill competition, RNLI display, and more.



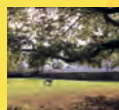
Sun 7th Jul: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - Set in the stunning surroundings of Hotham Park, delight in an afternoon of musical entertainment for all the family to enjoy.



Sun 14th Jul: DRIVE THROUGH TIME

West Park - Motor Gala with live broadcast of the Silverstone Grand Prix on a big screen.



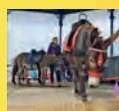
Sun 21st Jul: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - Don't miss out on the last of these musical offerings, brought to you by Hotham Park Heritage Trust.



Sat 3rd - Sun 4th Aug: COUNTRY FAIR

Hotham Park - 18th Annual Country Fair. With animals, arts & crafts, food and plenty of entertainment for all the family.



Weekdays 5th - 30th Aug: FUNSHINE DAYS

Bandstand on the Promenade - A variety of FREE activities for children throughout the summer holidays.



Sat 24th - Mon 26th Aug: BOGNOR REGIS KITE FESTIVAL

King George v Playing Fields - 10.30am-1.30pm. Plenty of entertainment, food & drink and children's fair rides.



Sun 25th Aug: ILLUMINATIONS GALA

West Park - Enjoy the fun of the fair, the popular night-time illuminated parade, followed by fireworks.



Sat 31st Aug - Sun 1st Sep: BOGNOR PRIDE

The Pier - Celebrating individuality, equality and inclusion. The weekend will also feature the famous Bognor Birdman event.



Sat 7th - Sun 8th Sep: BOGNORPHENIA

Hotham Park - Live music, scooters, children's activities, stalls and lots more.



Sat 14th Sep: PROMS IN THE PARK

Hotham Park - Bring a picnic and join us for a rousing evening of free entertainment on the bandstand in the beautiful surroundings of the park.



Thu 19th - Sun 22nd Sep: SOUTHDOWNS FOLK FESTIVAL

Throughout Town - A whole host of folk dance, inspiring music and dance workshops (tickets required for some events).



Sun 10th Nov: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

War Memorial, Clarence Road - Traditional Remembrance Sunday Service, with hymns and wreath laying ceremony.



Sat 23rd Nov: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Town Centre - The switching on of the Town's Christmas Illuminations for the Festive Season.

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