

Bognor Regis Events

TOWN CENTRE EASTER MARKET 1st – 6th April

SWITCH-ON OF SUMMER ILLUMINATIONS

Saturday 4th April

9pm Switch-on of Summer Illuminations followed by fireworks from the Pier. Funfair all weekend. To be confirmed.

BOGNORPHENIA Sunday 3rd May

Community event celebrating past, present and future of Bognor Regis. Everyone welcome join us for Childrens Workshops, Trading Stalls, Live Music & DJs and great Scooter Displays.

BOGNOR REGIS PIER'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Monday 4th May

A day of fun and celebrations with a community singing of 'Happy Birthday' at 2pm, the exact time Bognor Pier was opened on 4th May 1865.

ROX IN THE PARK 'EVOLUTION' 9th May

In association with Rox Music and Arts. Discover the history of music and instruments throughout the ages and enjoy live music from different eras. Food stalls, Refreshments, Crafts and Family Entertainment.

BOGNOR 10K ROAD RACE Sunday 17th May

Start and finish at West Park, road running race through Bognor Regis and Felpham.

A DAY IN THE PARK - Theme 'Jungle Book'

Wednesday 27th May

Come down to Hotham Park and celebrate everything Jungle Book.

BOGNOR REGIS CARNIVAL

Sunday 7th June

Please contact
Bognorregiscarnival@outlook.com
for further details.

PROMS IN THE PARK

Saturday 13th June 6.30pm

Rousing evening of free entertainment by the Bognor Regis Concert Band and the Farnborough Concert Band of the Royal British Legion. Bring your chair, grab a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Hotham Park. Beer tent & food available. Sing-a-long Sound of Music – why not come along in fancy dress?!



ARMED FORCES DAY Sunday 21st June

Event to mark Armed Forces Day. Day includes a Drumhead Service, music, exhibitions, displays in Waterloo Square Gardens and the Pier area.

A DRIVE THROUGH TIME MOTOR GALA

Sunday 5th July

A day of classic and vintage motor vehicles at West Park includes: craft & charity fair, hog roast. Live broadcast of the Silverstone Grand Prix on a big screen.

INTERNATIONAL BOGNOR BIRDMAN

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

International flying competition from the end of the Pier. See those magnificent men (and women) trying to fly. (To be confirmed – see www.birdman.org.uk)

ROX MUSIC AND ARTS

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July

25th Anniversary of Rox free Music & Arts Festival. Weekend of superb live music from some of the region's top bands. www.roxmusicandarts.org

FUNSHINE DAYS 27th July to 21st August weekdays

FREE fun activities for children of all ages. See www.bognorregis.gov.uk or find us on Facebook "Bognor Regis Town Council, Events" for more details.

HOTHAM PARK COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August

Big crafts display and stalls, music and dancing in the idyllic setting of the Town's biggest and most beautiful park.

ILLUMINATED GALA Sunday 30th August

Sunday night spectacle of floats and walking characters, all lit up. In support of Bognor Regis Seafront Lights. brsfi@btinternet.com

SOUTH DOWNS FOLK FESTIVAL

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th September

Ticket holders will have FIVE great afternoon and evening concerts to attend, plus a free Folk Club, sessions, workshops, dancing and all the music, food fayre and other attractions in Hotham Park and various venues in the Town Centre. www.southdownsfolkfest.co.uk

SWITCH ON OF CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

End of November

(Date to be confirmed – contact 01243 825535 for details or see www.bognorregis.gov.uk)

FIREWORKS - BOGNOR PIER

Every Sunday in August 10pm

Details correct at time of going to press but all events may be subject to change.

= Events organised by Bognor Regis Town Council



Fish & Chips with a feel-good factor



Join in the Great British Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 15th May 2015 and raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. Invite 8 friends, ask them to donate an additional £5.00 and you have raised £40.00 from your supper. Additional fundraising ideas will mean you can raise even more money for SIA. The money raised from the suppers will help the SIA offer support to individuals who become paralysed, and



their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs and for the rest of their lives
For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

**Fireworks
Bognor Regis
Pier every
Sunday in
August**

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Web www.bognorregis.gov.uk for more information



Your BOGNOR REGIS



YOUR TOWN YOUR NEWS YOUR TOWN YOUR NEWS

Message from the Mayor (2014-2015)



AS I approach the end of my Mayoral year of office, I look back at all the interesting events and people that I have met, too numerous to mention. I have attended many events involving local youth organisations: a parade and demonstration by the Sea Cadets; an outdoor Brownies birthday party; and visits to local Scout and Guide groups. It is wonderful to see so many adults giving their time to help and support local young people to achieve their goals in life. Bognor CAN continues its work in the local community and the town is fortunate that The Princes Trust, based in the town, works with our young

people to help them find employment. Sammy Community Transport and the Shopmobility Scheme support senior citizens and are further examples of people giving their time for others. My aim during my year of office was to visit all of the schools in Bognor Regis. I attended The Regis School for their United Nations Year of the Child event and also their sports awards; at St Mary's Catholic School I took part in an assembly and was also interviewed by their school council; and I attended the reopening of Bersted Green School and their Christmas Fayre. With two of my fellow Councillors I undertook a very enjoyable trip to one of the Town Council's twin towns – Weil am Rhein in Southern Germany. I received excellent hospitality from Herr Klaus Geese in his home and during my visit I attended, at the invitation of the Mayor of the town, the annual New Year and Musical event. Also during my stay I visited Basel and the nearby French town of Huningue, where we attended a Je Suis Charlie remembrance to mark the tragic events that had taken place in Paris a few days before and I was able to pass on the condolences of Bognor Regis to their town Mayor. There have been a few disappointments during the year, such as Bognor Regis losing its Blue Flag status, although hopefully not for long, and St Modwen withdrawing from the town. However, new regeneration ideas are coming forward and the work done in the shopping centre has made the area much brighter, to encourage people into the town. Work is due to start shortly on the area around the station. The Town Council is currently busy with proposals that will allow a fourth screen to be added to the Picturedrome cinema.

Last, but not least, I have been delighted to use my year as Mayor to raise funds for my two chosen charities, the RAFA Wings Appeal and the Number 18 Youth Project.

A E A Gardiner, Mayor of Bognor Regis 2014-2015

Bognor Regis Pier and its Future



Bognor Regis Pier has its 150th Anniversary on Monday 4th May 2015. Bognor Pier Trust and Friends of Bognor Regis Pier are celebrating this iconic date with a fun day at the Pier and a

community "Happy birthday" sing song at 2.00pm which is the exact time that Bognor Regis Pier was opened in 1865. There will also be the photographs from the recent Pier Photographic Competition on display together with stalls and other entertainment. Come and join us. Bognor Pier Trust is currently working towards submitting a Heritage Lottery Bid later this year and if successful we shall see the ownership of the Pier transfer to Bognor Pier Trust and a lease-back arrangement on the current building with the present owner put in place. Friends of Bognor Regis Pier are supporting the Trust's aims and are a vital part of the Heritage Lottery Bid which requires evidence of public support for the project. Friends of Bognor Regis Pier invite you to join us to help support Bognor Pier Trust and the Heritage Lottery Bid. The Friends have monthly members coffee mornings, member events and fund raising events.

For more information and an application form for membership please contact: Jan Malpas - Chair Friends of Bognor Regis Pier on 07854 854787 or email friendsofbognorregispier@gmail.com

With your help Bognor Regis Pier can still be here for future generations to enjoy.

**STOP
PRESS!!!**

Final decision
on Picturedrome
expansion - see
www.bognorregis.gov.uk
for details



Update on your Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks to you, the Bognor Regis Neighbourhood Plan has moved on apace. We started work on the Plan in 2012, at which time the whole concept of Neighbourhood Plans was brand new, having been brought about by the new Localism Act. We quickly discovered that there was a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm within the local community for helping to shape our Town, which we were

able to capture through our various open days workshops and events. From all of the views we gathered, and with some outside expert help, we finally got to the stage of presenting the draft plan for consultation in December last year. We held more open days, published details in the Bognor Regis Observer, online, and on social media, and left copies of the plan at various locations around the town for people to read and comment on. Feedback from the draft was extremely positive, and although there are some expected 'tweaks' to be made in order to ensure it complies with all the legal requirements, the basic policies, recommendations and aspirations were very well received, and we are delighted to now be in a position to move it to the next stage.

I'm delighted to say that we are now very close to producing what will be a vitally important document which will result in us having more control, and a say over important matters connected with planning in our town. The next major step in the process to bring our plan to fruition will be the Referendum later on this year, when all of the residents of the four wards of Bognor Regis will have the opportunity to vote on the final version - and if 50% + 1 of those of you who vote say Yes, it will finally be adopted and used as guidance by anyone seeking planning permission within the Bognor Regis area, alongside Arun's Local Plan. As Chairman I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all the local people who contributed, the steering group and the Committee, and most especially the lead officer Mrs Sheila Green who has worked tirelessly on the Plan, collating evidence, preparing documents and generally managing the process. Find us on Facebook.

Cllr Sandra Daniells (Chairman of NP Committee)

Entertainment

If you are interested in music, art or the theatre then have a look at the following:

Cloudhopper Gallery Little High Street, opposite the Unicorn Visit: www.cloudhoppergallery.co.uk or phone 01243 867603 for details of the latest exhibition

Picturedrome Cinema Visit: www.picturedromebognor.com or phone 01243 841015 for details of movies showing

Regis Centre Theatre Visit: www.alexandratheatre.co.uk or phone 01243 861010 for latest performances

Folk on the Coast at Seasons (Bognor Regis Football Club) Visit: www.folkonthecoast.co.uk or phone 01243 820187 for dates of meetings

Regis School of Music Visit: www.regisschoolofmusic.co.uk or phone 01243 866462 for details of concerts and performances

Have you got your new green disc for 2015?

A new green disc has been issued for the 2 hours FREE parking scheme in the town. Purchase your disc at the outlets showing the 2 hour free parking logo and you can park for 2 hours free at either Fitzleat Multi-storey car park, Hothampton car park in the Queensway or Lyon Street car park. Once purchased, the disc can be used as often as needed,



following the instructions given. Although the 2 hour car parking is free to those using the disc, it does have a cost. The Scheme is funded by the Town Council, Arun District Council and the local Traders Association. The £1 cost of the disc goes towards the Traders' contribution to the scheme and also to pay for new discs. If you are still using your white or yellow disc, it's time to purchase a new disc NOW.



Now and then: Bognor Regis Heritage Partnership

The Bognor Regis Heritage Partnership (BRHP) was set up in 2014 to stimulate pride in and respect for the Town's Heritage. The partnership is made up of the following partners:

- Bognor Regis Town Council
- Hotham Park Heritage Trust
- Bognor Regis Local History Society including Bognor Regis Museum
- Picturedrome
- Southern Railway
- Chichester University
- West Sussex County Council
- Arun District Council
- Butlins

Like us on Facebook and Twitter and stay in touch for updates and information about future partnership projects.

Facebook Bognor Regis Heritage Partnership Twitter @BRHeritagePship

Winston's Wish in West Sussex

Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK, helping children and young people rebuild their lives after the death of their mum, dad, brother or sister, and enabling them to face the future with confidence and hope.



In West Sussex, Winston's Wish run a unique bereavement support program called SWITCH, aimed at children aged 8-14 who have suffered a close family bereavement (may not be recent) which is having a negative effect on their behaviour. The SWITCH program offers family

work, individual work for children and their carers and group work, ending with a celebration day. The aim of SWITCH is to provide children and families with the opportunity to work through their experience with qualified professionals to help them make sense of their feelings, meet other people in similar situations and provide them with coping strategies.

We would like to reach as many of these children and families as possible in West Sussex. If you know a child or family who would benefit from SWITCH please contact Sheila Elliott, Family Program Lead for SWITCH: selliot@winstonswish.org.uk / switch@winstonswish.org.uk / or phone 01403 211030.

Winston Wish in West Sussex also offer a family support service for those families who may not fit into the SWITCH program. You can contact them via our helpline on 08452 0304 05 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, plus Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9.30pm. A Drop-in session takes place on the last Thursday of each month: 2.30 -5.30 pm at the Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester.

For further information go to our website www.winstonswish.org.uk



Town Council Budget 2015/16



Events and Christmas activities
£38,120



Allotments
£3,578



Tourism and Visitor Info
£14,100



Public conveniences / community safety
£32,000



Environmental projects, floral displays and town promotion
£197,355



Grant Aid and Partnership funding
£82,000



Highways & Transport
£22,930



Street Scene enhancement (net costs)
£46,480



Corporate & Democratic Management
£342,619



Weather Recording
£7,936



Surplus for loss of precept Support Grant
£22,725



TOTAL
£809,843

BRTC Newsletter:

Article from Chairman P&R 2015/2016

The final year of this Town Council has continued to be a challenging one in terms of finances. We finally learnt from Arun District Council that they are withdrawing the 'Council Tax Support' grant which will leave a hole of about £130,000 (over 3 years) in our budgets. We are clearly very disappointed that Arun has taken this decision as this money paid by Central Government was meant to help protect local charge-payers. As a result of this, we have had to make some difficult decisions in respect of our 2015/16 budget which are:

- A cut of £10,000 to our Grant Aid budget
- A cut of £10,000 in the money paid to Arun to upkeep public conveniences in the Town
- A staff re-organisation which will result in significant savings over the next few years
- A 2% increase in the average B and D Council Tax precept which will result in a very small rise of a few pence per week

By doing these things, we are planning for the future and protecting our Town Council budgets so we can continue to do as many of the projects which we know local people want and appreciate. These projects include:

- Continuing to support 2 hour 'free' parking in the Town and aiming to expand this further
- Giving financial support to the new Bognor Regis Carnival Committee with continuing support to the local Citizen's Advice Bureau and other organisations
- Helping support great events in the Town such as Summer Children's Activities, Rox Music & Arts Festival & Southdowns Folk Festival
- Continued support and funding for the Town Centre Manager who is doing a really good job in making the Town Centre a more vibrant place to visit and shop
- The expansion of the Picturedrome Cinema. All things being equal, it is hoped to begin work on adding a 110 seat fourth screen at the back of this popular cinema by mid September this year
- Continued support for our hard-working Town Force Team who do a great job brightening up the Town, helping with events, getting rid of unsightly graffiti and working on some superb floral displays plus many other tasks.

The Town Council has also set up a 'Town Development' fund of around £250,000. It has allocated this money from reserves and the Fund will be used to invest in projects and property which will bring a long-term benefit to local people.

Cllr Roger Nash (Chairman P & R Committee)

Bognor Regis in Bloom Be part of it!

For the last two years The Bognor Regis in Bloom Working Party have been proud to achieve Silver Gilt and Overall Category Winner in the South and South East in Bloom Regional Competition. But how do we achieve that elusive Gold?

We have so many exciting ideas and projects such as the Wildflower Planting on the BT site, the South Bersted Cubs project at Town Cross Cemetery, the Scarecrow Competition, which was a huge success last year, our partnership with the Girl Guiding Association, the Big Beach Clean Up, The Sunken Garden, and our own Bognor Regis In Bloom Annual competition: this list is endless!

So why not gold?

The answer is simply lack of volunteers. When the South & South East in Bloom judges visit we do not have enough people to speak to and show the judges all of the marvellous projects going on that help to make Bognor Regis a nicer place to live. So for the first time in ten years we have regretfully decided

Voluntary Action



Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester is an organisation that promotes and supports voluntary and community groups across Arun and Chichester.

Based in Bognor Regis with a network extending across the two districts, we help the sector to develop by supporting existing groups as they grow and by providing advice and training to new groups. Our weekly e-bulletin and website www.vaac.org.uk keeps you up to date with the latest news and now with a monthly Funding Focus providing details of fundraising opportunities. We have an exciting training and event calendar for 2015.

For more information or to book a place give us a call on 01243 840305 or email Carol at admin@vaac.org.uk

Whether you are an organisation looking for volunteers or someone wanting to volunteer, register with our Volunteer Now! Team, who support volunteering

not to enter this year's South & South East in Bloom Competition but to concentrate on increasing our Working Party volunteers. It is disappointing not to enter the national competition this year but if we have any chance of getting Gold we need to be able to show the Judges more of our achievements on their visit and this needs more people.

Can you help?

If you would like to help us, please get in touch. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours a month it all helps. You don't need to be an expert gardener – just willing!! It's not just about gardening and floral displays but community projects and encouraging the participation of all members of the community to make Bognor Regis an environmentally friendly and pleasant place to live.

If you would like to find out more please contact Sheila Green on 01243 825535 or email sheilagreen@bognorregis.gov.uk

Help us get that Gold and make Bognor Regis a nicer, pleasanter place to live!

across the two districts. For details visit www.vaac.org.uk/volunteer-now.

Volunteering workshops take place regularly.

Our Connecting Communities team is here to help local residents who speak Polish, Lithuanian or Russian, to access services and to support integration.

Visit them at www.ccarunchi.org

To find out more about VAAC visit us at www.vaac.org.uk or contact admin@vaac.org.uk / 01243 840305

Regeneration Update

Public Realm Works

Remedial works will be carried out in the precinct during February/March time, focussing on sunken areas of paving. Unfortunately, some of the new trees have been vandalised and it will not be known until the Spring as to whether they will survive. The process of changing the Traffic Regulation Order changes to make the precinct vehicle-free during the core shopping hours of 9am to 5pm is underway. Public Realm work to improve the area in front of the Railway Station is due to begin in late February and the existing trees will be removed in readiness for the work to begin.

Oldlands Farm Business Park

Oldlands Farm Business Park forms part of Enterprise Bognor Regis, a site of 70 hectares with the potential to house 150 businesses and provide 4,000 jobs. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars is the first company on the site and work on its new Technology and Logistics Centre is now underway. The company hopes to occupy the site from early 2016.

Funding boost for University

The Town Council welcomes the announcement last week of the £8million grant funding to the University of Chichester to develop their new £15million Engineering and Digital Technology Park. The funding came through the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Deal with Government.

Once completed the new Technology Park should attract an extra 500 science, technology and engineering students a year to the Bognor Regis campus. Having this new facility will bring new jobs, skills and opportunities to the local area. It follows a previous investment into the University campus which saw the refurbishment of the Dome and the development of the Learning Resource Centre.

See it, report it!! Use the 101 number?

We all know that in an emergency or if a crime is being committed then 999 is the number to phone. However, what about incidents when a crime is not actually taking place. Perhaps it may be someone acting suspiciously in your area, or a group intimidating local people by gathering in certain areas. It is important that this type of information is passed on to the Police so that they are made aware of potential problems. If you spot something that you are concerned about – but not actually a crime taking place – then call 101.



Seafront Lights

The Seafront should be awash with colour this Summer, thanks to the return to near strength of the Summer Illuminations. Provided by volunteers at Bognor Regis Seafront Lights, which the Town Council has supported since 1997, the lights were very much reduced last season, as much of the aging equipment had been removed in anticipation of new columns being installed by WSCC and SSE in the Spring. When that was postponed, only those few displays left in situ

were turned on. That now is history as the group is working hard to refurbish all those displays that were removed and get them back up and lit for Easter. The opportunity has been taken to fit new low energy cabling to displays where possible, which will reduce the running costs of the six month long display. That, coupled with new safety trips and timers fitted in the new columns, should also make for a more reliable display. So far the group have been able to confirm that displays will be restored from Gloucester Road to Park Road this year, if not as/when further funds permit.

Bognor Regis Museum

Bognor Regis Museum, which the Town Council supports each year through its grant program, reopens for the 2015 season on Saturday 28th March at 10am.

Even if you have been before, it is worth visiting each Season to check out all the improvements and new displays which the volunteers at Bognor Regis Local History Society pride themselves upon. New for 2015 are displays celebrating the 150th Anniversary of The Pier, Blue and other coloured plaques, A Brief History of Communications spanning Cave Paintings to iPads and a toy shop filled with Meccano, including a spinning Ferris Wheel. Many other displays have received makeovers including the Cobblers Shop, Pawnbrokers and Record Shop. The changes have disturbed all the resident mice, which have found new homes amongst the displays and are waiting to be found by children (and adults!). The Odd One Out competition is also back and is being joined by a FREE Easter Egg Hunt over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Open Tuesday to Sunday plus Bank Holidays 10am to 4pm until early November. FREE ENTRY.



'A model of Hotham Park House takes pride of place in the Museum'