

# 2017 EVENTS



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## (TBC) SWITCH-ON SEAFRONT LIGHTS

The switching on of the two miles of decorative themed summer illuminations along Bognor's famous seafront, with fireworks on the Pier.



## SUNDAY 9th APRIL INTERNATIONAL CLOWNS FESTIVAL

Clowning around in the beautiful surroundings of Hotham Park. A parade starting at 2pm from the Town Centre into the park, followed by a picnic.



## FRIDAY 14th APRIL MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

A hand-carved wooden sculpture, crafted by local artist Simon Groves, to depict the Mad Hatter's Tea Party that will be a permanent feature in Hotham Park. The grand unveiling will be at 2.30pm, to be followed by a Mad Hatter's Tea Party until 4pm.



## SATURDAY 29th APRIL - SUNDAY 30th APRIL BOGNORPHENIA

Saturday sees 'Our Generation' Young People's Day, with live music, in Hotham Park between 10am and 5pm. The annual event with scooters, live music, children's activities, stalls and lots more will take place in the park on Sunday between 10am and 6pm.



## SATURDAY 13th MAY ROX AROUND THE WORLD

Annual ROX in the Park family, fundraising event, with a Mardi Gras theme, embracing different cultures from around the world, music, dance and workshops in Hotham Park between 11am and 5pm.



## SUNDAY 21st MAY BOGNOR PROM 10K ROAD RACE

Now in its 23rd year this flat road race starts at 10.30am by West Park, in Aldwick, follows the Bognor Regis Esplanade into Felpham and then returns along the seafront, to West Park.



## WEDNESDAY 31st MAY PARK DAY: A FESTIVAL OF THE IMAGINATION

Organised by Bognor Regis Town Council this is a magical day celebrating the 20th year of World Book Day. With storytelling, arts and crafts, children's rides, book swap and lots more in Hotham Park between 11am and 4pm.



## SATURDAY 10th JUNE BOGNOR REGIS CARNIVAL

The carnival includes a procession of spectacular local floats through the town celebrating the best of Bognor Regis, followed by celebrations at West Park between 11am and 5.30pm (procession starts at 1.30pm).



## SUNDAY 18th JUNE ARMED FORCES DAY

The event begins with a parade and Drumhead Service, which takes place on The Esplanade by The Pier. There will be flying displays and RNLI presence, depending on weather conditions and availability. There will also be a Rededication Service of the H.M.S. St Barbara Memorial (Bognor Regis Pier). From 9.40am until 5.00pm.



## SUNDAY 16th JULY DRIVE THROUGH TIME

Organised for the 6th year, by Bognor Regis Town Council, the Drive Through Time is a day of classic and vintage motor vehicles at West Park between 11am and 4pm. The event includes a craft and charity fair, hog roast, kidszone and live broadcast of the Silverstone Grand Prix on a big screen.



## MONDAY 31st JULY - FRIDAY 25th AUGUST FUNSHINE DAYS

Everything from Donkey Rides to Paddle Boarding sessions, Music Workshops to Pavement Art. FREE fun activities for children of all ages organised by Bognor Regis Town Council. Activities take place in the Seafront Bandstand between 11am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.



## (TBC JULY) ROX MUSIC AND ARTS SECRET GARDEN

Rox free Music & Arts festival is a weekend of superb live music from some of the region's top bands held in Hotham Park between 12pm and 7pm. Check the Town Council's website for further details as they become available.



## SATURDAY 5th - SUNDAY 6th AUGUST HOTHAM PARK COUNTRY FAIR

A full programme of children's activities and attractions to suit all ages, with good musical acts appearing on the Bandstand. Once again there will be a terrific range of arts and craft, and food stalls providing a good opportunity to purchase locally made items in Hotham Park between 11am and 5pm.



## SATURDAY 12th - 13th AUGUST INTERNATIONAL BOGNOR BIRDMAN

The International Bognor Birdman is a competition for human powered flying machines held each summer. There are three classes:- 'Leonardo da Vinci' for self-designed and built flying machines; 'Condor' for standard or modified hang gliders; and 'Kingfisher' for topical or comic entries, usually fancy dress.



## SATURDAY 26th - MONDAY 28th AUGUST BOGNOR REGIS KITE FESTIVAL

Professional Kite Fliers attending this annual Kite Festival from all regions of the UK. With Live Music, Children's Rides, Craft Stalls and also a Bar and Refreshments. Superman will be flying in again at West Park between 10am and 4pm.



## TBC AUGUST BOGNOR REGIS ILLUMINATIONS GALA

Funfair on the seafront all weekend and the crowd-pulling night time procession will once again leave West Park to its destination at the Pier from where the Grand Finale Fireworks Display will light up the skies at 10pm. Check the Town Council's website for further details as they become available.



## SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER PROMS IN THE PARK

Another Bognor Regis Town Council organised event sees a rousing evening of free entertainment on the Bandstand in Hotham Park. Bring your chair, grab a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Refreshments will be available on the night also, between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.



## THURSDAY 21st - SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER SOUTHDOWNS FOLK FESTIVAL

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.



## SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER ROX HALLOWEEN

The annual Rox Halloween extravaganza in Hotham Park. Get dressed up and enjoy the live music and spooky entertainment and array of crafts and stalls between 1pm and 7pm.



## SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER SWITCH-ON OF CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The final event of the year, organised by Bognor Regis Town Council, celebrates the Switch-On of the Town Centre Christmas Illuminations, themed to the local pantomime Aladdin. Live music, stalls, performances and, of course, the beautiful lights. Jointly hosted with Spirit FM in the Town Centre between 2pm and 7pm.

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

# FUNSHINE DAYS [www.bognorregis.gov.uk](http://www.bognorregis.gov.uk)

Twenty days of FREE fun for families, all organised by your Town Council - Weekdays from 31st July through until 25th August 2017.

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## Bognor H<sup>2</sup>O: 31st July - 4th August

Come and celebrate all things 'water'...in it, on it, and beside it! Everything from Marine & Environmental Awareness to Beach Cleans, Art from Rubbish to Surf, Kayak and Paddle Boarding Demos. Also, 'Go Bananas for Bognor' - a day for all things yellow!

## Music & Movement: 7th - 11th August

Move it and shake it for the second week, Music, DJ and Dance Workshops.



## Performance & Art 14th - 18th August

Magical happenings in the beautiful surroundings of Hotham Park, along with Pavement Art on the Promenade.



## Seaside Classics: 21st - 25th August

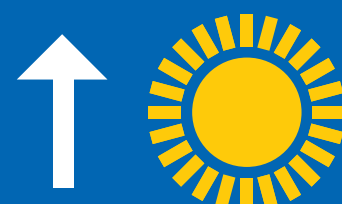
Five days of classics that you would expect to find at the Great British Seaside, everything from Donkey Rides to Punch & Judy Shows.

Follow us on Facebook, or check out our website, for further details about the individual days.



# IT'S BEEN ANOTHER GREAT YEAR ON OUR BEACHES

MORE SUNSHINE



+248 HOURS

LESS RAIN



-70mm

Measurements based on 2015-2016



## SEASIDE AWARD

Seaside Awards, which are part of the Keep Britain Tidy Family, are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline.

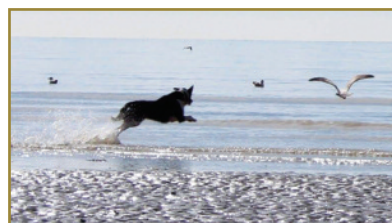
The criteria for winning the Seaside Award includes: information displayed at the beach; water quality; environmental management; safety and services. In 2016 a total of 111

beaches in England received the Seaside Award, with 19 winners in the South East, including Bognor Regis East Beach.

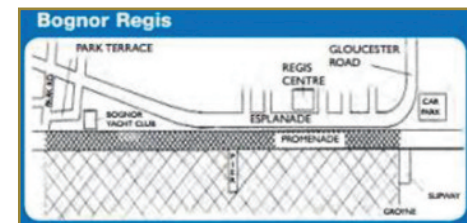


## DOGS ON BEACHES

Here at Bognor Regis Town Council we like to see our canine friends enjoying the beauty of our beaches as much as we do, however, during the summer (1st May to 30th September) Arun District Council do not permit dogs in certain areas.



As shown on the map, dogs are not allowed on areas of the beach between Park Road and Gloucester Road, and must be kept on leads whilst on the promenades adjacent to banned beach areas. The beach ban does not apply to registered blind persons, or to deaf or disabled persons with trained assistance dogs. On other beaches dogs can be freely exercised, but they should not cause a nuisance to other beach users or wildlife.



For full details see [www.arun.gov.uk/dogs](http://www.arun.gov.uk/dogs)

## 2 HOURS FREE PARKING

A new BLUE disc has been issued for the 2 Hours FREE

Parking Scheme in the town. Purchase your disc for £1.00 at outlets showing the 2 Hour Free Parking logo, or from the Town Council Offices at the Town Hall. Displaying a BLUE disc allows you to park for 2 hours FREE at either Fitzleet multi-storey car park, Hothampton car park in the Queensway, or Lyon Street car park. The BLUE discs are valid from 1st January until 31st December 2017 (use of any other coloured disc may result in a parking penalty).



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## Message from THE MAYOR

As my year in the Mayoral Office comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to tell you, the residents, what a fantastic one it has been. I've taken part in fundraising events, competitions, garden parties and even been made a Bognor Regis Scout!

I have been truly honoured to meet some wonderful people through my many endeavours, and am humbled to have seen first-hand the sterling job our local organisations and charities are doing in our Town.

Looking forward, on 30th March 2017 I will be hosting my Civic Reception at which the Town Council will be presenting their cheques to successful Grant Aid applicants, a lot of which I have had the pleasure of encountering over my time as Mayor. Please continue to support my chosen Mayor's Charities, the Cadet Forces. They do such an amazing job both locally and nationally and deserve our respect and appreciation.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has been kind enough to invite me to one of their events this year and to all the Bognor Regis residents, organisations and charities alike who continue to do so much for this Town. It has been a real privilege to serve you all as Mayor - I've had a blast!

**Cllr. Pat Dillon, Mayor of Bognor Regis 2016 - 2017**

## Town Council Budget 2017/18

*Dear Resident*

This year we will receive zero parish support grant from Arun District Council, therefore, close scrutiny of the Town Council's finances remains a priority. We will continue to contribute towards vital local services such as the 2 Hour Free Parking Scheme, CCTV initiatives and Public Conveniences. Our Grant Aid Funds continue to support many local organisations, while our Town Force Team continuously strive in maintaining the appearance of our Town.

I hope that you will come out and enjoy the events that the Town Council organises throughout the year, all of which are free of charge and contribute to the individuality and vitality of our Town.

*Cllr. Adam Cunard*



### Events & Christmas Activities

**£44,508**



### Allotments

**£2,781**



### Tourism & Visitor Info

**£7,350**



### Partnership Working

**£85,044**



### Projects & Event Support

Incl. floral displays with sponsorship

**£200,904**



### Grant Aid Funds

**£61,000**



### Highways & Transport

**£4,206**



### Street Scene Enhancements

**£25,922** (net costs)



### Corporate & Democratic Management

**£377,650**



### Weather Recording

**£9,709**



### Surplus for loss of Precept Support Grant

**£20,800**

**TOTAL £839,874**

## New MAYOR



I am really looking forward to representing Bognor Regis as its Mayor for this year, a place I have called my hometown since 1970.

I was extremely proud to be asked by Cllr. Pat Dillon to serve as his Deputy and having attended a few events during this course I have had a taster as to what life as Mayor may be like. During my time in office I hope to meet as many of you as possible and am looking forward to this exciting opportunity.

**Cllr. Phil Woodall**

## Bognor Regis in Bloom

### BRIB Annual Competition

Entry forms will soon be available for our annual Bognor Regis in Bloom competition. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner this year's NEW AND IMPROVED categories have something for everyone within the six wards of the Town, including for our young enthusiasts and local schools! If you are the proud owner of a lovely front garden, café or restaurant or a child who has nurtured a garden or vegetable plot, then you could be in with a chance of being a WINNER at our prestigious annual awards evening later in the year!

### Schools & Nurseries 'Runner Bean' Competition

This competition is EXCLUSIVE to all schools and nurseries within the wards of Bognor Regis. We want YOU to grow your very own runner bean plants - taking photos along the way! Judging will take place in the summer, when your runner beans are at their biggest and most magnificent! So whether you choose to take part in classes, year groups or schools make sure you get involved!

### 'Grow a Pumpkin for Halloween' Competition

Following the success of last year's competition we are once again encouraging individuals, families, businesses, groups and schools in the Town to grow and nurture your very own pumpkin in time for Halloween! There will be prizes for the HEAVIEST pumpkin from each category. How do you fancy becoming this year's champion of the pumpkins?!

Please keep an eye on the Bognor Regis Town Council website: [www.bognorregis.gov.uk](http://www.bognorregis.gov.uk), Twitter and Facebook pages for further details and updates on how to enter. Entry forms will also be available to collect from the Town Council Office on the first floor of the Town Hall in due course.

## ALLOTMENTS

Do you remember "The Good Life" on TV? Do you long to grow your own fruit and vegetables but only have a small garden or none at all? Town Council allotments are available to rent at a very reasonable cost.

An allotment is a big responsibility and commitment in all weathers but the rewards are great if you put in the time and work. A wide variety of vegetables fruits and herbs can be grown and in summer salad straight from the allotment tastes so much nicer than shop bought. There are even grapes growing in green houses on some plots.

Town Council Allotments range in size from small to large depending on the amount of time you can spare to work on them. There is a waiting list but if you are interested in taking on an allotment please let us know on 01243 825535 and we will add your name to the waiting list.



## Bognor Regis REWIND

How many people are aware of the history of the site opposite the Royal Norfolk Hotel, which today is a Skate Park?

Originally this site formed part of the Hotel grounds but was sold, for £60, in 1901. A local surveyor, Oswald Bridges, was asked to design a bandstand on this site to be used by the many military bands that travelled around resorts to entertain the public. See our website for more on the history of Bognor Regis.



## Mayor's 'Soapbox'

Having recently attended the re-launch of the Arun Sports Association for the Disabled (ASAD), Cllr. Dillon wishes to encourage anyone who would like to get involved in the worthwhile work the charity does.

ASAD offers a variety of fun sport activities with a social aspect as well as training and coaching opportunities for people with a wide range of disabilities in the Arun area. The group continues to meet on Sunday afternoons at The Arena Sports Centre, Westloats Lane, 2pm-4pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Mike Fildes on 01243 828718 or [fildesroofing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fildesroofing@yahoo.co.uk).

Website [www.a-s-a-d.org.uk](http://www.a-s-a-d.org.uk)



## CONTRIBUTING IN THE COMMUNITY



**Mayor's Civic Duties** 102 Civic Duties undertaken by Town Mayor, Cllr. Pat Dillon, to date.

**Mayor's Cadets** Inaugural ceremony of year in office.

**Donations** £250 donated to Stonepillow to help provide food for the homeless. £500 donated by Marine and Marine North Wards to Aldwick Road Traders Association.

**Heritage** Commission of a new plaque for Olby to Bognor Regis Museum).

**Student Savers** In partnership with University of Chichester, a new pilot discount scheme for students.

**Competitions** 'Grow a pumpkin for Halloween', '12 Days of Christmas', 'Name the Reindeer'.

**Allotments** New 6ft fence installed at Gravits Lane site.

**Battle of Boars Head** Book researched, with input from local community, and published.

## TOWN FORCE

For the past 17 years the Council's Town Force Team has been working hard on improving the appearance of the town.

Come rain or shine, our small team of multi-skilled individuals carry out a huge variety of tasks including gardening and horticultural work, maintenance of benches and bus shelters, and removal of graffiti. The team are a familiar sight at many local events, offering support to organisers with equipment, skills and local knowledge. The Town Council are pleased to be able to offer the services of the Town Force Team to businesses and residents. Should you wish to obtain a quote, please email [Bognortc@bognorregis.gov.uk](mailto:Bognortc@bognorregis.gov.uk)



Available for sponsorship



## Remembrance...

Since our last Newsletter was published, Bognor Regis Town Council has worked together with our local community in a number of acts of remembrance.

On the 30th June 1916, at the Battle of Boars Head, 17 officers and 349 men of the Royal Sussex Regiment were killed, 11 of those men came from the Bognor Regis area. The Town Council delivered a project called "Then & Now" to commemorate and honour those 11 brave local men and to try and find out as much as possible by creating a picture of who they were.



Working with local historians, children from two local schools, St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School and Arundel Church of England Primary School, researched each of the 11 men and put together a collage of work which was displayed at the Town Hall and then at the local library. Attempts were made to try and find any living relatives of the 11 Bognor men, with some getting in touch to share the information they had. Some of the family members undertook further research at the Chichester Records Office with the assistance of the local historians. A book was produced as a tribute to all the brave men who fought during the World War One conflict but especially those from the 11th, 12th and 13th Battalions of the Royal Sussex Regiment. Copies of the book, showcasing the collaborative work of the local schools, were given to each of the children involved, the families of the soldiers, and the Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital. The British Library in London holds a copy, as will Bognor Regis Library and Bognor Regis Museum.



Further copies are available from the Town Council with any financial contributions to the Mayor's Charity very welcome. Please contact Mrs Sheila Hodgson on 01243 825535 to request a copy of the book.

On the 100th anniversary, 30th June 2016, two separate commemorative services took place to mark the occasion.

The first took place at the Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital where the

WW1 Roll of Honour is housed. The service was presided over by Rev Graham Reeves, the hospital Chaplain and attended by the Town Mayor, Cllr. P Dillon; the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Roger Turner; and a representative for the Royal Sussex Regiment, Mr Nigel Taggart and all laid commemorative wreaths. Other Town Councillors, the Friends of Bognor Hospital and members of the public also took part.

The second service was held at the Bognor Regis Town Hall War Memorial. This was an opportunity for the schoolchildren who had contributed to the project to take part and two representatives from each school laid commemorative wreaths alongside the Town Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The Rev Tim Crooks held a small service and the remaining schoolchildren each laid a wooden cross.

In November 2016 Bognor Regis Town Council also worked to support The Royal British Legion, and The Salvation Army, in delivering both the annual Armistice Day and Remembrance Day Service, which was well attended by the community.

**Town Crier** Agreed to reintroduce to the streets of Bognor Regis.

**Picturedrome Cinema** Canopy repaired and repainted. Conveniences refurbished.

**In Bloom** Trees planted as part of improvements at the Hothampton Car Park.

**Youth Services** Collaborative Art Projects. Monies allocated for feasibility into Youth Services Review.

**Events** Including Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration event.

**Grant Aid** So far £46k of grants have been given to over twenty local organisations.

**2 Hour Free Parking Scheme** Part funded, supported and promoted by the Town Council.

**Public Conveniences** Significant financial partnership contribution, with ADC, for public conveniences.

**CCTV** Financial CCTV partnership funding.



## HOTHAM PARK

### 70th ANNIVERSARY OF BEING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

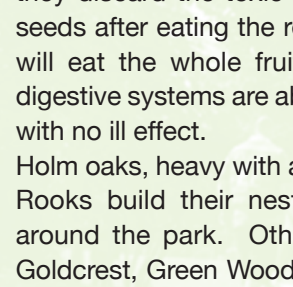
In May 1947 Captain Corbishley, Chairman of the Bognor Regis Council, opened the grounds of Hotham park to the public for the benefit of all. The area of 9 hectares (22 acres) had been purchased by the former Bognor Regis urban District Council from the executors of the late William Fletcher.



William had worked closely with Kew Gardens and at one period the plantings in his garden were compared with Kew as being an outstanding collection of species. It is reported that the boating lake was his pond where he could be regularly seen standing at the side and feeding bread to his large goldfish.

Most of the shrub and herb layers were destroyed in a hurricane in October 1987, but the remnants of a fine tree collection remain. There are over 100 varieties of tree in Hotham Park and many of them are well over 100 years old. Yew trees, are an important food source, particularly in the autumn, for both birds and squirrels. If you look under the tree and see Yew pips, squirrels have been feeding, as they discard the toxic seeds after eating the red fruits. Birds, however, will eat the whole fruit, seed and all, as their digestive systems are able to pass the seeds later with no ill effect.

Holm oaks, heavy with acorns, attract Jays whilst Rooks build their nests high in the tree tops around the park. Other bird sightings include Goldcrest, Green Woodpecker, Song Thrush and Sparrowhawk.



For the past 70 years residents of Bognor Regis, and visitors to the area, have been able to enjoy the beauty of Hotham Park. Whether it's a picnic on a sunny day, a walk with the dog, or a game of mini golf, the park has much to offer. Added to which the numerous events that are hosted at Hotham Park each year of which many are planned for 2017, including Bognor Regis Parkrun (every Saturday morning), Music in the Park (selected Sundays) and regular favourites such as the Country Fair. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of opening Hotham Park to the public, it truly has kept firmly to the original concept of being for the benefit of all.

