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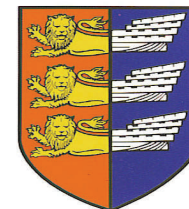
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Sandwich Town Council

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Annual Town Meeting

The Town Council is required to hold an Annual Town Meeting. This is your opportunity to pose questions or make suggestions concerning the town and our area. The Town Council invites representatives from the District and County Councils, the Police and other bodies e.g. the Environment Agency and Southern Water, to answer your questions and address your concerns. Please come along and have your say.

Annual Town Meeting to be held at 7.00pm in the Main Hall of the Guildhall on Wednesday 21st March 2012

Essential Gas Mains Replacement Works in Sandwich

Southern Gas Networks is carrying out work on a £375,000 project to renew and reinforce the gas main in Sandwich. This is essential work which will produce a long-term safe and reliable gas supply for the town.

More than 2.3km of ageing metal gas mains and services in the Woodnesborough Road area will be replaced with durable plastic (polythene) pipe. This forms part of the ongoing gas mains replacement programme, developed with the Health and Safety Executive.

Southern Gas Networks have liaised closely with all relevant local authorities, to plan the work in such a way to keep disruption to residents and road-users to a minimum. Advance warning signs will be put in place, while access to homes and business will be maintained.

Works commenced on 19th July 2010 and the remaining programme of works is listed below:-

Works will commence in Moat Sole, Sandwich from No. 11 to opposite the Dental surgery, and to include the junction with Cattle Market, Sandwich. This phase is planned for 16th January 2012 to 17th February 2012.

The next phase will be in Cattle Market from its junction with Moat Sole to its junction by the HSBC bank. This phase is planned for 20th February 2012 to 23rd March 2012.

Dates are yet to be confirmed for the works in Strand Street but it is hoped that they will follow the last phase as above.

Working times will be Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:30 and every Saturday 08:00 - 13:00.

White Mill Rural Heritage Centre Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to work 2 - 3 hours per week at the White Mill Rural Heritage Centre at the following times:

Maintenance Volunteers - Tuesdays & Fridays from 10am to 1pm

Mill Stewards on Sunday afternoons and Bank Holiday Mondays from April - September

For more information contact Ray Horton on 01304 239544

Do you require a fishing permit for the Butts and the Ropewalk?

Fishing permits are available at the Town Council Offices and the Tourist Information Centre.

The fishing permits allow residents of Dover District to fish on the Ropewalk and the Butts free of charge. Non-residents pay £6.00 a year.

For further information please contact the Town Clerk's Office on 01304 617197.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Dover, Deal and District Citizens Advice Bureau has changed its telephone number to: -
0844 848 79 78

Concessionary Bus Passes

A Concessionary Bus Pass is available free of charge to eligible residents. With a pass travel is free on local services on journeys that start and finish within Kent at off peak times on weekdays and at any time of the day at weekends and public holidays.

For more information contact: -
**ENCTS, Kent County Council
Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, ME14 1XX
08458 247 802
www.kent.gov.uk**

Or collect an application form from Sandwich Library

Kent Highway Services

To report faults regarding potholes, broken paving, damaged signs and broken street lights please telephone

08458 247 800

The Quay Public Conveniences

The Sandwich Town Council Quay Conveniences have been awarded 5* grading for the 2nd year in a row by the Loo Of The Year Awards 2011.

There is a charge of 20p to use the toilets and £2.50 to visiting yachtsmen wishing to use the shower.

The public conveniences are open 10am to 4pm from 1st October to 31st March and 9am to 6pm from 1st April to 30th September.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Group, Organisation or Body	Contact	Phone Number
Sandwich Community Association	Mrs P Ponting	01304 613561
Sandwich Chamber of Commerce	Mr K Wood	01304 617700
Sandwich 1 st & 2 nd Brownies	Mrs C Thompson	01304 612509
Army Cadet Force	Mr S Jones	01304 615262
Sandwich Centre for the Retired	Mrs C Randall	01304 614237
Community Lights Committee	Mr P Carter	01304 621959
Sandwich United Charity	Mr H J Bragg	01304 612364
Sandwich Townswomen's Guild	Mrs R White	01304 617986
Merry-go-round Playgroup	Mrs S Porter	01304 614425
Sandwich Scout Group	Mr C Tappenden	01304 812782
The Sandwich Society	Mr K Wells	01304 613512
Sandwich Guides Association	Mrs C Martin	01304 615486
Sandwich History Society	Dr F Andrews	01304 613476
Sandwich Festival Association	Mr M Moorhouse	01304 613882
Honfleur Twinning Association	Mr M Moorhouse	01304 613882
Gazen Salts Nature Reserve	Miss K Potter	07889 866959
Sandwich Youth Centre	Mrs E Scott	01304 611106
Sandwich Town Football Club	Mr J Franklin	01304 617114
Sandwich Port and Haven Commissioners	Harbour Master	07958 376183
Sandwich Town FC Youth Teams	Mr A Knight	07760 405682
Sandwich Town Cricket Club	Ms J Beaumont	01304 617357
Sonsbeck Twinning Association	Ms M Youngman	01304 830303
Royal British Legion	Ms K Bartlett	01304 614208
Sandwich Women's Institute	Mrs C Grinnell	01304 617177
STARR Initiative	Mr P Scott	07749 326850
Ronse Twinning Association	Mr L Nower	01304 613241
Rotary Club of Sandwich	Mr D Smith	01304 612171
Royal Air Force Association	Mr L Nower	01304 613241
White Mill Folk Museum Trust	01304 619268	01304 239544
Neighbourhood Watch	Mrs D Creedy	01304 611336
St Mary's Arts Centre	Ms S Russell	07941 982455
Friends of St Peter's Church	Mrs A Evans	01304 621554
St. Clement's Children's Church	Mrs M Collins	01304 614506
Deal & Sandwich WI Guild	Mrs N Vallack	01304 812039
Coffee Pot (Church Group)	Mrs C Brown	01304 614120
SEDFAS	Mrs J Linning	01304 614866
NADFAS	Mrs J Dunay	01304 617150
Sandwich Library	Mrs H Hilton	01304 613819
Sandwich & District Choral Society	Mr M Jones	01304 620811
Sandwich Library Guild	Mrs S Jackson	01304 613112

SANDWICH TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The right to speak at Town Council Meetings is available to any elector whose name appears on the current Register of Electors. Written notice of the desire to exercise the right to speak, and of the topic to be addressed, must be given to the Town Clerk before 4.00pm on the Friday before the meeting.

Electors will be heard in strict order of notification, for a maximum of three minutes each and may speak on any topic or issue which has a bearing on the life of any one or more residents of Sandwich, regardless of the Council's power, or lack of power, to act upon the topic or issue addressed.

For further information please contact the Town Clerk.

Dates of Town Council Meetings

Town Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall. You are welcome to attend these meetings to observe the Town Council in session.

Monday 6 February (Quarterly)
 20 February
 5 March
 19 March
 2 April
 16 April
 14 May
 28 May
 11 June
 25 June
 9 July
 23 July
 6 August (Quarterly)
 20 August
 3 September
 17 September
 1 October
 15 October
 5 November (Quarterly)
 19 November
 3 December
 17 December

CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Annual Town Meeting
 Wednesday 21st March

Cocktail Party
 Friday 27th April

Mayor Making
 Thursday 10th May

Civic Service
 Sunday 13th May

Deputies Supper
 Wednesday 11th July

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

We are pleased to announce that the market will be returning to the Guildhall Forecourt.

The market will be held from 9am-1pm on the following dates: -

31 March	28 April
26 May	30 June
28 July	25 August
29 September	27 October
24 November	

Sandwich Tourist Information Centre

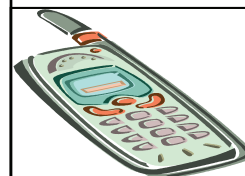
The Tourist Information Centre, situated adjacent to the bus stop lay-by, closed for the winter from 31 October 2011 until 2 April 2012.

The Town Council staff at the Guildhall will continue to provide a limited service to visitors and local residents. This will include the facility to book National Express tickets, provide information and assist with general enquiries.

Sandwich Guildhall Museum

The museum is currently looking for Volunteers to staff the museum during the coming season. Even if you can offer only as little as two hours per week your support will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer please contact John Scollard on 01304 614349. The museum season runs from 1 April until the end of November. Hours of opening: 10.30-12.30 & 14.00-16.00 each day except Thursday and Sunday when only the afternoon opening hours apply. The Museum is closed all day Monday.

Help The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation: Recycle your mobiles and used printer cartridges



The Town Council is continuing to collect old mobile phones and used printer cartridges in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. Please bring any unwanted mobile phone or used printer/ink cartridges to the Guildhall from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Please see a member of staff who will be able to take your donations from you and place them in the box. Thank you.

COMMENTS

We would like to give you the opportunity to share your views and opinions on the contents of this newsletter

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts.
 Please cut out and return this slip to the Town Clerk

SANDWICH INFORMATION

CURFEW RINGERS

Would you like to ring the Curfew and join the team of Ringers? If so, please contact the Town Clerk so that your name can be added to the waiting list.

Curfew is rung from 8pm to 8.10pm Monday to Saturday. No Curfew is rung on Sundays, Christmas or Boxing Day.

SANDWICH LIBRARY - OPENING TIMES

The opening times for the Sandwich Library are as follows: -

Monday	9am to 6pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9am to 6pm
Friday	9am to 6pm
Saturday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	Closed

SANDWICH TOWN ARCHIVES

Sandwich Town Archives are housed in the upper storey of the Guildhall. They are managed and financed by Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund and are staffed by volunteers. The Archives are open to members of the public by appointment on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. If you wish to make an enquiry, engage in research or visit the archives please contact the Curator, Mr Ray Harlow on 07966177587.

SANDWICH PCSO DETAILS AND REPORT

The Sandwich Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Ian Norton, can be contacted when on duty, his mobile phone number:
07972004421

PCSO Norton will be holding his next police surgery at the Sandwich Police Office on Friday 10th February 2012 between
14:00 - 15:30

The opening hours of Sandwich Police Office are Monday - Friday
11:00 - 12:00

The Kent Police Non-Emergency telephone number is now 101 from landlines and mobiles.

Kent Police Non-Emergency Phone Number

You can now call Kent Police for non-urgent issues on **101**. The number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To make it quicker and easier for the public to get in contact with their local police, 101 has been introduced in England and Wales. It gives a single, easy-to-remember number to call to report crime and other issues which do not require an emergency response.

You can also call 101 to speak to your local neighbourhood office, to make a general enquiry or to make us aware of a policing issue where you live.

What classes as an emergency?

Calling 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.

Each call to 101 will never cost more than 15 pence-no matter what time of day you call, how long your call lasts or even if you call from a mobile. We do not receive any of the call cost.

British Red Cross

The British Red Cross works closely with the emergency services and local authorities, supporting them by providing practical and emotional support at scenes of fire, disaster and sudden crisis. They also offer care in the home service after a stay in hospital, a donation funded Medical Equipment Loan service, and door to door transport for anyone who cannot get to medical appointments, or require assistance with everyday essentials like shopping.

The British Red Cross is currently looking for people/groups who could support the running of our local services by helping to fundraise for them. This could mean contributing some of your time to help with scheduled events in the area, or independently organising an event (support will always be on hand from the Kent fundraiser). Past successes have included coffee mornings, swap shops, bake sales, quizzes, sponsored walks, or just a simple but very effective bucket collection.

For more information contact:
Isis Lake, Community Fundraising Team
British Red Cross
176 Mortimer Street
Herne Bay CT6 5DT
01227 741948
ilake@redcross.org.uk

Message from Trading Standards

Trading Standards is aware that businesses may be cold calling Kent residents and offering to sell expensive lifeline systems - these are alarm systems that plug into your telephone line.

Residents are provided with pendants or buttons that can be pressed to activate the alarm and send a message to a control centre. An operator will then speak to you through the system to find out what difficulty or problems you are having, and if necessary can arrange for help to come to you from your list of named contacts, or they can call your doctor or an ambulance if necessary.

Whilst these systems can provide a vital service to elderly, disabled and vulnerable people, there have been concerns raised that Kent residents have been pressurised into paying thousands of pounds for systems which may be available for just a few pounds a week from your local Council provider.

If you are considering installing a lifeline system it is always best to get at least a couple of quotes from businesses. The following providers may be of interest to you. Alternatively, contact your local council to find out about other schemes they support:

North & West Kent Lifeline - 01732 849403

Ashford Lifeline - 01233 642095

Canterbury Lifeline - 01227 862108

Dover & Deal Lifeline - 01304 872070

Shepway Lifeline - 01303 242971

Please be wary when dealing with cold-callers. Consider carefully whether you want the goods or services offered, at the price that is being offered. In most cases if you agree to buy anything costing over £35 from a trader at your door, the law gives you a 7 day "cooling off" period to change your mind. The trader must give you a written cancellation notice if you agree to have any work done.

Failure to give this notice is a crime.

To report any concerns you may have please call Trading Standards via Consumer Direct on **0808 156 2256**.

White Cliffs Countryside Volunteers

The White Cliffs Countryside Volunteers are a friendly group of people who help with practical projects to conserve wildlife and improve footpaths in Dover & Shepway.

Going on a volunteer task with the White Cliffs Countryside Volunteers can be a good way to keep fit and get fresh air. It's also a good opportunity to learn about the beautiful sites that they work on and meet other people as they help to improve sites for wildlife and local people. Look out for Green Learning tasks where you can learn traditional countryside skills.

The following tasks are organised for this winter:

- **Coppicing**
- **Corral Building & Grassland Management**
- **Footpath Improvement**
- **Frank & Betty's Meadow**
- **Hedgelaying**
- **Hedge or Tree Planting**
- **Helping the Hoe-Samphire Hoe**
- **Meadow Cutting**
- **Pond Management**
- **River Dour Clean**
- **Scrub Clearing**

New volunteers are always welcome to join and help care for the countryside.

Further information is available from:

White Cliffs Country Partnership
c/o Dover District Council
White Cliffs Business Park
Dover CT16 3PJ
01304 241806

You can also become a voluntary ranger and help keep a watchful eye on countryside sites and help with their management for people and wildlife. Or help lead guided walks or cycle rides. Get in touch with White Cliffs Country Partnership if you have knowledge about wildlife, history, geology or simply a favourite walk that you would like to share with people.

Dover District celebrates superb news on London 2012 Olympic Torch relay route

Superb news is celebrated in Dover District with the major announcement that the Olympic Torch is coming to Deal, Sandwich and Sholden on 19 July 2012, as well as Dover on 18 July, and people are invited to join in and welcome the Olympic Flame.

Communities are invited to get involved and join in with the welcome, share in the excitement of the Relay, and celebrate the achievements of the Torchbearers, who will be running through the district only two days before the Torch enters London. For more information on how to get involved, please contact the Community and Leisure Team at Dover District Council on 01304 872338.

Deal, Dover, Sandwich and Sholden are four of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through which the Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, which is presented by Coca-Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung. LOCOG has worked closely with representatives from a number of sectors in the region to devise the route.

Cllr Paul Watkins, Leader of Dover District Council said: "This is a special occasion for Deal, Sandwich and Sholden, and the whole area, and follows the major announcement in May that the Olympic Torch is coming to Dover for the Evening Celebration. This is an opportunity for community celebrations, and for residents and people in surrounding areas to welcome the Olympic Flame, and to support members of the community who have been chosen to run with the Olympic Torch. We have a unique opportunity to shine a light on the area and showcase Dover District".

Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG said: "We are thrilled to confirm that Dover, Deal, Sholden and Sandwich will act as host locations for the Olympic Flame, extending an invitation to people in Dover District to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay during its journey around the UK. This is the UK's moment to shine and I want to encourage people across Dover District to start planning how they can be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity and show their support for the inspirational Torchbearers chosen to carry the Olympic Flame as we count down to the start of the Olympic Games".

The 70 day Olympic Torch Relay, will start at Land's End, Cornwall on the morning of 19 May 2012. On leaving Land's End, the Olympic Flame will travel an estimated 8,000 miles around the UK giving thousands of communities and individuals their moment to shine as the Olympic Flame comes to a place near them.

In announcing the villages, towns and cities, LOCOG has realised the aspiration of taking the Olympic Flame to within an hour's journey time of 95% of the population. In fact, over 95% of the population will be within just 10 miles of the Olympic Flame next Summer. People are invited to view the interactive map on the London 2012 website at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelaymap to find their nearest community through which the Olympic Flame will be carried.

Digital Switchover Television in Kent and Medway is going digital

The digital TV switchover is starting in Kent from 30th May 2012. Analogue TV signals will be turned off and Freeview services boosted to reach all areas. After switchover, virtually all homes will be able to receive digital TV free via an aerial, including those served by local relay transmitters. When you switch depends on which transmitter your TV gets its signal from.

To find out when you switch and what your digital options are, visit www.digitaluk.co.uk or call Digital UK on **08456 50 50 50**

What do you need to do?

- If you have Freeview, Top Up TV or BT Vision, you will need to retune your digital TV or box at switchover or you will lose channels. Switchover is a two-stage process and you need to retune at both stages.
- If you have a satellite or cable service on all your sets, you will not need to retune as these are not affected by switchover.
- If you have 5 channels or fewer (i.e. analogue TV) on any of your sets, you will need to convert them to digital.
- If you are 75 and over, or eligible disabled, call the Switchover Help Scheme-they can provide everything you need to keep watching your TV.

The Switchover Help Scheme is run by the BBC under an agreement with the Government. If you are eligible for the Help Scheme, they will write to you to offer you practical help to convert one of your TV sets to digital.

For more information ring **0800 40 85 900** for free e-mail info@helpscheme.co.uk

You can also access further information at www.helpscheme.co.uk