

Edenbridge Reports

Spring 2015



Don't forget to have your say in the elections 7 May — mark *X* for your new Town and District Councillors, and your new MP

Polling stations open at 7am on Thursday 7 May, and electors have until 10pm to cast their votes. Edenbridge will have new Town Councillors and also District members, and a new MP following retirement of Sir John Stanley.

The last committee meeting of the Town Council's four-year term was on 27 April, and the first meeting of the 15 members of the new Council will be on 11 May—8pm at Rickards Hall. It is open as always for local people to come along. See the full candidates list on www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

Edenbridge 'Blooming' again

Watch out for the entry forms for this year's Edenbridge In Bloom competition. Following the town's great success of local winners at District level, the Town Council is again partnering with Coolings Nursery, with more categories to enter for residents and businesses—including allotments, front gardens, containers, community gardens, pub and restaurant gardens... Something for everyone.

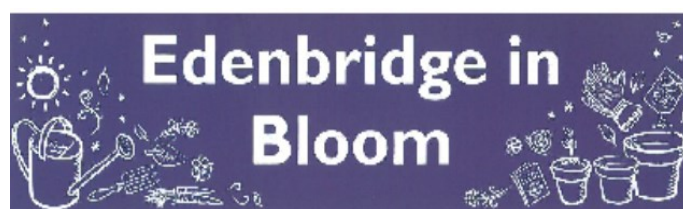
New look for council office

Visitors to the Town Council office in Doggetts Barn will find a new layout, now with a reception and information centre conveniently all on the ground floor. The Community Warden's desk is also there as a contact point for when she is not out and about.



Welcome to the new-look Information Centre

Office hours remain 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, during which travel and visitor information is available, as well as supplies of District Council refuse, recycling, and garden waste bags, and general information for residents.



Easter holiday fun with VAWK in Rickards Hall

Local families again enjoyed free fun during the Easter holidays in Rickards Hall, with activities including crafts and games, supported by Sevenoaks District and led by a team from VAWK.



There will be more opportunity for free fun in the summer holidays. Funded by the Town Council, and run by PlayPlace staff, four Thursday afternoons in August will include inflatables, and extra fun provided with a session of Magic and another of Circus Skills as well as crafts, traditional games and team games. It's a way to occupy children that doesn't cost ££££s.

A good start to new Speedwatch monitoring season

Trained volunteers in the Edenbridge Speedwatch team are monitoring traffic speeds on four key entry/exit roads for the town. In the sessions so far this year 54 vehicles were recorded travelling over 30mph. Five letters of advice have been sent by Kent Police to drivers for second detection of speeding. The team is co-ordinated by the Community Warden (below)—call 07920 099235 if you would like to help with regular monitoring sessions.



Could you be a Responder?

Edenbridge Community First Responder group has received a boost with a donation from motor sport legend John Surtees. This is providing two more response kits, increasing the number of on-call hours responders trained by the Ambulance Services can be available locally, to attend emergencies while an ambulance is on its way. Anyone interested can contact group founder and team leader David Turner on 07551 954571 to find out more information.

Neighbourhood Plan: update Edenbridge 2030

Three new activities are under way to help prepare the Neighbourhood Plan.



Local people are being invited to help define Character Areas within the town—contact Annette Hards to get involved with this project on annette@annettehards.org.uk This will provide a basis for policy covering design of any future development. A survey of local businesses is also being distributed to assess their future needs, and households will be receiving a Housing Needs Survey which will also provide evidence for the Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans are a way for communities to influence where and how development (housing, economic, infrastructure, environmental and social) takes place in their area. When finalised, the Plan will have legal standing alongside other levels of national and district policies.

(Below) Celebrating new pitch drainage and the Redhill Intermediate cup at Nomads FC



Council Tax set for 2015/16

Edenbridge element of the Council Tax for this year has a 1% increase on the Band D rate, a rise of £1.29 to £130.87. This money is used to run the local council services, which includes maintaining Stangrove and Blossoms Parks, the Cemetery, Lingfield Road Recreation Ground, two allotment sites and four children's playgrounds. The Council works with local sports clubs at Lingfield Road, Blossoms Park, and Mowshurst. Church House (home to the Eden Valley Museum) and Rickards Hall are maintained as community buildings, the Hall available to hire for events. Doggetts Barn houses the local Information Point and Town Council Offices. The Council generates income from its assets, which helps offset the amount needed from residents to provide services in Edenbridge and Marsh Green. _ _ _ _ _

Pitch drainage project marked at Mowshurst ground

Footballers at Nomads FC have an improved Pitch 1 playing surface thanks to a new drainage system installed by the Town Council. The project was supported by £15,000 grant funding from Istock Cory Environmental Trust, and a further £2,000 from local charity Great Stone Bridge Trust, and was officially unveiled three days after the club won the Redhill Intermediate Cup.

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