

Edenbridge Reports

Spring 2016



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Marking Her Majesty's 90th Birthday

Children at Edenbridge Primary School will be receiving a souvenir medal from the Town Council to mark this royal milestone (*below*).



Obverse

Reverse

Edenbridge is also planning a Civic Service for the Queen's official birthday at 2.30pm on 11th June at the parish church. The bells will ring out before, and a fun celebration will follow afterwards at Rickards Hall.

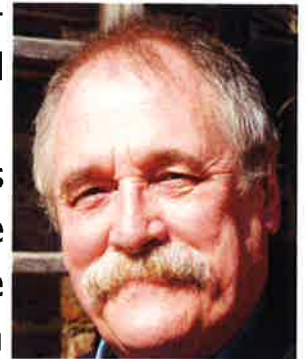
Cleaning for the Queen

Community Warden Rose Briggs organized a litter "blitz" as part of the national tidy-up for the Queen at the beginning of March. Members of the volunteer litter-pickers team (*below right*) collected litter from difficult-to-reach places including along Mont St Aignan Way and Lingfield Road, and the edges of Stangrove Park. This resulted in 25 sacks of rubbish being removed.



New councillor co-opted

There is a new face at Council meetings in the shape of Roger Bell. He was co-opted in April and will be familiar to local people as publican at the Old Eden since 2005, and as a member of the Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Calling all local gardeners...

The Town Council is backing the Edenbridge In Bloom competition for the third year with Coolings nursery. More categories have been added for 2016, and there is a £5 voucher for every entry (one per household). The closing date is 30th June, and judging will be in the first two weeks of July.

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Edenbridge in Bloom

Categories for the 2016 competition are as follows: For residents—Best front garden; Best back garden; Most original hanging basket, planted pot, or trough; Best allotment;

for commercial—Best commercial garden; Most attractive shop or business front; Best commercial hanging basket, planted pot, or trough;

for community—Best community environmentally friendly project; Best community ornamental project.

Watch out for entry forms around the town, or collect from the Town Council office.

Seeking Allotment History...

Edenbridge Allotment Garden Association is trying to track down material from the history of the site, which is east of the Uckfield railway line off Forge Croft. If anyone has any information or photographs please let Plot Officer Michael Wort know on 01732 865007

We're Tweeting...

Edenbridge Town Council is using social media to keep local people up to date with community activity. Follow us on @EdenbridgeTC and also @EdenValleyKent.

... and Pillbox history information wanted



Eden Valley Museum is looking for any information local people may have about the network of pillboxes that runs through the Eden Valley, and who manned these World War Two defensive structures. Pillboxes can be found along the line of the River Eden and Hever Castle lakes. They were most likely part of the 'Ironside line' named for the General that ordered their construction. The Eden Valley section was part of a line that ran up from Newhaven across to Penshurst. They were intended to form a substantial anti-tank obstacle along the Eden and Medway but were superseded by a more mobile defence plan adopted in August/September of 1940.

The Museum would like to find out anything about the garrisons of these emplacements, most likely manned by Local Defence Volunteer (LDV)/Home Guard units. Any information about individuals who manned these defences, or details of local defence plans generally, is welcome.

Please contact the museum on 01732 868102 or e-mail via curator@evmt.org.uk

Draft Policies in Neighbourhood Plan survey

Local residents have been asked to help the project team by sharing their views on first drafts of local planning policies for future housing, design, environment, economy, infrastructure, and health/learning/well-being.



Thanks to further grant funding from Locality, a small booklet was prepared and delivered to households, inviting people to send back their comments Freepost. The closing date was 27 April, and once the responses are analysed the results will be shared with the community. This will guide the next phase of the project, and further work for the volunteers in the task groups.

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan containing local-level planning policies can help communities shape the way they develop in future. Local people are invited to join in and help create the future of the town, and can keep up to date with the news on Facebook or contact 01732 865368.

Protection for the pitches

To stop unauthorised vehicles damaging the sports pitches on the east side of the Recreation Ground, a new low-level barrier has just been installed round the field side of the car park.

Plans in place for summer fun

Free sessions of fun activities for families will be on the schedule in Stangrove Park again this summer, as the Town Council is providing four Thursday afternoons in August (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th) as part of the parishes scheme delivered by play providers PlayPlace. Additional activity will be a Magic Show on the first date, and Circus Skills on the third week, alongside a variety of games and crafts, and an inflatable—no need to book, just come along and join in.



More fun—with IMAGO

There will be an extra session in Stangrove Park this year, provided through the scheme supported by the District Council. This will be on Monday 25th July from 10am to 2pm with activities including face painting and crafts.

Meet the Chairman

Council Chairman Cllr Stuart McGregor has a surgery at Doggetts Barn 11am Friday morning prior to each monthly council meeting. The next dates for these surgeries are 6 May and 10 June.

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