



# Edenbridge Town Council NEWSLETTER Summer 2022



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Thursday 2 June - Stangrove Park from 7.30 pm, come along for the Beacon lighting at 9.45 pm

The Town Council has commissioned a local forge master to make a permanent Beacon for Edenbridge and in recognition of the HM The Queen's historic reign. This will be used for the first time as part of the nation's lighting of Beacons on 2 June. The UK has a long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations through beacon lighting, and it is expected more than 1,500 beacons will be lit across the county following the first Beacon being lit at Buckingham Palace at 9.45 pm.

Stangrove Park will be alive with music played by the Town Band and residents are invited to join in the fun. Bring an evening picnic and refreshments, there will be union jack children's face painting, and the Rotary Club will provide bacon butties. Come along for this momentous occasion of the first lighting of the Edenbridge Beacon by the Chairman of the Town Council.

To mark the four-day national celebrations the High Street will be dressed in suitable bunting. [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#) list the activities taking place including a concert at Buckingham Palace on the Saturday and on the final day of the Jubilee weekend, Britons will be encouraged to have street parties 'the Big Jubilee Lunch' to celebrate the occasion. Should residents be organising their own street parties in Edenbridge check out the official page with guidance, [How you can get involved - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#).

*The Town Council would like to thank the Great Stone Bridge for its grant towards these celebrations.*

### Congratulations to Edenbridge winners Community and Voluntary Awards 2022

Sevenoaks District Council's 2022 Awards Ceremony took place on 9 March recognising some of the unsung heroes in our communities. Edenbridge Community Volunteers was one of three winners in the category for 'Volunteer Group of the Year'. This is a great accolade and is in recognition of how amazing the people of Edenbridge are, and especially so over the past two years of the pandemic. Local groups supported each other, neighbours looked out for one another, and 80 volunteers came forward to register under the Care for Our Community scheme to help residents.

Other winners included Rose Briggs (Community Warden) and the volunteer litter pickers and bulb planters picking up the Highly Commended Award for 'Contribution to the Environment; Anthony Shipwright was the winner of the 'Best Youth Group' for all the work he does with young people at the Eden Christian Trust Club. Other categories and Awards went to: Community Arts: Edenbridge Songsters, Highly Commended Award; Older Person Group was Bridges Highly Commended Award; and Charity Project of the Year: Edenbridge Food Bank.



### Rotary Strawberry Tea is back - 1 June

Launching the Jubilee celebrations the Rotary Club of Edenbridge and Westerham has brought forward its annual Strawberry Tea for Seniors. It is hoped to attract around 100 seniors for an afternoon of companionship and fun with music by Chicory Tip. Anyone wishing to be invited, or suggest an elderly or lonely friend or neighbour, [Call Rotary Secretary, John Martin on 01732 862761.](#)



### Recreation Ground Playground Refurbishment

Work commences on the new playground on 3 May, and is expected to take up to 8-weeks. (Below image is artist impression.)



### Skate Park improvements

March saw new beginners low level ramps and a grind box for the more experienced added to the skate facilities.



*Money for both projects came from CIL funding.*

# Ready-Steady-Grow

The Town Council is reviving the local gardening competition popular from pre-Pandemic days. For many people "getting growing" was important for physical and mental health during the past two years, and the competition is being partly supported by a grant from the KCC Covid-19 Recovery Fund.

The seven entry categories are: Front/back Garden; Allotment or Edible Garden; Nature-friendly Garden; Container (basket, window box, tub or any other); Young Gardener (age 16 and under); Nature-friendly Garden; Community Group Garden; and Local Schools.

Closing date will be the end of June, judging to take place during July, and a Presentation Evening is planned for mid September, with a special guest from the horticultural world.

For entry details see the Town Council's website [www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk), call 01732 865368, or pick up an entry form from the office.



**Family Fun Days:** families have extra Family Fun sessions in Stangrove Park in the school holidays this year. Two are in the week running up to the Jubilee celebration weekend – Monday and Tuesday afternoons **30 and 31 May from 2-5pm**. They will be delivered by the PlayPlace team, and will include garden games, crafts and sports.

Edenbridge was chosen as one of 10 places across Kent to host the free events, which are supported by funding from the KCC Reconnect Project. It

aims to encourage families to return to enjoying the outdoors in parks and playgrounds post-Covid.

Two sessions were scheduled last month just before Easter, and there are four more booked for the summer holidays on **Thursday afternoons July 28, August 4, 11, and 18.**

## NEW – GAMES CLUB - Monday mornings 10 am – 12 noon in Rickards Hall cards, games and puzzles weekly social club for residents 55+.

Come along and meet new people, learn new games and have fun in a friendly atmosphere. The aim is to help reduce loneliness and isolation, improve mental wellbeing and give people something to look forward to. £2 entry, refreshments included. Join the Club and give it a try, we look forward to welcoming you to this new Monday Games Club

**PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER - PACT meetings are back. So far, meetings have taken place in January and April with the next meeting due in July.** The Police highlighted the new [e-Watch](#), which is similar to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. In addition there is a messaging service providing twice weekly information to people who sign up to receive it – [My Community Voice](#). Details of meetings are on the Council's website [Edenbridge Town Council / NEWS / PACT](#).

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting to put their concerns to the Police and SDC Community Safety Team.

## Reporting anti-social behaviour and crime

Should you see any anti-social or suspicious behaviour or be concerned that a crime may have been committed, contact the Police using telephone number 101; alternatively contact Kent Police via their web-site at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk).

999 (or 112) should be used if a crime is being committed or if you feel that you are under a threat of harm.

This includes fast bikes, cars, quad bikes, which have increased in Edenbridge during the recent lockdown - if you witness any of these, and think there is an immediate danger call 999, alternatively report this on 101.

## DATES FOR DIARY



Saturday 7 May - Bulky Waste Collections (4 locations) - starts at 9.15 am to 12 noon. Details on Town Council website - [www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk).

Monday 9 May 7.30 pm - Annual meeting of Town Council,  
16 May - Planning Committee meeting  
23 May - Finance and Governance Committee meeting  
6 June Planning Committee  
13 June Open Spaces Committee  
(All Council meetings are held in public at Rickards Hall - details of all Council and Committee meetings are published on the website [www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) under [Meetings](#).)

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 May - afternoons 2 - 5 pm Spring Fun Days, Stangrove Park

Thursday 2 June - Jubilee Market 8 am - 2 pm  
Thursday 2 June - Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon, Stangrove Park, from 7.30 pm with the lighting at 9.45 pm

Thursday 30 June - Ready Steady Grow closing date for entries.

July - PACT meeting - date and time tbc

 [www.visitedenbridge.com](http://www.visitedenbridge.com)  
Information on local attractions, outdoor activities, where to go and what to do in and around the town.

