

News from EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

May/June 2023



May marks a new Council

The four-yearly election for Edenbridge Town Council is this year uncontested.

With 11 candidates nominated for 15 places, this means we have four vacancies, which the new Council will look to fill through the usual casual vacancy process after its first meeting on 15 May, 7.30pm at Rickards Hall. The election for district councillors takes place on 4 May - results are published at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk. We would like to pay our thanks to Cllr Vic Jennings who did not stand for re-election. Vic was first elected to the Council in 1991 representing the North and East Ward, and was Chairman in 1995-1997. He has been involved in

many projects over the years and we are very grateful for his long service to the Council and the people of Edenbridge.

Cllr Nick Lloyd also decided not to stand for re-election. He has been a tremendous help to the Council as Chair of the Finance and Governance Committee.

Office hours

Our office at Doggetts Barn is open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

We will be closed to the public from Thursday 25 May and will reopen on

Monday 5 June. This is to allow us to carry out infestation treatment works to the building and to redecorate. Officers will still be available on email and telephone for any enquiries.

A lunch fit for a King!

**SUNDAY 7 MAY
1PM TO 7PM
STANGROVE PARK**

As the magazine goes to press we are preparing for **Edenbridge's Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7 May**. Join us from 1pm to 7pm at Stangrove Park as we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Bring a picnic or enjoy a treat from a range of food trucks and stalls. There will be lots of free activities for the whole family including face painting, arts & crafts, live music and a royal quiz! Keep an eye on our Facebook page and town noticeboards for more details.



Edenbridge Market – every Thursday, 8am to 2pm at Market Yard car park.

Come along to support your local high street and market traders. Shop fruit and veg, cheeses, fish, plants and more. Plus - Lloyds mobile bank every other week. More info and stallholders at: www.edenbridgemarket.co.uk

Annual Report for 2022-23 out soon

The report, which highlights the Council's end-of-year finances, activities and projects, will be published on our website shortly. You can follow us on Facebook to hear as soon it gets published: www.facebook.com/edenbridgetowncouncil

Building Bridges for Dementia Friendly Edenbridge

Free awareness training is provided for local businesses and organisations that sign-up to the initiative and earn the Edenbridge Dementia Action Alliance logo, helping to make it easier for people living with dementia to access services in Edenbridge. Contact the Council office to get involved.

Prizes to win in Edenbridge gardening competition



Our popular Ready, Steady, Grow competition is back for 2023!

Whether you're an accomplished gardener or someone starting out on your green-fingered endeavours, we would love to see your efforts.

There are prizes to be won in six categories and included in this year's Young Gardener is a new sub category for the tallest Sunflower. Prizes range from visits to renowned local garden attractions, vouchers and more.

So what are you waiting for? Dig out your spade and trowel and get gardening! Judging will take place during July, and a presentation evening for the winners and runners-up will be held on 5 September. Find all the details and an entry form on our website:

www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/edenbridgegardeningcompetition

**ENTER
BY 30
JUNE**

13 MAY

Twinning Association's 50th anniversary celebrations

Edenbridge & District Twinning Association is celebrating its 50th Anniversary (and final year) in May, when our French Twinners from Mont St Aignan will be coming to stay. On **Saturday 13 May** there will be a public event at Rickards Hall from 9.30am

to 11.30am. This will include Edenbridge Town Band, A Capella Singers, Marlings Morris clog dancers, and refreshments.

There is a Twinning Exhibition in the Eden Valley Museum, which reviews fifty years of friendship, until the end of June.

Games Club Afternoon Tea

Hot off the press! The Club has been awarded a grant from the *Better Together – Community Mobilisation Fund* to host a classical afternoon tea. More details to follow. Games Club runs Mondays at Rickards Hall 10am to 12pm

