

## Classical afternoon tea delights Games Club

Members of our Monday Games Club, and other residents who are still struggling since the pandemic, enjoyed a classical afternoon tea in July thanks to a *Better Together Community Mobilisation* grant from Sevenoaks District Council.

The club runs every Monday at Rickards Hall (off the High Street next to the Council office) from 10.00 am to 12 pm and is aimed at over 55s. Lots of games are available such as cards, boardgames and jigsaws. It's a great opportunity to socialise over a cuppa while exercising the brain too! The club is funded by Involve Kent - tea, coffee and biscuits are offered.

Chairman of Edenbridge Town Council, Cllr Bob Todd, said:

"It has been so nice to see people enjoying the afternoon tea with music played by the wonderful harpist Margaret Watson. Being able to host the Games Club in Edenbridge is really important to this Council and is just one of the ways we can support older people and those facing loneliness or living with dementia. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who help run the club."

*The club is free to attend. New members are always warmly welcome.*



## Thursday Market

It has been great to see local residents supporting our High Street shops and weekly Thursday Market. Since we took over the management of the market in 2021 we have increased the number of regular stallholders – you can shop for fruit & veg, bread, cheese, hot food, plants, art, clothes, home items and more. Lloyds mobile bank also attends fortnightly. Over the summer we were pleased to put on a number of special activities including the popular children's entertainer Mr Hiccup.



## In bloom

In July we welcomed the Chairman from the South & South East in Bloom campaign who visited Edenbridge to judge our cemeteries and Stangrove Park. Whilst we won't know the outcome until the end of September, he was very impressed and we will have our fingers crossed for some good acknowledgement!



Follow Edenbridge Market on Facebook or visit

[www.edenbridgemarket.co.uk](http://www.edenbridgemarket.co.uk)



## Garden Awards

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's gardening competition *Ready, Steady Grow*. At time of press, judging was taking place and a presentation evening organised for 5 September.

Thank you to Neil Miller, Head Groundsman at Hever Castle and renowned horticultural professional, for arranging and presenting the prizes.

Find us on Facebook or visit our website to see the winners and entries.



## Would you like to join our team?



Due to retirements, we have two vacancies: Open Spaces Officer (full time) and Community Warden (part time). These are exciting opportunities to work for a friendly Council and to make a difference to Edenbridge and the lives of local people. Details of both positions can be found on our website. See the homepage or search "job vacancies".

## Apply for funding



Individuals and community groups can apply for funding from the Council's annual Grant Fund and/or CIL Fund (Community Infrastructure Levy) from 1 September to 9 October. Councillors will decide on the applications at a meeting on 13 November. For more information and to apply, visit the Council website or email [townclerk@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Meeting dates

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and Committee meetings. Meetings take place at Rickards Hall, 7.30pm. Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website.

- 4 Sept:** Planning
- 11 Sept:** Council
- 18 Sept:** Open Spaces
- 25 Sept:** Planning
- 2 Oct:** Emergency Planning
- 9 Oct:** Finance & Governance
- 16 Oct:** Planning & Transportation
- 23 Oct:** Forward Planning Steering Group
- 30 Oct:** Council



## Keeping in tune with modern technology

The Council has now completed its IT migration to Microsoft 365, which will help staff work more effectively with the latest productivity apps, intelligent cloud-based services and world-class security to ensure Council and customer data is safer than ever.



There will be a **BULKY WASTE** collection in October to collect large, unwanted items.

Please check our website nearer the time and search "bulky waste" for date and times.



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If you have a local business, join other organisations in Edenbridge that have taken the "pledge" to become dementia friendly. By signing up you will have access to free support and training from Kent Dementia Action Alliance for you and your staff. Please get in touch with us for details of the upcoming training sessions this autumn.



My Community Voice is a two-way messaging service that helps Kent residents, businesses & community groups to keep in touch with their local Policing teams.

Sign up at [www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk](http://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk)

To report crime and anti-social behaviour, call the Police on 101 or via the Kent Police website [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) If there is an immediate danger or threat of harm (including fast bikes, cars and quad bikes) call 999. These can also be reported via 101 at any time.