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Meetings

General Purposes: 1st Monday of the month

Planning Committee: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Policy and Resources: 3rd Monday of the month

Full Council: 4th Monday of the month

Please visit the Town Council website

www.gillinghamdorset-tc.gov.uk

If you have an event you would like to publicize in Gillingham we can add it to our Events Calendar. Email your details to us at the address above.

Bulb Planting -Volunteers Required

Volunteers required on Saturday 10th and 24th November, meeting at the Town Hall at 10am.

Please bring gloves, trowels/spades and a kneeling pad if required.



Gillingham Wins Gold

On Thursday 4th October the Mayor of Gillingham, Cllr Mrs Su Hunt was delighted to receive the Britian in Bloom Gold Pennant Award on behalf of the town at the South West Region Awards Ceremony. The Mayor was accompanied by Cllr Mrs Belinda Ridout, Mrs Clare Ratcliffe, Deputy Town Clerk and Mr Mostyn Coombes, Horticulturist.



This is an amazing result for Gillingham's first time entry into the Pennant. Many thanks to those who supported us. Ten 'Its Your Neighbourhood' entries impressed the judges and added to the town's overall score for The Pennant.

The entries for Gillingham received the following awards:

- ◆ Milton-on-Stour Primary School – Level 5 Outstanding
- ◆ Wesley Gardens, Queen Street (Mike Young) – Level 5 Outstanding
- ◆ Friends of Gillingham Railway Station – Level 5 Outstanding
- ◆ Gillingham Primary School – Level 4 Thriving
- ◆ The Residents of Rawson Court – Level 3 Advancing
- ◆ The Town Meadow / Topsy Rabbit – Level 3 Advancing
- ◆ 2nd Gillingham Brownies – Level 3 Advancing
- ◆ Gillingham School (Snr) – Level 2 Improving
- ◆ Wyke Primary School – Level 2 Improving



**FESTIVE LIGHTING EVENT
Friday 30th November 2018**



Entertainment starts on the Town Meadow at 5.00 pm

Come and meet Santa's Reindeer.

There will be entertainment on the stage provided by children's entertainer **Mr Merlin and Oakey Dokey the Dragon**, The Gillingham Area Schools Partnership, and carols with Gillingham Community Choir accompanied by Gillingham Imperial Silver Band.

Father Christmas will parade along the High Street at 6.00pm and is looking forward to meeting the children in his grotto following the tree lighting.

The Anonymous Travelling Market will be in the High Street car park selling tasty treats and crafts and Gillingham Methodist Church will be serving refreshments

For more information please contact:
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Gillingham Town Council is delighted to announce that this year's Festive Lighting Event will take place on Friday 30th November at the earlier time of 5.00pm.

Following feedback from parents and a consultation with the local primary schools, the event has been moved to an earlier time so that younger children can enjoy the event in full.

The event will be centred on the Town Meadow where you will be able to see reindeer and watch, children's entertainer, Mr Merlin and Okey Dokey the Dragon performing on the stage at 5.00pm and again after 6 pm. Children will be able to watch the arrival of Father Christmas at 6pm, who will be accompanied by two representatives from local schools and groups carrying a lantern. All four primary schools have been invited to sing on stage, and the Gillingham Community Choir accompanied by the Gillingham Imperial Silver Band will sing carols as a finale.

The Anonymous Traveling Market will be in the High Street Car park and the Methodist Church will be selling refreshments.

Civic Carol Service

The Mayor of Gillingham, Cllr Mrs Su Hunt would like to invite you to attend Gillingham Town Council's Civic Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 2.30pm in the parish church of St Mary the Virgin followed by mince pies in the Vicarage School Room.

Contact Your Councillor

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