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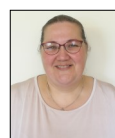


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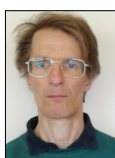
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Mayor's Executive Assistant: Jill Ezzard

Responsible Financial Officer: Debra Edwards

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Meetings

General Purposes: 1st Monday of the month

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

Finance Committee: 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 publicise in Gillingham we can add it to our Calendar. Email your details to us at the address above.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It has been a fabulous 3 months in Gillingham since our autumn newsletter.

In October I enjoyed Gillingham's carnival and despite the weather it was a great turn out. I was very impressed by all the work put

into the children's parade and the floats taking part in the evening parade were amazing. A massive thank you to all who made it a wonderful day.

My Mayor's Quiz which also took place in October was a fun night and raised over £600 for Gillingham Home Lunch Club and Green Gang. Thank you to all the businesses who very kindly donated raffle prizes. My next event, will be the Mayor's Charity Ball on 28th March 2020.

The Christmas season began in Gillingham on 28th November with a very moving Light up a Life service at Orchard Park Garden Centre, followed the next day, by the Town Council's annual Festive Lights Event at the Town Meadow. I hope everyone who attended had as much fun as I did! A huge thank you to the Gillingham Town Council staff who not only worked on the night, but also put up all the Christmas trees around the town and have delighted us with the new sparkling tree on the junction of Station Road and Le Neubourg Way. My appreciation also extends to everyone who helped on the night and the businesses that made a contribution.

I would like to conclude by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr Barry Von Clemens
Mayor of Gillingham



SUCCESS FOR GILLINGHAM'S OPEN SPACES



Once again, our open spaces were awarded Green Flag status thanks to our talented grounds team and the support of the local community, especially Gillingham Action for Nature Group and the advice we receive from

Hamish Murray from the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

For the second year running Gillingham in Bloom entered the town in the South West in Bloom Pennant Award. To our surprise the town not only won Gold again but received an additional Gold Award for the overall winner of towns in the north of the south west region. These awards were presented by Lord Fellows a patron of South West in Bloom. The awards could not have been achieved without the help of the local community, especially those who took to weeding the streets prior to judging and all those who regularly litter pick the town.



The Town Council entered the open spaces for a South West in Bloom Pride in Parks Award. Judging took place in early September and the results of this will be known in March 2020. Last year our sites achieved 5 Gold Stars – the highest award possible – and we hope to be successful again.



Photo: Representatives from Gillingham Town Council with Lord Fellows.

A NEW BUDGET

Gillingham Town Council is busy preparing a budget for the financial year 2020/21 that is value for money, whilst ensuring that it continues to provide its community with well-managed open spaces and financial support for young people, leisure services, crime prevention Initiatives and the Citizens Advice Central Dorset. A final decision will be made at the Full Council meeting in January. This is a public meeting and members of the public are very welcome to attend.



NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT



New play equipment for King John Road play will be installed in the New Year. A timber log walk, rope bridge and monkey bars will replace equipment that has rotted. This equipment will be a welcome addition to the team swing, toddler swing and a junior swing, which was added in 2014.



COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

If you would like to discuss an issue with one of our Town Councillors they will be holding an appointment only surgery on the last Friday of the month. To book an appointment please contact the Town Hall. Tel: 01747 823555 or email: gtc@gillinghamdorset-tc.gov.uk

If you would like an appointment with one of your Dorset Councillors, then please call them directly using the contact details below.

Cllr Val Potheary Tel: 01747 826089
Cllr Belinda Ridout Tel: 07496 413114
Cllr David Walsh Tel: 07973 228620



CIVIL CEREMONIES AT GILLINGHAM TOWN HALL

Formally the Magistrates Court, the Civic Hall accommodates 60 people. There is wheelchair access, a small car park and a walled garden suitable for photographs.

For further details please contact:
Gillingham Town Council, Town Hall,
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FACEBOOK

Look out for the Town Council's new Facebook and Instagram pages for up to date news and information



Town Carol Service

The Mayor of Gillingham
Cllr Barry Von Clemens

Cordially invites the Gillingham
Community

To Gillingham's Town and Parish
Carol Service

On Sunday 22nd of December 2019
at 2.30pm

In the Parish Church of St Mary
the Virgin,
Gillingham, SP8 4AW

Following the Carol Service wine
and mince pies will be available in
the Vicarage School Room

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WASTE COLLECTION

Over Christmas and New Year, your usual rubbish, recycling and food waste collection days will be different. Check the table below for your

| Usual collection day | Revised collection day |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Tuesday 24 Dec | No change |
| Wednesday 25 Dec | Friday 27 Dec |
| Thursday 26 Dec | Saturday 28 Dec |
| Friday 27 Dec | Monday 30 Dec |
| Monday 30 Dec | Tuesday 31 Dec |
| Tuesday 31 Dec | Thursday 2 Jan |
| Wednesday 1 Jan | Friday 3 Jan |
| Thursday 2 Jan | Saturday 4 Jan |
| Friday 3 Jan | Monday 6 Jan |
| Monday 6 Jan | Tuesday 7 Jan |
| Tuesday 7 Jan | Wednesday 8 Jan |
| Wednesday 8 Jan | Thursday 9 Jan |
| Thursday 9 Jan | Friday 10 Jan |
| Friday 10 Jan | Saturday 11 Jan |
| Monday 13 Jan | No change |

PREPARING FOR WINTER

Is it ok to clear snow from a road, path or cycleway?

Guidelines from the government say it is ok to do so, you can clear snow and ice from pavements yourself.

How to clear snow and ice.

- do it early in the day – it's easier to move fresh, loose snow
- don't use water – it might refreeze and turn to black ice
- use salt if possible – it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear)
- you can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt – it will provide grip underfoot
- pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways – using more salt may help

Grit bins are available around Gillingham for community use on roads and pavements only (not private drives). For further information and bin locations please visit our website.