

# Hailsham Town Council

# THE TOWN CRIER



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## MEET YOUR TOWN MAYOR FOR 2013-2014

**Councillor Jo Bentley was re-elected as Hailsham Town Mayor at the Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Wednesday 22nd May and is looking forward to a very busy and fulfilling year ahead.**

Honoured to be re-elected to the position, Councillor Bentley said: "It is a privilege to continue in my role as Town Mayor and I will work to ensure that you, the residents, are provided with the best facilities and services available to you. The town of Hailsham has a wonderful community and I look forward to working collaboratively with it and promoting it in my role."

Looking ahead, Councillor Bentley said she has a very positive outlook both for town revitalisation and for the future of Hailsham as a whole. She added, "I will work closely with the recently formed Town Team to fulfil the objectives outlined in the Hailsham Forward plan to support economic development in Hailsham, increasing employment opportunities and ultimately deliver successful town revitalisation schemes, whilst meeting the aspirations of the local community.

"I'll also continue to contribute towards other projects and campaigns, and look forward to promoting our town at



every available occasion and witnessing more good work carried out by community organisations and residents."

The AGM also elected Councillor Michael Ryan as new Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman, and the following Chairs of Committees:

- *Finance & Budget Oversight:*  
Councillor Chriss Triandafyllou
- *Planning & Development:*  
Councillor Michael Ryan
- *Business Development:*  
Councillor Nigel Coltman
- *Hailsham In Bloom:*  
Councillor Richard Grocock

- *Festivities & Events:* Councillor Jo Bentley
- *Staff Administration Panel:* Councillor Bill Bentley

Various representatives for local community groups and voluntary organisations were also selected at the meeting, full details of which can be found on our website ([hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk)).

## MEET YOUR OVERSIGHT COUNCILLORS

**The following town councillors have been appointed to oversee specific activities and liaise with you on issues and concerns affecting parts of the community:**

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# HAILSHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE ELECT YOUTH MAYOR!

Hailsham Community College student **Musta Rahman, 17**, has been elected as the town's second Youth Mayor.



Musta was elected at a special meeting at the college recently, having received 37% of the votes cast from the young population for his manifesto to spread a positive message about the impact young people can make in Hailsham and its environs.

He already has experience of being a member of Hailsham Youth Council, and is delighted to be chosen as

Mayor for the next year: "Being elected to the position of Hailsham Youth Mayor is a great honour and a responsibility I will treat with the greatest of respect.

"Having sat on the youth council I am aware of the local issues facing the young people of Hailsham and I hope to make a positive impact in my new role, contributing to the new and exciting opportunities available for the youth of Hailsham."

Musta added, "I would like to pay special thanks to Chelsie McIntosh, who has held the position of Youth Mayor for the past year, and who has set an extremely high standard for me to follow. I am passionate

about this town and look forward to playing some small part in its continued development."

Michael Ryan, joint oversight councillor for Youth Projects at the Town Council congratulated Musta and welcomed him as the town's second Youth Mayor: "Well done for your election victory. I wish you all the very best for a most exciting and enjoyable year of office.

"I'd like to extend my thanks to all those who took the trouble to vote, which proves that young people, when engaged about issues and concerns that matter to them, are just as interested in their local community as the rest of us.

"Being Youth Mayor is a big job with great responsibility and I'm confident Musta will excel in his role."

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH MAYOR?

The Youth Mayor serves a one-year term and:

- Provides support, and is a spokesperson for, the town's young people
- Updates and advises the Town Mayor on issues relating to young people in Hailsham and its environs
- Works with Hailsham Youth Council to inform the work of the Town Mayor, Town Council and other local decision-making bodies
- Attends civic functions when necessary and acts as ambassador for the young people of Hailsham

## SURVEY RESULTS SHOW DESIRE FOR TOWN REVITALISATION

**Additional clothing retailers, tidier shop frontages and improved parking and traffic flow in and out of the town are just some of the pre-requisites for an improved Hailsham of the future, according to results from a recent survey.**

Responses from a questionnaire carried out by Hailsham Forward at their 'pop-up shop' and information centre held in the town centre last month were received from 369 people, including 34 from young people under the age of twenty.

According to the survey, there is a strong need for additional clothing retailers in the town with 75% of respondents stating that the lack of clothes shops is a major contributory factor to people shopping outside of Hailsham.

Of those who took part in the survey, 16% emphasised the need for toy shops, sports shops and stores selling local produce in the town centre, while 60% said that they would like to see more homeware and D.I.Y. shops available in the town's retail parks.

52% of respondents rated the town centre below average in terms of cleanliness, with 56% stating that there is a litter problem and 33% emphasising the need for tidier shop frontages.



49% considered there to be difficulties in terms of traffic flow with frequent congestion forming in and out of the town centre.

Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Caira said: "It's imperative that as much feedback as possible is obtained from the public in terms of Hailsham Forward's long, medium and short term town revitalisation objectives, and to get a better idea of what services

are needed in the town centre and what things can be done to improve Hailsham as a whole."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Hailsham Forward should contact Mickey Caira on 01323 841702 or visit [hailshamforward.co.uk](http://hailshamforward.co.uk)

## FIRST VIRTUAL SHOP FRONT IN HAILSHAM

Virtual shop fronts are bringing positivity and life back to high streets around the country and Hailsham Forward has helped give our town centre a boost by having an empty retail unit transformed and made more visually appealing!

Hailsham Forward – a community partnership which aims to bring together key local stakeholders to review the best ways to improve the town centre and industrial and retail parks – aims to create virtual shop fronts for additional empty properties in the town centre in the near future.

Vinyl shop front displays have been produced to replace the vacant former Sovereign Meats premises with a vibrant, restaurant-themed façade frontage, funding of which was provided by the Town Council and a contribution from the local Chamber of Commerce.

The design takes account of feedback obtained by residents when during a survey carried out by Hailsham Forward at its pop-up shop/information facility which was set up in Vicarage Field last month, to make visual improvements to the town centre and ultimately help attract invest into the town.

Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Caira said: "The ultimate aim of Hailsham Forward is to see all the empty units filled with a mix of national and smaller independent businesses and whilst this new virtual shop is not a real one, it will help to improve the image of the town centre.

"We are keen to see more virtual shops where empty retail units remain in the town centre and if any businesses wish to sponsor a virtual shop then please contact us via the Town Council."

If you are interested in finding out more about Hailsham Forward, contact Mickey Caira on 01323 841702 or visit [hailshamforward.co.uk](http://hailshamforward.co.uk)



## FISHING SEASON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Summer is just round the corner; and so is the onset of the fishing season! Angling enthusiasts can prepare for the season's best coarse fishing and cast a line on the Town Council's waterways with the annual start of the fishing season on Saturday 16th June.

Fishing is currently permitted on season at two Town Council managed sites: Hailsham Country Park lake (off Gleneagles Drive) and Hempstead Pond (adjacent to Tilehurst Wood). Both fishing areas are well-stocked with fish including carp, bream, roach, rudd, tench, perch and pike.

Karen Moralee, Planning & Leisure Officer at Hailsham Town Council said, "For the keen fisherman, there isn't a better place for fishing than the Hailsham Country Park lake. Besides enjoying the beauty of the

surrounding areas, there's an abundance of fish to catch and the nearby Hempstead Pond site provides anglers with a wide variety of species to target too."



Daily fishing permits can be obtained from MFC supplies in Station Road and yearly season tickets are available from the Town Council offices (£40 adult; £25 senior citizens, disabled and children under 16 years). A current Environment Agency rod licence and passport photo must be produced when purchasing permits.

Please contact Karen Moralee on 01323 841702 (during office hours) for all fishing permit enquiries. Regulations and conditions for fishing at the Hailsham Country Park lake and Hempstead Pond sites are available to download from [www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk).



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## HAILSHAM'S HISTORY SUPPLIED BY YOU

**Do you have an item that reflects the history and heritage of Hailsham?  
Why not donate or bequeath it to your local Heritage Centre?**

The Hailsham Heritage Centre located in Blackman's Yard in Market Street is interested to hear from you if you have an artefact relevant to the natural and man-made heritage of Hailsham that you would be willing to donate or bequeath to the museum collection.

"If you think the people of Hailsham will be interested in your item please contact us," said Maxine Kitcher, secretary of the Hailsham Historical Society, which manages the museum. "It can be anything from a photograph to a special memento and your donation will help centre visitors to understand Hailsham's past better."



*Heritage Centre Custodians with Mayor Jo Bentley*

The Hailsham Heritage Centre, which was opened to the public for the 2013 season last month by the Mayor of Hailsham Councillor Jo Bentley, houses a small but interesting display including a period kitchen, farming and agriculture, local historical items, 19th and 20th century photographs, wartime artefacts and memorabilia. The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm, until Saturday 8th September. Admission is free.

Councillor Bentley said, "Hailsham has a great story to tell and I think it's important to have a heritage centre where local residents, community groups, school children as well as visitors can find out more about the amazingly varied history of our town.

"The centre tells the story of the town's history from its origins to the present day with some amazing displays and artefacts, and a wide range of materials for people researching their local or family history into the bargain.



"People should come and visit the museum, where custodians, to whom I am very grateful for all their hard work in maintaining and volunteering at the centre, look forward to welcoming you."

## DO YOU KNOW THAT HAILSHAM IS TWINNED WITH GOURNAY-EN-BRAY IN FRANCE?



Through our town's link with Gournay-en-Bray, the Hailsham & District Twinning Association's organises individual and group exchanges throughout the year. Quizzes, treasure hunts, car boot sales, barbecues, cream tea afternoons and other social events are also organised as well as trips to Gournay-en-Bray and regular small group meetings to learn and practise the French language on an informal basis.

Hailsham & District Twinning Association Members do not have to host guests but many do find that they have built great friendships over the years by hosting or staying with host families in France. It is now hoped that more links can be made between the primary schools and Hailsham Community College and work on this area of twinning is currently taking place.

The Association is currently looking for new members of all ages, who can be as much or as little involved as they want to be in the group's various activities. If you would like to know more please email the Secretary (paulinetownsend@rocketmail.com) or call 01323 01323 846539. Annual Membership is only £10 per person.

# MEASLES: IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE VACCINATED

**Hailsham parents are urged to make sure their children are not part of the 'lost generation' of youngsters not fully immunised against measles.**

Local GPs and East Sussex public health officials are backing the campaign to target 10 to 16-year-olds who did not have both doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine as babies.

While cases of measles in East Sussex are low – with 92 confirmed last year – measles rates nationally have been gradually rising over the last two years with the disease gaining widespread attention due to the recent epidemic in Swansea.

Public Health England experts say the legacy of public concerns over the now discredited links between the vaccine and autism in the 1990s is largely to blame.

Cynthia Lyons, acting director of public health at East Sussex County Council, said: "The campaign is vital in making sure that the lost generation who missed out on the MMR vaccine when they were younger are fully protected. It's never too late to be vaccinated."

Dr Matt Jackson, a Hailsham GP and chief clinical officer (elect) of the new Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group, added: "Measles is very

unpleasant and in serious cases can be fatal. We'll be working to vaccinate Hailsham children, teenagers and young adults, who have missed out on MMR, at local surgeries."

Having the first dose of MMR vaccine offers 95 per cent protection against measles while the second dose leads to almost complete protection.

East Sussex County Council will work with local schools to promote the uptake of the vaccine among children and young people. The Council launched its own campaign – Remember MMR – earlier in the year, with more information online at [www.facebook.com/ShareASmileSussex](http://www.facebook.com/ShareASmileSussex)

A Facebook page and Twitter have been set up to support the national campaign – Get Vaccinated England – Facebook



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

**Over the last few months, Wealden Police have been working with many residents regarding rural crimes.**

There has been an increase in the theft of domestic heating oil with a large number of these particular crimes reported. A large scale operation was put into effect over a number of night-time periods. We had great success in locating one van being used in the theft of heating oil, which resulted in the arrest of a number of people a couple of days later.

Our community messaging system is going from strength to strength with many residents joining up. The system allows us to send messages of importance and interest direct to your email address. Local officers also send out monthly local newsletters, discussing in detail what has been happening in particular areas.

If you would like to join community messaging you can speak to your local PCSO who will take details.

Sussex Police's Operation Sunshine is in full swing now. The operation is designed to make residents aware of the possible threat of summertime burglaries. Burglars use the summer months to access vulnerable properties where windows and doors have been left open due to the warm weather. We are urging all residents to ensure they lock doors and windows if leaving your property, even for just a short time. If you are in the rear of your home never leave front doors and windows open, it only takes a few seconds to become a victim of crime.

Finally, we would like to urge all residents to call us if they see anything deemed suspicious. Please call us directly on 101. Don't forget though that in an emergency it's 999.



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## PCSOS TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL PARKING IN HAILSHAM TOWN CENTRE

The Town Council is helping to tackle illegal parking in the town centre, including motorists who park inconsiderately on double yellow lines in the High Street and Market Square.

Feedback was obtained from a survey conducted at Hailsham Forward's pop-up shop in the town centre last month, as well as comments at the recent Annual Town Meeting. From this, Sussex Police has confirmed that they will enforce parking restrictions on double yellow lines in the High Street, George Street and North Street.



Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Hailsham have been given parking enforcement powers and have the authority to issue warning notices and parking fines for vehicles parked on double yellow lines or causing an obstruction.

Deputy Town Clerk and Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Cairn said: "Members of Hailsham Forward, including town councillors, met with the local police recently to discuss the issue of inappropriate and obstructive parking in the town centre and comments made by members of the public at both the Annual Town Meeting and pop-up shop in Vicarage Field."

"The consistent message we received from local residents was illegal parking in the town centre was a great concern to them and this was something they wanted PCSOs to have the power to deal with."

"Examples of illegal parking include situations where a vehicle parks in a dangerous position or persistently outside on double yellow lines or is blocking the road, where the public would expect the police to take action. It is only right in these circumstances that PCSOs have the ability take enforcement action if necessary."

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## SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**TOWN COUNCIL (& TRUSTS):** Wednesday 17 July (meetings start at 7.30 pm)

**FINANCE & BUDGET OVERSIGHT:** Wednesday 3 July; Wednesday 24 July (meeting starts at 7.30 pm)

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** Tuesday 16 July; Tuesday 6 August; Tuesday 27 August (meetings start at 7 pm)

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** Thursday 11 July (meetings start at 7.30 pm)

**HAILSHAM IN BLOOM:** Wednesday 31 July (meetings start at 7.30 pm)

**FESTIVITIES & EVENTS:** Monday 15 July (meeting starts at 6 pm)

**STAFF ADMINISTRATION PANEL:** Monday 8 July (meeting starts at 7.30 pm)

[All meetings are held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber and are open to the press and public, unless otherwise stated.]

**COUNCILLOR SURGERY DATES:** Monday 29 July; Tuesday 27 August.

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Councillors Bentley and Keeley are here to represent the needs, priorities and aspirations of residents and are accessible to and consult extensively with the local community, organisations and businesses.

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**SCHEDULE OF WORKS:**

5 weeks from June 17th 2013 (off carriageway)  
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