



NEW TOWN CENTRE MARKET

OPENED BY HAILSHAM MAYOR

The Mayor of Hailsham has opened a new street market aimed at improving retail opportunities locally and increasing footfall within the town.

Cutting the special cake on Saturday 24th August, Councillor Jo Bentley was joined by fellow town councillors, the Youth Mayor Musta Rahman and members of Hailsham Forward (Town Team) to declare the market in Vicarage Field officially open for business.

Around 20 stalls now sell a range of local quality produce in Vicarage Field on the third Saturday and every second and fourth Thursday of each month until Saturday 21st December, between 9.30am and 3pm. The set-up of the new town centre market will be reviewed in the New Year before opening again in March 2014.

Goods on sale include fruit and vegetables, clothing, handbags and accessories, pet supplies, crafts, jewellery, natural beauty products, gifts, vinegars and oils, preserves and cakes. A number of local producers operating at the new market already sell goods in other local markets such as the Hailsham Farmers' Market which takes place on a monthly basis.

"I'm delighted that a regular market has been set up in the heart of the town and to officiate over its opening to the public," said Town Mayor Councillor Jo Bentley.

"Establishing a diverse and vibrant market catering for food, fashion and household goods, as well as speciality stalls, will enhance the shopping experience for residents and visitors, while complementing the farmers' and other markets operating in the town."

To add to this success, *Hailsham Forward* has recently been successful in its bid to secure £8,000 in funding from East Sussex County Council's Rural Growth & Employment Fund (RuGEF), a grant scheme set up to provide grants to boost the rural economy and job creation.



Mayor Cllr Jo Bentley and Youth Mayor Musta Rahman



WORKS! PROGRAMME COMES TO HAILSHAM

The Town Council and national charity *Tomorrow's People* have launched a scheme to help disadvantaged young people in Hailsham into employment, education and training.

Hailsham Works!, a new community project set up by the charity in partnership with the Town Council, is a life changing 10-week programme (running four times a year) developed to transform the prospects of disadvantaged local young people preparing them for employment and encouraging the local business community to support them in volunteering activity, work experience placements and, ultimately, paid employment.

Hailsham Works! received a cash injection of £150,000 from East Sussex County Council's Economic Regeneration Fund and is also supported by the Town Council, which has given a three-year financial commitment (£40,000 per year) for the project and has been instrumental in

providing a venue and building at the former chiropractors' clinic/Cortlandt stable building in North Street, as well as local support across the community for the project in recent months.

Town Councillor Bill Bentley, delighted to see the project get underway said: "A lot of

excellent work is already being done by local authorities and charities to support young people back into work. While the employment market is gradually going forward since the recession, it is important that the Town Council and project partners put in place a range of effective measures to support young people in particular to find work, and improve the employability skills of our future local workforce."

Town Clerk John Harrison said: "The employment market is fairly difficult for young people these days, so *Hailsham Works!* is a great way to help them get into work to gain experience, learn

new skills and get valuable training. It will also link local employers with young, enthusiastic staff."

The *Hailsham Works!* team brings with it nearly 50 years of experience across the welfare-to-work, training and financial services sectors and has been made very welcome by the Hailsham community. It will only succeed however if local businesses get involved in work experience opportunities, job placement, mentoring and in-kind donations; and if community volunteers support it with mentoring and other activities.

For further information on the *Hailsham Works!* Project contact Shaun, Carolyn or Kayley on 01323 441194 or send an email to scox@tomorrows-people.co.uk





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HAILSHAM EXCELS IN SOUTH & SOUTHEAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Hailsham clinched two prizes at a dazzling South & South East In Bloom awards ceremony held at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells earlier this month.

In its fifth year of competing, Hailsham In Bloom won Silver-Gilt in the Large Town category. Finalists in the competition are ranked as Gold, Silver-Gilt, Silver and Bronze. Out of more than 1,000 entries across the UK, Hailsham achieved a Silver-Gilt award for its high standard entry which exemplified best practice.

If that was not enough, the town also scooped this year's Community Involvement Award, an accolade given by South & Southeast in Bloom to just one entry each year in recognition of projects that provide evidence of community spirit, commitment and overall dedication to improving the environment of the town.

Factors that particularly impressed the judges include the recently constructed Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery situated on the Orchard Park site off Grovelands Road,

the planting of additional trees at the Common Pond, as well as the town centre floral displays and the high level of contribution from local businesses and younger members of the community during the last year.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD
Richard Grocock (Award Presenter) with Chris Collins and Jeff Bentley-Astor

Richard Grocock, chairman of Hailsham In Bloom said: "This is a wonderful result for the town and a fabulous ending to a year's worth of community projects undertaken by Hailsham In Bloom volunteers, local businesses and youth organisations."

"I hope that next year we can raise the bar again and work with even more residents, young people and local businesses."

The other entries this year in the Large Town category were East Grinstead, Ferndown, Sittingbourne, Alton, Faversham, Haywards Heath, Ryde, Farnham and Tunbridge Wells.

For further information on Hailsham In Bloom projects, call 01323 841702 or log on to www.hailshaminbloom.org.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HAILSHAM!

A project aimed specifically at providing young people in Hailsham with organised outings on Friday evenings is set to continue throughout the autumn months.

The 'Friday Night Project', funded by the Safer Wealden Partnership and organised by Hailsham Town Council's Square Youth Café and Hailsham Youth Council, works in partnership with Hailsham Community College, Targeted Youth Support (TYS) and Freedom Leisure aims to help create alternative recreational activities for young people.

Activities being organised for 11 to 17 year olds from now until Christmas include dry-slope skiing and snowboarding at Knockhatch Adventure Park, ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure Centre, ice skating at the Guildford Spectrum, football matches at the Amex Stadium in Brighton, trips to Thorpe Park and cinema outings at Hailsham Pavilion. Outings organised during the

summer of this year included windsurfing, rock climbing, zip wire and giant swing at PGL in Windmill Hill.

"There's no reason for young people in Hailsham to find themselves bored during the autumn months!" said Councillor Richard Grocock, joint oversight councillor for Youth Projects. "Its programme of organised outings gives young people an opportunity to experience the joy and challenge of different recreational activities, while having an appreciation for maintaining an active lifestyle."

Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at the Town Council, said: "The Friday Night Project is a classic example of partnership in the community and I'd like to express my gratitude all project partners for all the hard work put into organising these outings, as well as my colleagues at the Square Youth Café, TYS and the Safer Wealden Partnership for their generous funding from the very beginning."

"All outings organised provide a number of benefits and I would encourage young people to take advantage of the outings that are on offer and to get involved."

Information on Friday Night Project activities can be found by visiting squareyouthcafe.com or hailsham4youth.org



SCARECROW-MAKING WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

Medieval scarecrows of all shapes and sizes descended on Hailsham on Saturday 31st August for two weeks when the town's first Scarecrow Festival was held.

More than a dozen imaginative scarecrows created by children at a design workshop organised by the Town Council and held last month were out on display around the town centre, with medieval-themed creations ranging from knights to kings and queens.

Town Mayor and chairman of the Town Council's Festivities & Events Committee Councillor Jo Bentley who originally came up with the idea to organise the workshop said: "The event was enjoyed by all those who attended and a lot of effort was put into the designs. It was great to see people getting into the swing of things with local children getting in on the act – we had some really good entries.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues for the hard work put into organising the festival and all the people who took part and created the wonderful array of scarecrows."



NEW WEEKLY FISHING TICKETS AVAILABLE

Three months into the fishing season, angling enthusiasts are being reminded that the best coarse fishing is available in Hailsham on the Town Council's waterways with a valid fishing permit, now available on a ONE-WEEK basis.

Fishing is currently permitted 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 common carp, bream, roach, rudd, tench, perch and pike. Incidentally, it was reported that a local angler caught a 20lb carp here earlier this year!

Day fishing permits and the new one-week permits can be obtained from MFC supplies in Station Road for £4 and £10 respectively. Yearly season tickets are available from the Town Council offices (£45 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 NOTE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE COMMON POND IN BELLBANKS ROAD.

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.



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RAILCARD SUBSIDY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN HAILSHAM!

The Town Council is reminding senior residents that they may be eligible to claim a subsidy against their senior railcard.

Having part-refunded over 2,200 senior railcards since the launch of the scheme in 2002, the Town Council is the only council in the south east to offer this welcome benefit to residents.

Councillor Chriss Triandafyllou, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Oversight Committee said, "The Council is proud to support senior citizens who face difficult times at the moment due to low interest rates on their savings. We would like to encourage senior citizens in Hailsham to enjoy the freedom of travel that this mode of transport offers and increase public transport choice into the bargain, by offering our Senior Railcard subsidy scheme to older residents of Hailsham."



Only people of retirement age and living within the Hailsham Parish are eligible to claim a subsidy on their senior railcard, which can be used on most train operators throughout the United Kingdom allowing card holders a third off train fares, off-peak.

Subsidy payments for valid senior railcards are currently capped to a maximum of £15 per person per annum (or actual cost if lower than £15). Simply bring your railcard to the Town Council offices (Inglenook, Market Street), along with proof of current address, and you will be granted a part-refund.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM: HELP CATCH A BURGLAR TODAY

Wealden district suffers with thefts from people's outbuildings and sheds. The Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team take this matter very seriously and they put a lot of work in behind the scenes to identify and catch the culprits.

When we make these arrests we often recover property which we believe to be linked to crime but frustratingly often we are unable to trace the original owner. In order to assist us in our investigations Wealden NPT do operate a free property marking scheme called 'Operation Creosote' which focuses on this type of theft.

We have explored and used a number of ways of marking property and at the moment we are using metallic marker pens to mark property with the postcode which is then coated with an acrylic lacquer. This equipment is financed by the Safer Wealden Partnership and is a quick, easy and fairly permanent method that costs less than 2 pence per item.

Your local PCSO has access to this marking equipment and you only need to contact them to make an appointment. The main challenge we face is that Wealden has over 60,000 households and we would like to get to all of them.



We are asking that you help us to help you by arranging a marking session for your area. This could be as simple as getting a few neighbours together or maybe a few streets before you contact your local officer. In this way they can have the best impact on their visit and get as much covered in the time available.

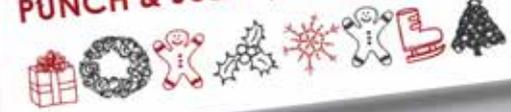
Recent local surveys have identified that Wealden communities are concerned about burglary and that they would like the Police to concentrate on it as a priority. Please help us to beat this crime, keep you and your property safe and make Wealden a difficult place for criminals to be.

Wealden Neighbourhood Policing (NPT)



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TOWN COUNCIL (& TRUSTS): Wednesday 20 November (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

FINANCE & BUDGET OVERSIGHT: Wednesday 30 October; Wednesday 6 November (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Tuesday 8 October; Tuesday 29 October; Tuesday 19 November (meetings start at 7pm)

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE: Thursday 14 November (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

HAILSHAM IN BLOOM: Wednesday 23 October; Wednesday 27 November (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

FESTIVITIES & EVENTS: Monday 14 October; Monday 4 November; Monday 2 December (meeting starts at 6pm)

STAFF ADMINISTRATION PANEL: Monday 7 October (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

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



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ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH BRIDGESIDE GP SURGERY?

Bridgeside Surgery's Patient Participation Group is looking for new members to discuss ways to improve services for patients and to help with events such as flu clinics and the recent Carers week.

Some of the changes that the group has been involved with include getting the surgery car park resurfaced, improving the information available in reception, increasing the number of appointments available at short notice and updating the patient survey and discussing the results.

The Bridgeside Surgery Patient Participation Group is a friendly group which meets every eight weeks so if you would like to get involved, please call Carole Goldsmith, Deputy Practice Manager on 01323 441234.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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