

Polegate Town Council

Newsletter
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Honey Farm appeal dismissed

As you may already be aware, the Secretary of State has dismissed Pelham Homes' appeal against Wealden District Council's rejection of their plans to build more than five hundred houses on the Honey Farm site. This represents a significant victory in the battle to prevent the over development of Polegate, and is due in no small part to residents, town councillors and other bodies, who worked tirelessly to gather and present evidence to the enquiry.



Gimme Shelter!

(With apologies to the Rolling Stones)

It's been some time in the planning. But, at long last, users of the Brightling Road leisure grounds have a community shelter to protect them from the worst of the English weather. The ribbon was cut by Jayne Bigsby, former Polegate Town Councillor and the leading light of the Polegate Strollers walking club, and the short opening ceremony was attended by the Mayor, Councillors and Town Hall staff, and representatives of Sussex Police.



Remembering our Forces

Polegate honoured the military in June, with two services to mark Armed Forces Day, which this year fell on Saturday the 25th June. On Monday the 20th, representatives of the British Legion, the Royal Air Force Association, Polegate Town Mayor Tim Voyce, Councillors and members of the public gathered to witness the raising of the Armed Forces Flag. The Reverend David Cook led the service and reminded those assembled of the debt owed to our armed forces, and particularly to those men and women who have lost their lives in the service of their country. A further short service was held on the 27th June, during which the flag was lowered.

Quarry plans withdrawn

In our last newsletter we focused upon plans put forward by Haulaway Ltd to fill Filching Quarry with inert building material over a five year period, and urged our readers to voice their objections to the plan. We are pleased to announce that the company has withdrawn its application and the infilling will not now take place.

Schedule Of Meetings

Full Council 26th Sept 2011
 Finance 10th Oct 2011
 Full Council 24th Oct 2011

Environment & Leisure budget 14th Nov 2011
 Finance 21st Nov 2011
 Full Council 28th Nov 2011

Calling all charities

Are you involved with a local charity? Or do you run a club or society in Polegate? If so, we'd like to hear from you. We would like to compile a comprehensive list of locally-based charities, groups and clubs to give us a snapshot of what's happening in our town. So, if you would like to tell us what you're up to, contact us on 01323 488114, or email admin@polegate-tc.co.uk.

Town Assembly held

Residents attended Polegate's Annual Town Assembly on the 23rd May at the United Reformed church hall. The meeting was chaired by Cllr. **Tim Voyce**, starting his second term as Mayor following the local government elections earlier in the month. Guest speakers included **Charles Lant**, Chief Executive of Wealden District Council, **Darren Grayson**, Chief Executive of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, and representatives from Network Rail, Sussex Police and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Get snapping

Are you a budding David Bailey, or do you just enjoy taking the odd holiday snap? Either way, Dan Dunbar would like to see your photographic efforts. Following on from his success with last year's 'Pride of Polegate' competition, Dan has launched this year's contest, 'Polegate and Village Life.' He is looking for photographs of local people, places and events; anything, in fact, that shows the world what's good about the place in which we live. So get snapping! Full details can be found on the Council's website, and entry forms can be collected from the Town Hall on any weekday between 9am and 1pm.



Stars, Stripes...and Sandwiches

On the fourth of July, around a hundred of Polegate's older residents were treated to an American Independence Day themed tea party, hosted by Mayor Tim Voyce. As well as the customary tea, sandwiches and cakes, served by friendly and efficient pupils from Willingdon School, the guests' knowledge of all things American was put to the test in a quiz, and prizes were awarded for the best costume.

The Council would like to say a big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the party a great success. We couldn't have done it without you! And thanks also to all those attendees who gave generously to the Mayor's charity, St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Christmas is coming!

Sorry. We know it's only September, but the Council has to plan ahead! This year's Christmas lights switch on will be on Saturday the 26th November, and the Mayor's Tea Party on the 5th of December. Keep a look out for posters later this year.

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