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Mayor's message

As spring begins to bring us lighter mornings and evenings I am very much enjoying being out and about more in our town. The views of the river and beach are picture postcard material and I never tire of looking at our beautiful surroundings.

Continuing to attend a wide range of events and activities laid on by local organisations, clubs and groups, I am privileged to observe the fantastic sense of community that exists in Littlehampton. We hear the word 'inclusivity' bandied around a lot these days, but I am pleased to say that I regularly see it in action. Communities thrive on diversity; cultural enrichment, the sharing of skills and talents, tolerance and understanding are just some of the benefits. It is heart-warming to see different groups coming together and sharing friendship and mutual respect. Long may it continue.

Similarly, collective civic pride also benefits the Town. As the tourist season approaches I would ask each and every one of you to be an ambassador for Littlehampton. Smile at visitors, make them feel welcome and help keep the town tidy by not dropping litter. Let's be proud of all that we have here and generous in sharing it.

With that in mind, if you are a green-fingered enthusiast then please find the details of entry to our annual Gardens and Allotments competition in this issue of Progress. If you're not a natural Titchmarsh or Monty

Don, why not nominate a neighbour who has a garden or green space to be proud of instead? Keeping everything looking bloomin' gorgeous is just another way in which we can demonstrate pride in our patch, so get going and hoe-ing!

With warm regards,

Cllr Ian Buckland, Town Mayor



Screen on the Green



► Our comprehensive Spring/Summer Events Guide will be published in April and once again there is a fantastic array of events lined up. Including our wonderful Armed Forces Day and Town Show & Family Fun Day and back by popular demand (on Saturday 19th August) will be the hugely popular Screen on the Green – and we need your help to choose the movie!

More than 4,000 people came to 'have the time of their life' at last year's screening of Dirty Dancing, but what about this year? Well, deciding that in this case 'BAFTA' is an instruction rather than an award – LTC is urging you to 'Bag A Film That's Awesome!' Please choose your favourite film from this shortlist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grease | <input type="checkbox"/> Muppets Most Wanted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chitty Chitty Bang Bang | <input type="checkbox"/> The Goonies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Cast your vote at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk, via our facebook page /littlehamptontc or tick your preference and cut out and post this feature to Littlehampton Town Council, Manor House, Littlehampton, BN17 5EW. Voting will close **13th April 2017** and the film with the most votes will be revealed in the Summer edition of Progress. What's the pick of the pics? YOU DECIDE!

Grants for local groups: Grant Aid 2017

Do you know a local group that would benefit from a cash boost? If you do, be sure to point them in the direction of LTC's 2017 Grant Aid fund, a scheme that supports the Town's local groups and charities. Awarded annually, Grant Aid's application process opens on **1 April** and closes on **12 May**. Available to any charitable or not-for-profit club, group or organisation in Littlehampton, applicants need to demonstrate that their group benefits members of the community by offering cultural enrichment, advice or support, or by providing sporting activities. All applications are considered on the basis of merit, aims and objectives.

In 2016 LTC awarded grants to groups including St Barnabas Hospices Sussex for an outreach project, St John Ambulance for student first aid training and Jamie's Wish Trust for event equipment. Application details, along with full criteria, can be found online at: www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Successful applicants will be notified by early July.



St John Ambulance training at Wick Week



BIG News for YOUR Town

A new regular feature for Progress, BIG news for your Town is where you'll find details and updates regarding the latest key issues in Littlehampton.

New Bus Service

Replacing the Number 12 bus, a brand new bus service is due to start at the end of April. Funding has been provided for by the developers of Courtwick (Kingley Gate) and North Littlehampton (Toddington) to ensure that new residents are connected to local services during the interim build out period. However, the cost of running a bespoke bus service is considerable and funding from the developer is only in place for 2-3 years. As a result the Town Council decided to make a significant contribution to enable a contract to be tendered for a 5-year period. The route will be circular in order to operate an hourly service and to be cost-effective. With the help of your feedback LTC has identified the key facilities in the town that people want and need to access, including the leisure centre, seafront, town centre, railway station, river and GP services, as well as the new developments and Fitzalan Road. The new bus will stop at all of these points and to ensure that there is no break in service, the existing Number 12 will continue until the new route is established.

On the roads: Major Highways Developments

There are four significant highway schemes currently being considered for Littlehampton (Schemes 1, 2 and 3 are the same road).

Scheme 1: Fitzalan link (East Street - A259, past the Littlehampton Academy)
Update: A Planning Application has been submitted. Approval is likely once an agreement has been reached with regard to pedestrian crossings, speed limits and bus stops.

Scheme 2: Fitzalan Road extension (A259, across the railway line to the new North of Littlehampton development)
Update: Final discussions with important stakeholders, such as National Rail, continue. A planning application is expected later this year. This road must be built before most of the North of Littlehampton development can be built out. This will alleviate some of the strain at Toddington Lane and Mill Lane, but will lead to the closure of the Toddington level crossing. There are no plans to close Lyminster level crossing.



Scheme 3: Lyminster by-pass (North of Littlehampton to North of Lyminster)
Update: Plans are progressing well and the funding has been agreed between the County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership. Further studies are to be conducted on the land, with a planning application expected to follow as soon as these are concluded to the satisfaction of all relevant parties.

Scheme 4: A259 Improvements
Update: The County Council is looking to progress a planning application this year. Currently the implications for businesses along the route are being addressed. This proposal will see improvements along the A259 from Goring to Littlehampton. Included in this is the widening of the carriageway to two lanes on the Worthing Road between the Body Shop roundabout and where the Fitzalan link/extension roads meet the A259.



Disruption during these works is inevitable, particularly on the A259 where there will be a new roundabout. The Town Council and all involved will strive to minimise disruption, working together with the different contractors. This will, however, depend on the timescales for the works coinciding. Further updates and timescale details will be included in future issues of Progress.

GP Surgery Update

It is understood that local GP Surgeries have expressed interest in utilising the Enterprise Hub located on the Morrisons supermarket site. A commitment to work together has been established between Arun District Council (ADC) and the Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), but there are difficulties in agreeing lease terms that will make it viable for the GP practices to take on – a 25-year lease, preferred by Morrisons, is considered too long for a GP practice to sign up to. However, Morrisons is keen to negotiate further. ADC is prepared to take on the head lease but requires any GP practice to be a sub-tenant. CCG continue to assess the risks and options of the lease but in the meantime the new facility is delayed. Zachary Merton, Pepperville House, Littlehampton Health Centre and the old Littlehampton Hospital site are all still under review, with no clear future plan, despite the poor condition and limited structural life of many of the buildings in question. LTC will continue to update residents as we hear more news.

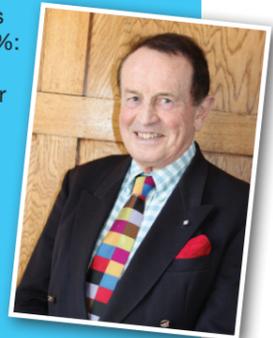
Minor Injury Unit

Park Surgery on St Flora's Road, Littlehampton, is operating a Minor Injuries Unit. Open from Monday to Friday, 9am - 5.30pm, treatment and advice for the following can be obtained: grazes, cuts, stings, burns and scalds, wounds, bumps, splinters, insect bites, black eyes, dog bites and foreign bodies in the eyes. Patients do not need to be registered at The Park Surgery to be seen. If you require treatment for a minor injury please telephone 01903 717154 or just visit the practice.



Council Tax increase held at 1%

The 2017/18 budget allows the Town Council to maintain, and in some cases enhance, existing services, whilst also making provision for new gateway signage and improved marketing and communications. Provision has been made for a new town bus service, linking to funding from developers, to ensure that new housing development is covered. Council Tax increase held at 1%: Littlehampton Town Council has agreed to increase Council Tax by 1% (£1.15 per annum) for a Band D Council Tax Payer, which will now total £115.72 per annum.



Details on the budget can be found on the Town Council website www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Dr James Walsh KStJ
Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee

A summary of the breakdown of expenditure is set out below:



Total Budgeted Revenue Expenditure	£1,202,943
Total Budgeted Income	£121,060
Net Budgeted Revenue Expenditure	£1,081,883

Plotting to win: Littlehampton Gardens & Allotments Competition

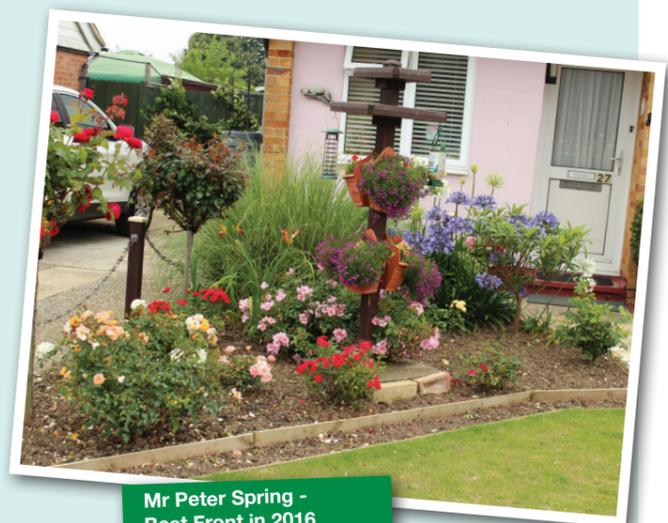
in partnership with 

Going (and growing!) from strength to strength, LTC are once again linking with Ferring Nurseries to present the annual Garden and Allotments competition. With entries opening in April, prizes are offered in a range of categories. Commercial premises and allotment holders are also invited to take part, with a special prize for the Best New Entrant, sponsored by Going Spare.

Created to inspire civic pride and to celebrate the accomplishments of Littlehampton's green-fingered residents, the competition gives gardeners of all levels of experience an opportunity to showcase their skills. Children are again encouraged to participate by taking part in the 'Grow the Tallest Sunflower' challenge, a

category sponsored by FA Holland & Son. For those who appreciate the efforts of others rather than being keen gardeners themselves, there is the opportunity to 'Nominate a Neighbour.'

Entrants and nominees must reside within the BN17 postcode and entries must be made by **26 June**. Winners in each category will receive vouchers from the principal sponsor, Ferring Nurseries. Entry forms will be available from LTC'S offices at the Manor House, Church Street and from Ferring Nurseries, Littlehampton Road, Worthing. Or they can be completed online on the Council's website: www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk from the **1st April**.



Mr Peter Spring - Best Front in 2016



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What's On!



From arts and crafts to fun in the sun, there are lots of things to see, do and enjoy in the next few months...

MARCH

Events at the Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Monday 6th – Maritime Talk

Wednesday 8th – Quiz

Wednesday 15th – Tea & Talk

Wednesday 22nd – Quiz

Friday 31st – Lecture Lunch

Booking essential contact:
01903 718984.

More details:
www.lookandsea.co.uk

Tricia Johnson – The Art of Seaweed Pressing

Wednesday 29th March – Friday 2nd June, Littlehampton Museum

Local artist Tricia Johnson displays her fascinating collection of botanical works inspired by Victorian Algal herbariums. Tricia's works will be complemented by a display of Littlehampton Museum's own natural history specimens.

Frida Kahlo Lecture

Thursday 30th 2 – 4pm at Evans Garden

The artist's life and methods presented by Steve Carroll.
Booking essential 01903 722666.

APRIL

Underground Sussex

Saturday 1st April – Friday 2nd June, Littlehampton Museum

The Museum is joining forces with West Sussex Geological Society to showcase their collections of local geology, rocks and fossils. Visitors will travel back in time hundreds of millions of years to learn the fascinating history of the county as told by its rocks.

Geology ID Day

Saturday 1st April 10.30am – 1.30pm, Littlehampton Museum

To accompany West Sussex Geological Society's exhibition in the Hearne Gallery, experts from the group will be on hand to identify visitors' finds. Drop-in session for all ages.

Artisan Market

Saturday 1st April 10 – 4pm, High Street

Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts and crafts and more.
Facebook: /LittlehamptonArtisan

Easter Holidays Fossil Hunters

Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th April

Join the Museum Team for their popular annual fossil hunts on the local West Beach. Visit www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk for details.
Booking essential 01903 738100.

Easter Out & About

Wednesday 12th 10 – 12pm, Mewsbrook Park (near Café)

Free outdoor fun for 3 to 11 year olds with the LTC events team.

Easter Craft

Saturday 15th 2 – 4pm, Littlehampton Museum

Drop in to the Museum to create some beautiful Easter craft with the team.



Easter Out & About

Wednesday 19th 10 – 12pm, Brookfield Park

Free outdoor fun for 3 to 11 year olds with the LTC events team. Please note parking is very limited and walking to the site is recommended. There are no toilet facilities on site.



WWI Exhibition

Monday 3rd April – 1st October, Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Events at the Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Monday 3rd – Maritime Talk

Wednesday 19th – Tea & Talk

Friday 28th – Lecture Lunch

Booking essential contact:
01903 718984.

More details:
www.lookandsea.co.uk

Edwin James Festival Choir Good Friday Concert

Friday 24th 7.30pm, St James Church

The concert will be performed by the choir and orchestra and will feature Mozart's Requiem.
Box Office 01243 582330.

MAY

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Meet the Artist: Tricia Johnson

Saturday 13th 2 – 3.30pm, Littlehampton Museum

Local artist Tricia Johnson will talk about and demonstrate her process inspired by Victorian Algal herbariums. Adults only.
Booking essential on 01903 738100.

Summer Half Term Fossil Hunters!

Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June

Join the Museum Team for their popular annual fossil hunts on the local West Beach. Visit www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk for details.
Booking essential 01903 738100.



Seashore Art & Craft

Tuesday 30th May and Friday 2nd June 11 – 12.30pm, Littlehampton Museum

Drop in for some shoreline themed arts and crafts activities inspired by Tricia Johnson's exhibition of pressed seaweed and algae.

Community Market Stall

A superb resource for local community groups and organisations, the Littlehampton Market Community Stall offers the opportunity for fundraising, profile and visibility, right in the centre of the Town. Always popular, the stall is available every Friday throughout the year as part of the weekly general market in the High Street. To book please contact the Town Council.

Littlehampton Museum

Discover a wealth of fascinating 'finds' and facts at our family-friendly Museum. Located in the heart of the town, Littlehampton Museum also sells an excellent range of local books, as well as a small selection of gifts and souvenirs. Offering an exciting exhibitions programme, including work by local artists and displays on local history. Find out more at www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

And remember! With the Museum's free admission policy it doesn't cost a penny to take a trip down Memory Lane.

What's On at The Windmill?

Part of the Littlehampton landscape, The Windmill offers a busy film schedule and also live performance. If you haven't visited recently why not take a look at forthcoming films and events? Find out more at www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/littlehampton-swimming-and-sports-centre

Free promotion for your events

The Town Council is offering local event organisers FREE promotion! Giving free entry to our award-winning Progress newsletter, which is delivered to every household in the Town, we will also include your event in our bi-annual Events Guide which is distributed locally. Contact us at events@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk with key information about your event and we'll go to town with the details – literally!



PROJECT 82

Offering friendship, fun, activities, advice and support, P82 has plenty for young people in Littlehampton. **Check out the different session times below and come and see us soon!**

Tuesday's @ Southfields Jubilee Centre, Southfields Road, Littlehampton
Year 7 – 11, 7.30-9pm

Wednesday's @ Flintstone Centre, East Street, Littlehampton
Year 10+, 7-9pm

Thursday's @ The Keystone Centre, Eldon Way, Littlehampton
Year 7 – 11, 6-8pm

Friday's @ The Keystone Centre, Eldon Way, Littlehampton
Year 4 – 6, 4-5.30pm

All sessions 50p

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Honouring Stanley

In November 2016 LTC was proud to host an investiture at the Manor House at which local Veteran Stanley Northeast (96) was honoured to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur by the French Government for the part he played in the D-Day landings.

Believing he was attending a remembrance service, the surprise ceremony was sprung on Wick resident Mr Stanley Northeast, nicknamed 'Sammy,' who was born in Arundel. Working for the Evening Argus, based in an office by Littlehampton railway station and from where he would print late-breaking news and match reports for the paper, when war broke out Stanley was called up for service. Joining the 6074 RAF Squadron, known as the Flying Tigers of the Middle East, he later joined a signals unit and trained for the D-Day invasion.

Explaining that his father had witnessed first-hand the true horrors of war, Cllr. Mike Northeast said of his father: "He never spoke about the war, only revealing these details of his memories to his family in the last six years. We are all incredibly proud of him."

On discovering his father's stories, Mike applied for Stanley to receive the award, which was extended by the French Government after the conflict to honour veterans who risked their lives to liberate Northern Europe with their allies across the English Channel, resulting in the end of WW2.

Thanking his family and the French Government, Stanley said: "It was such a lovely surprise, but it was very much a remembrance weekend. I'm still here but a lot of my colleagues aren't and this medal is for them. I think about them all the time."



Mr Stanley Northeast with Commandant Francois Jean



TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS FUTURE LOCAL SPORTS STARS

Nine Littlehampton residents have been awarded a share of £2,000 by the Littlehampton Sports Forum to be used towards their sporting career, either for tuition fees, travel expenses to events and competitions or for equipment.

The Financial Awards for Sporting Excellence initiative has provided £20,000 worth of grants since its launch in 2006, with dozens of local people benefiting from the scheme. Six of the nine applicants were from the Littlehampton Swimming Club, which has an impressive track record of training and nurturing talented swimmers. Other recipients included nine times World Champion Triathlete Daphne Belt, and also dancer Jessica Baker, who is currently studying at the prestigious Doreen Bird College of Performing Arts in London.



Town Mayor with Cllr Billy Blanchard-Cooper and the recipients of the Awards

Chair of the Littlehampton Sports Forum Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper said: "The Sports Forum was overwhelmed by the standard of this year's applicants and impressed by their achievements. The level of talent in our Town is incredible and the awards are the Town Council's way of encouraging great sportsmanship in Littlehampton."

The cheques were presented by the Town Mayor Councillor Ian Buckland, who wished them all the best for 2017 and said he was "really proud of their achievements."

The Awards will run again from October 2017.

The Mayor's Shout-out

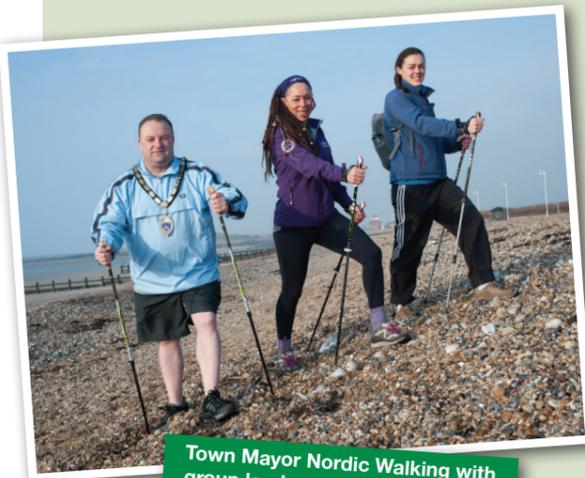
A regular feature in Progress, this is where the Mayor champions a local good cause, charity or voluntary group. If you would like to suggest such a collective or project for the Mayor to meet and shout out about, please get in touch via mayor@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Nordic Walking

Invited to try a taster session by Alison and Denise at our local Nordic Walking group, Town Mayor Ian Buckland reports that he "enjoyed every minute." Gaining in popularity, Nordic Walking has many health benefits, including using 90% of the skeletal muscles and burning up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking. It's also great for reducing pressure on knees and joints. Great exercise, it's also a great way to meet and make new friends and socialise.

Adventure walks are held weekly on Fridays at 10am at Climping Beach, workout walks take place weekly on Saturdays at 9am from East Beach with a wellbeing walk at 11.30am from the same point.

To try a free taster session contact Alison on 07594888556 or Denise on 07702067812 or email Alison.nordicwalking@gmail.com



Town Mayor Nordic Walking with group leaders Alison and Denise

Meet Zoe Parvin, Youth Worker in Charge at P82

Having worked in childcare and youth services for many years, raising five children along the way, there's not much Zoe doesn't know about children and teenagers. She's also very clear about the importance of youth facilities such as Project 82.

"It gives young people somewhere to socialise, have fun and build confidence," said Zoe, who promises that anyone contemplating coming to P82 can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome. "We also offer information and advice, as well as signposting to other agencies. All sessions are fun and usually offer some sort of food and refreshments and there is always someone to talk to and something to do."

Passionate about the provision of services for youngsters, Zoe knows how important places like P82 are to teenagers. "We had two young lads who came for the first time recently and they likened it to a nightclub for youngsters. They have a certain amount of freedom, but in a setting that is safe and supportive. For older teens they find the stability and continuity reassuring, as well as enjoying all the activities. It helps build self-esteem and that is really valuable when you're trying to develop life skills."

Looking ahead to the summer Zoe says that P82 has trips and BBQs in store. "And we'd love to welcome some new members, so please come along for a taster session." (see page 3 for opening times)



TOWN TRIVIA

Health and Safety of Yesteryear

There has been a Fire Brigade in Littlehampton for almost two hundred years; a fact established by a mention in local history records that confirm that church vestry collection taken in 1833 was dedicated to the building of a garage in which to keep the Brigade's engines. By 1874 a volunteer fire brigade was set up and in 1890 it had 28 men on its roll. In the early 1920s, the Urban District Council ran the service, with a Fire Station located in Maltravers Road, where it remains to this day.



The first Littlehampton and District Cottage Hospital opened in 1904 in Surrey Street. Funded by Grant and Tod Heatly, who owned the Beach Hotel, by 1909, it had two wards; a men and women's, each boasting three beds and a child's cot. It was widely used, with over 100 patients in 1908 alone. By 1911, it was replaced by the second Cottage Hospital, which was built in Fitzalan Road, with the site being donated by the Duke of Norfolk, and the building designed by Wheeler & Goodman of Horsham. By 1921 this too was enlarged, and in 1925 it could accommodate fourteen patients and two infants.

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