



Harwich Town Council Newsletter - Autumn 2022

WELCOME to the first Harwich Town Council Newsletter which we hope you will find both interesting and informative. 2022 has been a very busy time for the Council and this newsletter will inform you of all the goings on, a word from the Mayor and important dates for your diary.



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The historic tradition of Mayor Making took place in May, with Cllr. Ivan Henderson invested for a second year as Mayor of Harwich, supported by his wife, Cllr. Jo Henderson as Mayoress, with Cllr. Maria Fowler accepting the position of Deputy Mayor. High Steward, Chris Strachan joined in with the historic tradition of throwing Kitchels from the windows of the Guildhall to excited children from local schools.

Crowds packed Harwich Quay celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reign of 70 years. The weekend will be fondly remembered. Councillors and dignitaries processed from Quayside Court to Ha'penny Pier for the reading of the Royal Proclamation. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a successful celebratory occasion.

Along with the celebrations on the Quay, Harwich marked this moment in history of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, joining with many of the coastal towns around Great Britain to light the Jubilee Beacon. The Harwich beacon was one of 1500 beacons lit on the



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evening of the 2nd June 2022 at precisely 9.45pm. Photo of Military Musician, Corporal Cook played the Jubilee bugle call, aptly named 'Majesty' when the beacon was lit.



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August 2022 twenty local young people set off on a once in a lifetime expedition sailing from Harwich to Portsmouth. The Mayflower Legacy Fund was set-up by Cllr. Ivan Henderson with Essex Community Foundation, to enable support for charities within Harwich.

The Mayflower Legacy Fund gave the opportunity for the young people to set sail on a four day expedition, learning new skills and gaining a confidence to shape their lives. Thanks to Home-Start Harwich, Teen Talk and Harwich & Dovercourt High School for encouraging local young people to embark on the voyage.



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Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council held at the Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich or other venues. Agendas will be published a week before the meeting and may be viewed prior to the meeting on the Council website.
Public questions must relate to an item on the agenda.

**Please note, these meeting dates are subject to change.
Keep an eye on the HTC website for regular updates.**

Agendas and Minutes can also be found at www.harwichtowncouncil.co.uk/your-council/agendas/

Harwich Town Council litter Picking initiative

HTC carries out litter picking, targeting specific areas for clearance each time. If you would like to join members in the next pick please see below details.

Where: Dovercourt Town Station

When: Sunday 27th November at 10.00am

A word from the Mayor, Cllr. Ivan Henderson



A busy time for our community of Harwich, with the recent passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, I have been humbled and honoured in my Mayoral duties to pay my humble respects on behalf of our town. From the Platinum Jubilee celebrations to the reading of the Royal Proclamation of the Accession to the King, a moment in time I will never forget, To witness so many supporting Her Majesty on both occasions and showing homage to the monumental moments in history was a truly humbling experience.

I have also been proud to attend many Mayoral Engagements within the local area recently, including the unveiling of the Kindertransport Memorial Statue, marking the 10,000 children who arrived in Harwich upon fleeing from the Nazi tyranny during World War II. This along with many other engagements, is a pleasure to attend and I thoroughly enjoy meeting with members of our local community.

If you would like to invite the Mayor to an event please visit the HTC website for more information.

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The Guildhall is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of
9.30am –1.30pm.

Any enquiries for tour bookings please contact the office on 01255 507211.

Watch out for the next edition due for publication Spring 2023

Dates for your diary

Sat 3rd December —Switching on of the Christmas lights - Dovercourt Town

Saturday 16th December – Christmas Carol Concert – Dovercourt Town Centre

Saturday 31st December -New Year Fireworks – Harwich Quay

Mon 26th Dec –Mon 2nd Jan 23 –The Guildhall and Council offices are **CLOSED** for Christmas

Harwich Town Council Grant Funding Awards 2022

Harwich Shanty Festival—£2350

Harwich Festival of the Arts—£3480

Harwich Quay Fireworks—£2500

Grant Funding

DID YOU KNOW...

Harwich Town Council is proud to support an array of projects and organisations within the town.

Please contact the office for more information.