



# Harwich Headlines



## SPRING / SUMMER EDITION 2025

Welcome to our spring / summer edition of Harwich Headlines, and wishing our Harwich and Dovercourt residents a very happy summer!



## VE DAY-80 Celebrations

The 8th May 2025 marked 80 years since Victory in Europe Day was declared, a momentous occasion that signalled the end of World War Two in Europe.

Events took place in Harwich and Dovercourt including the Reading of the Proclamation outside the Guildhall and, also in side the WW2 Harwich Radar Tower. A tea dance was held at the Park Pavillion for residents of Harwich and Dovercourt.

It was a popular event, enjoyed by those who attended. Dancing to wartime favourites. Afternoon tea was provided.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Harwich & Dovercourt and those who put in so much time and effort to make this event happen.

## Councillor Garry Calver- 30 Year's service at Harwich Town Council

On 4th May 2025, Cllr Garry Calver became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor to serve for 30 years on Harwich Town Council, joining Cllr Dave McLeod who reached 30 years service in 2023. Garry Calver was first elected in 1995 and has represented East Central Ward/ Dovercourt Bay Ward ever since. Possibly best remembered for the very successful 'Rhyme Against Crime' initiative, Garry is very grateful to the residents of our town for their trust and support over so many years. His 30 years of service were recognised with a Mayoral reception in the Guildhall.



## High Steward— Sue Daish

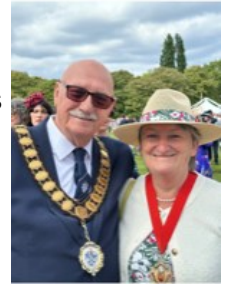
It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed since my Investiture as High Steward. I have had a very busy and enjoyable time attending many events, including over a dozen official ceremonies, accompanied by my consort, Jerry Rendell.

Highlights include opening the International Shanty Festival and welcoming the Revd. Canon Ian Smith at his Licensing Service. As a founder member of the Harwich Kindertransport Trust, I was proud to be present at the Holocaust Memorial Day service on Harwich Quay.



This year, I have been part of the VE Day 80th Celebrations and was honoured to be invited to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Thursday 8th May 2025.

Pictured right with Councillor Bill Davidson, Chairman TDC



### Harwich Town Council Recent Grant Funding Awards

Parish of Harwich Peninsula  
'Welcome of St Nicholas' -  
**£160.00**

Parish of Harwich Peninsula -  
**£1000.00**

Spring Meadow Primary School  
**-£1419.00**

Harwich Museum- **£600.00**

Teen Talk (Harwich) - **£2500.00**

Maze - **£1080.00**

### Allotments



Harwich Town Council manages **six** allotment sites, which are rented out to local residents living within or just outside of the parish of Harwich & Dovercourt. For a small annual fee, you will be able to enjoy growing your own fruit and vegetables whilst being out in the fresh air. Should you be interested in

obtaining a plot, please contact the office on **01255 507211** where we will be happy to give you details of available plots or record your details on our waiting list.

### Invite the Mayor

The mayor welcomes invitations to attend events held by organisations in the town. It may not always be possible for them to attend every event to which they are invited. It is recommended that you submit your invitation in plenty of time prior to the event.

Once you have correctly submitted your event information, your invitation will be sent to the mayor. Once approved, you will receive confirmation from the Council staff.

**If you would like to invite the mayor or deputy mayor to an event please visit the HTC website for more information.**

[Mayoral Invitation Form – Harwich Town Council](#)

**Please note the Mayor's attendance is subject to availability and on receipt of an official Mayoral Invitation form.**

### Holocaust Memorial Day

On 27th January 2025, HTC commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day, observed for the third time in Harwich since the installation of the Kindertransport Memorial. Harwich Town Council is truly grateful and humbled that this memorial offers a space in the town to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. A poignant day for all in reflection of the history that changed the world. Despite the inevitable weather that January presents, a huge turnout filling the pavement and road behind with visitors travelling to the town in order to show their support for a worthy day of reflection.



The Guildhall is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between

**9.30am – 1.00pm**

For tour bookings please contact the office on 01255 507211.

