



FORDWICH TOWN NEWS



AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th July 2022

Councillors Lewis, Green and McCarthy, CCC Mrs. Glover attended. Apologies were received from Councillors Thompson, Connolly, CCC Mrs. Harvey-Quirke and KCC Mr Marsh
Five members of the public attended.

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CCC Report - Mrs Glover reported that Sturry Road Park and Ride is now closed for 2 years. The reporting system for missed bin collections has been improved so all issues go direct to Canenco who now have direct access to vehicle drivers to divert them if necessary. There are 81 Ukrainian families now living in the district. Rough sleeping in Canterbury has seen an increase and Porchlight and Catching Lives have increased their working hours to help with the situation. 8000 residencies have not claimed their Energy Rebate, if you are in Bands A-D and are one of those please contact CCC. The Beaney Museum is celebrating 10 years and there is a whole programme of exciting events and activities scheduled, especially for August.

Fordwich Town Council report – Following a fire at a property in the Town we have been made aware that Fordwich doesn't appear to have any working hydrants. Contact has been made with SE Water and the Fire Brigade to see how this matter can be rectified. Considering this situation, we all need to ensure that we don't leave anything that could cause a fire exposed during this dry weather. Minor work has been approved to repair the wall in the High Street. The Neighbourhood Plan has had its grant for Year 2 approved. The use of the river Stour will increase over the next few weeks during school holidays, and I am quite sure that traffic/parking will become heavier as well. Please report any illegal parking to the link below.

Planning: It was noted that a Lawful Development Certificate has been granted for Eastfield regarding a proposed home office outbuilding to rear of property.



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Finally, could all those who have shrubs etc that overhang footpaths and signage please ensure that they are kept tidy, so the footpaths are kept accessible.

Away from official Council business I would like to say a massive thank you to Philip Lewis and all those who contributed to the Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations. I unfortunately couldn't attend but I am told that it was a fantastic afternoon with more than 120 residents attending. The day raised just over £1400 which has been split evenly and sent to Pilgrims Hospice and The Ukraine Appeal.

Fordwich Open Gardens organised by Friend of Fordwich restarted following the pandemic. 10 gardens opened and over 100 visitors attended. £900 was raised for Parkinson's UK.

Likewise, Picnic in the Garden was started up again by Mandy McCarthy. Live music was enjoyed all afternoon and various stalls were run throughout the afternoon. £1852.00 was raised for Pilgrims Hospice.

Well done to all those involved with these fantastic events.

Other usual helpful links below.

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20062/parking_fines_and_restrictions/43/report_illegal_parking - to report illegal parking

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/environmental-problems/report-flytipping/> - fly tipping issues

help@canen.co – waste bin issues

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/environmental-problems/report-anti-social-behaviour/> - anti social behaviour issues

Food Bank we are still collecting for those less fortunate, so a box is situated in St Mary's for basic foodstuffs and items for personal hygiene.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have received our Site Assessment Report from Locality which looks at the 2 sites in Fordwich included in the Canterbury Call for Sites , the report is available via our website

<https://fordwichnp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Fordwich-Housing-Needs-Assessment-Final-Report.pdf>

If you would like to discuss any of the findings or find out more please do not hesitate to contact us.

info@fordwichnp.org

We are continuing to work on our vision and objectives for Fordwich in 5 areas: Housing and Development, Historic and Natural Environment, Community, Traffic and Transport and Design and Design Codes. We have started to conduct some resident workshops to hear your views if you are interested in taking part please e mail us info@fordwichnp.org

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Sheelagh Forester 1935-June 2022 A service of thanksgiving for her life was held in St Nicholas' Sturry, led by Rev'd Peter Gausden on Sat 23rd July. Sadly the last years of Sheelagh's life have been overshadowed by memory loss, but she has known the constant care and attention of her husband Malcolm and her family and friends. For those with longer memories she played a central role in the life of the town as Chairman of the Fordwich United Charities, Mayor Deputy to the Mayor of Sandwich, and thus linked into the wider Cinque Ports family. Many in the wider locality owe their experience of Scouting to her and others will have shared her expertise in the Women's Institute. For others again, she was a source of knowledge and inspiration about the historic town she and we share.

Fordwich History Society.

After the outstanding success of David Reekie's first talk, he has agreed to come back to give two further talks: on the Bayeux Tapestry (It was the work of people of Canterbury!!) and Edith Swan Neck (wife of Harrold Godwinson, King of England until Battle of Hastings 1066)

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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20th September 7.30pm The Old School Hall David Reekie Bayeux Tapestry

Saturday 25th September TOWN TIDY UP – meet at Church at 10am

Sunday 2nd October FORDWICH CIVIC SERVICE 2.30pm St Mary's The Virgin , Fordwich

Tuesday 25th October 7.30pm in The Old School Hall David Reekie presents Edith Swan-Neck

Next Meeting Fordwich Town Council Wednesday 28th September 2022
at 7.30pm The Town Hall, Fordwich

In an emergency: Phone 999 If it is less immediately important: Phone 101

If it is a local matter, contact: www.kent.police.uk/contactus

PCSO Robin Todd robin.todd@kent.police.uk

Download the **Country eye** app to report rural crimes such as fly tipping

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