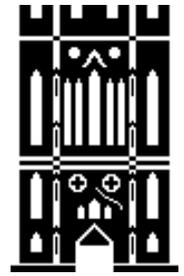


# TownTalk



**BURY ST EDMUNDS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

## **News and views from Bury St Edmunds Town Council**

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**Autumn 2013**

### **Introduction**

This Council year (May – April) is now half way through so this newsletter is a half way report.

Our Annual Meeting was held in May in the Guildhall in support of Bury Heritage Trust's Heritage Lottery Fund bid in its quest to raise £1m in order to refurbish the Guildhall and bring the oldest civic building in England back into public use. The good news is that we have just heard that the Guildhall has been granted £73,600 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable an assessment and analysis to be carried out so that the project can progress to next stage of the Heritage Lottery bid process.

After last year's Diamond Jubilee fete, Council decided to fund a St Edmund Community Fete which was held in the Abbey Gardens on 4<sup>th</sup> August - this time the sun shone and everyone enjoyed an old fashioned fete with free competitions and activities and modestly priced refreshments.



*Crowds at the St Edmund Fete*



*'Tug of war'*

St Edmundsbury Borough Council contributed with the organisation and manpower for the event and Tourist Information Centre manager Sharon Fairweather did a fantastic job again in making it all happen.



*Inside one of the craft tents*

### **Grant Funding**

The basic criterion for the award of grant funding is that the purpose for which the funding is requested must be of demonstrable local benefit to Bury St Edmunds residents. The grant funding application form can be downloaded from our

website or requested by contacting the Clerk, using the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

### **St Edmund's Day**

Council has joined with others in the Town and County who wish to see St Edmund attributed more historic significance and there is another campaign and petition under way to make him our rightful patron saint of England. The Council already celebrates St Edmund's Day but for getting involved with the campaign please see this link to the St Edmund for England website

<http://www.edmundforengland.co.uk/>

### **St Edmund's Day Awards**

Bury St Edmunds Town Council is holding its sixth St Edmund's Day Civic Awards celebration evening for 'Citizen of the Year' and 'Young Citizen of the Year' and this year the event takes place on St Edmund's Day itself – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013. To be eligible for nomination the person or young person must be someone who has made a significant voluntary contribution to wellbeing or the life of the Town (or in the case of the 'Young Citizen' be someone who is an exceptional person or who is a carer) and deserves recognition. There are two other Awards – for the 'Best Residents' Association' and new for this year 'Business of the Year'.

## New Town Welcome Signs



Council joined with other partners in the Town to replace the welcome signage (example shown above); the project was co-ordinated by Bury in Bloom to great success.

## Allotment Holders' Meeting

There was a good attendance at the allotment holders' meeting on Thursday 11 July 2013 held at the Town Council Offices with tenants from Vinefields, Sicklesmere Road and Nowton Road sites attending. Attendees were informed that the tree pruning would be completed in the autumn. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 January 2013 at 7.30pm at the Town Council Offices. All allotment tenants are invited to attend.

## Official Town Guide

The fourth edition of the official town guide is currently being worked on for 2014 and will have more interesting information about the town, as well as an updated street map. An online version of the current guide can be accessed via the link below:

[www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/f lip\\_guides/burystedmundsguide/index.html](http://www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/f lip_guides/burystedmundsguide/index.html)

If you have any suggestions about additions or improvements please contact us using the details at the top of the page.

## Financial Matters

In September the audit process for the year ended 31 March 2013 was completed when the External

Auditor's report on the 'Annual Return' [a document Council is required to complete at the end of each financial year once it has approved its year end accounts under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011] was received.

Council decided to make a contribution of £2,000 towards the joint funding (along with Bury in Bloom and other partners in the Town) of a sculpture of a wolf guarding the crown of St Edmund for location on the Southgate Green roundabout in Town. This is a good herald to the Magna Carta celebrations which are being planned for the Town next year.

## Grit bins

With winter coming all too soon we have already had a number of requests for further grit bins and these are being processed. The Council has set criteria to be met as to the need (in the vicinity of a hill, a bend etc.) but the consent of the land owner (be it Suffolk County Council or private owner) has to be forthcoming to enable a bin to be placed at any particular location. Council is grateful to Councillor Paul Simner who has helped to site these on a voluntary basis.

If you think you have need of a grit bin and/or wish to volunteer as a spreader of grit (and be covered by Suffolk County Council's insurance whilst doing so) please contact us.

## Rougham Hill Waste Transfer Station planning application

Bury St Edmunds Town Council objected to the Rougham Hill Waste Transfer station planning application on the grounds that no regard had been taken of the 'Vision 2031' document which will update the Local Plan and because

many of general considerations set out in Suffolk County Council's Policy WDM2 had not been adequately addressed. These include vehicle movements, landscape, new development planned for the Leg of Mutton locality and Moreton Hall, noise and vibration, air quality, visual impact including light pollution, water environment, litter, vermin and birds, as well as highway safety, traffic and noise.

## Armistice Day Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony

An OPEN INVITATION is extended to anyone wishing to attend the Armistice Day Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the War Memorial on Angel Hill at 10.45am on Monday 11 November 2013.

## Bury In Bloom

Congratulations to Bury In Bloom for winning a Gold award in Anglia in Bloom's 'Best Large Town' category.



*'With the grain sculpture'*

## Schedule of Meetings

All of the Council's meetings are open to the public and are held at the Town Council offices on Angel Hill. Notices and agendas are displayed a few days before the meeting on notice boards in the offices and Cornhill, on the Council's

website (address shown at the top of page one of this newsletter) as well as in the library and at St Edmundsbury Borough Council's offices in Western Way, Bury St Edmunds.

The remaining meetings for the current year are:

*13 November 2013*

6:00 pm St Edmund's Day  
6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance, Policy & Resources

*27 November 2013*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Full Town Council

*11 December 2013*

6:00 pm Staffing & Employment  
6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*18 December 2013*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Precept Ratification

*15 January 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*29 January 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Full Town Council

*12 February 2014*

6:00 pm Staffing & Employment  
6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*26 February 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Full Town Council

*12 March 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*26 March 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Full Town Council

*09 April 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*23 April 2014*

6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Full Town Council

*14 May 2014*

6:00 pm Staffing & Employment  
6:30 pm Planning and Licensing  
7:00 pm Finance Policy Resources

*21 May 2014*

6:45 pm Annual Town Meeting  
7:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Town Council

**Councillors' contact details**

All Town Councillors can be contacted via the telephone numbers shown (all numbers have 01284 as their dialling code unless specified otherwise) or by e-mail. Some have mobile or business telephone numbers as shown on our website which can be found at:  
[www.burystedmunds.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.burystedmunds.suffolk.gov.uk)

Bury St Edmunds is split into 9 wards which are shown alphabetically below:

Abbeygate ward

**Paul Farmer** 768777  
**Robert Everitt** 769000

Eastgate ward

**Pete Thompson** 07810 868986

Minden ward

**Quentin Cornish** 750264  
**Jonathan Hartley** 762467

Moreton Hall

**Cliff Hind** 706542  
**Patricia Warby** 704138  
**Clive Springett** 753120

Northgate ward

**Alan Turner** 489171

Risbygate ward

**Frank Warby** 704138  
**Richard O'Driscoll** 706572

Southgate ward

**Patrick Chung** 761120  
**Nicola Ridgeway** 723948

St Olaves ward

**Bob Cockle** 756249  
**Kevin Hind** 706542

Westgate ward

**Stefan Oliver** 706172  
**Paul Simner** 768202

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