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BECCLES TOWN COUNCIL



THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Over the last month Beccles Town Councillors have been meeting residents on Fridays to hear your concerns regarding the proposed development.

One of the biggest concern was the state of our health centre. There is a national shortage of GPs and thus it is getting harder to recruit new GPs to replace those who leave or retire. The Beccles Health Centre has lost a number of doctors over the last few months and are trying to recruit replacements. There is a problem of supply and demand, and since there are more vacancies nationally than doctors, any doctor looking for a position can choose where they want to go. The practice is also recruiting Nurse Practitioners and two are due to start shortly. The practice is also trying to change they way they work so that people with problems are routed to the best person who can help them rather than automatically getting a doctor to help.

We all need to help the health centre by only calling them when needed, and accepting that your problem may be resolved by someone other than your GP.

Another way in which you can

help the health centre is by using them for your annual flu jab, if you are eligible for a free injection. It is much better for the Health Centre if you go there for you jab because they get paid by the NHS for every person they inject. If however you go to a pharmacy or Tesco to get your jab, the Health Centre does not get paid BUT they still have to do all the administration and update your medical record. So please use the Health Centre. This year they are doing a WALK in service for Flu Jabs. Starting from the 18th September from 8am to 6pm every weekday just walk in and give your name to the receptionist , take a seat and wait to be called. Anyone over 65 or with eligible long term medical condition or a carer can get a free jab.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Beccles Town Council through the Grants Committee is able to offer financial support to organisations and individuals undertaking activities in the Parish of Beccles.

Recently they have contributed towards the cost of activities for Beccles Institute Bowls Club (replacement green edge boards), Beccles Triathlon Club (bike boxes) and Beccles Community Arts (Harvest Moon Festival). The Grants Committee will next meet in December 2017

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and welcome applications from individuals and organisations.

If you are interested in applying, then first check that:

You and your organisation are within the Parish of Beccles.

That you and your organisation or individual are trying to provide significant funding of your own.

Are able to provide audited accounts for the last two years (if applicable)

If you are able to comply with these, then please go to <http://www.beccles.info/towncouncil/council-services/> for further information and to get a copy of the grant application form.

If you have any further questions, then please contact Beccles Town Council on 01502 712109 or email us at admin@beccles.info



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR YOUTH CHAMPIONS

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Downes, Sam Kenward and Caroline Topping have been busy since being appointed in May. The two main priorities for the team this year are youth engagement and youth provision. We believe it is very important for the council to engage with the youth in our community because after all, youth are the future! In that vein, the team believes it is important to inform young people of the world around them. Particularly now with the political events occurring, it is important that young people have an idea of citizenship, democracy and perhaps most importantly, how that all affects them and how they affect it. Following on the success of February's Hotseat event where young people were able to question their elected representatives, in November, the council is participating in this year's Parliament Week. This is to inform and engage young people in democracy and citizenship and one way we will be marking the week is working with Sir John Leman High School to put on a debating masterclass and a debate on a big political topic. Hopefully, this will help with the youth engagement aim we believe is imperative. Another way we are looking to engage is by raising awareness of the wealth of activities and opportunities in the town for young people that are sometimes not always known about. The team is looking to raise awareness by putting together a magazine for young people to get from schools to see what is going on in Beccles. This will

have details about when the activity takes place and any cost and looks to provide the information on activities in an accessible way so people can make an informed decision about what they want to do in their free time. We have been seeking quotes for this and have compiled a list of organisations who we will be contacting in due course. We have also been applying for funding for this project and will continue to seek funding opportunities to ensure young people have the information they need about the array of activities in the town. In addition to youth engagement, we want to add to youth provision in the town. We wish to set up a new youth club in Beccles North to add to the youth provision in Beccles. There is the demand for it and we have begun meeting with organisations with expert knowledge and are searching for a location for the youth club. These are the main priorities for us and they are moving along well and hopefully they will help enhance youth engagement and youth provision in our great town. These priorities are by no means exclusive; if we are told there is an issue that needs our attention, we will be happy to look in to it. As usual, if you have any comments, ideas or views, please contact us via the Town Hall – thank you!

BECCLES SKATE PARK

There is great news for the Skate Park with the applications for funds to help build a new skating arena progressing well. It is hoped that within the next two years, all the hard work will see a great new facility appearing in Beccles. The existing park is now showing signs of wear by the near constant use as skills are honed (*Ed note:- I was born in the year England last won the Football World Cup, so am not even going to attempt any technical descriptions!*)

PRIDE IN BECCLES

The PIB Volunteers will be out and about around the town over the next couple of months, busily tidying up the flower beds



and planting bulbs. On the following Saturdays, 30th September, 14th and 28th of October, they will be busy working at the Fire Station, Ellough Road and Exchange Square. If you would like to join in or fancy helping with future projects, then please contact the Town Hall to find out more.

A GHOSTLY EXPERIENCE



It is time once more to join Beccles Helping Hands on a night time walk around the dark streets of Beccles and come face to face with some of Beccles' ghostly

characters! All of the stories are taken from documented sightings and legends that have survived the passage of time.

The dates for this year's ghoulish tours are:

30th September, 14th, 27th and 28th of October, with Saxons of Beccles now selling tickets. Stay close to your fellow walkers for safety because some of the characters may just be watching you! Parts of the Ghost Walk are not suitable for wheelchairs. We would appreciate you leaving dogs at home as they may be startled by some of the features of the walk. Stout footwear is recommended as parts of the route are off road and can be wet or muddy.

HOME START



Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is a local charity which supports families. We recruit and train volunteers to help families with young children. Our volunteers, who know about being a parent, support other parents by visiting them in their own homes for a couple of hours each week. We also run family groups and hold social events for families. Thanks to funding from the Big Lottery and Suffolk County Council, they are expanding into Lowestoft and the Waveney area, including a satellite office in Beccles. They are now looking for volunteers who:

- Understand the needs of families with young children
- Have 3-4 hrs a week to support a local family
- Want to benefit from the support and training an established volunteer charity can provide

In return they offer volunteers:

- Level 1,2,3 OCN accredited training
- Ongoing tailored support, and training
- Travel & Telephone expenses
- Out of hours support
- Various volunteer opportunities; Home-visiting, help run group activities, fundraising, marketing, social policy

To find out more please contact their Head Office on 01473 621104 or email them at office@homestartcoastal.org.uk or office@homestartinsuffolk.co.uk

A ? SUCCESS

The growing success of the monthly quiz run by Brenda Clarke to help raise much needed funds for Beccles Hospital has recently seen yet another £1000 cheque presented to Dr Tony Bubb, chairman of the League of Friends at Beccles Hospital. So if you like a challenge and fancy yourself as a

bit of a brainiac, then get along to the Caxton Club every 2nd Sunday of the month to test your knowledge and help Beccles Hospital at the same time

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion and Beccles Town Council are already preparing for the 2017 Remembrance Day events so you can show your respect for those that have sacrificed their lives defending this country.



At 11am on Saturday 11th November, a brief ceremony will be held in the town centre to mark the two minute silence. At 2pm on Sunday 12th November, wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial on St Mary's Road before all those present parade down to St Michael's Church for the Remembrance Day Service.

COMMON NEWS

We are happy to report that the surface of the Common car park has now been repaired, but please ask drivers to keep their speed down whilst using the car park to help keep it in good condition for as long as possible.

But we are unhappy to report that there is a continued problem with inconsiderate dog owners not clearing up after their dogs across the Common, throughout the town and sadly in the play areas.

Owners need to be aware that if they are caught not clearing up, they could face a fine of up to £1000.



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ROYAL AIR FORCES Association

The Beccles & Southwold Branch meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Royal British Legion Club in Beccles. . Please contact the Secretary on 07905 017263 or rafabeccles@gmail.com.



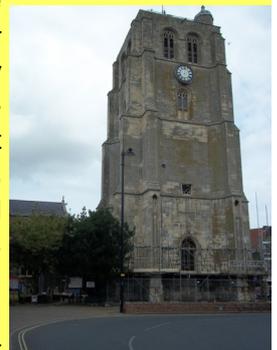
Can you keep a secret? We have just heard that Santa has agreed to visit Beccles on Friday 24th November which

just happens to be the same day as the annual late night shopping event. Run by the Beccles Business and Tourism Association, the fun and festivities start at 5:30pm with the Christmas lights being switched on at 6pm Keep your eyes open closer to the date for more information on where Santa can be found on the night.

BECCLES CLOCK TOWER

Work is now progressing on the £100,000 refurbishment of the outside of the

clock tower by Waveney District Council. Whilst sadness was expressed over the loss of the planted areas around the tower



base, it is a for a worthy cause that will help see the iconic tower is still standing in another 600 years time. We are grateful to Waveney DC not only for the work, but also for their offer to help restore the planted areas to their previous glory.

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