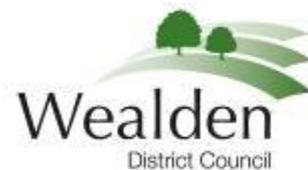


Chairman & Vice-Chairman's bulletin



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**We are delighted and proud to
have attended the following events.**



April



3rd
Hailsham Leisure Centre 15 Year Birthday Celebration, Freedom Leisure, Hailsham

Pam joined the Freedom Leisure team in Hailsham to celebrate its 15th Birthday. The afternoon was a great success and with 4000 members and over 1 million visitors last year across the Wealden Freedom Leisure Centres, there was certainly a lot to celebrate. The team do a wonderful job and offer great facilities and service to the Hailsham community with the hope that everyone can be more active, more often.

7th

Charity Gala Dinner, Penshurst Place, Tonbridge, Kent

Sue and I attended a wonderful Gala Charity Dinner hosted by Chairman, Councillor Simon Raikes, in aid of his nominated charities, Guide Dogs for the Blind and West Kent Mind. The evening was excellently organised with the help of the sea cadets guiding guests around the beautiful venue. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we were entertained by the Chairman himself who even sang to raise more money!





10th

Apprentices Celebration Ceremony, Civic Community Hall, Wealden District Council

This is the second cohort of apprentices from the Council's apprenticeship scheme which has been running since 2014. We recognised and celebrated our 2016/7 apprentices' success at this special ceremony. 5 apprentices were hired on 13 month contracts and were based in Planning Policy, Waste management, Housing, Building Control, Finance, and IT.

In addition to their day jobs they have been involved in many other Council-led events and training, including Coffee Cake and Computers, Wealden Careers Fair, Safety in Action, Elections, Dementia Action Alliance, Summer Activity Days and National Apprenticeships Week. All 5 apprentices finish their placements over the next couple of weeks; 3 have already secured permanent positions and I'm sure it will not be long until all 5 have. I wish them every success in the future.

18th

Civic Meeting of Wealden's Town Mayors and Chairmen, Wealden District Council

Pam and I invited the Mayors of Polegate, Crowborough, Hailsham and Uckfield and Chairman of Heathfield and Waldron to a meeting to discuss fostering closer relationships and partnership working. Kevin Stewart, Local Taxation & Benefits Manager, and Alex White, Head of Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits gave an excellent and informative presentation on the changes to Business Rates followed by a very interesting and useful Q&A session. As always, we continue to look forward to further meetings, they are so important for us all to feedback our success and to share our ideas for the future.



19th

Visit and Tour of Knole House, Sevenoaks

Sue and I joined Mayor and Mayoress of Sevenoaks Town Council, Councillor Andrew Eyre and Mrs Amanda Eyre and their guests for a private guided tour of Knole House. It was a lovely afternoon and a great opportunity to visit this unique National Trust property. We were particularly fortunate this year as we enjoyed a tour of the Conservation Studio which is not generally open to visitors.

23rd

ANZAC Day Service, Hailsham War Memorial

I joined the Royal British Legion and the Mayor of Hailsham to lay a wreath at a service to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who fought at Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire during World War I. The ceremony went off well at Hailsham and the Piped Military Band was excellent.





28th

“The Mayor Rocks” End of Year Charity Event, High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells

This was another excellent evening to celebrate the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, David Neve’s end of term and it was a huge success. Once again, it was an excellent turn out and good to see many younger members of the community present. Sue and I did not make it to the bitter end but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we congratulate David on such a successful term of office.

May

10th

Fundraising Visit and Lunch at Chevening House, Sevenoaks

The Mayor of Sevenoaks Town Council, Councillor Andrew Eyre hosted a most memorable day at Chevening House; Sue and I enjoyed every minute and the venue was splendid. We were very grateful for the opportunity to enjoy the tour of the House, Colonel Alastair Mathewson, Secretary to the Chevening Trustees, did a super job and we found his tour of the house very interesting. We really hope to be able to return for future visits.



17th Full Council Meeting, Civic Hall, Wealden District Council

Pam and I were delighted to be re-elected Chair and Vice Chairman of the Council at our AGM and look forward to another busy year ahead.

June

6th, 27th and 28th Safety in Action

Pam and I both supported Wealden’s Safety in Action events where Wealden Primary School children were able to experience the 'hands-on' active learning event at Bowles Outdoor Centre near Eridge and Herstmonceux Castle. This event is an excellent example of partnership working; all the agencies join together to teach children in an interactive style covering issues such as road safety, personal safety, rucksack on a railway line, alcohol safety, to name just a few! Each child was presented with a workbook to take back to school in order to reinforce the safety messages learnt.



15th

SERFCA Sussex Armed Forces Briefing, Brighton

This year, Pam attended the Armed Forces briefing, which is a unique opportunity to build and nurture enduring relationships within the wider community and to understand and encourage support to Defence, particularly the Reserve, Cadet Forces & Veterans.



16th

East Sussex Girl Guiding Annual Review, Punnetts Town Village Hall

Pam joined Linda Dupret, County Commissioner for Girl Guiding Sussex East County for the Guides annual review and was delighted to be able to witness the presentation of the long service awards.

19th

Raising of the Armed Forces Flag

To mark the start of Armed Forces week, I was joined by Wealden staff as I raised the armed forces flag, to show our appreciation and to pay tribute to the work and sacrifices made by serving and former members of the Armed Forces.



26th ESCC Chairman's Summer Reception, Ashburnham Place, Battle

Sue and I were delighted to join the Chairman of ESCC, Cllr Michael Ensor and his wife, Sue, for their summer reception at Ashburnham Place. We met many old acquaintances and the food and drink was plentiful. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the house and we were lucky enough to be entertained by Bowler Crab Productions and their performance of scenes from "Much Ado About Nothing"; it was a very enjoyable piece of entertainment for the evening.

29th Hailsham Air Cadets Annual Presentation Evening, Squadron Headquarters

I thoroughly enjoyed this annual event with the Hailsham Air Cadets and it was clear to see that the cadets loved every minute of the presentation evening. I spoke to some of the parents and was so impressed to hear how their children could not get enough of the events the Squadron organised; I wish the Squadron every success in all their activities in the coming year.





29th Pestalozzi Leavers' Ceremony, Pestalozzi Village, Sedlescombe

Pam and Peter joined students and the [Pestalozzi](#) team for a wonderful evening to celebrate the students' graduation and to wish them well as they move on to the next stage in their lives. Pam found it a real eye opener and was touched by some of the students' experiences and how well they spoke. Pam mentioned the highlight was the song which ended the presentations, especially written by a first year student and performed by all first years' students.