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LATE NIGHT SHOPPING & Christmas Lights Switch on

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 6-9pm

NALC Star Awards – Councillor of the Year

Westerham Town Council is very proud to announce that Cllr Helen Ogden has won the Councillor of the Year Award at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Star Councils Awards 2016 held in Birmingham on 19th October 2016 (photo attached).

The Judges said – “Helen has been a town councillor since 2010 and has packed a lot in this time. She has worked closely with fellow councillors and officers to raise the profile, achievements and competence of the council.

The judging panel admired the way that Helen puts consultation, communication and engagement with the community at the very heart of her councillor activities. But perhaps the most rewarding according to the panel was her engagement with local primary school children whose views on the future of their town which were factored into the council's strategy.”



Forget-me-not Cafes – KCC Dementia Awards

Westerham Town Council is delighted to announce that the Westerham and Edenbridge Forget-me-not Cafes won the Community Project Award at the Dementia Friendly Kent Awards 2016 held at The Oasis Academy, Isle of Sheppey on Monday 24th October.

There was no dedicated provision of services or people living with dementia in the Edenbridge and Westerham communities so Westerham Town Council Clerk Angela Howells together with Kent County Council Community Warden Steve Grange and Symone Salwan of Home Instead Senior Care got together to set up Cafes in their areas and put together a bid to KCC for funding. Each organisation is highly regarded in their local community and has local networks which will promote the Cafés and engage with local communities.

The Dementia Cafés opened in October 2015 and run for a 2-hour session once a month, planned so that the Cafés are open around a fortnight apart – therefore people could attend both Cafés should they wish to. Both Cafes benefit from donated use of the venues with the Congregational Church in Westerham offering free use of a room and the kitchen and The Bridges in Edenbridge offering free use of the community café and space.



L – R Angela Howells (Town Clerk),
Symone Salwan (Home Instead Senior
Care), Angela Rippon, Steve Grange
(KCC Community Warden)

New Defibrillator on King George's Field

Westerham Town Council is pleased to announce that a second defibrillator has been installed in the Town. There is already a defibrillator in one of the telephone boxes in the Town centre. A second defibrillator has now been installed in a cabinet on the wall of the Westerham Sports Association' building on King George's Field, Westerham.

The defibrillator was funded jointly by Westerham Town Council, who manage King George's Field, and Westerham Junior Football Club, who provide football for 420 youngsters at the site. The monies provided by the Junior Football Club were due to the fund raising efforts of two parents, Claire Sells and Sue Taylor. The ladies raised £800 in sponsorship running a 15 mile off road event, Bewl 15 in the Summer, with three quarters of the money being put towards the defibrillator.

The Town Council and the Football Club considered the installation of a defibrillator at the site to be essential due to the popularity and high usage of this much loved community facility. Westerham Sports Association supported the project by providing the ideal location for the cabinet, under the CCTV on their outside wall, close to the football pitches.



Left to right: Debbie Marshall (WTC Deputy Clerk), Helen Ogden (WTC Vice Chair), Alan Wesley (WTC Chair), Sue Taylor (WJFC parent), Claire Sells (WJFC Parent).



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FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

November

Monday 21	Highways & Lighting
Thursday 24 th	Planning & Development
Monday 28 th	Finance & General Purpose

December

Thursday 8 th	Planning & Development
Monday 12 th	Council
Thursday 22 nd	Planning & Development

Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House.

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