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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2022

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Mayor Choosing and Town Council Annual Meeting – 11th May

Like all meetings of the Council, this one is open to the public. It is being held on Wednesday 11th May at 12noon in the Council Chamber and will be livestreamed through the Council's Facebook page.

This meeting commences with the appointment of the Mayor and marks the start of the Mayoral Year. It is a formal event when the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Bob Tolley, will hand over the Robes and Chains to the incoming Mayor. During the meeting Mayoral Awards are presented to those who have been nominated.

May Councillor Surgery

The next Councillor Surgery is on Thursday 19th May between 10am and 12noon. Appointments are available either face to face or virtually through Zoom. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the office on 01837 53179 or admin@okehampton.gov.uk.

Opening of the A30 Business Centre

On behalf of the Town Council, Cllr Deborah Sanger (Deputy Mayor) attended the opening of the new Business Centre, which lies just outside of the town boundary, on 12th April.

Inconsiderate Parking

Complaints received about inconsiderate parking have been passed to Devon County Council. These complaints include vehicles parked on double yellow lines and on pavements, forcing pedestrians onto the road.



Please be considerate and think about how your parking can affect others and the danger it can put them in.

Parking issues can be reported online directly to DCC [through this link](#) or by ringing 0345 155 1015.



Simmons Park Car Park Closure Notice

Please be aware that main parking area will be closed from 6th June until 8am on 13th June for Anderton and Rowland Fair.

Household Waste and Recycling

WDBC are responsible for the collection of household and garden waste in and around Okehampton.

If you want to check a collection date, report a missed collection, order a new bin, or find out other information about collections, [information can be found on this link](#) or by ringing 01822 813600.

Mayor's Charity Challenge Update

My challenges are coming thick and fast now as we draw to the end of my Mayoral year and my challenges. I would have been helping to prune the roses in Simmons Park this week (week commencing 4th April), having been challenged to do so by council staff, but unfortunately the Parkkeeper contracted Covid, so I'll hope to help out next week.

On Monday, the opportunity arose to complete a challenge made by the Mayor of West Devon, Cllr Caroline Mott, to chair a full Town Council meeting wearing nail varnish in the town colours. That will teach me to open my mouth at the Civic Dinner.



On the Tuesday I attended a meeting of the Friendly Circle, in the Town Hall, and was able to complete a challenge set by Helen Cann, to dye my hair blue and yellow, the town and Ukrainian colours.

I would like to thank Caroline, Helen and the Friendly Circle for their subsequent donations to the Mayors Charity, Dream-a-way.

16th April saw me become Okehampton Times' newspaper boy for the day, having kindly

donated 100 copies for me to sell for the benefit of my chosen charity. To that end I loitered around various places in the town, on Saturday morning, dressed as a very old looking Edwardian paperboy, selling my papers. Read all about it!!

If you feel I've made a good fist of my challenges to-date, on behalf of Dream-a-way, then you are more than welcome to contribute to my Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfun.../mayors-charity-503...>

Thank you all in anticipation.

Cllr Bob Tolley



Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1155175
www.dream-a-way.org

£220 profit was made from the Quiz Night on 8th April, making the total raised up until the end of April £1,350.37.

Donations received through the Mayor's Just Giving page (currently £200) will be added to the total and presented to Dream-A-Way.

Simmons Park Putting Green is Open

The green was revamped last year and now has a few bunkers to make it more challenging!

Clubs can be hired from Parklands Leisure Centre.

Zip Wire Update

The zip wire in Simmons Park has been replaced and thanks go to West Devon Borough Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council who both gave grants to the Town Council towards the cost; £5,000 and £1,000 respectively, the total cost being in excess of £16,000.



An official opening will form part of The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations on 4th June.

Town Council Grants

This year, 2022/23, the Council has a budget of £29,000 for the award of grants supporting not-for-profit community organisations and groups for the benefit of the residents of Okehampton. Contact the office for details of how to apply or find them on the [website](#).

Charter Hall Roofing Work Update

The project is now not likely to start within the next few months, if at all this year.

There is plenty of availability in the Charter Hall for Saturday Coffee Mornings or other events in the months of May, June and July.

Coming up in May

3rd Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)

June

7th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)

11th Volunteering Group Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

May

4th Policy & Resources and Planning Committees

11th Mayor Choosing and Annual Council Meeting
(12noon in the Council Chamber)

Meeting dates for the remainder of May will be confirmed at the Annual meeting on 11th May.

Council meetings normally start at 7pm and are currently being held in the Charter Hall. Occasionally meetings are subject to change, the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade should be checked for up-to-date information.



OKE PADS

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND



FREE CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

All Saints Church Hall, Market St
6th May 7pm – 9pm

Booking essential due to limited spaces
Charity donation buckets available on the night

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Your Councillors

Cllr Bob Tolley (Town Mayor)

Cllr Deborah Sanger (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Terry Abbots

Cllr Greta Button

Cllr Jan Goffey

Cllr Carole Holt

Cllr Dr Michael Ireland

Cllr Paul Jessop

Cllr Tony Leech

Cllr Christine Marsh

Cllr Brendan Matravers

Cllr Debra Travers

Cllr Julie Yelland

Cllr Ann Wood

Individual Councillors contact details can be obtained from the Office or website.



Okehampton coming together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



**Okehampton
United Charities**

Funding for the Community

Thursday 2nd June

**Jubilee Beacon on
Okehampton Show Field
Gates open 7:30pm
Beacon lit at 9:45pm
Refreshments - Bar - Parking
Bring a torch**



Friday 3rd June

**Service of Thanksgiving from
St Paul's Cathedral shown on
OCRA big screens
Special menu available in the
Pavilion
Garden games to play outside**



Saturday 4th June

**Simmons Park
Fields in Trust Sports Day 10am
Service of Thanksgiving 2pm
Tree Dedication 3pm
Opening of the Zip Wire 3:15pm
Cream teas and performances by
local groups 3:30pm**



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Sunday 5th June

**Rotary Club of Okehampton
May Fair
11am to 5pm
In Simmons Park
Duck racing with a twist
Stalls from local groups
Refreshments**

