

## **Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 8 June 2022**

### **Platinum Jubilee**

Both councillors supported the wonderful platinum jubilee festivities over the bank holiday weekend (2-5 June). In her role as deputy mayor, Cllr Claire Baldry greeted the 'Crown About Town' float outside the De La Warr Pavilion and visited Prideaux Lodge, Barnhorn Road street parties, and the picnic in Little Common recreation ground along with the Mayor Paul Plim.

Cllr Elly Gibson took part in the 'union flag' photo organised by Roger Crouch at the DLWP – and was in the ITV national news footage of the celebrations! And both councillors enjoyed being part of an egg and spoon race challenge with Bexhill Heritage for their family fun day on Sunday (5 June) at the bandstand in Sackville ward.



### **Community and events**

We continue to work with businesses and the local community, and to advise and support Sackville residents with any issues they experience.

Cllr Baldry has organised a range of events for the Millifest celebration of the life of local hero Spike Milligan, raising funds for local mental health charities. The next one is the quiz night tomorrow (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Club in Eversley Road.

Cllr Gibson took a shift on the town council stand at the Anglo-Continental market on Saturday 21 May. It was brilliant to talk to so many residents about life in our town.

Cllr Gibson continues to volunteer at the food bank and as part of this is doing safeguarding training at Beulah Baptist church on Friday 24 June. Both councillors are supporting the food bank day at Tesco, Ravenside, on Friday 1 July – please do come into store and support this.

### **Bexhill Hub for Ukraine**

Cllr Gibson attended the first coffee afternoon for Ukrainians at the De La Warr Pavilion on Friday 20 May and will be there again this Friday (10 June). It is great to meet some of our Ukrainian guests – along with their hosts – and hear how they're settling into Bexhill life.



### **Working with RDC and ESCC**

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson remain in regular contact with our RDC and ESCC councillors, and we are working together on issues graffiti and accessibility around the ward.

On Thursday 26 May we had a really good meeting with Cllr Hazel Timpe, Cllr Ian Hollidge, and representatives from the Sackville Apartments, the Sackville Bistro, Sutton House, Bay House care home and Home Warr House to discuss access to the East parade beach from De La Warr parade. We are campaigning together to address this important issue.

### **Council business and committees**

We continue to attend the regular programme of council meetings. Following the AGM on May 18, we will be serving on the following committees:

- **Cllr Baldry:** Community, Finance and General Purposes, and Planning.
- **Cllr Gibson:** Community and Finance and General Purposes.

Cllr Gibson is attending financial training at the Pelham tomorrow (Thursday 9 June) and has been re-elected as the town council liaison representative with Citizens Advice.

### **Upcoming diary**

- **9 June:** Financial training at the Pelham, 1.30pm
- **9 June:** Millifest fundraising quiz at the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club.
- **10 June:** Coffee afternoon for Ukrainian refugees, 2.30-4.30pm at the DLWP.
- **12 June:** Homecall open gardens.
- **18 June:** Open Mic Spike at Milligans Bar, 7pm.
- **25 June:** NGS open gardens.
- **1 July:** Food bank day at Tesco's, Ravenside, 1-3pm.
- **3 July:** Special 1250<sup>th</sup> anniversary service at St Peter's Church, old town, 10am.

**Thank you for your continued support,  
Cllr Claire Baldry and Cllr Elly Gibson**

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