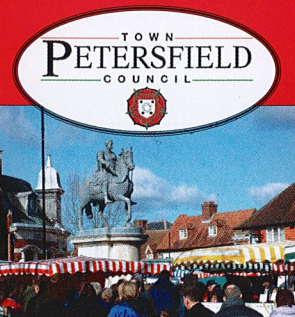


# PTC NEWS

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## A Message from the Town Clerk

At the time of writing it is with sadness that I report the current ill health of the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Hilary Ayer, as she has recently spent some time in Hospital. Everyone at the Council wishes Hilary a very speedy and full recovery, thanking her for the sterling service that she has given over the years.

By the time you receive this newsletter local government elections will be either about to take place or will have just been completed. Cllr Mrs Ayer is one of several current councillors who do not plan to stand for election again this year. This inevitably means a time of change for the Council as new councillors are elected and start to 'find their feet' within the realms of this tier of local government with its challenges, rewards and frustrations. It does though provide an opportune time to give a big vote of thanks to all those members of the Town Council who are standing down for all the hard work and dedication that they have shown over the last term of office – and in many cases - a great deal longer.

The 'retiring councillors' leave the Council in a sound position and in the midst of undertaking a wide variety of different work within and for the community as well as on its buildings

## Causeway Farm Country Park

The Council has recently completed the purchase of an additional area of public open space of approximately 35 acres situated behind the new Causeway Farm housing development and Sussex Road. The current intention is to leave the area to become a natural country park where it is hoped wild flower meadows will develop with the grass being cut once or twice a year. During this year it is planned to renew and replace much of the fencing to secure the area whilst reviewing where the gates are currently placed to ensure that the Council's maintenance vehicles and equipment can access all areas with the minimum of effort.

At the Annual Town Meeting held this year on 6th March, Mr Peter Price gave a very informative and interesting talk on the history of this part of the town and explored possible uses that the land could have been used for during its history. It is possible that further exploration into the area's history could be undertaken in the future with the potential links that may exist between this part of the town and the ancient Bronze Age burial mounds on The Heath which may lead to a fascinating development of our understanding of life in this area during those times.

and recreational open spaces. It is an exiting and busy time to be on the Town Council and I am sure that the newly elected councillors, as well as those re-elected, will quickly pick up the baton and move things forward.

Finally, it seems appropriate to give a short tribute to Cllr Mrs Hilary Ayer as she retires from the Council. I have been in post at the Council now for 13 years and for 9 of them, Hilary has served as a councillor, twice being Town Mayor. She has chaired a number of committees over the year, represented the Council on various bodies within the community and also served on East Hants District Council for the majority of this time too. She has undertaken a huge amount of work and given great commitment to the community of Petersfield for which we are all extremely grateful. Hilary – you will be sorely missed and we all wish you a long and happy retirement from local council work.

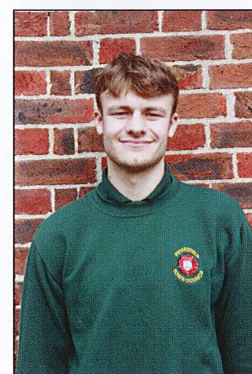
**Neil Hitch**  
Town Clerk

## New staff at Petersfield Town Council

Sophie joined Petersfield Town Council on 4th February as our Committees Administrator.

This work involves attending all the Committee Meetings and making a record of the decisions that are made, as well as issuing agendas for the meetings and working with other colleagues to ensure that all decisions are acted upon. Sophie lives in Petersfield with her husband and three children, and has interests in running, cycling, and spending time with the family.

Ethan is our new apprentice. He is 18 years old and lives in Waterlooville. His hobbies include listening to music and playing football and is starting to learn to drive.



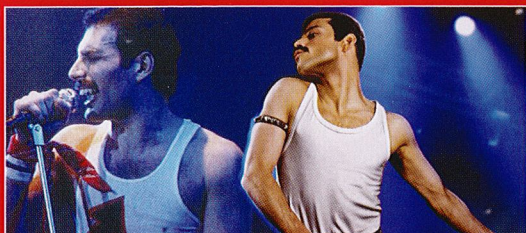
## NEW SAVOY CINEMA

The New Savoy Cinema  
is proud to be presenting  
the following films:

**Tuesday 14th May**

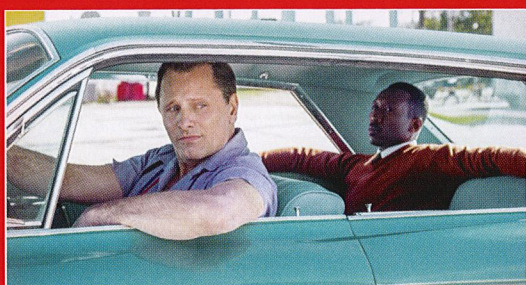
**2.30pm**

### BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (12A)



**7.30pm**

### GREEN BOOK (12A)



**Tuesday 25th June**

**2.30pm**

### THE KEEPER (15)



**7.30pm**

### MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS (15)



Tickets are £5 and available from The Town Hall, One Tree Books and online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/thefestivalhall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thefestivalhall)

## Tips for waste removal

**Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It's a crime that damages the environment, risks public health and costs taxpayers to clean up.**

### Householder responsibilities

You could face an unlimited fine if your rubbish is found fly-tipped – even if you didn't do it yourself.

You must use a licensed waste carrier to dispose of waste, or take it to a household waste recycling centre ([hants.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://hants.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)).

You must show you took reasonable steps to prevent your waste being fly-tipped. This is called your duty of care.

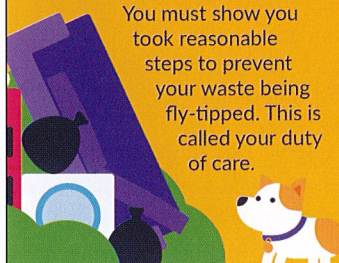
### Using a licensed waste carrier

1. Check if your waste carrier is licensed. You can do this quickly with their name or licence number at [hants.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://hants.gov.uk/fly-tipping).

2. Ask what will happen to your waste. A licensed waste carrier should not object to this.

3. Keep a record of their waste carrier licence number by taking a photo of the licence, or take a screenshot when you check online.

4. Keep a waste transfer note or receipt to say where the waste was collected from, by who, and where it is going.



## Superfast Broadband

Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region.

It enables people to get internet speeds of 24Megabits per second or more – making streaming TV, working from home, online banking and shopping, and gaming a lot easier – to name just some of the benefits.

Currently it's available to 95% of the region, and that number is on target to reach 97.4% by the end of 2019. However, many people don't know whether they can get superfast broadband or not, or believe it is more expensive than their current package – which is not always the case.

Hampshire County Council's role is to provide the infrastructure to enable as many people as possible to access superfast broadband (not to sell the service). We have a postcode checker that will tell you if it's available where you live, and what to do next if you want to find the right package for you. You can also register with us to be told when superfast broadband is coming to your area.

Use our postcode checker to find out if you can get superfast broadband now:

[www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/)

## Pond Bank Stabilisation



Over many years, the Heath Pond Banks have been eroded, including areas where 'sleepers' have been used to reduce the erosion. It has been our intention for many years to re-stabilise the banks, and with funding now available, this project has been given the go-ahead.

Firstly, we are grateful for all the feedback that we received from the public, during the consultation that we held back in 2017. The consultation was based on a number of recommendations that had been received by the council, and helped to shape the final tendering document that has been created. The tender document is currently being reviewed by our Grounds Committee. The work will involve replacing all of the banks that have been eroded over the years, as well as creating fish nursery areas and additional plantation of reed beds and other water based plants. The work will also include the introduction of one or two additional islands which will protect the banks on the east side of the pond, and a new wider board walk.

Whilst timescales are often difficult to predict, it is hoped that tendering will start in May of this year, with final decisions on contractor being reached by late summer. This work could potentially start in late Autumn, and continue over a period of time, so that disturbance of wildlife is kept to a minimal.

## PETERSFIELD IN BLOOM

Petersfield Town Council  
invites Petersfield  
residents and businesses  
to our annual competition!

Closing date for entries is Monday 1 July 2019  
Judging takes place on Thursday 11 July 2019



FREE  
ENTRY



Further information and entry forms available  
from Petersfield Town Visitor Centre,  
Petersfield Town Hall and online at

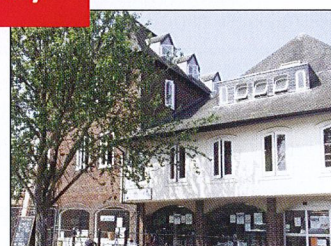
[www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk](http://www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk)

COLOURFUL  
COMMUNITY  
COMPETITION

All entrants will be invited to a  
special prize giving evening in the  
Rose Room at the Festival Hall on  
Thursday 3 Oct 2019



## Petersfield Library



*Regular activities  
for Children &  
Families*

**Saturday Afternoon**

**Clubs – Drop in**

between 1pm & 4pm every Saturday  
for our weekly themed Board Games, Colouring,  
Craft and Construction Club.

**Baby Play Time** – Every Friday drop in between  
9.30 & 11am for Babies up to 1 year.

**Rhymetime** – Every Wednesday at 2.30pm for  
babies &  
toddlers ages 0-2 years.

**Toddlertime** – For pre-school children – Every other  
Monday 10.15am

**Storytime for Under 8's** – Every Saturday at 11am

**Chatterbooks Club** – Wednesdays (books & quizzes  
for 8-12 years)

**Creative Writing Club** – For ages 8-13 years –  
Wednesday 4.30pm

For more information please call into the library,  
find us on Facebook, check the website  
[hants.gov.uk/library/petersfield-library](http://hants.gov.uk/library/petersfield-library)  
or contact us on 0300 555 1387

## New Festival Hall Development Consultation

It has been announced that the next stage of public consultation on the future appearance of the Festival Hall is to be held during the coming summer. This will involve events being held in different parts of the town over a period of a few weeks.



Concept drawings were presented to the Council's Public Halls Committee during January by Foster Wilson Architects (available via the Council's web site under Projects) who have been appointed by the Council to produce the redevelopment proposals. The ideas and concepts have already been shaped during one period of consultation, held during 2018, that was attended predominantly by a mixture of groups that currently use the premises.

The Town Council wants engagement on these proposals from all sections of the community as the responses received will be used to determine the amount and type of redevelopment that ultimately takes place. The works done

will have a positive impact on the community with the extra usage and variety of activity that will take place within the Hall as well as enhancing the economic development of the town.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Hilary Ayer said, "This is an exciting project with the chance to update the Town Hall complex and at the same time giving the Town a more usable space to develop a wider range of activities. During the consultation we want to hear your views on what is currently being thought about as well as your ideas on how to make best use of the space available. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the consultation this summer." The Chairman of the Public Halls Committee, Cllr Arun Glendinning said, "The Council's vision for the Festival Hall extends beyond the building renovation project to include a widening of the types of events hosted, to appeal to the modern community needs of the people of Petersfield. We see the Festival Hall being used more extensively for occasions such as family shows, music and comedy gigs and even weddings. I would urge as many people as possible to pop along to one of the consultation events and see first hand the great work that has already taken place, and should they wish, to feed their thoughts into the next stage."



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