Holocaust Memorial Day took place on 27 January 2015 to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The service was held in the Garden of Remembrance, Sandgate Road, Folkestone, led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, Reverend Mrs Rosemary Siebert, the service was attended by the Town Mayor, Town Councillors and local dignitaries. Students from local schools and colleges gave readings, which included the Genocides in Cambodia and Rwanda. Music was played by Richard Moore on clarinet from The Harvey Grammar School.

Folkestone Town Mayor, Councillor Alan North commented ‘I was very pleased to see so many come to the service on this significant anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The Pupils from South Kent College, Folkestone School For Girls, The Academy, Pent Valley and the Harvey Grammar School all had some poignant readings and I was pleased they took part.’
April
3 April – Folkestone Running Club - 10 Mile Race –
For more information and entry forms please visit
www.folkestonerunningclub.co.uk
5 April - Town Centre to Canterbury Road - Procession of
Crosses – Join in the annual procession. For further information
contact the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership on 01304
241806 or visit www.whitecliffscountyside.org.uk
May
15 May 7pm - Town Hall, Mayor Making. Election of the Town
Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appointment of the Town Mayors
Chaplain.
30 May – Demelza Fun Dog Show - To be held on The Leas
between the Bandstand and the Leas Water Lift. Around the
arena where the judging will take place there will be a stalls
selling dog related items also a variety of catering and craft & gift
stalls. For more information visit www.folkestonefestivals.org
31 May 11am – The Leas Village Fete - A traditional event which
includes arena displays, children’s fairground rides,
demonstrations, side-shows, competitions, food and craft & gift
stalls. For more information visit www.folkestonefestivals.org
June
6 June 11am – Garden of Remembrance, D-Day. Local dignitaries
and Veterans gather for the Annual D-Day Remembrance Service
at the Garden of Remembrance. Members of the public are
welcome to attend.
19 - 21 June – Town Centre, Multi Cultural weekend. Four days
of family-fun entertainment, exciting music and artistic
presentations with the customs and cultures of many countries
at venues in the town centre and Creative Quarter. Street theatre,
food and craft stalls, workshops and children’s events. For more
information visit www.folkestonefestivals.org
14 June 3pm – The Leas, William Harvey Sunday. In
commemoration of William Harvey who lived in Folkestone. The
procession goes form the Burlington Hotel along the Leas to the
William Harvey Memorial for 3.30pm. The Town Mayor, Town Clerk
and other dignitaries will be in attendance. Members of the public
are welcome to attend.
14 June 11am – Race for Life – The Leas, outside the Metropole
for more information on how to enter visit
www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org
27 June 12pm – The Leas Bandstand, Armed Forces Day. Fun
and entertainment for all the family
28 June 11am – The Parish Church of St Mary and St
Eanswythe. Town Sunday. Although the Mayor is now elected in
the Council Chamber, each year the Mayor is named at the
Churchyard Cross, followed by a service in the Church. Members
of the public are welcome to attend.
28 June 3pm - St Peters Church, The Durlocks, Blessing of the
Fisheries. There is a short procession from St Peters Church to
the Harbour where a service will take place. The procession is
then led back to the Church. Members of the public are welcome to
attend.
www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Caring for your Family’s Military Treasures
Free Workshop

Saturday 14th March 10:00-13:00
Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street
Learn how to care for and maintain your family heirlooms in
this half-day workshop. From packaging and storing
photographic albums to tips on cleaning medals, National
Army Museum staff will offer advice about First World War and
military artefacts.
To book you free place call or email Rebecca: 01303 257946
rebecca.mccutcheon@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

Bound for Blighty – Free Family Fun!
Saturday 11th April 10am - 4pm
Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street
Family-friendly drop-in day offers visitors an insight into the
impact Folkestone had during the early months of the First
World War. Performers will re-enact soldiers form the frontline
and those returning on leave as they cross paths with
Kitchener’s volunteers on their way to France.
In 1915 Folkestone became the hub of Empire,
Commonwealth and Dominions as overseas troops joined
regulars, Reservists, Territorials and the first of Kitchener’s
volunteers on their way to the war. Come to the Town Hall to
meet Canadian and British Indian soldiers; share stories with
wounded soldiers back from the Front, and the nurses helping
them recover; or go undercover to train with Military
Intelligence and sniff out spies.

The Mayor & Mayoress of Folkestone’s
Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Golden Ball
Tickets £32.50
In aid of the Mayoress of Folkestone’s Charity Fund
To include a welcome drink, three course meal,
performances by singer Victoria Bass and dancing
The Channel Restaurant, The Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Saturday 21st March 2015
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Carriages at Midnight

Tickets are available from Folkestone Town Council Offices,
The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone. Kent CT20 1DY
Tel: 01304 257984 or email toni.brenchley@folkestone-tc.gov.uk
Cheques to be made payable to ‘Mayoress of Folkestone’s Charity
Fund’

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The National Army Museum (NAM), in partnership with Folkestone Town Council and The Silver Screen Cinema offered an exciting programme of free film screenings in Folkestone over the weekend of the 23rd of January.

Locals had the opportunity to see a line-up of contemporary movies and film classics all each with an introduction from a speaker and a host of other activities.

The WW1 Film Festival builds on the exhibition ‘Your Country Calls: Enlistment to Embarkation’ at the Town Hall which marks the one hundredth centenary of WW1.

In conjunction with the film festival the Town Council played host to a series of other WWI activities to engage both adults and children. NAM curators were on hand to offer insights into the war; discuss the films with visitors and share remarkable World War One objects from the Museum’s Collection. To ensure locals were totally immersed in the WW1 experience the weekend also included a number of re-enactors to engage with the public.

Film highlights included:

- ‘War Horse’ (2011), a tale about a farm horse sold to the British cavalry to serve in World War One;
- ‘Gallipoli’ (1981) which follows the story of two young Australian sprinters who want to join the battle;
- the classic film ‘All Quiet on the Western Front’ (1930) about a young German soldier whose dreams of glory turn to disillusionment when he’s faced with the horrors of war.

‘Your Country Calls: Enlistment to Embarkation’ runs in Folkestone Town Hall until 8 May 2015. This fascinating exhibition draws on the National Army Museum’s rich Collection along with local artefacts and stories to explore how Folkestone became a gateway between Britain and the rest of Europe during the First World War.
Folkestone and Coastal Diabetes UK Group - Meetings From April 2015

Are you living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes or are you concerned about this condition? If so, please come along to your local Folkestone & Coastal Diabetes UK group meetings. We are a voluntary group of Diabetes UK, which is the leading UK charity that cares for, connects with and campaigns on behalf of people affected by and at risk of diabetes. Listen to our speaker of the month, gain useful information and meet other local people living with this condition.

Upcoming meeting dates and details:
- Wednesday, 8 April 2015 at 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 9 September 2015 at 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 7:30 pm

All of the above meetings will be held at the: Best Western Clifton Hotel, The Leas, Clifton Gardens, Folkestone, CT20 2EB

Public fundraising support needed for Folkestone Museum

Folkestone Town Council is working with the Heritage Lottery to create an innovative accredited local history museum and venue for community events within your Town Hall.

Folkestone’s HEART project will make a lasting difference to our heritage but we need your help with raising match funding, any contribution you can make however big or small will be gratefully received and can be made in person at the Town Hall or via a cheque made payable to Folkestone Town Council.

Together we can make a difference, together we will remember, together we will preserve our heritage for the future.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this edition of the newsletter.

If you have any comments or would like an event or story covered in our next issue, please do not hesitate to contact us on: 01303 257946

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Precept 2015-16

At the council meeting in January the budget making process was concluded with a precept of £581,830 being set for 2015/16.

As a result, there will be a reduction of 85p in Council Tax Band D levels.

Folkestone Town Council Precept 2015/16

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Civic Events

William Harvey Sunday

William Harvey is one of Folkestone’s most famous residents. Born on 1 April 1578 in Church Street, a plaque is placed where his house once stood.

During his time as a successful physician to the King he published a paper which was the first to explain a revolutionary theory of how the blood flowed around the body with elements being pumped through the heart. He died in 1657 and the money he left in his will paid for a new school, the Harvey Grammar School.

A procession is held every year to commemorate the life of William Harvey. This year it is being held on the 14th June, with the Town Mayor, leading the procession to the William Harvey Memorial on the Leas where Councillors and members of the public are welcome to attend the service.

Town Sunday

Town Sunday marks when Folkestone received its Charter of Incorporation from King Edward II in 1313, which allowed the Town to elect its own officials and hold its own courts. Each year the officials would meet at the Mayoral Cross in the Churchyard of St Mary’s and St Eanswythes to elect and name the new Mayor.

Although the Mayor is now elected in the comfort of the Council Chamber, each year the Mayor is named at the Churchyard Cross, followed by a service in the Church. Members of the public are welcome to attend the service at St Eanswythe’s Church on 28th June at 11am.

The Blessing of the Fisheries takes place later the same day and is a traditional blessing that takes place at 3pm at St Peter’s Church, The Durlocks, with the procession then leading down to the Harbour.

Canada Day

At Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, in West Road, lie 296 Canadian Soldiers who died in service during WWI. Each year a service is held in their memory. Many children from local schools come to honour them by laying flowers on their graves.

The Folkestone Town Mayor leads a procession from the Army Barracks to the Cenotaph in the centre of the cemetery, where prayers are read for those who gave their lives. Joining the procession is the Town Mayor of Hythe and the Chairman of Sandgate Parish Council, Military Personnel, Royal British Legion representatives and local Councillors.

Members of the public can attend this moving ceremony to pay their respects, which takes place on 1st July at 11:30am.

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