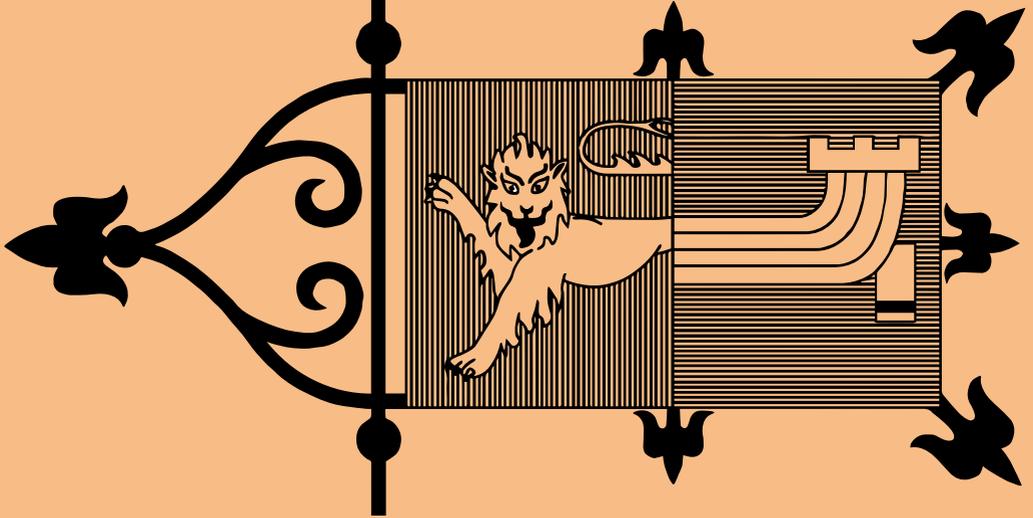




# The Resident



**Tenterden & District  
Residents' Association**

**2016**

**2016/2017**

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Bill Chantler

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Mike Winiberg

\* Not standing for re-election in this position

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## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on:

**Wednesday 11th May at 7:30 pm**

At St. Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road

Guest Speaker:

**Councillor Justin Nelson**

Councillor Nelson has lived and worked in Tenterden for over 30 years. His involvement in service organisations such as the Round Table made him an easy target for his wife to get him to join the Town Council, but his experiences there and in other voluntary roles enable him to explain how varied and fulfilling that can be.

There will also be an opportunity over refreshments to discuss current issues with Committee Members. Wine and snacks will be available. Members are encouraged to attend what should be an interesting evening.

# Chairman's Report 2016

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**T**HIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER INDUSTRIOUS YEAR FOR TDRA WITH SOME MAJOR GOALS ACHIEVED. The new website was launched in September 2015, after many weeks of intensive work to ensure that the result was a positive and useful medium to enable the Association to communicate effectively with its members and local residents. Our aim is to gradually, over time, communicate more using the internet as a more efficient and flexible way of reaching out to our members. We do however intend to retain the annual paper edition of *The Resident*, which will be distributed as usual by our dedicated volunteers. We have had a number of new members join us using the website, which is very pleasing and we encourage all those who have not yet registered their email addresses to please do so via our website.



We welcomed a new Committee member, Carol Parkin, who has taken an active role on the public relations side, promoting the Association's aims and achievements within the local community. She has also been pursuing the Tenterden Cinema Initiative, which has strong support from local residents as illustrated in the Tenterden Council's Residents' Questionnaire. She will be uploading updates on her progress to the website and has written a piece covering this later on in this edition of *The Resident*.

Our 'Tree Man', Bill Chantler has had a successful year, managing to coordinate between Ashford Borough Council (ABC), The Highways and Tenterden Town Council to realise four new tree plantings along Appledore Road. These trees replaced damaged or dead trees to retain the much appreciated tree-lined routes into Tenterden, adding to the quality of the town's appearance. Bill has written an article a little later on in the magazine with more details on this and the 'Tree Planting Ceremony' that took place.

We continued our planning role throughout the year on numerous applications affecting the community – our aim being to keep Tenterden the beautiful, high quality town that it continues to be. Roy Isworth, Ken Grant and myself attended the public enquiry for the Tilden Gill application. Roy made a verbal representation, upholding our prior written objections to the application. You can view our submitted objections online at the ABC planning applications website or later on in the magazine. We have also been monitoring the progress of the TENT 1A residential development for 248 units, approved by ABC over a year ago, as much has been happening behind the scenes. Please go to the Planning Updates for further details on this.

We continue to support Roy in his aims to assist Ivy Court Surgery to be able to expand to cope with the additional population from the TENT 1A development as well as continuing to press for adequate infrastructure provision to cope with the additional residential units and Roy has written an update on this. We will endeavour to keep members informed on the TENT 1A de-

velopment as much as possible over the coming months.

We continued the success of our coffee morning the previous year with another held at the White Lion Hotel in October. Digital presentations and advice on how to use our website - [www.tdra.org.uk](http://www.tdra.org.uk) - were run by Mike Winiberg our IT expert. These coffee mornings offer a great opportunity for the Committee Members to engage directly with our members and for new residents to learn more about who we are and what we do.

Due to family and work commitments I have decided to stand down as TDRA Chairman after the forthcoming AGM. I would like to thank all my fellow Committee Members for everything they have done for the local community, and for the support of the Association's members. TDRA participates at various consultations and events throughout the year on your behalf – the more members and support we have, the greater our voice.

As a Registered Charity we are conscious of our responsibilities to ensure our finances are maintained on a conservative basis. Members' donations this year have funded communications to members, investment in the future via the new website and the necessary level of administrative expenses. After these expense items we have managed to make a £200 contribution to the Tree Planting Fund to assist in replacing the fund's expenses, and recorded a modest surplus for the year overall.

I hope to see many of you at the next AGM on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm at St. Mildred's Church Hall. Our guest speaker will be Councillor Justin Nelson.

**Siggi Nepp**  
**Chairman TDRA**



## Planning Updates

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**W**E HAVE HAD ANOTHER BUSY YEAR MONITORING AND COMMENTING ON KEY PLANNING APPLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ON YOUR BEHALF. Our aim is to voice concerns or positive comments on planning applications, either in writing or by attending committee meetings, on behalf of Tenterden's residents. The key cases are outlined below.

### **TENT 1A - 14/00757/AS**

Following approval of the TENT 1A application by Ashford Borough Council (ABC) just under a year ago, much has been happening behind the scenes. All relevant parties (Local Authority, landowners and banks) approved the Section 106 Agreement last Summer. This is a legal agreement which details the steps necessary to make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms and is drafted when it is considered that a development will have a significant impact on the local area which can be modified by means of 'Developers contributions' towards highway and community infrastructure investment. For those who wish to apply for money from the Community Infrastructure Levy, it will be required that a proper business case is submitted in support of the claim. Tenterden Town Council (TTC) should be contacted for further advice on this.

Amendments to the Tenterden Leisure Centre lease permitting access to the TENT 1A site via Recreation Ground Road were also agreed by all parties last Autumn.

The part of the site not owned by Taylor Wimpey is in the process of sale to developer Dandara. Contracts were exchanged during March and completion is expected by May. This part of the site will have space for 138 residential units. The money from the sale of the 'Wild Flower Meadow', which forms part of this site, will go to TTC when completed. Taylor Wimpey will develop the remaining area of land and are expected to build 112 residential units. The building programme is not known yet and we are still awaiting final confirmation of the agreed purchaser for the remaining land. We will endeavour to keep members updated on the TENT 1A development as much as possible over the coming months.

### **Tilden Gill – 14/01420/AS**

We submitted our objections in November 2014.

*This would be a complete disregard of previous agreements with the Council for the town's Core Strategy, limiting growth within Tenterden to the circa 450 dwellings to be located on the TENT 1A and B sites abutting Smallhythe Road until at least 2030. There are no effective proposals to upgrade the local infrastructure, mitigate the probable impact of the additional cars on local traffic and parking and expansion to community services. This is not what a majority of local residents want.*

We attended the Public Enquiry, held over four days (an additional day was assigned) in February. Roy Isworth gave a verbal representation upholding our objections. At the time of going to press we are still awaiting the decision of the Planning Inspector.

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### **Breton Court – 15/00930/AS**

We submitted our objections in July 2015:

1. *The proposal is not sympathetic to the adjacent listed building:*
  - *The scale of the proposed building will adversely impact the historical setting of the listed building*
  - *Insufficient detail and description of proposed quality of materials to ensure the highest quality construction and design in such a sensitive location*
2. *There will be significant impact on traffic levels on an already congested road*
3. *There is insufficient parking provision as a whole, with a consequence of more congestion on surrounding roads by overflow parking in these areas*
4. *The proposed entrance does not meet Highways requirements for adequate visibility*
5. *Likely over intensification of limited access points to the site by staff, visitors, residents and service vehicles*

The application was withdrawn by the applicant.

### **Danemore – 15/01160/AS**

We submitted our objections in October 2015.

*We are concerned about the lack of parking provision for the site and the impact this will have on an already congested area. We suggest that all parking is provided by means of a below ground parking facility. This would avoid further reduction in soft landscaping on the site and too many unsightly vehicles. We do not feel that the road access to the site will be adequate to accommodate the additional vehicular traffic (including delivery trucks) as this is already a high density area. We feel that the proposed density of this site will have a negative impact on adjoining neighbours as well as the inevitable impact on traffic: less units would help to alleviate this. We believe that a more far-reaching road strategy would need to be considered for routes into town, with the resulting additional cars from this proposal – for example a one way designation to Oaks Lane.*

At the time of going to press, an amended application had been submitted which appears to address our concerns. This amended application is expected to go to a Planning Committee.

### **Cloverbank Stables, Cranbrook Road – 13/00664/AS**

Having been refused planning by the Appeals Inspector in 2014, a fresh planning application was submitted and again refused by ABC. This then went to appeal which was heard by the Inspector on 22nd March 2016.

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TDRA objected to the planning application on the grounds that:

- *The mobile home and buildings occupy a prominent position and would be inappropriate in an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'.*
- *The proposal would set a dangerous precedent, undermining the protection offered by the 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' status.*
- *This site lies outside the Tenterden rural development zone.*
- *This situation appears not to warrant a permanent residence for overseeing the animals, as these animals are predominantly privately owned, and this is not a significant commercial enterprise. This site is located in a very low risk crime area.*

TDRA were also asked for help by residents in the Cranbrook Road and adjoining area, in order to put a strong case at the Appeal hearing. The Chairman and a committee member attended a meeting held by the residents to establish a plan of action.

The Chairman and committee member (who lives in the neighbourhood) also attended the Inspector's hearing, the site visit and voiced further objections.

At the time of going to press this application was still undecided and is expected to go to a Planning Committee.

These are just a few of the key planning applications we have been acting on and it is by no means an exhaustive list. You can see more information on our website under 'Planning'.

**Siggi Nepp**  
**Chairman and Planning Secretary**



**Tenterden Junior and Infant Schools**

are looking for volunteers to become school governors

If you are interested in supporting your local primary schools,  
find out more by contacting the school office:

01580 763717

## Trees for Tenterden

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*Tenterden High Street 1900 - Cows instead of cars!*

**I**N THE SPRING OF 1871 THE THEN BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN COUNCIL WAS DEADLOCKED IN A VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PLANT TREES IN TENTERDEN HIGH STREET AND ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE MAYOR THE DECISION WAS MADE TO PLANT THE TREES. Since their planting 145 years ago the trees have now become an important part of the iconic High Street. Later planting was extended to include other roads such as Oaks Road, Ashford Road and Appledore Road. It is these avenues of trees that enhance the beauty of Tenterden and in the case of Appledore Road provide a lovely entry into the town.

TDRA first planted five lime trees in Appledore Road in 2011 with one tree gamely planted by our then President the late Sir Donald Sinden, who had a particular passion for the trees of Tenterden. This year we have planted a further four trees again along the Appledore Road because of the steady loss of existing horse-chestnut trees to various diseases. On advice from the KCC Arborial Department, several different species were planted this year to provide diversity and these included disease resistant species such as the Princeton Elm and the English Walnut.

TDRA of course, being a small charity, has limited funds but we will try to maintain a small tree planting scheme in the future and move to other roads in the town. The KCC Highways Department now does not have sufficient funds to plant or replace all trees. Only in a Conservation Area like the High Street will they replace a tree when an existing tree is removed. Trees in all other areas will not be replaced or planted.

If any member would like to sponsor a replacement or new tree in the future or have some ideas regarding where future trees could be planted, please let a member of the committee know.

**Bill Chantler**

## Memories of an ex-Reporter

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**A**FTER OVER 40 YEARS WRITING FOR LOCAL PAPERS – THE LAST FOUR IN TENTERDEN – KENTISH EXPRESS REPORTER TRICIA JAMIESON HAS RETIRED AND MOVED ON TO PASTURES NEW. Here she reflects on her career and on the Tenterden issues she has been covering.

It is hard to believe that I have really been working in journalism for over 40 years. The time has flown by, helped by the fact that no two days have been the same.

Over the years I have interviewed everyone from politicians to sports stars, criminals to school children, all with their own story to tell – some more willingly than others. I have had a fantastic career, have met some wonderful people and have really enjoyed every day.

I reported on the Tenterden area from 2012 until I retired in January this year. Prior to that I worked for KM Media Group papers covering Folkestone and Canterbury. I was inspired to go into journalism by a family friend who worked for the BBC. I have always been nosey and inquisitive and like to know what is going on around me so it seemed like an ideal choice.

After A-levels and completing a year at college with the National Council for the Training of Journalists, I joined the Kentish Gazette in Canterbury where I did three years further training on the job before becoming a senior reporter. I graduated to news editor on the Gazette, running a team of reporters and frequently deputising for the editor. Then in 2009, I joined the Kentish Express as a reporter, covering Folkestone, where I stayed until moving to the Tenterden area.

Going back to my roots as a reporter was great and the right thing for me. News editing can be a bit desk bound and I had missed getting out and interviewing people – which was why I became a journalist in the first place. There is something quite special when a complete stranger invites you into their home to share an experience, whether it is a good or bad one, and then trusts you to accurately reflect it. Right to the end, I still got a buzz from using good old fashioned leg work to track someone down and persuade them to speak to me exclusively.

The advent of social media, websites and the public's demand for 24-hour news coverage has changed my profession, but I hope there will always be a place for newspapers as a permanent record of an event. I am sure there are many parents who have lovingly kept newspaper pictures



of their children at school events to show them in later years.

Now I have bowed out, I intend to see more of my husband, spend time on my hobbies of horse riding, gardening, travelling – and enjoy life!

Taking over the Tenterden area was rather daunting for me. I confess that although I had lived in Kent for four decades, I had rarely visited the town. However from the first day I found people – at least the majority of them – pleasant, welcoming and happy to help me.

I remember my first job was covering a public meeting about whether the town council should take over the public toilets from ABC. Lined up before me were town councillors, none of whom I knew, plus a large proportion of the public wanting to give their views. Daunting to say the least, but I had done my homework on the topic and with the help of people in identifying who was who – thanks go to Alan Sugden, Christine Hickmott-Arnold and the late Phil Carley – I got there.

After that, I came to appreciate the passion with which Tenterden residents hold their town. They are genuinely interested and concerned with what is going on and are keen to get involved.

Issues such as traffic, parking (still only partly resolved – will it ever be?), Tent1, policing and the general state of the town seem to have filled my notebook.

Alongside that have been the human interest and business stories, some tragedies which are never easy to report on and the huge amount of charity and volunteer work that goes on.

Tenterden people are very generous - just look at the results of the annual Poppy Appeal, the fundraising to help Christian Fortunato walk without aids and other appeals. The town has a special draw that attracts people and long may that continue.

Despite the advent of out of town shopping centres, Tenterden's unique mix of individual shops and multi-nationals gives it a special edge. Long may that continue – I miss it already.

**Tricia Jamieson**



# Tenterden Community Hub

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JUNE 2015 SAW THE LAUNCH OF A COMMUNITY CHARITY BASED IN TENTERDEN SUPPORTING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE AREA FROM DUNGNESS TO HASTINGS.

Tenterden Savers, now known as Tenterden Community Hub, was set up following an appeal by the Archbishop of Canterbury to respond to the rise in payday lenders affecting vulnerable people.

The causes of financial distress are seated in many things and lack of money is often an indicator of deeper troubles. Each person is different. We therefore found that talking and informing was the best way to help because then we can understand what people actually need to overcome the root of their financial woes.

Many people think if you live in this part of the country that everyone is rich, affluent and we don't suffer like the rest of the country. This is of course just not true. Businesses still fail, people still lose their jobs, suffer from ill-health or addictions and domestic abuse is more common than anyone likes to admit. In our rural communities where public transport is limited then people, especially the retired or elderly, can feel trapped in their homes and experience loneliness and depression.

Some of these people will be able to hide their problems and get along but many just cannot cope with their lives. They may be poor at maths, can't cope with modern technology or are word-blind when filling out forms. There are many charities out there all trying to help but still there are people who are in difficulty.

We believe that giving people the skills they need to manage their own lives helps society in general because it is cheaper to run a state where people are self-reliant. This becomes even more important when the government is making cut-backs in the very areas where vulnerable people are worst hit.

A key element of our support comes from our links with Kent Savers Credit Union. This is a not-

for-profit organisation for investors and borrowers and exists to promote saving. Membership is only available for people living or working in Kent (the East Sussex Credit Union exists for those living in East Sussex) and provides the opportunity for local people with money to save or invest to help those local people wanting to borrow money. The credit unions fill an important gap in the lending market between high-street banks and payday lenders. They can't help everyone (and we would prefer that people did not have to borrow money at all) but they are useful for some people.

2016 is going to be a busy year for us. Last year we were getting established. This year we are building our reputation and growing contacts. Our aim is to get out into the community to meet people where they live rather than waiting for them to come to us. We will still be based at St Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road, Tenterden on Thursday and Friday mornings but the rest of the time we will be out and about.

All this costs money (of course) and we estimate that we will need about £5,000 to cover expenses such as room hire (£2,500), IT, telephone and systems (£1,000), publicity and printing (£750), web-site costs (£500), fuel and volunteer's expenditure (£750).

We also have costs to continue with the development of our main office at the Church Hall. We need carpets (£250), CCTV adjustments (£500), development of software and systems (£750), furniture and equipment (£1,000).

If you would like to volunteer, provide financial assistance, support us through becoming a Friend of TSCH or just understand more about us you can email us at [info@tenterdencommunityhub.co.uk](mailto:info@tenterdencommunityhub.co.uk) or call our telephone number 01580 766155.

Please help if you can.

**Mike Stephens**



# Kent Savers

*fair loans. safe saving.*

## Exciting Times Ahead for St Mildred's and Tenterden

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In June 2016 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be unveiling the results of a two year feasibility study about how St Mildred's Church can be altered to produce a building which can meet the needs of the people of Tenterden and the surrounding area much more effectively. The way the current building is laid out is inflexible and does not lend itself to the wide range of uses which are demanded of a modern church and community resource. The PCC wants the church to be available for everyone and believes the current layout does not encourage this.

The feasibility study has included options for improving the heating, lighting and seating; as well as ways to maximise the flexibility of the spaces inside the church to accommodate a wide range of religious services, group activities such as the current parent and toddler group, as well as exhibition space and improved opportunities for concerts and events. One of the aims of the feasibility study is to explore how one of the largest indoor spaces in the town could be designed to meet the needs of the whole Tenterden community without compromising the special features of the building which make it so well loved by visitors and local people alike.

Information about the proposed changes will be available towards the end of May, when a series of consultation events for the St Mildred's congregation and the whole town will commence. These events will encourage local people and businesses to discuss and comment about the proposed changes. At the end of the consultation the PCC will review the comments and suggestions made, amend their ideas as appropriate and move forward to the detailed design and construction phase later in 2016.

If you have any comments or questions please contact:

The Reverend Canon Lindsay Hammond at The Vicarage, Church Road, Tenterden, TN30 6AT (tentvic@gmail.com / 01580 761591).



## Tenterden Junior School Gardening Club

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### GARDENING CLUB SAYS THANK YOU

**T**HEY SAY EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING AND THAT WAS EVIDENT RECENTLY AT TENTERDEN JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Pupils and staff of the School's Gardening Club were disappointed when their nature garden was vandalised. Bird boxes, bug houses and a picnic bench were all destroyed by mindless individuals.

The Gardening Club is run by the School's Office Manager Lynne Jerrom and her group of 7 to 10 year olds were downhearted when their hard work was ruined. However their disappointment turned to joy when a number of local businesses, individuals and Kent County Council rallied round to help. The School has received countless offers of financial support, vouchers and various items of garden furniture as well as manpower, for which it is very grateful.

As our photo shows, the children are delighted that something good has come out of such a thoughtless act and that their garden can be restored. They recently sent letters of thanks to the individuals and businesses concerned.

**Ken Grant**



# Just the Ticket

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## Tenterden Dementia Friendly Community

Sadly, the diagnosis of Dementia is on the increase, and there are now very few families who are not affected by this disease directly, or know of a neighbour or friend who is affected. Thus it was that in April 2015, a Steering Group was formed from a varied range of organisations and individuals from within the wider Tenterden Community, with a simple mission :

“To help all those affected by Dementia within our Community”

As a group, we included from the very beginning, healthcare professionals from local organisations such as Ivy Court Surgery, Westview Hospital, The Admiral Nurse, Dementia Champions and Tenterden Day Care Centre. We also asked for and received support from Kent Dementia Action Alliance and The Alzheimer’s Society, all of which are able to provide good guidance for the tasks ahead, and most importantly, we sought the views of those in our community who are caring for loved ones with Dementia.

One of the first initial aims was for us as a Group, to learn more about Dementia and its impact on family life and to spread a greater understanding of Dementia within Tenterden and the surrounding villages. A series of talks were organised in the Autumn with specialist speakers: a hospital consultant from Ashford who tests and diagnoses Dementia, our local GP, Dr David Dodds from Ivy Court Surgery, the Admiral Nurse who specialises in supporting Dementia sufferers and their carers and a representative from the Alzheimer’s Society. Caroline Speed and Janet Goode from Whitehead Monckton who are trained ‘Dementia Champions’ continue to give enlightening half hour talks upon request to numerous groups, organisations and local businesses.

Feedback from those caring for loved ones with Dementia focussed our Group on the next step, which is the launch of a weekly Cafe, aimed at all affected by or living with Dementia, enabling them to meet to share experiences and give mutual support. We are enormously grateful for the generous response from Kent & East Sussex Railway, who are providing the venue for the Cafe at Tenterden Town Station Refreshment Room on Friday mornings and who are also providing their volunteers to make and serve the teas and coffees. K&ES Railway are really leading the way in becoming a Dementia Friendly Business and it is hoped that other businesses and retailers will soon rise to the challenge and receive staff training, so that they will be able to carry the national Dementia Friendly emblem



**Open every Friday**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
at the Refreshment Room  
Kent & East Sussex Railway Tenterden

of the Forget-Me-Not logo in their shop windows. We will surely know that Tenterden is a Dementia Friendly Community when our town's High Street and those of surrounding villages are lined with this little blue flower.

Looking further ahead this year, we are also aiming to start a weekly musical therapy session for those affected by Dementia as it is well documented that singing can evoke memories and reinvigorate positive emotions and senses for many who may otherwise have all but lost the ability to communicate well or smile.

Receiving the diagnosis of Dementia is a very bewildering time for all concerned and so we are also looking at ways of clearly sign-posting the services and support that is already available within our area.

If you would like a talk from our 'Dementia Champions' for your business or organisation and to earn the Forget-Me-Not award, please do get in touch.

Thank You.

**Debbie Clayden (Secretary TDFC)**  
**dclayden@john-lewis.com**



## A Soap-Box Race for Tenterden?

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**T**ENTERDEN IS BLESSED WITH A NUMBER OF HILLS WHICH COULD PROVIDE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR A SOAPBOX CHALLENGE TO ADD TO THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS OF THE TOWN.

Some may be aware that Aldington village has held a soapbox race over a number of years, generally held on August Bank Holiday Monday with over 30 entrants and many hundreds of spectators watching both fast carts and novelty entries. More recent but of greater fame is the Red Bull race held at Alexandra Palace in London.

These events draw substantial crowds and in a town such as Tenterden could complement the other attractions such as the Folk Festival, Tentertainment, etc. Soapbox events are generally aimed at raising money for community projects and for charity through sponsorship of entries and collections on the day.

Over 100 soapbox race events are held at locations around the United Kingdom including events at: Billericay, Harewood Hall, Cairngorm Soapbox Extreme, Richards Castle, Cancerwise Goodwood, Avon Dassett, Hinkley, Trowbridge, Hamble, Isle of Wight, Cookham Dean, Brackley, Great Cheverell, Penarth, Swindon, Strachur Bogie Race and Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby amongst others. Soapbox races also take place in the USA and Australia and the European Championship is due to be held in Belgium. So there is plenty of precedent for soapbox racing. Tenterden is fortunate to have the main requirement – A LONG HILL.



The ideal track could be the slope from the William Caxton to Rolvenden Station providing a 50 metre height differential over approximately 1.5 km. This would allow the faster entrants to reach speeds of 50-60 km/hour providing an exciting spectacle. This route has the advantage of easy spectator access and viewing via footpaths on the roadside. The 'greens' along the High Street would provide space for marshalling of entrants and safety checks once again with spectator access.

There are well established design specifications adopted at Aldington and at 'Cartie' races in Scotland which ensure safety for both drivers and spectators. Construction of a soapbox is relatively simple for any practically minded individual and can involve both young and old using a wide range of sources for parts including from Ebay. The cart shown overleaf utilises 3 old BMX bikes, 2 scooters recovered from the TTC dump at the Leisure Centre and a plastic bucket from Webbs amongst other items!

Of course it would be necessary to halt traffic on the A28 with a diversion from London Beach



via Cranbrook over a period of approximately 4-5 hours similar to arrangements for the Tour de France race through Tenterden.

Alternatively, the Woodchurch Road hill leading past Tenterden Golf Club would be suitable and would avoid such major traffic disruption but is remote from the town centre and less suitable for spectators.

A date of one of the two bank holidays in May 2017 might be suitable for a first event as this would avoid clashing with Aldington, but any summer weekend could be considered. For success this needs the wholehearted support of the Town Council and community.

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!**

# Ivy Court Surgery

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**Y**OU WILL PROBABLY BE AWARE THAT FOR SOME TIME NOW THERE HAS BEEN CONCERN REGARDING FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROVISION IN THE TENTERDEN AREA BEARING IN MIND THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

It has long been felt that the ideal site would be the one we currently possess, given its close proximity to the town centre, convenient for both pedestrians and patients arriving by private or public transport.

It is encouraging to hear that at long last clinical activities from Ivy Court Surgery are now regularly taking place in The East Cross Clinic. Furthermore it is hoped that a monthly Urology Clinic will soon commence. This will spare many patients the need to travel, often repeatedly, to either Canterbury or Folkestone as at present. East Cross Clinic has been seriously under-utilised for a number of years in providing NHS services to the area so this will benefit many people.

Given that outreach clinics are Government policy, it is hoped that further use of these in East Cross will enable it to be used to somewhere near its capacity - not before time!

**Roy Isworth FRCS**



## Tenterden wants a Cinema!

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**F**OLLOWING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN SEPTEMBER 2015, IT SEEMS THAT A CINEMA IN TENTERDEN WAS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED BY LOCAL PEOPLE.

However, in December, a Kentish Express article appeared with the headline: 'Councillors Rule Town Hall Cinema Show Will Not Go On.'

TDRA were disappointed to hear that a decision regarding the project had been delayed. We do not want to see the cinema plan fall by the wayside as it could provide an adaptable space suitable for a variety of uses for the benefit of the whole community.

We now understand that the town councillors are still supportive of a commercially viable cinema in the town and funding for a project such as this may become available in July.

So where do we go from here? There is apparently a difference of opinion as to whether or not the Town Hall is structurally suitable for such a venture without spending a large sum of money.

A feasibility study should be carried out as soon as possible in order to identify a site or existing building which can offer residents a high quality experience. We understand that talks will be taking place with interested parties in the community, though no detailed timescale for this has been established.

There is also outside interest in this project. For example, we understand that Silver Screen Cinemas, who run a similar project in Folkestone, has written to Tenterden Town Council expressing their interest and are open to further discussions.

Like most people in the area we hope that progress will be made before too long. Local people of all ages want this project to happen and deserve it to be a high quality facility. It would be good not to have to wait years to see a cinema in Tenterden!

**Carol Parkin**

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# TENTERDEN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM

*(Please complete in block capitals)*

I wish to join the Tenterden & District Residents' Association and I enclose my annual donation of £..... (the suggested voluntary annual donation is £5.00 per household).

Please give the name and address of the main householder:

Title ..... Forenames(s) ..... Surname .....

Home Address: .....

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Tel: .....

Email: .....

Gift Aid Declaration: I want the Tenterden & District Residents' Association to treat:  
*(please tick as appropriate)*

- The enclosed donation of £..... As a Gift Aid donation.
- The donations of £..... which I made as a Gift Aid donation(s).
- All donations which I make from the date of the declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.
- All donations I have made since 13th November 2007, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

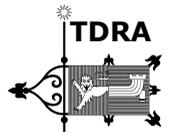
Signature: .....

Date: .....

You must pay an annual amount of Income and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that TDRA reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year.

Please complete the form and send to:

**TDRA Secretary, c/o Webbs Ironmongers, 51 High Street, Tenterden, TN30 6BH.  
or complete on-line at [www.tdra.org.uk](http://www.tdra.org.uk)**



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## **Tenterden and District Residents' Association**

is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers

so if anyone is interested in getting involved,  
they would be most welcome.



## **The objectives of the Charity are:**

- to promote high standards of planning, architecture and conservation
- to educate the public in geography, history, natural history and architecture of Tenterden and the surrounding area
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area

These are for the benefit of the inhabitants of Tenterden and the surrounding area and for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

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