



JULY & AUGUST 2021

Report on External Communications

The External Communications Working Group consists of: The Town Clerk, The Mayor and the Administration Assistant.

Summary of Activities

The Working Group has regular meetings between the Mayor and the Town Clerk at a minimum. The meetings discuss priorities in terms of external communications for the week ahead.

Items on Facebook, website or sent to other news providers:

- 1) Full Council Meeting – 2nd July**
Notification of July Full Council Meeting posted on website and Facebook
- 2) Town Events Manager – 2nd July**
Reminder of job vacancy and deadline for applications posted on Facebook
- 3) Full Council Meeting – 5th July**
Reminder of July Full Council Meeting posted on Facebook
- 4) Town Events Manager – 5th July**
Reminder of job vacancy and deadline for applications posted on Facebook
- 5) Mill Road Bench – 7th July**
An explanation as to why the bench on Mill Road was removed and plans for replacement benches to be installed posted on website and Facebook
- 6) Arun Valley Line Upgrade Works – 7th July**
Notification of Arun Valley Line Upgrade works posted on website and Facebook
- 7) Tree Work at A27/Former Canada Gardens Nursery – 9th July**
Notification of tree work at A27/Former Canada Gardens Nursery posted on website and Facebook
- 8) Finance Committee Meeting – 15th July**
Notification of July Finance Committee Meeting on website and Facebook
- 9) Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm – 15th July**
Notification of launch of formal public consultation for Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm
- 10) Arundel Farmers Market – 16th July**
Reminder of July Arundel Farmers Market (tomorrow) on Facebook
- 11) Biffa early bin collection – 18th July**
Sharing ADC's notification that Biffa will be starting their rounds early for 2 weeks due to the hot weather on Facebook
- 12) Finance Committee Meeting – 19th July**
Reminder of July Finance Committee Meeting posted on Facebook
- 13) Arundel Pupils Join Campaign for a Safe Cycle Path and Footpath to Ford – 19th July**
Press Release regarding ACE pupils helping campaign for the safe cycle path and footpath to Ford posted on website and Facebook and sent to Littlehampton Gazette, West Sussex Gazette and Sussex Local. Article featured in newspaper:



Path plans School pupils drumming up support

PICTURE: CHARLIE WARING



Ahead of the end of the school year, pupils from Arundel Church of England (ACE) Primary School spoke to passengers at Ford station, encouraging them to support the campaign to get a safe cycle path and footpath between Arundel and Ford Station which will, hopefully, connect to Littlehampton, too. Mayor Tony Hunt joined the pupils on Friday, July 16. The Arundel-Ford pathway campaign has moved forward strongly since the original letter asking for a safe pathway was signed by 56 community leaders, headed up by the Duke of Norfolk and MP Andrew Griffiths, earlier this year. A steering group on which Highways England, West Sussex County Council, Arun District Council and Arundel Town Council are represented is now progressing a proposal to secure funding for a detailed design stage to be carried out in 2022.

- 14) Blakehurst Lane, Warningcamp Road Closure – 20th July**
Notification of road closure posted on website and Facebook
- 15) Mill Road Bench – 20th July**
Photos of new back to back benches in Mill Road shared on website and Facebook
- 16) Museum Community Digital Archive – 22nd July**
Post about the launch of the Museum's new community digital archive posted on Facebook and website
- 17) Back to back benches in Mill Road – 23rd July**
Photos of the new back to back benches being used in Mill Road shared on Facebook
- 18) Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – 27th July**
Notification of August Planning Advisory Committee Meeting posted on Facebook and website
- 19) Vacancy for a Councillor – 29th July**
Vacancy for a Councillor notice posted on Facebook and website



20) Damage to the new benches – 29th July

Notice on Facebook re. damaged to the new benches on Mill Road

21) Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – 2nd August

Reminder of August Planning Advisory Committee Meeting posted on Facebook

22) AFOTA Flag Competition – 3rd August

Post regarding the flags that the school children have made for the Arundel Festival of the Arts opening ceremony shared on Facebook and website and press release sent to Littlehampton Gazette, West Sussex Gazette and Sussex Local. Sussex Local said they will try to put something online but we are yet to see anything. Article featured in newspaper:

The Guide



Flying the flag

Picture by Robin O'Neill

Scaled-down Arundel Festival set to open with busy programme of theatre, art, music and fun!

Theatre

In still worrying times and against a background of tight finances, organisers of the 2021 Arundel Festival of the Arts have come up with a scaled-down festival to be proud of, running from August 20-30.

It's a cautious festival, avoiding big crowds in the town centre, but it still comes packed with events.

Chairman Sharon Blaikie said: "We are looking forward to celebrating this special community and bringing together all the wonderful contributors."

Highlights include a music festival in Brooks fields at the back of Mill Road Car Park, next to Harry's Circus on the Meadows, Dawn Gracie's Big Top Cabaret Show, a concert series celebrating the music of Duke Ellington and a history exhibition telling the story of Arundel in the 1950s.

There will also be a Festival series of three concerts at the Cathedral, and the Festival are working in association with The Lido who will present activities for families and children. Shakespeare At The Castle and drama from Drip Action Theatre and Arundel Players will be back as well as a reduced gallery trail.

In their planning, the festival committee came up with three options: a minimal festival with just a few events online; a medium-scale festival; and a full-on festival. They've gone for option two.

Event liaison Frank Regester stressed it was a question of doing so in a way appropriate to all the uncertainties we are still living with.

The previous committee resigned in 2019 and a new committee took over, and we were all geared up for 2020. But sadly we had to cancel the live festival and we put on a virtual online festival instead which went well. We kept

Record on the last night. Timings are Friday 7-10.30pm, Saturday 3-10.30pm and Sunday, 12-7pm. Maximum numbers are 500 - which Frank is confident will mean things will feel very spacious indeed on a large site.

Over the opening weekend, nearby there will also be Happy Circus, and then on the Sunday, after the musical festival, after the circus, vintage entertainer Dawn Gracie will take over the circus tent for her big-top cabaret. During the week there will be a series of concerts entitled Duke Ellington Remembered, two at South Stoke barn, one in St Nicholas Church and one in the Norfolk Arms.

There will also be a series of concerts in Arundel Cathedral: "We are trying to use venues that we have not used often in the recent past, and the cathedral is an excellent venue because it is big."

The first in the series is a children's concert hosted by the Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra on Thursday, August 26, an ideal opportunity for young listeners to experience live music and watch instrumental demonstrations. The second in the series is on Sunday, August 29, an evening by the Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra of light classics from Mozart and Beethoven through to Coates and Grainger.

The final event in the series is on Bank Holiday Monday, August 30, Music for a Summer's evening: Folk songs, Fantasy and Jazz. Ilyria theatre company will be offering Much Ado About Nothing at Arundel Castle on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21.

Castle events will also include a picnic for Arundel residents only.

Arundel Festival tickets are available from the Arundel Festival website at www.arundelfestival.co.uk

Festival
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Pupils at Arundel Church of England Primary School and St Philip's Roman Catholic Primary School have been busily making flags for the opening procession for the Arundel Festival of the Arts on Friday, August 20 at 3.45pm.

The festival will then run with a busy programme of entertainments until August 30, closing, as it traditionally does, on the Bank Holiday Monday.

After the procession on the opening day, the flags will be displayed in Arundel Cathedral. On the last day of the summer term

Arundel mayor Tony Hunt, accompanied by Sharon Blaikie, chairman of the festival committee, visited the two schools to choose the winning flags.

Tony said: "The flags really captured the spirit of the Arundel Festival, and they were so vibrant and imaginative that as we selected the winners it really felt as if the festival had already started."

"Arundel is fortunate in having headteachers at both primary schools who encourage the pupils to engage with the events taking place in the town, and this work shows how the children have really thought about what the Festival means for them individually. We had planned

to award three prizes in each school, but the work was so good that we increased that number to five, and even then it was difficult to choose. We were grateful to the children and to the schools for producing such wonderful work for the 2021 Arundel Festival."

Arundel Festival celebrates its 45th year in 2021 and runs from August 20-30. The programme has been scaled back with public safety in mind and there will be more outdoor events whilst indoor events are taking place in larger venues with reduced audience numbers and on a pre-booking/all ticketed basis."

Tickets may be ordered on Arundelfestival.co.uk/ tickets.

music theatre food cinema comedy events



- 23) King Street & Mount Pleasant Road Closure – 4th August**
Notification of road closure posted on Facebook and website
- 24) Make Ford Road Safe Petition – 6th August**
New petition link for the Make Ford Road Safe Campaign shared on Facebook
- 25) Arun Wellbeing Summer Newsletter – 9th August**
Newsletter shared on Facebook and website
- 26) King Street & Mount Pleasant Road Closure – 9th August**
Reminder of road closure posted on Facebook
- 27) Voluntary Assistant Flood Defence Advisor & Assistant Tree Warden Vacancies – 12th August**
Vacancies for Voluntary Assistant Flood Defence Advisor & Assistant Tree Warden shared on Facebook and website
- 28) Vacancy for 2 Councillors – 12th August**
2 Councillor Vacancy notices posted on Facebook and website
- 29) Make Ford Road Safe Petition – 13th August**
New petition link for the Make Ford Road Safe Campaign shared on website
- 30) November edition of Arun Times – 18th August**
Starting to work on content for November edition of Arun Times.
- 31) Arundel Neighbourhood Plan – 19th August**
Working with James Stewart and Sue Simpson on an article for the November edition of The Clerk magazine on our work in affordable housing via the neighbourhood plan and community land trust.
- 32) Arundel in the 1960s – 20th August**
Poster for the Arundel in the 1960s exhibition shared on Facebook and website
- 33) AFOTA's Opening Ceremony – 21st August**
Video of the Arundel Festival of the Arts opening ceremony posted on Facebook
- 34) Children star in Cathedral concert – 31st August**
Written piece about the children's concert at the Cathedral as part of AFOTA's and the Festival in general posted on Facebook and website. Also sent to Littlehampton Gazette and West Sussex Gazette.
- 35) Bus Back Better Survey – 31st August**
WSCC's Bus Back Better survey promoted on Facebook and website.