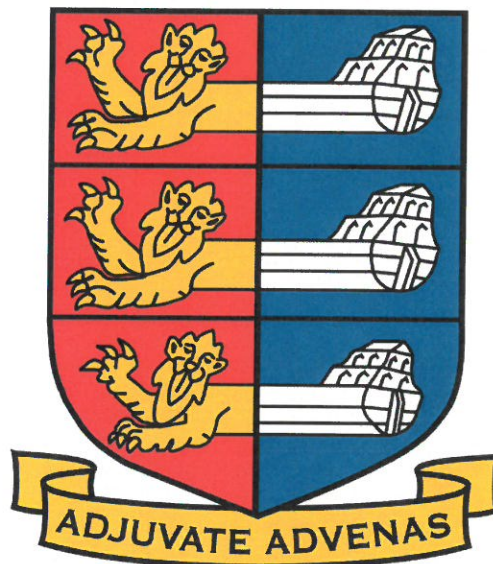




Deal Town Council

Annual Report

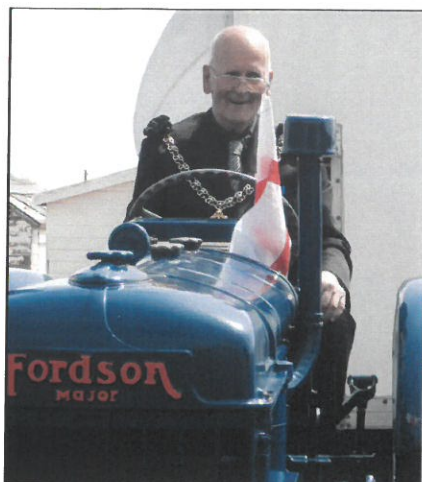
2015/2016



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Chairman - Cllr Adrian Friend 2015-16: It was a great honour and privilege to be elected Mayor of my hometown and I have tried to fulfil the requirements of this important office to the best of my ability alongside fellow councillors. I have worked tirelessly in promoting and extolling the benefits of living in our wonderful town. Deal is unique in having an abundance of voluntary organisations helping and working for the benefit of the community and I have been very impressed by the good work they are doing. Deal Town Council spent 2015 working away for the benefit of the local community and its residents, and 2016 will be no different. The Town Council will continue to work in partnership with local organisations and the community to build on the success of the town winning Best High Street of the Year and Silver Gilt in the South and South East in Bloom competition. Work is underway exploring options for future events in the town for residents and tourists to enjoy and an exciting new town guide is being produced by the Deal Town Team with assistance from the Town Council. I'm happy to report that this year, the Council's decision to maintain the budget expenditure at the 2015-16 level will mean that the Deal Town Council Precept, the amount that each ratepayer will pay has been reduced and a 'Band D equivalent' property will be required to pay towards the Precept will reduce by 2%. '



The Town Hall Team

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Visitor Information Centre Officers/Reception	Mrs Cathy Whitnall Sue Morbey	Email: info@deal.gov.uk



Deal Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6TR
The Town Council and Visitor Information Centre is open
Monday to Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Saturdays 10.00am - 2.00pm



Visit Deal Town Council's reception to get local council information, pick up what's on in Deal listings, collect leaflets and guides on Deal, bus and train timetables, book National Express and Bayliss tickets, and pick up theatre programmes, cycle routes, maps and walks. There is also a great selection of souvenirs and gifts to purchase.

Saturday Market: Union Rd Car Park. You will



find there are lots on offer, including: plants, fresh flowers, eggs, fruit and vegetables, meat products,

bric and brac, freshly made food, and cakes. The market is currently fully occupied but the Market Officer is always interested to hear from potential traders, so please email him at: andrew.kononowicz@deal.gov.uk



Wednesday & Friday Markets 9am to

1.30pm in the Town Hall Undercroft. A variety of traders selling meat, homemade cakes

and pastries, bread, cookies, preserves, biscuits, eggs, plants and crafts. If you wish to book a pitch or for further information please email Heather McAdam at: heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk



Deal Town Hall was built in 1803 and is a Grade II listed building. Steeped in history, the elegant oak panelled chamber is surrounded by stunning oil paintings and artefacts. The main chamber is a multi-functional room and can be hired for many different purposes and occasions. There is also a smaller committee room which is ideal for meetings and talks. If you are looking for a unique venue that combines heritage, history and total versatility then the Town Hall is the perfect place for your wedding, party, event or meeting. The Chamber is a room that can accommodate up to 80 people and it can be hired for many different purposes/occasions. For further information about hiring the Town Hall please contact the Events Manager, Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 or via email joanne.harper@deal.gov.uk



Events - Listed below are some events that were organised by Deal Town Council during 2015/16. All were open to the public and free to attend:

Braderie: The September annual street Fayre was a great success, the weather was kind and the public turned up in their 1000s to grab a bargain and browse through the antiques and memorabilia.

Charter Day: The traditional church service was held at St Georges Church on 13 October to commemorate the date that the town of Deal received its "Charter of Incorporation" from King William III on 13 October 1699, this gave the town the standing of a 'Borough and Market Town'.

Town Hall Christmas Fayre: This popular annual event was held on 21 December at the Town Hall. Children were invited to join in making Christmas crafts to take home, face painting, tea and cakes all provided for free. There were also lots of stalls offering a variety of gifts and foods to purchase for last minute gifts. Father Christmas had his own Christmas grotto ready for him to meet the children and give out free Christmas presents, this is

definitely an annual event to mark in your calendar to get into the Christmas spirit!



Deal in Bloom Working Group: The Deal in Bloom Working group achieved another success winning a Silver Gilt Award in the South and South East in Bloom Competition in 2015. The group put a number of hours each into the planning and liaising with other organisations to help make Deal a pleasant place to live and work, with colourful containers/hanging baskets along the High Street, along the Sea Front on the lamp columns, the Scented Garden on the High Street, also working with Dover District Council for the colour scheme.

We held our own 'Bloom' Competition for Deal Town Residents, with worthy winners of Cups and Certificates being presented in the Town Hall by the Mayor at a special event. We are fortunate to have home-owners who are proud to make their front gardens a pleasing sight for others to enjoy, and I thank them on behalf of Deal Town Council and the working group. I also thank our businesses along the Sea Front who go the extra mile with their extremely colourful displays of flowers on their properties, and also on the entertainment area.

This coming year 2016 will be no exception in our endeavours to make Deal the most colourful coastal town along the South Coast, Deal is entered into the South and South East in Bloom Awards and the prestigious Britain in Bloom so 'watch this space'! Cllr Marlene Burnham, Deal in Bloom Working Group Chairman, Deal Town Council.



Finance & General Purposes Committee: The 2015/16 Finance and General Purpose Committee has had a busy and successful year in ensuring expenditure has been undertaken wisely during the year whilst at the same time ensuring services have not been cut. The year has seen initiatives taken by the Town Hall staff to generate extra revenue from the active promotion to the Town Hall for events and through promotion of additional products by the Tourist Information centre.

In addition savings were made with new contracts for the photo copier, p.o.s card machine, utilities, the revision of the previously planned 4 year program to replace the robes for the Town Council and the decision by all the Conservative Town Councillors, one Labour Town Councillor and the Mayor to not take their allowances this year. As a result the Town Council in 2016-17 has been able to reduce Deal ratepayers contribution to the precept by 2% whilst still maintaining services and to increase reserves.

Cllr Trevor Bond Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes committee

Planning committee: Deal Town Council's planning committee faced a bit of a challenge for the 2015-2016 year because 5 of the 7 members of the committee had never sat on a planning committee before. Only Cllr Bond and I have served on Town & District planning committees.

But we also have Robin Green from the Deal Society & Bill Elliott from the Friends of North Deal who sit on the planning committee as advisory members without voting rights and these two gentlemen are a great asset to our committee.

We faced some very controversial planning applications over the year like the South Street proposals and this planning committee listened to the public and between us we got KCC to agree with Deal Town Council and change their plans.

And we have Mrs Kelly Lawrence the Planning Clerk & Mrs Lorna Crow the Town Clerk to thank for all the hard work that they put in for our meetings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our planning committee because they have done very well and I hope you will all continue to serve on this committee next year, I know it is not an easy committee to serve on because you can't please everyone and yes we have rules to keep to. Thank you all.

Cllr Wayne Elliott Chairman of the planning committee

Allotments: Deal Town council has three allotment sites that they are responsible for at Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue and the allotment officer and I have continued to improve the sites with the working group. All plots are currently allocated and there is now a short waiting list of those wishing to take on an allotment. However the list is reviewed and updated regularly and when any very large plots become vacant they are split into smaller sites to give opportunities to a greater number of residents.

Cllr David Cronk, Chairman of the Allotment Working group

Grants/Financial assistance 2015/2016 Listed below are the organisations who received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2015/2016 to the value of £20,950

Addelam History Research Group	£350
Canterbury & District Samaritans	£400
Carmel Motors Community Project C.I.C	£840
Deal & Betteshanger Rugby Football Club	£1,264
Deal & District Lioness Club	£350
Deal & Vlissengen Fencing Club	£250
Deal & Walmer Allotment Association	£471
Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade	£500
Deal & Walmer Community Association	£500
Deal Festival of Music and the Arts	£500
Deal Gymnastics Club	£400
Deal Saint Omer Twinning Society	£650
Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club	£495
Dover Deal & District CAB	£1,000
Dover District Volunteer Centre	£730
DWKRA	£1,000
Heartstart South East Coast Constitution	£350
Kent Miners Festival	£400
Linwood Under Fives Preschool	£1,000
Loose Cannon	£300
Martha Trust	£200
Men of Kent & Kentish Men	£300
RNLI Walmer Lifeboat/Classic Music & Motor Show	£400
Royal Marines Association	£350
St Andrews Church (Real Deal)	£250
St George's Church	£1,000
St Leonards Social Centre	£1,000
The Marine Society & Sea Cadets	£500
Trudy's Wheels	£550
Veterans Association of Deal	£500
Walmer Cricket Club	£250
White Cliffs D of E Awards Panel	£150
White Cliffs Ramblers Group	£500

Additional Grants provided during the year:


Dover Retail Crime Operations	£2,500
Deal Town Fairtrade Network	£750

Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL			2015/16	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
Income	2014/15	2015/16	<i>All the above figures are taxable</i>	
Precept	£367,062	£375,721	ALLOWANCES PAID	
Visitor Information Centre	£20,281	£22,754	Cllr B Bano	£300
Markets	£27,632	£27,990	Cllr D Bond	NIL
Braderie	£4,085	£3,753	Cllr T Bond	NIL
Allotments	£5,366	£4,549	Cllr M Burnham	£300
Town Hall Income	£6,635	£9,934	Cllr L Butler	NIL
Other	£1,182	£704	Cllr E Carr	NIL
Total	£432,244	£445,404	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Supporting Income			Cllr M Eddy	£300
Provisions Brought Forward	£67,381	£53,435	Cllr W Elliott	NIL
Dover District Council Grant	£26,012	£17,586	Cllr A Friend	NIL
Total Income	£525,637	£516,425	Cllr B Frost	NIL
Expenditure	2014/15	2015/16	Cllr D Harper	£300
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£5,374	£16,698	Cllr C Hartley	£300
Promoting Town	£14,980	£10,991	Cllr P Inch	NIL
Visitor Information Centre	£18,351	£19,713	Cllr K Lee	NIL
Markets	£7,989	£6,214	Special Allowance:	
Braderie	£2,142	£1,853	Chairman's Allowance	
Grants/Donations	£14,999	£17,700	Cllr A Friend	NIL
Councillors allowances	£4,200	£1,800	<i>All the above figures are taxable</i>	
Allotments	£3,675	£2,402		
Salaries & Pensions	£187,360	£205,142		
Town Hall & Other costs	£116,072	£115,004		
Public Conveniences	£42,383	£41,658		
Election Costs		£15,500		
Total	£417,525	£454,675		
Carried Forward Provisions	£61,789	£42,430		
Net Surplus	£46,323	£19,320		



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Meeting Schedule 2016-2017

Agendas for above meetings are available 5 days in advance from Deal Town Council's reception or available to download from the council website www.deal.gov.uk

Council Meeting	Time & Venue	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	Mon 27	Tues 19		Tues 20	Tues 18	Tues 22		Tues 31	Tues 21	Tues 21	Fri *21 Wed 26	Mon *22 Wed **31
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	Tues 21	Mon 11		Mon 12	Mon 10	Mon 14		Mon 9	Mon 13	Mon 13	Mon 10	Mon 8
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	Wed 8	Wed 6	Wed 3	Tues 6	Wed 5	Wed 2	Wed 7	Wed 4	Wed 8	Wed 8	Wed 5	Wed 3

*21 Apr: Annual Town Meeting

*22 May: Annual Meeting of the council (Mayor is elected at this meeting)

**31 May Ceremonial Mayoral evening

