

# Polegate Town Council

Newsletter  
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## Polegate bids sad farewell to two long-standing Councillors

Residents and Councillors alike were shocked and saddened by the death of two of Polegate's longest-serving Councillors, Roy Martin and Gerald Carter.

Roy Martin passed away on the 30th May after a short illness. He had been a Polegate Town Councillor for many years, and was the longest continuously serving Councillor for the Wealden District. He continued to take an active part in local political and community life until shortly before his death.



Roy's funeral took place on the 22nd June at St John's church, and was attended by hundreds of friends, former colleagues and well-wishers.

Gerald Carter passed away on the 15th July after a long period of ill health. He first held office as a Polegate Town and Wealden District Councillor between 1987 and 1991. He returned to the Town Council in 1995. He held the office of Deputy Mayor in 2001-3, and was Town Mayor on two occasions, in 1999-2001 and 2006-2007. During his

long service Gerald chaired the Council's finance, planning and personnel committees, until earlier this year when his health forced him to take a less active role.



A private family funeral for Gerald will take place on Wednesday the 1st August at 1.30pm at St. John's Church, Polegate. No flowers by request but donations may be made to the Berwick Ward at Eastbourne District General Hospital via Adela Funeral Homes, 45 South Street, Eastbourne BN21 4UT

## New Mayor and Deputy for Town



Polegate's new Mayor and Deputy donned their respective regalia in May. Cllrs Malcolm Cunningham (left) and John Harmer look set for a busy year of civic engagements. This publication wishes them both well during their terms of office.

## Back to the fifties



The year 1952 was the theme for Mayor Malcolm Cunningham's Summer Tea Party for Polegate's retired community. Seated 'street party' style on long tables, guests tucked into paste sandwiches, pork pies, jelly and blancmange, served by children from the Willingdon Community School, and joined in with the nostalgic games and quiz. The event raised £143.61 for Polegate's Children with Cancer Fund, one of the Mayor's charities for this year.

## Dates for your diary

Full Council—30th July; Finance and Policy—17th Sept; Full Council—24th Sept; Environment and Leisure—29th October

## Lord Lieutenant plants Jubilee oak Polegate's parking problems

Wannock Road recreation ground was the scene of ceremony on the 2nd June. Mr Peter Field, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, visited Polegate to plant an oak sapling in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The sapling was donated to the First Polegate Scouts by the Royal Estates.



*The Lord Lieutenant is Her Majesty the Queen's personal representative for the County. The first Lords Lieutenant were appointed by King Henry VIII and were responsible for the efficiency of the militia units in their respective counties.*

*Photo by courtesy of Dan Dunbar.*

Car parking is one of the annoyances of modern town life, and Polegate is no exception. The Council frequently receives complaints about illegal parking, obstruction by vehicles and abuse of the two hour parking bays. Unfortunately, because parking offences in the Wealden District have not been de-criminalised, it falls to the police to deal with parking issues along with their many other duties.

If you have any complaints about vehicles being illegally parked or causing an obstruction, contact Sussex Police using their non-emergency number 101.

## Get snapping!

Local photographer Dan Dunbar invites anyone who is handy with a camera to submit photographs with a Polegate theme for inclusion in his 2013 calendar, with proceeds going to St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Competition closes on the 19th October. For details visit our website [www.polegate-tc.co.uk](http://www.polegate-tc.co.uk)

## Towards a tidier town centre



Over the next few weeks you'll see signs like this one appearing around the town centre. They're part of the Council's initiative

to keep our town looking neat and tidy. Local traders are already doing their bit by keeping the areas outside their businesses litter and weed free, and the Council's own litter patrol visits our open spaces and recreation grounds on a daily basis to clear up after those who rather thoughtlessly deposit drinks cans and food wrappers. You can play your part by taking your litter home, and by contacting Wealden District Council (01323 443322) if you spot any overflowing litter or dog waste bins.

## Former Mayor helps Hospice



In May, Outgoing Mayor Councillor Tim Voyce had the pleasant task of presenting a cheque for £517 to St Wilfrid's

Hospice, the Mayor's charity for the year. Charlotte Nuckhir, Head of Community Engagement and Jenna Stringer, Community Engagement Co-ordinator accepted the donation on behalf of the charity at its shop in Polegate High Street.

Your Town Councillors and their phone numbers: Chris BERRY 486705; Edward BOARD 486508; Michael CLEWETT 486647; Malcolm CUNNINGHAM (Mayor) 486260; George GIBBS 484109; John HARMER (Deputy Mayor) 485801; Joseph O'RIORDAN 486021; Margaret PIPER 485611; Mark PYBUS 482128; Daniel SHING; Stephen SHING 489265; Jill VOYCE 486429; Tim VOYCE 486429