

**Beaconsfield Now!** is part of the NEW Beaconsfield Community Festival. This series of events was inspired by a wish for different groups in the town to work together to celebrate the history, music, art and community spirit that prevails within Beaconsfield. We hope you will join in the festivities at the historic *Charter Fair, Art Fair, Beaconsfield Now!* (a family fun and information day) and don't be confused but on Saturday, *live music* with "The Friday Night Conspiracy Band".

We are delighted that the *Chiltern Shakespeare Company, Beaconsfield Musical and Operatic Society* and *Young Theatre* are going to provide some live demonstrations at Beaconsfield Now May 12th 11am until 2pm **Beaconsfield Rugby Club**. No need to worry - no swords or batons but great fun. Come and find out some of the skills behind the scenes. Look out for demonstration times on the day.

Have you booked your tickets for the next *Chiltern Shakespeare Company* performance 'Richard III' at Hall Barn June 13<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>? If not come and learn more at **Beaconsfield Now!** You can't miss the people in the know they will be in costume!

*Butlers Court students* have been learning their steps to show you how they maypole dance. Come and cheer them on at **Beaconsfield Now!** May 12th 11am until 2pm at **Beaconsfield Rugby Club**.

Need a cuddle? So, do many of the animals joining us for this year's **Beaconsfield Now!** Gertie goat and Sally sheep and their farmyard friends are looking forward to seeing you at **Beaconsfield Now**.

Ever seen what Mum and Dad used to drive in? Well perhaps the grandparents? *Vintage cars* on display near the Beaconsfield Rugby Club pavilion. Come and take a look.

Hungry? Perhaps you have been joining in the *Maypole dancing* or enjoyed bouncing on the *Bouncy Castle*? Speed on over to the Scout barbecue and grab a beef burger, the Guides stall is close by and will have a cake to enjoy as well.

Interested in learning more? Have a chat with Deirdre at the **WI** stalls. They have lots to tell you about.

Do you know the history of the town? Why not ask Mike and Margaret and some of the recently trained volunteers who have been sorting the **Beaconsfield Archives** so information is more easily available for everyone. Ask them about a new website at **Beaconsfield Now!**

Want to get fit? Stallholders from the **Beacon Centre** will take you through the paces so you know what is available and how to join. The equipment is brilliant. Keep fit and find out how at **Beaconsfield Now!**

Interested in trains? Don't miss **Beaconsfield Now!** A ride on train will be operating along the pitch touchline suitable for adults and children alike. The **Beaconsfield and District Model Railway Club** have an even smaller track working on display. Which is your favourite engine?

Enjoy singing? **Wooburn Singers** meet regularly in Beaconsfield. Are you attending the Gershwin and Tippett concert on June 16<sup>th</sup>? Find out more details about this auditioned choir and its concerts at **Beaconsfield Now!** May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rugby Club 11am until 2pm

Thinking about adopting a furry friend. Don't miss Pat and the **RSPCA** stall. She will be able to provide details about how and where to find a suitable fluffy companion. Why not give an animal a second chance and provide the kids with something to cuddle and be responsible for as well?

**School Aid** collects and sends donated books from all over the UK to schools in need in Africa. Do you have a few hours spare to help them pack boxes? A friendly cheerful group needs your help. Why not visit the stall and find out more?

Are you aware Beaconsfield is twinned with a French town called Langres? Together the two communities share activities and interests when they arrange return visits - learning from their experiences. Find out more from Jacqui

at the ***Twining Association*** Stall at **Beaconsfield Now!** part of the Beaconsfield Community Festival.

This November our country will commemorate 100years since the end of the first World War. Do you know what is being arranged and how you can be involved? Find out at the ***WW1 stall*** at **Beaconsfield Now!**

Your local ***CAP Job Club*** is a friendly place where you will get practical help as you seek employment. It's a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other jobseekers, get support and gain the tools you need to find work. Being unemployed can be hard to deal with on your own, but being part of one of our 156 CAP Job Clubs means you face the challenge with other people in similar situations. 25% of job club attendees now find work! Have a word with Paul and find out more about our local CAP Job club in Beaconsfield at **Beaconsfield Now!** May 12<sup>th</sup> 11am until 2pm

Interested in getting your hands dirty or finding out more about wildlife and how to conserve it? Do you know how to create a dormouse trail or manage cowslips on a chalk bank? Speak with Les at the ***Friends of Holtspur Bank Nature Reserve*** or with Brenda at the ***Holtspur Bottom Butterfly Reserve***. These conservation stalls will be attending Beaconsfield Now! on May 12<sup>th</sup>

Have you seen Noddy? Do you know about Enid Blyton? Young and old enjoy the ***model village at Bekonscot*** even the Queen has visited in her youth. Laugh at the shop names or watch the coal mine at work. Don't forget the trains circulating and boats entering the marina. Come and find out from Maura and Brian what will be new in 2018

Are you interested in the Arts? What information can you learn from talks and exhibitions at ***The Art Society?*** Do you know what is being shown at the Film School? The ***Beaconsfield Film Society*** look forward to welcoming you soon at one of their screenings which are held in the auditorium at the world famous ***National Film and Television School*** (NFTS) in central Beaconsfield starting at 8pm. Find out how

to join at Beaconsfield Now 2018 11am until 2pm Rugby Club Windsor End.

Do you have friends or family who have cancer? Much has changed with diagnosis and treatments in the last few years and in some ways this is thanks to the *Friends of Cancer Research*. Can you help make a difference and raise funds with them for this great cause. What have they planned in their calendar for this year? Find out more at **Beaconsfield Now!** part of the Beaconsfield Community Festival.

Do you like to curl up with a book? Do you like to play board games but have no one to play with? Have you always wanted to learn to knit? Come and meet other like minded people at the *Beaconsfield library*. Learn a new skill while making friends. If you arrive on a Thursday you may even be roped into a *Simply Walk group!* Two lengths of walk - a fast or slower walk start from the library at 10.30am. Walking for health and enjoyment along paths often not found by Beaconsfield residents, we are a friendly group of mixed ages. Why not find out more at **Beaconsfield Now!** and come and join us.

What does your *Town Council* do? What would a unitary authority look like? Find out what is happening about the Local Plan and development in town? Is there a plan for traffic and parking issues? Find out more from Margaret and other councillors?

Beaconsfield Community Festival is a collection of events taking place around the same week. *Churches Together* represents a collection of the churches in Beaconsfield. Under this umbrella there is plenty going on all year round. Why not talk with John who will explain all that the churches are involved in for all ages. He will be attending Beaconsfield Now! 2018 on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the rugby club.