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New town clerk aims to preserve town's history

THE new Epping town clerk is vowing to do all he can to help maintain the town's history and character.

Ash Tadjrishi, who is replacing Bob Whittome, joins Epping Town Council having previously been deputy clerk with Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council in Hertfordshire where he started as events' manager.



Mr Tadjrishi (pictured) said: "Epping is a town steeped in history and it is clear that one of the main focuses of the town council is to maintain and preserve that in the face of external pressures for development.

"There's a lot of architectural merit in Epping and that's something to be proud of because it will take an effort to preserve it in the future.

"Local planning is just one of the issues the town council members are concerned about and as clerk I aim to ensure that the views of members, as the town's elected representatives, are heard."

In just the few weeks that he has been in Epping, Mr Tadjrishi is already well aware of the strength of community spirit that exists in the town.

He said: "Being new to the area means I've got a lot to learn but hopefully I can bring a fresh outlook and will be able to support what the members want to achieve with appropriate advice."

With a background in event planning the annual Epping Town Show will continue to be one of the key dates in the local calendar – and something Mr Tadjrishi is looking forward to being involved with.

"Considering the Town Show is free to attend, what we provide is exemplary. With an interest in public events I hope I can be an asset to the team and help them bring about improvements or build added value. We always welcome comments or suggestions. Giving feedback enables us to properly consider the needs of residents and local organisations."

WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of the Everything News (Epping) published by Everything Epping Forest with the support of Epping Town Council.

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Campaign launched for craft and culture centre

THE former Centrepoint building in Epping would be “perfect” for a community craft and culture centre, it has been claimed.

Businessman Trevor Krueger, partner proprietor of haberdashery and knitting shop Little Sew n’ Sews, is behind a move to secure the new use for the currently boarded up building in St John’s Road.

He says the site offers the “perfect accommodation” for a social centre dedicated to the community and the promotion of local learning and cultural activities.

Mr Krueger says a “great many” of his customers strongly believe the town needs such a centre to act as the heart of the town - a place to meet, socialise and celebrate community spirit.

As well as providing classes for a wide range of creative activities such as needlecrafts, cookery, candle making, literacy classes and much more, Mr Krueger also hopes to establish a new town choir, band, commemorative tapestry team and even Morris Dancing.

“Something for everyone,” he said. His plan also includes a crèche for children of all parents attending the centre facilities and a walk to school and collection service for working mums.

The future of the site has yet to be decided but Mr Krueger believes current options involve selling it as a single retail outlet or for housing.

Club given school talk

A TALK on Chigwell School was given to Epping Probus Club by headmaster Michael Punt.

Mr Punt, the 35th headmaster of

the school, spoke about its history and present day activities.

The school was founded in 1629 by Samuel Harsnett, then Archbishop of York and Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University. He wrote the indentures of foundation of the school and these are read in school annually.

When founded, the school had 16 “poor, clever” scholars.

Today it educates 750 young people of both sexes aged seven to 18, including boarders.

Former pupils include William Penn (1650s) who later became a Quaker and founded Pennsylvania.

In 1714 the Quaker Society sent a Red Indian, Prince George son of the Chief of the Yemese Indians, to attend Chigwell.

A former headmaster, William Collon (1795), became Governor of the Bank of England.

Club member and Old Chigwellian Dick Leng gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is at Lindsey Street Community Association, Frampton Road, Epping, on Wednesday, February 8.

Epping Art Society

EPPING Art Society meets on the first Friday in the month and the following Wednesday. The Friday meetings are at Epping Methodist Church Hall (7.30pm) and are always practical.

The following Wednesday meeting is at Pelly Court, Hemnall Street (7.30pm for 8pm). A full programme is planned for 2012. Practicals will include Sunlight on Snow, Tall Buildings, Moonlight, Flowers and Monoprinting. This session will be led by Sally Macpherson.

Every month there is a newsletter a few days before the

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COMPETITION

THE Ideal Home Show, sponsored by Everest, is returning to London’s Earls Court for 17 days from March 16 to April 1, and Everything Epping Forest and the Everything News has ten pairs of tickets for lucky readers to win. The show boasts a new celebrity Ambassador line-up for 2012, more than 600 exhibitors and eight inspirational show sections all under one roof.

Flamboyant interior designer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen will be the new celebrity ambassador for the ideal Interiors section, whilst TV gardening royalty Alan Titchmarsh joins the Ideal Home Show family as ideal Gardens ambassador along with Lorraine Kelly, the new face of ideal Woman. These new celebrity faces will join existing show ambassadors and favourites, Gregg Wallace of ideal Food, Suzi Perry of ideal Gadgets and George Clarke of ideal Home Improvements at Earls Court this spring. This year’s show will take visitors through an exciting and spectacular showcase of inspirational living offering everything from full scale show homes to explore, expert advice, must have gadgets and gizmos, live cooking demonstrations, plus stunning interior room sets, creative show gardens, tasty treats to purchase, an indulgent pampering zone and more ideal Shopping than ever before!

Who is the new celebrity ambassador for the ideal Interiors section?

Email your answer to everythingeppingforest@googlemail.com and include your name, full postal address and a daytime telephone number.

The tickets will go to the first ten correct answers drawn after the March 14 (5pm) closing date.

meeting with details of the next Friday, a review of the last Wednesday speaker and what to expect from the next.

There are at least two exhibitions a year either in St John's Church, Epping, or Copped Hall, Epping, where members show any of their work that is for sale.

A website is being set up but at the moment for more information email Roger at eppingartsociety@yahoo.co.uk or ring Sally on 01992 560807.

Time to register for St Clare Hospice run

RUNNERS can register for the St Clare Hospice 10k run on Sunday, April 1.

Tracy Stratford, the hospice's events fundraiser, said: "This run is always a great event which sees serious club runners and new runners looking for a challenge join together to run and raise funds for their local hospice. If you have never run before and are looking for a New Year's challenge like Joyce, then this event is for you! We have a fantastic ten-week training schedule for beginners so there's plenty of time to train and prepare for the event."

The hospice hopes to attract some 600 runners and raise £15,500 towards the £2.7m needed to run the hospice every year so it can continue to provide care free of charge to patients and their families.

The run is open to all runners aged 15 years and over.

All runners will receive a goody bag, medal and t-shirt.

Family and friends are welcome to go along on the day to cheer on the runners.

Refreshments, including a barbeque, and entertainment will be available.

Registration costs £12 (or £10 for affiliated runners). For more information, ring 01279 773750 or email fund@stclarehospice.org.uk

You can also find out more at www.stclarehospice.org.uk/10krun.html

Magistrate retires after 22 years

MAGISTRATE Richard Morgan has retired after 22 years serving the judiciary in west Essex.

Mr Morgan was appointed in 1989 and became a chairman and member of the Chairmanship Committee and Licensing Committee in 1997.

He has also spent six years as chairman of the licensing committee and also spent time as a Bench Appraiser.

Speaking at his farewell reception, Glynne Davies, chairman of the North Essex bench, paid tribute to Mr Morgan's many years of service and the support given by his wife, Jean.

She said: "Two words spring to mind when describing Richard - generosity and kindness.

"Everyone here knows how kind Richard is to everyone he meets. I have never known him to refuse to help people out with court sittings if he possibly could."

Tributes were also paid by the probation service, prosecution lawyers and defence solicitors and HMCS.

Glynne Davies added: "It is no secret that Richard loved being chairman of the bench and would ideally have wanted to stay on for his final year but the rules didn't

permit it and so he stood for deputy instead.

"Over the year he has been a constant source of advice and support. It is going to be very difficult to imagine the bench without Richard."

Mr Morgan said: "Although I am very sad at having to retire, I have enjoyed the past 22 years. It has been a wonderful experience and I have met many people from all walks of life, and have made many new friends.

"I look forward to working as a Witness Service Volunteer at the courts."

Meg prepares for Inca Trail fundraiser

TWO years ago Meg Martin supported St Clare Hospice raising £6,500 by spending five days walking The Great Wall of China - now she has her sights set on the Inca Trail in Peru.

Meg, 56, who lives in Coopersale, will be setting out on her adventure in May - but before then has set herself the target of raising £3,250 for the local hospice.

She said: "The Great Wall of China was an inspirational trip and helped raise a considerable amount of money for the hospice. It was well worth every one of the thousands and thousands of steps!

"This time the challenge will be a much harder experience as it will involve coping with much higher altitude and spending several nights under canvas with very limited facilities."

Meg, a former teacher who now works as a freelance education adviser, is supporting the Hastingwood charity after both her parents died in a hospice in

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south east London.

She said: "Supporting any hospice is dear to my heart. Most people are helped at some point in their lives by the care that hospices give, so I hope people think it is a very worthy charity to raise funds for."

Meg added: "It seems that everyone, including myself, is being affected by the current financial position. But if it is bad for individuals like me, it must be even worse for charities."

It costs St Clare Hospice some £5,500 a day to provide its vital support to hundreds of local people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Meg said: "That's why I'm going ahead with the challenge."

To sponsor Meg, visit her [JustGiving](http://www.justgiving.com/meg-treks-peru) webpage - www.justgiving.com/meg-treks-peru

WHAT'S ON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

'Open Talk' event organised by the local NHS to give people a chance to discuss the NHS transformation at Epping Hall (conference room), St John's Road, Epping (10am-noon). For more information, and to reserve a place at the meeting, email public.involvement@nhs.net or ring 01245 459395.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

West Essex Flower Club meets at Thornwood Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane,

Thornwood (1.45pm) for a demonstration, entitled Pairs, by Shirley Perkins. All welcome. Visitors £4.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Half-term event at Epping Library, St John's Road, Epping (2.30pm-3.30pm) for children aged four to ten years. Penguins and Polar Bears - stories, crafts and activities. For more details, ring the library on 01992 573504.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Ongar Music Club concert at the Budworth Hall, High Street, Ongar (8pm) with Matthew Lewis (trombone) and Jennifer Hughes (piano). Matthew, Essex Young Musician of the Year 2011, returns for his winner's recital. His programme will include Giordani's Caro Mio Ben and other showpieces for the trombone. Admission £10.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Lent Activity Day on a Greek theme at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Church Lane, High Beech (11.30am-3pm). Activities for children include Visitors can make a mask, make a honeycomb decoration, make a book mark, colour in a Bible story decoration, make an urn, make a laurel thank you wreath, make a mosaic - £1 each or £5 for all of the activities.

There will also be an opportunity for young visitors to make a High Beach Sports Mascot and to batik a t-shirt. Lunch options will be soup and a roll £1; moussaka or a

vegetarian option with salad £3, pancakes £1 each. There will also be a homemade cake stall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Music for Lunch at the Abbey Church, Waltham Abbey (12.30pm) with Willemijn Steenbakkers (violin) and Jonathan Musgrave (piano) in association with the Royal College of Music. Admission free. Retiring collection. Refreshments. For more details, ring the Parish Office on 01992 767897.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Theydon Bois and District Friends of Cancer Research UK quiz night at Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois (7.30pm for prompt 8pm start). Tickets £12, include fish / chicken and chips supper. Take your own drinks and glasses. For tickets and more details, ring Leslie on 01992 614008 or 07908 227476.

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