

Monthly Round-Up

1st Yate Beavers

On Thursday 17th October 2019, 1st Yate Beavers visited Poole Court, the home of Yate Town Council, to see a display of the Brinsham Ritz, a Bug Hotel recently built in Brinsham Park.

The Beavers helped build the Brinsham Ritz, positioned by the wildflower meadow and nature reserve, with the guidance of Tim Fairhead, Dodington Parish Councillor Paul Hulbert and Ian Dove - all members of the Avon Wildlife Trust Southwold group.



The display in Poole Court showed design drawings by the Beavers and photographs taken when it was being built, along with a miniature version of The Brinsham Ritz. The group was delighted to meet Town Councillors and local chainsaw artist Andy O'Neill who has since created a spectacular sign which is now attached to The Brinsham Ritz.

Councillor Karl Tomasin, Mayor and Chair of Yate Town Council, conducted a mini meeting in the Council Chamber with the beavers who took places at the table, banged the Council gavel and made suggestions of how Yate could be improved.

Councillor Tomasin commented: "It was a pleasure to welcome the beavers of 1st Yate to Poole Court last week and to see the wonderful displays of their brilliant work on the building of the Bug hotel at Brinsham Park this summer.

It was fantastic to be able to invite the young beavers and their leaders into the council chamber and talk about what's involved in being a councillor and what we do in here in Yate. It was also interesting to hear what exciting ideas they had about Yate and how they would like to enhance the town and its public open spaces, given half a chance!"

Councillor Chris Willmore organised a very successful treasure hunt, around the ground floor of the building with certificates for all the winners.

The Brinsham Ritz was made possible with Member Award Funding from South Gloucestershire Council members.



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NOEA Finalists

Yate Town Council is over the moon to hear that our very own festival, Yate Rocks!, has been shortlisted as a finalist at the National Outdoor Events Awards 2019.

The two day event that takes place in Kingsgate Park in June each year is a community event run by Yate Town Council with the help of The Friends of Kingsgate Park and Re-energise Event Management. The event showcases local talent including bands, dance groups, musicians and choirs as well as offering a host of attractions and refreshments to keep the huge crowds entertained. Yate Rocks! is now approaching its 14th year and just keeps getting bigger and better!



40 YEARS SUPPORTING OUTDOOR EVENTS

The winner of the award for Best Small Outdoor Event will be announced at the award ceremony on 27th November 2019 - we are up against 3 other deserving finalists in that category - Whirligig Festival (W-S-M), The Lord Mayors Hot Air Balloon Regatta (City of London) and Glastonbury Abbey Extravaganza. Keep your fingers crossed for us!

Howard Lewis Play Area

Yate Town Council was excited to announce the refurbishment of the Howard Lewis Play Area began on Monday 21st October 2019.

Weather permitting, the project should take around 4 weeks to complete.

The play area has been fenced off but access to the path and tennis court has remained open.

Following a consultation and feedback from local people, a number of enhancements have been added to the play area. These include replacing the tyre swing with a basket swing, the inclusion of a trampoline, new roundabout and various timber balance beams and equipment.



Yate Town Council successfully bid for s106 money and were awarded £49,628 for these enhancements at Howard Lewis.