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*Ian Packham
Community Hero*



From the Chairman

Dear Residents,

As 2022 gets underway, I am really looking forward to things getting back to normal. I'm really pleased that we are starting to see bookings for the hire of the village hall and the Heritage Centre returning. It is so good to see the various groups and societies starting to meet again.

Back in November, I was really pleased that we held our family fireworks event once again. This ever-popular event, held on 5th November, was attended by greatest number of people we have ever seen! It was so nice to welcome our residents to enjoy a fantastic display, set to the music of The Showman and it was lovely to receive such positive feedback this year, particularly from parents. We already have this year's event booked and ready to provide another event where residents can safely enjoy the fireworks. Although there is no charge on the gate for this event, we were certainly thankful for the kind public donations that were collected on the night. More importantly, we have been able to pass the £1210 raised on the night to some really worthy local groups to contribute toward some great projects.

2021 also saw the return of both of the Remembrance services on Sunday 14th November. In the morning I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Hextable Service in Five Wents Memorial Hall, which was led by Rev Johnny Douglas. In the afternoon, I took part in the Remembrance parade in Swanley through the town, followed by a wreath laying at the War Memorial, which was followed by the service held by Father Dane in St Mary's church. It was great to be able to take part in these important events once again.

I have really been pleased to continue to work closely with our Kent County Councillor, Perry Cole

on some of the issues that affect us in the village. It is so important that Hextable, Sevenoaks and Kent councils all work together to help make our village a better place. Cllr Cole has detailed some of the issues that he is currently working on later in this edition.

Finally, you can't have missed one of the most important projects that has been taking place in the centre of our village for a long time. After a period of about 9 years, we have seen the removal of the unsightly hoarding around St Peters church, and the new annexe. I am really pleased that this important project, to complete the development, to be known as Next Door Hextable, as well as the complete transformation of the exterior right in the centre of our village. The team are now in the final phase of the works which sees the completion of the soft landscaping, new paving and safe access-for-all to the new facility.

This has been a joint project and the parish council was pleased to contribute 20% towards the costs associated with some of the exterior landscaping - specifically with the highways verge part of the site, outside the church-owned boundary. By working together, this enabled the scheme to benefit from the efficiencies of using the same contractor to get both areas of the land completed. The Parish Council will resume annual planting within some of the site, so that we can all enjoy the usual vibrant coloured bedding. It is expected that the new high quality coffee shop and café will be open for business in March. This will further enhance our community of Hextable - by providing our village with a great new hub and meeting place.

Darren

Talk to Darren

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chairman@hextableparishcouncil.com



St. Peter's Annexe Update

“Who knew Hextable had a piazza?!”

“Can you really believe the hoardings have come down?!”

These are just some of the comments fielded regularly. It's with relief and excitement that we see the hoardings down at last and the landscaping racing along as we approach the end of the building works at Next Door Hextable. Now we can fully appreciate the difference that the café and annexe are going to make to the village centre, and the improvements to the tired and uneven paved area that used to mark the crossroads. After so many years of planning and fundraising it's hard to believe that we are finally talking about staffing, crockery and menu options!

The response in the village has been overwhelmingly positive, with people commenting on how much the sightlines and tidiness of the centre of our village have been improved, and that's before it's been finished! Our vision is to provide a beautiful space that will bless the village, providing a place of hospitality and welcome. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of Hextable Parish Council and many others. So many of you have taken the opportunity to partner with us in this project and become Patrons of the café, and it's not too late to join in! Any donations are of course, very welcome, but for a donation of £500 or more we will add you to the Patrons List, with the benefits of exclusive events and of course, discount in the café. We would love to complete this project without needing to take out any loans, which when you consider that all but £111K of this £1.6 million project has come from donations, is pretty incredible, and testament to the generosity of the congregation, wider community and partner organisations who have helped us along the way.

Join with us, and help make this a hub for Hextable and the surrounding villages; a place to meet, greet and grow together for generations to come.
If you have any questions just email: office@stph.org.uk

Johnny Douglas

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**NEXT DOOR
HEXTABLE**

HOME OF ST PETER'S HEXTABLE AND ST PAUL'S SWANLEY VILLAGE

www.nextdoorhextable.org.uk

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!

The major improvements and building works are nearly complete and the Parish Council is now at the stage of completing the planting of the new frontage.

You may have noticed that planting has begun, however, the planting area is large and the Church and Hextable Parish Council are now at a point where we are looking for donations of any shrubs or hardy perennials you may be able to offer as a donation. Our groundsmen are able to plant and collect.

If you feel able to help, please contact The Parish clerk or the groundsmen to make arrangements for collection. Any excess plants will be used in open spaces around the village.

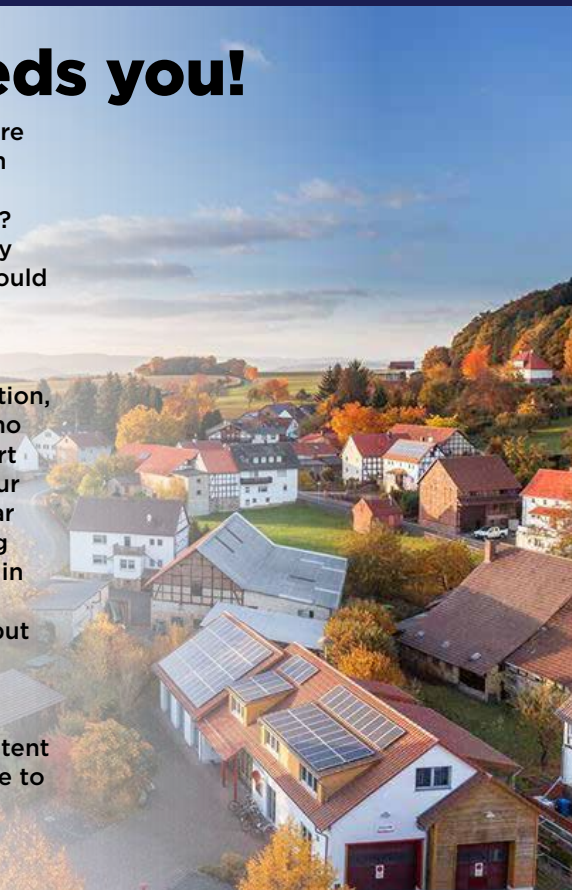
Thank You!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has already made donations to the parish council towards the new landscaping project - including Provender and Richard Abel, who have generously donated plants and materials, as well as those residents who have donated directly to St. Peter's church.

Your village needs you!

Hextable is a vibrant community, and we are always pleased to hear from residents with their views and ideas. Have you thought about getting involved in your community? Members of the Parish Council would really like to hear from anyone who feels they would like to get involved in influencing some of the decisions that our committees make. Changes to the rules in local government rules, to encourage greater local participation, now allow for people in the community who are not members of the council to take part in committees, which are where most of our decisions are made. We would love to hear from anyone who has an interest in getting involved. If you are interested, please get in touch with us by sending an email to info@hextableparishcouncil.com. Please put 'GET INVOLVED' in the subject box.

We're also looking for a budding editor to help put this newsletter together, so if content is your thing, please get in touch; we'd love to hear from you!



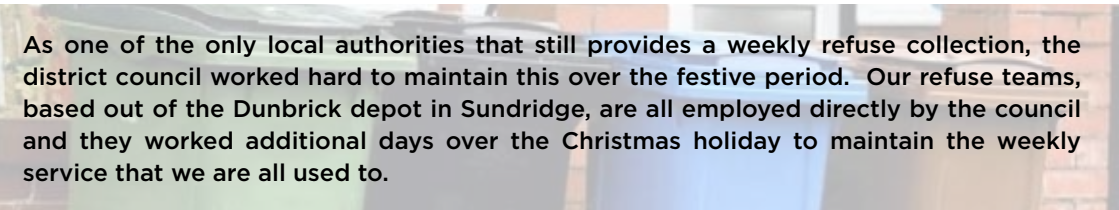
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Cllr Kitchener and Cllr Hudson serve as your ward members for Hextable on Sevenoaks District Council, as well as serving on the Parish Council. We both sit on a number the committees where we have a voice on many of the issues that affect Hextable. Our joint aim is to promote the northern parishes of the district, and to ensure that we benefit from our share of investment and resources in the district.

We deal with a number of enquiries from residents with a wide range of issues. We are pleased to be able to work closely with our KCC Councillor, Cllr Perry Cole on a number of things including:

- Parking problems at the school
- Drainage concerns - particularly in Lower Road & Laura Drive
- Street lighting in Lower Road opposite the Panters Junction
- Hextable surgery - waiting times and issues of access to services
- Footpaths along Main Road
- New housing strategy for Sevenoaks District



As one of the only local authorities that still provides a weekly refuse collection, the district council worked hard to maintain this over the festive period. Our refuse teams, based out of the Dunbrick depot in Sundridge, are all employed directly by the council and they worked additional days over the Christmas holiday to maintain the weekly service that we are all used to.

Sevenoaks District Council will be trialling a Sunday Market at Swanley for a period of six months. It is proposed that the trial will consist of a mix of market traders selling local food and drink, farmers' market produce and traditional market goods.



White Oak Leisure Centre

The new White Oak Leisure Centre in Swanley, that has been constructed over the past 2 years, will be opening its doors on 12th February. This £20 million investment in our part of the district, will bring a new state of the art, energy efficient and versatile leisure facility that will replace the existing, life expired centre, which opened in 1967.

Fly-Tipping

Fly-tipping is a problem that many of us have seen and experienced, and this is huge problem for the district council. Recently though, the council prosecuted a local man for a series of fly-tipping incidents in our area. The Council's Environmental Enforcement Team took the action which resulted in £1640 fine and further £850 in costs incurred by the KCC, SDC and a local landowner. Vigilance from residents and a council employee who spotted the activity and passed on details of the vehicle involved demonstrates the importance of vigilance and reporting by all of us.



Exciting Plans!

Sevenoaks District Council is working on exciting plans to regenerate the former Swanley Working Men's Club site and neighbouring land, and is proposing to provide new homes, shops and a new, green open space. After the Club closed, the Council purchased the site as part of its plans to regenerate the southern entrance to Swanley. Protecting the environment is at the heart of the proposals with energy efficient homes, electric vehicle charging points and cycle parking. The proposals include new trees and other green planting. The proposed development, consisting of 92 new homes plus retail space on the ground floor, would follow the curve of the site to provide the biggest possible green communal area. To celebrate the town's heritage as a supplier of fruit and flowers to local and London markets, it is proposed that the development would include an 'edible' garden where fruit trees and edible plants would be grown for the public to enjoy. The Council is proposing to lodge a planning application for the development in summer 2022 and, if permission is granted, work could begin in 2023.

For help regarding SDC issues please contact us at:
Cllr.kitchener@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Cllr.hudson@sevenoaks.gov.uk

YOUR KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Perry Cole

May I start by wishing you albeit belatedly, a very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

The Christmas and New Year period has limited the amount of work and enquiries that I have been able to progress on our residents' behalf. That's not to say that all has been quiet though.

From a strategic point of view, it is that time of year again where KCC looks to set their budget. There are significant challenges ahead and some difficult decisions to be made. KCC are not immune to the effects of either inflation, or any additional costs incurred as a result of Covid and the ever-increasing demand for our services to be provided - often those required under statutory duty, such as Adult Social Care.

The public consultation into Library services is now well underway and so those who have strong views about the future of Library services and who have not yet submitted their observations and comments should do so. Visit www.kent.gov.uk/shapingkentlibraries to take part online before 28 February 2022.

Residents were recently invited to take part in a consultation exercise regarding the operation of Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's). Over 10,000 people took the opportunity to respond, with the results of the questionnaire and consultation being presented to Cabinet on 18 January.



As a consequence of the exercise, KCC will be retaining the booking system currently in operation at HWRC's - with one major improvement: same day booking capability to be rolled out across the County.

Since its introduction, the booking system has been refined to the extent that there are no limits on the number of visits per household or per vehicle per day, week or month. If slots were available, one could call up or book a slot by midnight the day before to ensure a place.

The inability to book for a slot on the day itself was, it appears, the biggest cause for dissatisfaction with the booking system - with 61% of responses to the 'how could we improve our service' commenting on this.

In response, two HWRC's trialled and adopted the additional 'book on the day' functionality that proved extremely popular.

The benefits are many-fold, including little or no queueing at the venue resulting in less wasted journey time and improved road safety with no stationary traffic encroaching onto side or main roads, much reduced engine idling thus improving local air quality, average waste load per visit rising from 44kgs to 66kgs resulting in fewer journeys being undertaken per household, and staff time being freed up to allow them to offer further assistance to visitors and ensuring that waste is correctly deposited to maximise recycling opportunities.

Closer to home, I am seeking further funding for 'Flood Kits' and determining a working model for deploying said kits in times of urgency, as well as exploring extra measures to manage surface water drainage.

Even though a similar request was made for and refused by KCC a couple of years ago - it has now been agreed that 'Road unsuitable for HGV's' signs be displayed at the Puddledock Lane junction with Top Dartford Road to reduce the instances where wholly unsuitable vehicles, by virtue of their size, attempt to negotiate this narrow lane. My thanks to local residents who brought this to my attention.

Continuing with traffic in this particular area, initial discussions have taken place with a view to improving the 'traffic triangle' that is St Davids Road, Puddledock Lane and Rowhill Road, and how things might be improved - especially around school term time.

KCC Highways Lighting attended a site visit at Home Hill last Wednesday and is working on how to improve the lighting here - especially with regard to the pavement area between Panters and the shops.

It is planned that two separate traffic/speed surveys will be installed in Hextable over the next month or so - Main Road and Lower Road are the identified routes.

Options to improve road safety measures along a stretch of Top Dartford Road have been identified and a public consultation will take place, with residents likely to be affected by suggested improvements being contacted over the next few weeks.

Issues of inconsiderate parking are being brought to my notice. One only has to look at the size of cars nowadays to see that they have grown substantially, both in width and length from vehicles even 20 years ago. This inevitably puts additional strain on the limited amount of off-street parking and how and where people park. Although parking falls under the responsibility of Sevenoaks District Council, I should like to reinforce any plea for drivers, when parking, to allow sufficient room for other vehicles to be able to pass safely and to access roads and driveways without being impeded or prevented from doing so - as well as ensuring that pavements are not blocked to such a degree that those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs or pushing pushchairs or prams can pass without having to move out into the carriageway to do so.

If you have any KCC issues please contact me in the first instance via telephone (07834 768315) or my KCC e-mail address (perry.cole@kent.gov.uk)

Cllr Perry Cole

KCC Member for Hextable & Swanley



HEXTABLE HERITAGE SOCIETY

HHS is now fully up and running with an exciting schedule of talks planned for 2022.

We had our first gathering on 16 January, thanks to one of our regular speakers Chris Baker. There was a good turnout from the membership, as well as visitors.

Annual membership is £8 for an individual, £15 for a family – visitors are very welcome @ £2 per visit.

Planned talks include:

- The First Blitz
- Underground Kent
- The Maid of Kent
- Grim Gravesend

Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday each month, starting at 7.30pm, and are held in the Hextable Heritage Centre in Hextable Gardens. Just off of Crawfords, Dawson Drive, Hextable - There is parking available on site.

If you have any questions, please contact Graham at gmitchell@caxtons.com.

Graham Mitchell



Volunteers Wanted

Sevenoaks District Independent Police Advisory Group are looking for people to volunteer to help represent diverse communities across Sevenoaks District and to assist Kent Police with its work in supporting victims of crime.

Residents have the opportunity to join the Independent Police Advisory Group (IPAG), which acts as a critical friend to Kent Police, Sevenoaks District, West Division.

The group is totally independent of the force and helps improve the services police provide to people from different backgrounds.

It includes volunteers who can offer their perspectives around issues such as race, sexual orientation, disability, age and gender.

The IPAG provides a platform and an opportunity to engage, consult and discuss the impact of policing on communities in your local district.

Members are able to share feedback to Kent Police from the communities and local areas they represent, as well as give advice and support during critical incidents.

The IPAG also includes people from minority groups and diverse backgrounds; volunteers have the opportunity to bring along independent thoughts and views which Kent Police will listen and respond to.

If you are interested in joining the Sevenoaks District IPAG, please email - DiversityAcademy@kent.police.uk



I Love My Job!

Amanda Hemmings - Dance and Fitness Instructor - Fitness with Friends @ the Howard Venue, Egerton Avenue, Hextable 10.30am on Thursday Mornings.



We asked Amanda Hemmings why she enjoys her work, and this is what she told us: Why? Quite simply dancing makes me happy and to share that with others is a true blessing. To get paid to do it is the icing on the cake.

I began dance classes at 7, went to Dance College at 16 and was a professional dancer in the West End (Me & My Girl and The King & I) UK tours, Pantomimes and Summer Shows for 6 years until I started to teach full time.

Throughout the chapters of my life, I have taught different ages and genres of dance & movement.

From babies of 6 months to a very spritely 87 years old currently, we have twirled, marched and stretched together.

I have coached for ISTD exams, choreographed routines for shows and displays and have loved watching Pre-schoolers grow in confidence.

To see class attendees smile, have fun, learn new skills, make friends and exercise is a pleasure.

My current classes cater for the older generation, who constantly inspire me with their enthusiasm and energy.

Teaching highlights to date (and there are many) are helping a deaf 10 years old pass her tap exam and teaching a Pre-School music & movement class in a Care Home.

To watch the interactions between the two generations was wonderful. The children were kind and caring and the residents so willing to join in with the songs and activities. Absolute magic!

I consider myself very lucky to have a job that I love and have no intention of stopping dancing or teaching. With this in mind I am currently training to teach Chair Based classes.

Fitness with Friends, part of The People's Dance Company.

Email: hello@thepeoplesdancecompany for more information on classes in the area.

NEXT DOOR HEXTABLE

Cafe Volunteering

Be part of something new in 2022! Volunteer at Next Door Hextable.

Are you passionate about offering great hospitality, serving our community better and being part of a great team? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Construction works are concluding, a cafe manager has been appointed, with other team members being recruited and we're committed to having a volunteer team of thirty with fourteen already signed-up. Our coffee shop is due to open in the Spring of 2022, and we are looking for volunteers. There are many ways for you to volunteer your time including coffee baristas, food preparation, counter service, table clearing and offering a warm welcome team.

We would welcome a regular commitment from you, but in return we shall offer full training and an opportunity that you will find very rewarding. We're looking for volunteers who will give four hours, twice a month, or more.

We'll have meeting dates in late February and early March, with welcome, induction and training for us altogether being planned. Come and share in something special for the good of our community. To find out more in the first instance please contact Di Birmingham on 07789 296 700 or by emailing:
volunteerNDH@stph.org.uk

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HEXTABLE VILLAGE SIGN

The Parish Council is working to replace the tired and aged Hextable Village sign on the Village Green. Several years ago, the Parish Council moved the current sign from its position in the lower field of the former Furness School to where it is sited today. We have had to swap the painted wooden sign previously, with a freshly painted one, and once more, the paint has begun to start peeling from the sign. Therefore, the Parish Council is taking the opportunity this time to replace it with a more traditional looking (village-style) version, made from long-lasting modern materials that depicts some of the rich history of our village.



The first mention of Hextable was when the Manor of Highlands was given to the Abbey of St. Peter Ghent by William de Ypres who was created Earl of Kent in 1141 by King Stephen. The first known written mention of Hextable, in a foot of fines, is in 1203 when the Abbey decided to sell the Manor. Although it has not been possible to discover the exact date when Hextable became an estate,

there is documented evidence to suggest that the division from the Highlands Manor occurred in the second half of the 15th century between 1448 and 1474. It is therefore widely accepted that Hextable was put on the map in 1203. In fact, back in 2003, residents celebrated the 800-year anniversary of the village.

The village, along with Swanley, had its heyday in the last two centuries as it developed a huge reputation for horticulture. Much of the various types of produce from numerous nurseries, was sent to London by rail from Swanley and sold in London markets. Stuart Ogg from Hextable, where Stuart Close gets its name, ran Grove Nurseries, who specialised in Dahlias – he became known as the “King of Dahlias”

The first-ever horticultural college in the world was set up in 1889, in the former manor house opposite the Avenue of Limes, where the village hall now stands. By 1902 it took the novel step of becoming a women-only institution. The college itself was aimed at well-to-do young women, to teach them how to grow and tend plants.

King George VI recommended that the old custom of identifying villages with carved or painted name signs could be revived. In 1920, Biddenden had won a Daily Mail competition for a sign featuring the two Biddenden Maids. More villages in Kent followed, especially in 1953, at the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. More signs were put up to mark the turn of the Millennium.

Hextable Parish Council is keen to incorporate some of our history into the new pictorial-style village sign. It is proposed that some of the key features of our village are included

- including the manor house, the avenue of limes, the listed heritage gates and the horticultural background, as well as retaining the current coat of arms and the Invicta Horse on the existing sign. We are in the process of commissioning designs for a sign that will last, without requiring regular maintenance, and look forward to this taking pride of place on the village green.

For more information on our village history, visit hextable-heritage.co.uk where you can view a useful publication 'A Short History of Hextable' posted there. Try searching online for 'Kent Village Signs' to see examples of the type of look we are aiming for.

Cllr Darren Kitchener

Bespoke Services at St Paul's

Know that if you live in our community of Hextable, access to the very beautiful St Pauls Church, Swanley Village is an option for you too.

Regular weekend worship happens there but should you wish to explore the option of christenings, weddings or funeral occasions with us, do just ask.

As your community vicar it's my delight to plan bespoke services with you that gather up your hopes and aspirations for whatever the context. It is our privilege to serve you...

Gladly book in for an informal, no-obligation conversation,
vicarjohnny@stph.org.uk

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee over the 4-day Bank Holiday - Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this historical event. One event that is scheduled in the diary is the ceremonial Tree Planting on Wednesday 27 April - on the Village Green, adjacent to Home Hill. We are pleased to say that amongst the dignitaries will be Lord Sackville-West, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent.

There will be a Jubilee Family Picnic, in Hextable Gardens, off of Crawfords - on Sunday 5 June from 12-4pm. More event details to follow.

Residents wishing to hold a Jubilee street party read on...

Please refer to the Hextable Parish Council website pages for additional guidance and links relating to organising 'Street Party' events - that will be held during the 4-day Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday in Hextable. This advice has come via KCC.
www.hextableparishcouncil.com

The following types of events will need to make an application for Road Closures:

- *Gatherings of residents and neighbours
- *Small cul-de-sac or small estate roads
- *No selling involved

There is also advice for street party organisers undertaking risk assessment and insurance requirements from: www.streetparty.org.uk

Completed applications for the SDC area must be emailed to: streetworkswest@kent.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A STRICT DEADLINE FOR STREET CLOSURE APPLICATIONS - 31ST MARCH 2022.





On Sunday 24th October, I was really pleased to be able to attend the service at the Methodist church in Hextable to finally present Ian Packham with his community award that he was recognised for back in 2020. In 2020, Ian was awarded this accolade, but obviously the pandemic prevented it from being properly presented.

Having been a leader of Hextable Boys Brigade for the past forty years, he was chosen to receive the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) Award Scheme certificate for his tireless work towards this organisation. This KALC award, which is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council, recognises the achievements of people in our community.

Since 1980, Ian has encouraged, inspired, and guided hundreds of local young people into positive roles in our community through his leadership at Hextable Boys Brigade.

It was a great pleasure to be able to attend the morning church service that Ian was leading, to be able to present this much-deserved award in person, whilst taking the opportunity to pay tribute to his wife Maureen, who has supported him over the years.

Thank-you Ian for all your voluntary service in our village!

Cllr Darren Kitchener



For Fun!

Anagrams of Kent Landmarks & Places

Anagrams of Kent landmarks and places of interest. See how many you can solve!

1. Coast Delver
2. Rebel at Wu
3. LL Watcher
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11. Master Our Baragh
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13. Red Orchestral Cheat
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20. Master Forth

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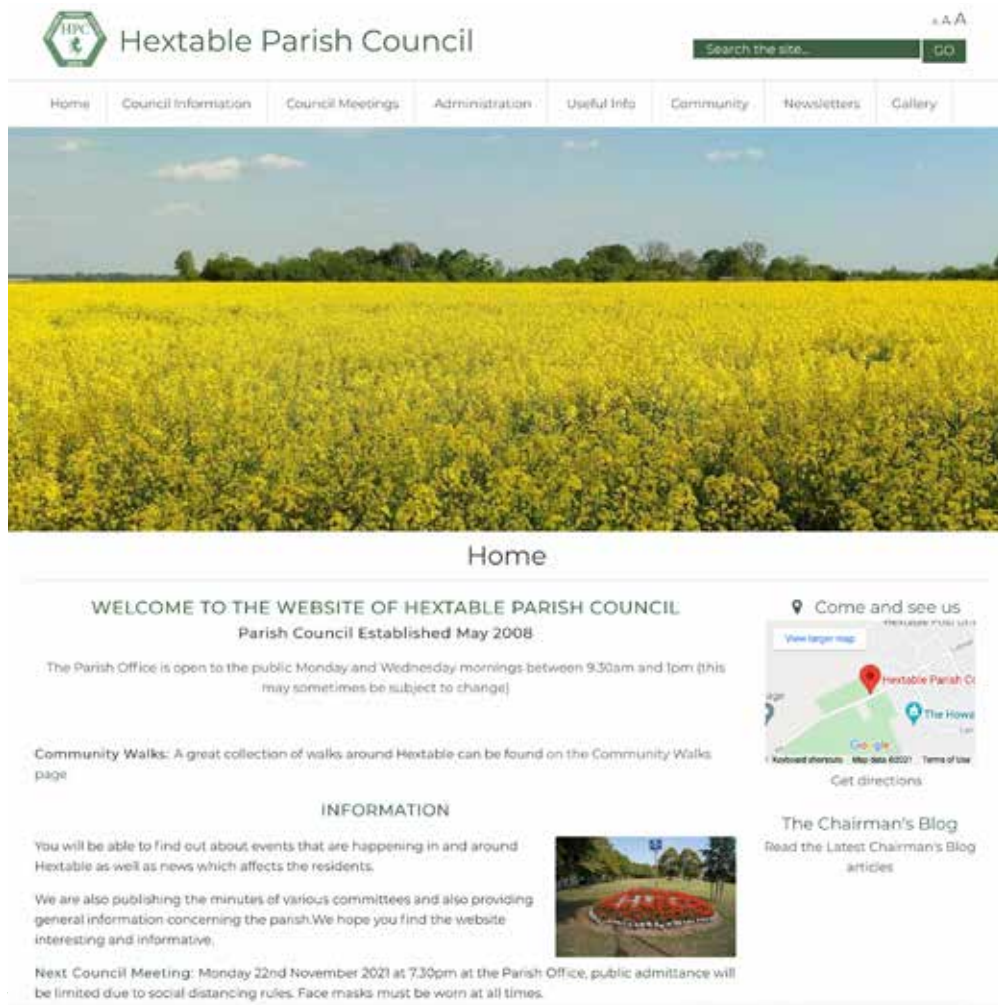
Cllr Lorraine Gaskin

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Keep Up To Date With What We're Doing!

As well as welcoming residents to our Parish Council meetings, did you know that we also have a website? We're updating it to include news and information that we think may be important to you, so check it regularly to see what's happening!

www.hextableparishcouncil.com



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hextable Parish Council website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Council Information, Council Meetings, Administration, Useful Info, Community, Newsletters, and Gallery. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the navigation is a large banner image of a field of yellow flowers under a blue sky. The main content area is titled "Home" and features a welcome message: "WELCOME TO THE WEBSITE OF HEXTABLE PARISH COUNCIL Parish Council Established May 2008". It includes information about the Parish Office's opening hours and a link to the Community Walks page. There is also an "INFORMATION" section with a link to the Chairman's Blog and a photo of a flower bed. At the bottom, there is a notice about the next Council Meeting on Monday 22nd November 2021.

Home

WELCOME TO THE WEBSITE OF HEXTABLE PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council Established May 2008

The Parish Office is open to the public Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 1pm (this may sometimes be subject to change)

Community Walks: A great collection of walks around Hextable can be found on the Community Walks page

INFORMATION

You will be able to find out about events that are happening in and around Hextable as well as news which affects the residents.

We are also publishing the minutes of various committees and also providing general information concerning the parish. We hope you find the website interesting and informative.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 22nd November 2021 at 7.30pm at the Parish Office, public admittance will be limited due to social distancing rules. Face masks must be worn at all times.

Come and see us

View larger map

Hextable Parish Council

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Get directions

The Chairman's Blog
Read the Latest Chairman's Blog articles

have a cuppa with the vicar

whether faith is part of your story or not, you're most
welcome... everyone needs a good listening too!

vicarjohnny@gmail.com



**What are you facing and feeling?
Let us pray for you whether you're a person of faith or not...**

Email vicarjohnny@stph.org.uk

HAPPY CLUB

The Happy Club is a social club for older people throughout Hextable and the neighbouring areas. It is a friendly get together between 2pm and 4pm every Wednesday afternoon in Hextable. So, whether you're interested in finding new friends, winning our weekly game of bingo and joining in our fun quizzes please come and join us. Tea and biscuits, and sometimes cake, are provided.

Please contact Ian on 020 8851 8600 for more information

WANTED

... a booster jab, a shot in the arm, to give fresh life to your friendly local W.I.

For the past fifty-four years a succession of enthusiastic ladies has made Rowhill W.I a place to make friends, learn new skills and enjoy social outings with fellow members.

We still keep traditional hobbies and crafts alive (nothing wrong with knitting, ask Tom Daley!) but we also like trying something new. Last year it was paddle boarding.

Although few of us enjoyed meetings held on zoom during lockdown, we realise that the way forward will be more reliant on electronic contact combined with personal, face to face friendship; a meeting of tradition and technology.

So, ladies, why not give us a try. You'd meet fellow Hextable and district residents and we'd welcome an injection of new blood in our midst. The next generation moving forward.

We meet at Five Wents Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.15p.m.

Give Alison a ring on 01322 662875 if you'd like to know more.

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We'll be pleased to talk to you about whatever is on your mind.

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01322 668530

Sevenoaks District Council:

Website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk
Email information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Phone 01732 227000

Report fly-tipping:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20000/rubbish_and_recycling/205/report_fly_tipping

Kent County Council:

Website www.kent.gov.uk
Phone 03000 414141

Report a pothole:

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

Kent Police:

Emergency 999
Non-emergency 101

Report a crime online www.kent.police.uk – click on 'Report'

Report a gas leak or carbon monoxide emergency:

Phone 0800 111 999

Report a power cut:

Website www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut
Phone 0800 31 63 105

Report a water leak:

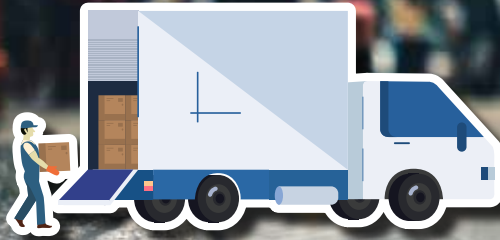
Website www.thameswater.co.uk/help/emergencies

Report animal cruelty:

Website www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/reportcruelty
Phone 0300 1234 999

Newsletter Space Available

If you would like to contribute an article to the Parish Newsletter, please submit it to Cllr Lorraine Gaskin (lorrainegaskin@hextableparishcouncil.com) or the Parish Clerk prior to the next Communications Committee meeting for approval. (Please see the Parish noticeboard for dates.) This newsletter is for the benefit of the entire community, and we would love organisations and individuals from within the community to be involved.



Newsletter Deliveries

This newsletter has been delivered to you by one of your councillors, a member of Council staff, or one of a very small band of volunteers. If you would like to help deliver

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Useful Information

Coronavirus Symptoms

- High temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. (You do not need to measure your temperature.)
- New, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. (If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual.)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

USE THE 111 ONLINE CORONAVIRUS SERVICE IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS, OR CALL 111 IF YOU CANNOT GET HELP ONLINE. DO NOT VISIT THE GP, HOSPITAL OR PHARMACY. YOU MUST FOLLOW GUIDANCE GIVEN TO YOU BY THE 111 SERVICE.

About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Free lateral flow test kits are available to anyone who does not have symptoms, and it is suggested that we test ourselves twice a week. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading. The test is painless, and gives a result in 30 minutes. Test kits are available from the pharmacy. Alternatively, you can order them online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by telephone by calling 119.

Blocked Drains

The weather is still very changeable, and, knowing the great British summer, we may still get periods of heavy rain! Please take a few minutes every now and then to check any drains near your home, and pick up anything, such as bottles, cans, leaves or sticks, which might cause it to become blocked. Please take care when picking up litter, and always wear suitable gloves.

Report a blocked drain to Kent County Council at: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

Report by telephone on 03000 418181 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, or on 03000 419191 at all other times.

Kent Fire and Rescue Safe and Well Scheme

If you, or someone you know, is aged 70 or over, Kent Fire and Rescue will visit and make your home as safe as possible, including fitting a long-life smoke alarm. Contact them on 0800 923 7000 during office hours, or go to their website: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/home-safety/safe-and-well-visits/safe-and-well-are-you-an-older-person/>



Dates For Your Diary



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- Thur 10th Feb (7.30pm)** **Hextable Heritage Society: Wilfred Salmon and the First Blitz, Peter Daniel**
- Sat 12th Feb** **Sutton Athletic home game v Staplehurst FC***
Home Ground Lower Road
- Thur 10th Mar (7.30pm)** **Hextable Heritage Society: The Story of English Freedom, Andy Thomas**
- Sat 12th Mar** **Sutton Athletic home game v Lydd Town FC**
Home Ground Lower Road
- Mon 14th Mar** **Council Meeting - Heritage centre**
- Sat 26th Mar** **Sutton Athletic home game v Tooting Bec FC**
Home Ground Lower Road
- Sat 2nd Apr** **Sutton Athletic home game v Larkfield & N.Hythe FC**
Home Ground Lower Road
- Thur 14th Apr (7.30pm)** **Hextable Heritage Society: Underground Kent, Rod Le Gear**
- Fri 15th Apr** **Sutton Athletic home game v Forest Hill Park FC**
Home Ground Lower Road
- Sat 23rd Apr** **Sutton Athletic home game v Snodland Town FC**
Home Ground Lower Road
- Wed 27th Apr** **Jubilee Tree Planting, Hextable Village Green, Home Hill**
- Thur 12th May (7.30pm)** **Hextable Heritage Society: Elizabeth Barton: Maid of Kent 1506-34, Melanie Gibson-Barton**
- Mon 16th May (7.30pm)** **Council Meeting - Heritage centre**
- Thur 2nd - Sun 5th Jun** **Jubilee Bank Holiday - look out for more information nearer the time**
- Thur 9th Jun (7.30pm)** **Hextable Heritage Society: tbc**
- Mon 20th Jun** **Council Meeting - Heritage centre**
- Date TBC** **HPC AGM meeting - check noticeboards**

*Home matches are held at Sutton Athletic's ground in Lower Road.

All dates are subject to change. Please see their website for up-to-date information:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/suttonathletic>

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- Allotments
- Annual fireworks display
- Bus stops
- Emptying HPC-owned bins/dog waste bins
- Grass cutting (some on behalf of KCC)
- Litter picking
- Maintaining HPC-owned buildings
- Maintaining the Avenue of Limes
- Maintaining HPC-owned open spaces
- Senior trips scheme
- Tree inspections



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- Building regulation
- Collecting council tax
- Development control (i.e. planning)
- Dog warden services
- Electoral Services
- Emptying SDC-owned bins (i.e. the bins in the streets)
- Fly tipping
- Housing the homeless
- Leisure provision
- Licensing (e.g. pubs, taxis, etc)
- Maintaining SDC-owned open spaces
- Managing local CCTV
- Occupational health
- Parking enforcement
- Refuse collection
- Street cleaning



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- Adoption and fostering
- Adult social care
- Business waste
- Country parks
- Disabled services
- Flooding and drainage
- Highways (e.g. roads/pavements/verges)
- Household waste recycling
- Libraries
- Maintaining KCC-owned open spaces
- Public footpath management
- Road safety
- Roadworks
- School and adult education provision
- School buses and school meals
- Senior bus passes
- Special educational needs services
- Street lighting and street furniture (e.g. traffic lights)
- Trading standards
- Waste collection and recycling