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HEXTABLE PARISH COUNCIL
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# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN/WINTER EDITION 2019










### New Defibrillator

Provided for residents across the village at multiple locations...

### Scouts Celebrations

Scouts celebrate their achievements for this year so far!

### Hextable Garden

Newly refurbished Hextable pond, before and after photos...



# From the Chairman

## Dear Residents,

I hope you have all had a great summer. After welcoming new councillors to HPC back in May, and following an update to the Council's Objectives, we have all been working hard on delivering them. One of the early decisions councillors have made, to encourage greater use of our green spaces, is the investment in providing new benches. It's always pleasing to see so many people enjoying our open spaces, but this year it has been good to see the new benches being used on the village green, the heritage gardens and in the park.

We hope you like our new-look newsletter! We have chosen this new refreshed design in part to enable to provide more information on less paper, but also providing you some useful information on the back page of each edition that can be retained.

On Friday 8th November, we will be holding our annual free family fireworks in Hextable Park, starting at 7:30pm. This annual event is always popular with residents and following positive feedback from the youngsters last year, we will once more be setting the fireworks to popular Disney music. I look forward to seeing you all there.

***Darren Kitchener - Chairman***

## Talk to Darren

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**A resident recently contacted us to advise that there was an issue regarding the street cleaning in Fens Way; the cleaners always came in a big vehicle which was unable to turn in the smaller cul-de-sac, so it was never cleaned.**

Despite being promised calls from Sevenoaks District Council over the course of a few months, they never called him back, so the Parish Clerk contacted SDC on behalf of the resident, and that afternoon they phoned him to arrange a site visit the following day. The area was subsequently cleaned, and the supervisor promised to keep an eye on the area. We were really pleased at the positive outcome. We are always happy to help where we can; please contact the clerk or come along to one of our Meet Your Councillor sessions.




# Defibrillators

**We're really pleased to announce that the village now has a fourth defibrillator. We have recently arranged for it to be placed within AK Barbers, with many thanks to Kevin Reid.**

We hope that none of them will ever be needed, but should the need arise, you will now be able to access them in the following locations:

- **Hextable Village Hall, College Rd, BR8 7LT**
- **The Howard Venue, Egerton Ave, BR8 7LG**
- **AK Barbers, 13 Main Rd, BR8 7RB**
- **Hextable Surgery, 31a Main Rd, BR8 7RB**

# We Are Beams



Next year's Hextable Motor Show and Family Fun Day will be supporting We Are Beams, so we thought that you might like to know a little bit about them ...

Beams is a charity providing services to disabled children, young people and their families living in Kent.

Their Vision is to take the lead in transforming the lives of disabled children and young people which will enable them to have greater independence and control of their lives and futures.

They support children and young people with many disabilities aged 0-19 years. They will typically have one or multiple learning difficulties, complex health needs, physical or sensory impairments, challenging behaviour, Autism or ADHD.

The charity was set up originally in 1996 by parents of disabled children who found there was a great need for family support. Services include practical advice, direct family payments, leisure activities, after school clubs, overnight residential breaks and training for parents and professionals as well as all round family support.

They need to generate £1.5 million this year in order to continue offering their services and are reliant on voluntary contributions from the community and local businesses.

**Their Services**

Beams have divided their services up into four key focus areas:

**1. Short Breaks Services for families living in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley.**

**2. The Family Advice Service, which is offered in Dartford, Gravesham and Sevenoaks.**

**3. Dragons Retreat Respite Unit, a registered children's home providing residential short breaks for children and young people with disabilities, offered to members in Kent, Medway, Essex and London.**

**4. Direct Payment Service, which is a county wide service which gives hundreds of parents and siblings a much-needed break from what can be a constant "cycle of care", by offering direct payments to families to purchase their disabled child's assessed needs.**

For further information about We Are Beams, and to find out how you can support them, **go to their website: www.wearebeams.org.uk**

# HEXTABLE MOTOR SHOW AND FAMILY FUN DAY 18TH JULY 2020



The planning for the inaugural Hextable Motor Show and Family Fun Day, which we are organising in collaboration with Hextable Hub for Residents, is well underway, and we already have many attractions ... over a hundred different vehicles, performers throughout the day, nerf maze, climbing wall, Punch & Judy, food and drink concessions and trade stalls of all descriptions.

In the arena, you will be able to see a bird of prey display, reptile handling and parrot rescue, and we're still on the lookout for other attractions, stalls and displays to fill what is already looking like a packed day!

**If you have any ideas, or have an attraction or trade stall and would like to be involved, please contact Cllrs Wayne Stoneham w.stoneham.ws@gmail.com or Louise Young louisem.young3107@hotmail.com or Hextable Hub hextable.hub@gmail.com**

# Drains

Winter will soon be upon us, which inevitably means that the weather is going to get worse over the next few months. Please keep an eye on the drains near your property to make sure that they are clear, so that they work as well as possible if we have heavy rain.




If you notice any problems, please contact Kent County Council:
Telephone during working hours **03000 418181**
Telephone out of hours (emergency only) **03000 419191**
Online: **www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent
**Matthew Scott** invites you to visit his free

# Blue Light Jobs Fair

Kent Police and some of our friends are recruiting right now!

Come and learn more about the rewarding roles we have, and get handy tips on applying for your next career.



**Speak to officers and staff from...**

**Kent Police**
**Crown Prosecution Service**
**Kent Fire and Rescue Service**
**UK Border Force**
**South East Coast Ambulance Service**
**HM Prison Service**

**And you can also find out more about volunteering with...**

**Victim Support**
**Young Lives Foundation**
**Kent Special Constabulary**
**Restorative Solutions**
**Family Matters**
**Kent Volunteer Police Cadets**

Where? **Orchards Academy, St Mary's Road, Swanley. BR8 7TE**

When? **Thursday 14 November, from 6pm to 9pm**

Register your interest and get more info:
**kent-pcc.gov.uk/BlueLightJobs**
**#BlueLightJobs**

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner

# Spotlight On

**In each edition of the newsletter, we hope to showcase different groups or organisations within the village, for both children and adults, to highlight the diverse activities available to residents.**

This edition, it's the turn of a performing arts school and an adult choir:

**Hi Lizzie! What is your organisation called?** *Simply Performers*

**What's it all about, and who is it for?** We're a dance school with a difference. We offer a large variety of tailor-made classes for children from babies up to age 18, covering singing, dancing and acting. The children don't take exams, but concentrate on performance, and we give the children as many performance opportunities as we can, including our own annual Simply Performers performance!

Our mission is to enhance children's confidence and skill set. Our classes teach the students to express themselves through performance and encourage them to be the best performer they can be.

**Why should people come?** To have loads of fun, and to learn new skills, including street dance, acro, tap, ballet, singing and theatre skills, and loads more!

**When and where?** We run classes throughout the week at a number of venues within the village; Club K, The Village Hall and The Howard Venue. Visit our website: www.simplyperformers.co.uk for full details

**Hi Victoria! What is your group called?** *The Howard Venue Choir - Sounds Familiar*

**What's it all about, and who is it for?** Our singing group is for adults who love singing - whether they have experience singing with a group, on karaoke or just in the shower! Our songs choices are eclectic as we take requests from the group. Recent songs have included a Motown classic, a 90's pop classic and an epic musical theatre song. Your first session with us is completely free - try before you buy! and £4 pay as you go after that. Some of our group come every week while others dip in and out. We are very relaxed and, although we try to improve, add dynamics and harmonies, our priority is to have fun and a jolly good sing.

**Why should people come?** Come for the music, stay for the fun. We don't take ourselves too seriously and really love singing together.

**When and where?** The Howard Venue, Tuesday at 7.30 - 8.30pm. The Howard Venue is in Egerton Avenue. If you've never been before, I'd love to give you a tour and let you know about all the classes and community groups that use our state-of-the-art studios. Call Victoria on 07958 504692 for more info or feel free to pop into The Howard Venue anytime.

# Benches



By now, you should have noticed the new benches and picnic tables that we installed over the summer. There are two picnic benches in Hextable Gardens, two on the village green (one within the playpark area) and two in Hextable Park. There are two curved benches along the wall inside the main gate into the village green, and another one in the space in front of the green, where the phone box used to be, as well as one on Claremont Green. Two of the picnic benches have been converted to make them accessible for wheelchairs and prams; one on the village green, and one in Hextable Gardens.

Unfortunately, one of the picnic tables in Hextable Gardens suffered vandalism soon after it was installed, but we were able to repair it, and hope that this was an isolated incident. It is so sad to see such wanton destruction on something that is for the benefit of the community.

All of the benches have been very popular since they were installed, and we hope that they continue to be well used in the years to come!



# 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 are provided and transport is also available with our minibus which has wheelchair access if needed. **Please contact Ian on 020 8851 8600 for more information.**

# Scout Awards Celebrations

It was a real pleasure for Hextable Parish Council Chairman, Darren Kitchener, and I to be invited to the recent Scout Awards and Celebration evening in our Village Hall.

75 local children and young people across the 4 sections of Scouting – Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers – received, between them, more than 260 awards and activity badges with their proud parents and senior leaders from the District looking on. It was obvious from the outset of the evening that they all enjoy a rich and varied programme of activities.

Two of the youngsters, Zak Welsh and Zak Taylor, had been selected from our Hextable Scouts to go with others from around the County to represent Kent at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in U.S.A, which is a fantastic honour. They gave us an interesting and excellent presentation covering their selection, preparation and fundraising activities, as well as the Jamboree itself.

The highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation to Group Scout Leader Richard Abel of the National Scout Award for Merit, in recognition of his services to Scouting. This is an exceptional award which is rarely given, and only to those who have given outstanding service of not less than 12 years. The citation runs to a full A4 page so I will not repeat it here but it is clear that his work across the District and County has been significant, and thanks to his efforts and dedication locally the Hextable group is now thriving with a strong adult team of leaders, this despite some challenges in his own personal life and health.

After presenting Richard with his Award, our Chairman, Darren, spoke a few words in recognition of the attainments of the children and young people and the positive effects for our community of their learning and shared activities, and thanked the leaders for the time and dedication they put in week by week. We are all, rightly, proud of our Hextable Scouts.

Cllr Chrissy Hudson

# Scout Awards Celebrations







# White Oak Leisure Centre

In the last In-Shape newsletter from Sevenoaks District Council, residents will have read an article explaining the proposals for a new leisure centre on the White Oak Site. A planning application for this is expected soon.

There is growing concern from regular users of the facilities that these proposals will not meet the demands of current usage and a huge loss of dry side activities for many of our local clubs and groups.

Some of the facility is now coming to the end of its useful life and the Parish Council is supportive of investment in improving the facility for the future. However this must also provide a sustainable solution for the increased usage that is expected in the generations to come.

**Please take a look at the plans on www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/whiteoak and let us know what you think.**

# Request For Information



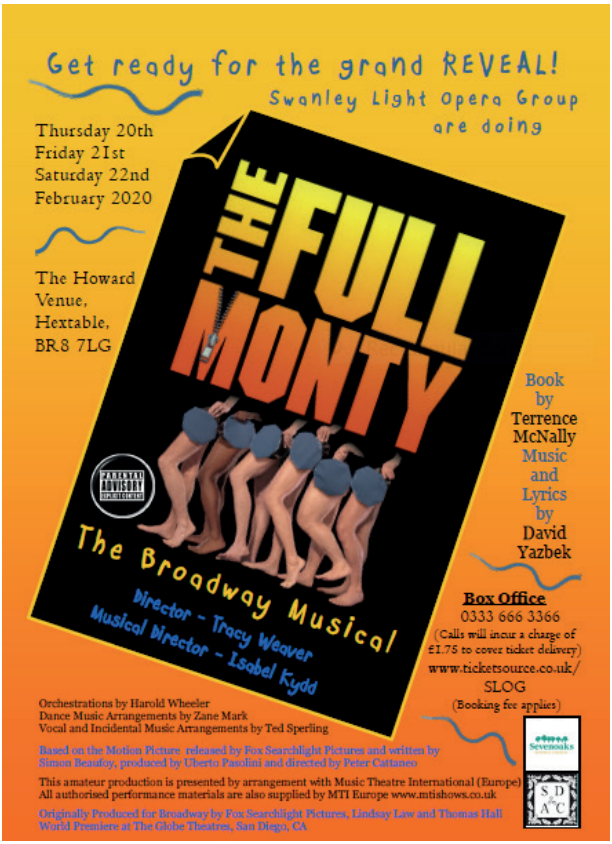
We are hoping to place a memorial to the eight children who were killed by the bomb that landed in Main Road on 14 March 1945, on the 75th anniversary of the event next year. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to find out much about them, and in fact only know the names of four of them. If anyone has any information that they would like to share, **please contact the Parish Clerk on 01322 668530/ info@hextableparishcouncil.com.**

**SWANLEY LIGHT OPERA GROUP ANNOUNCE THEIR**

**5OTH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION**

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Swanley Light Opera Group are delighted to be performing the Broadway musical "Rock of Ages", at their NEW performing space, The Howard Venue, 39 Egerton Avenue, Hextable, BR8 7LG, from Thursday 20th – Saturday 22th February 2020.

Tickets are available via the Box Office at www.ticketsource.co.uk/SLOG (booking fee applies) or by calling 0333 666 3366 (£1.75 booking fee applies).

*Parental guidance is recommended due to some adult content in the show.*

# Hextable Gardens Pond Refurbishment

**This time last year Lewis, Barrie, Ian and John undertook the refurbishment of the old pond in the Heritage Gardens.**

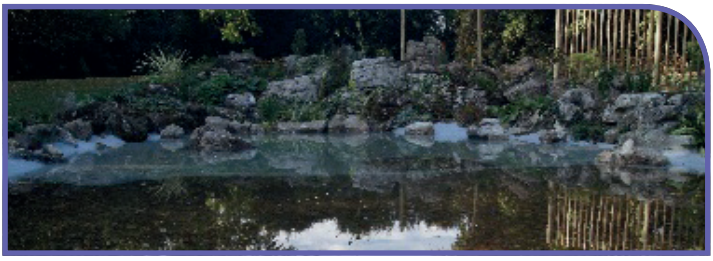
This pond is a haven for wild life such as frogs, newts, toads, dragonflies and if you're lucky enough the odd grass snake. We uncovered many rocks which had been left behind from the old rockery from the horticultural collage, added a bog garden full of plants and the surrounding area. You can see the improvements that have been made in the photos and it will only get better over time. It is often used by the pre-school children for nature studies. We encourage you to go down and have a look and enjoy the peaceful setting. There are many areas to enjoy in the garden for picnics and dog walking alike. There are still more plants to go in, these will be added as the area mature




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# St Peters Christmas Fayre

## Saturday 30th November, 11am - 4pm

Come and meet Father Christmas and have your photo taken to give to Grandma or Grandad.

Craft Stalls, Tombola, and of course our cafe for a bacon roll, homemade soup and a roll or a cake with tea/coffee

See you at St Peter's, College Road, Hextable



**St Peter's Christmas Arts & Crafts Fayre**

**St Peter's Church, Hextable BR8 7RH**

**11AM TO 4PM**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2019**



**MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS & HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN**

# Meet Your Councillors



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If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with the parish councillors, please feel free to come along to the Heritage Centre on the first Friday of each month (excluding August and January), between 6.30 and 7.30 pm.

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

# Newsletter Space Available

If you would like to contribute an article to the Parish Newsletter, please submit it to the Parish Clerk prior to the next Communications committee meeting for approval. (Please see Parish Notice Board 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.

## YOUR ARTICLE HERE

Contact the Parish Clerk for rates



## Newsletter Deliveries

This newsletter has been delivered to you by one of your councillors, or a member of council staff. If you would like to help deliver newsletters in the future, please contact the Parish Clerk. All help is gratefully received!



# Village Litter Pick

Several of the Parish councillors recently took part in a village litter pick which was organised by Hextable Hub, with a great selection of refreshments both beforehand and afterwards kindly supplied by Rapid Relief Team. It was great to see the scouts there, as well as some village residents who were keen to help out. Although we collected a substantial amount of rubbish, there was considerably less than on previous litter picks, which was very refreshing to see. Hextable Hub organise these around three times a year, and although the Parish Council employs a litter picker, it is great to give a helping hand, and keep the village looking lovely.






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# HIGHWAYS SURVEY RESULTS

Last month we ran a short survey to get your views about problems with the highways in the village and ways in which they could be improved. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey; we had more than 50 responses.



The most common issue raised was the chicanes on Top Dartford Road, which it is felt are ineffective at preventing speeding and actually cause dangerous driving as people go around the wrong side of the islands. Speeding in general was a hot topic, particularly on the main roads into the village: Lower Road, Main Road and College Road.

**Kent County Council, which has responsibility for the highways, asked us for a list of our priorities as a village. Using the information you have provided, we will now let them know our priorities and push for positive changes to the roads most in need.**

# Hextable Family Fun Days







The Hextable Family Fun Day, organised by Sevenoaks District Council with help from local volunteers, was held on 6th August, and it was one of our most popular Fun Days ever! With 325 registered children there, it was actually the third largest attendance out of all of the Fund Days in the district! There were some great activities for the children, including face-painting, crafts, games and sports, and refreshments in the Village Hall.

**There was some great feedback after the event, including some very positive comments:**

- **Friendly staff.**
- **The helpers were great with the kids. Very patient, even though it was really busy.**
- **Nice to do something locally, and it was free!**

**We look forward to seeing even more children next year!**


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# Scout Awards





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# Dates To Remember

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| Fri, 8 Nov 2019 | Hextable Fireworks | Hextable Park |
| Sun, 10 Nov 2019 | Remembrance Service | Five Wents Hall |
| Sat, 23 Nov 2019 | Craft Fair | Hextable Methodist Church |
| Mon, 25 Nov 2019 | Parish Council Meeting | Heritage Centre |
| Sat, 30 Nov 2019 | Arts & Crafts Fair | St Peter's Church |
| Sat, 7 Dec 2019 | Carols On The Green | The Village Green |
| 14 Dec 2019 | Emerson Park Christmas Fair | Emerson Park, Rowhill Road |
| Sun 15 Dec 2019 *5.30 & 7.30pm | Christmas Concert | at St Peters Hextable |
| Sun 22 Dec 2019 *5.30 & 7.30pm | Carols by Candlelight | at St Pauls Swanley Village |
| Tues 24 Dec 2019 *3:30pm | Christingle | at St Pauls Swanley Village |
| Tues 24 Dec 2019 *5:30pm | Christingle | at St Peter's Hextable |
| Tues 24 Dec 2019 11:30pm | Midnight Communion | at St Pauls Swanley Village |
| Wed 25 Dec 2019 *10:30am | Christmas Day Celebration | at St Peters Hextable |

***all-age friendly!**

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| Fri, 20 Dec 2019 | Last refuse collection before Christmas | |
| Mon, 13 Jan 2020 | Parish Council Meeting | Heritage Centre |
| Mon, 16 Mar 2020 | Parish Council Meeting | Heritage Centre |

**Please note that dates of Council meetings may be subject to change – Please check Parish noticeboards!**

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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
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Managing local CCTV
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Public footpath management
Road safety
Roadworks
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