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Chairman's Introduction



Well, Summer turned out to be hotter than usual - and August a whole lot busier too, with major reports and plans for the Parish to submit comments on before a mid-September deadline.

Thank you to the 92 residents who attended for our Public Meeting on the Local Plan on 7th August. We did put out a summary of the meeting shortly afterwards on social media - and there are some details from this on pages 20 and 21 of this Newsletter.

The deadline for comments on the Local Plan has now passed. Thank you to everyone who has sent their comments in, either on paper, or online. We wait to see what the outcome is.

On a lighter note, I was delighted to take part in the opening and blessing for the new path up to our local Methodist Church on Main Road earlier this summer, and to be present at the opening of Elderwood House, the new Care Home on Top Dartford Road (Local News, page 6).

Meanwhile, our young people were well served this Summer by a Youth Project on Thursday evenings at Hextable Park (Local News, Page 5), as well as by the Family Fun Day on 28th July in Hextable Gardens, which was well attended as usual. It was good to see so many out enjoying the activities in the sunshine.

The new play equipment on the village green has been well used this Summer, too, and it was good to get the new surface down in time for the holidays (Local News, Page 9).

Last month I was pleased to participate in a "Hoe Down" to celebrate Emerson Grange's 8th birthday since the centre opened

in September 2018 (Local News, Page 8). The country music and line dancing got us all up on our feet for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Continuing the annual tradition, It was good to attend Swanley's annual 1812 event in Swanley Park. Because of the national ban on fireworks due to wildfire risk, the team arranged a 'sound and light' show and drone performance, which lit up the night sky with some wonderful "motifs" associated with the park - and a Union Flag "flew" in the sky as we all joined in with Land of Hope and Glory!

Please note the Diary dates on page 27. Highlights of season will be our annual village fireworks on Friday 6th November, the Remembrance Day Service at Five Wents Hall on Sunday 8th November, and our Seniors Film Afternoon on Tuesday 17th October (see page 28).

You can contact me by phone direct on 01322 662271. If I am not there my answerphone will take a message. You can also email me at: chrissy.hudson@hextable-pc.gov.uk.

Cllr Chrissy Hudson
Chair, Hextable Parish Council



Hoe Down" celebrations to mark Emerson Grange's 8th birthday

Cllr Chrissy Hudson opens the new path at Hextable Methodist Church

The Union Flag illuminated above Swanley Park

Local News

An engaging summer for young people in Hextable



Hextable Parish Council was delighted to work with Youth Unity over the summer, as part of a potentially ongoing initiative working with the young people of the village.

With a proven track record of achievements within the youth sector, James Hensman and his team were able to successfully engage youngsters in the area, with an average attendance of 15 young people over a period of six weeks.

Using Hextable Park as their base, they offered gaming activities on the Youth Unity bus, which was kitted out with PlayStation and Xbox consoles, as well as other facilities ranging from table tennis to archery and basketball.

Youth Unity's ethos is to provide a safe haven for young people to engage and to stimulate social skills. With their holistic approach the youth mentors were able to take advantage of their time with the participants to have discussions around social issues, knife crime, vaping/ smoking and drug use, and to give positive guidance.

All in all it was a great start to youth engagement in the area and, with support, we hope to be able to continue working alongside Youth Unity in the near future.



Further upgrade to village green playground

The new play equipment on the Village Green has had a busy first summer, with families making the most of the improved space.

We have now completed a further important part of the project, with a new surface laid beneath and around the equipment. It looks fantastic and makes the playground safer and more comfortable to use in all weathers.

The playground - including two swings, a basket swing, climbing nest, balance beam and much more - opened in March and significantly upgrades what was already a much-loved and very well-used space, with fun activities for children of all ages.

The new park is the culmination of two years of planning, funding applications and negotiations. It was made possible by funding from Hextable Parish Council and Sevenoaks District Council through its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).



Hextable Village Green playground

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Local News

Emerson Grange celebrates dual birthdays!

Emerson Grange had double cause for celebration this September, marking the 10th anniversary of Cinnamon Care Collection, which owns the home, as well as the eighth birthday of Emerson Grange itself.

The celebrations for Cinnamon Care Collection had a cruise theme, with residents, relatives and staff enjoying music, decorations and the opportunity to dress up and enjoy the occasion together.

Meanwhile the birthday celebrations for Emerson Grange had a "Hoe Down" motif, featuring line dancing and an innovative drum workshop, among other fun activities for all the family.

Emerson Grange first opened on 3 September 2018 and has since become a much-loved part of village life. It was wonderful to see these celebrations bringing together residents, families, staff and local visitors across the generations together.



Drum workshop at the Emerson Grange "Hoe Down"





Cllr Eileen Kattenhorn and her grandchildren Thea and Olivia at the 10th anniversary cebrations for the Cinnamon Care Collection

Local News

Recognise a local hero

Emerson Grange is looking to celebrate a local hero who has made a positive impact on the lives of others.

To nominate your local hero, contact the centre to receive a nomination form by emailing emersonpark.haa3@cinnamoncc.com, or calling 01322 610 090.

Your hero could be a volunteer, caregiver, neighbour, fundraiser, healthcare worker, or anyone who consistently gives their time, energy, or love to improve the lives of others.

The closing date for nominations is 27th November 2026, with the lucky finalists invited to a red carpet award ceremony on Thursday 28th January 2027.

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Elderwood House officially opens

Elderwood House, the new care home on Top Dartford Road, has officially opened its doors to residents.

The opening was marked with a special celebration attended by residents, their families, staff, Hextable Parish Council Chair Chrissy Hudson and Councillors Eileen Kattenhorn and Sue Meaker.

The home provides a range of care services, including residential, nursing and dementia care, in a modern setting designed to feel welcoming and homely. Facilities include comfortable living spaces, dining areas and places for residents to spend time with visitors and take part in activities.



Local News

Thank you to our advertisers - why not become one?

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the local businesses that advertise in our newsletter in each edition for their ongoing support.

Advertising helps keep the costs down for the Parish Council to produce the newsletter, meaning we can continue to provide this valuable source of local information and community engagement.

If you own a local business, why don't you give it a try? Adverts cost £45 for a half page, or £80 for a full page, per issue, with three editions of the newsletter produced each year in Feb/March, June/July and September/October.

To book your space or find out more, email Hextable Parish Council Clerk Tracy Lane on 01322 668530.



Calling all local photographers!

Would you like to see your photographs on the front cover of a future village newsletter, or used to illustrate one of our local news stories?

We are inviting residents with a passion for photography to capture some of the beauty and character of Hextable. Your picture could feature one of our green spaces, a familiar landmark, a village event, or one of the facilities that make Hextable such a special place to live.

The best photographs will be considered for future front covers and may also be used in our news and features, helping us to bring village stories to life. Please make sure you have permission from anyone who is clearly identifiable in the photograph.

Please email your photographs to our Parish Council Clerk, Tracy Lane, at tracy@hextable-pc.gov.uk. We look forward to seeing the village through your eyes.





Your photographs could be used on the cover of this newsletter, like the ones above!

ANAGRAM

HINT: Countries on the world's second-largest continent

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Update From Your Kent County Councillor

Hi, I'm Dean Truder, the KCC Representative for Swanley and Hextable



As your Kent County Councillor, I continue to work on the issues that matter most to Hextable residents. Recent priorities have included road safety, highways maintenance, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) and school transport, and protecting the character of our community through engagement with local planning matters.

I am also continuing to press for improvements to traffic management during roadworks, ensuring disruption is kept to a minimum, while working closely with Hextable Parish Council, Sevenoaks District Council and local residents to resolve concerns as quickly as possible.

If you have an issue you would like to discuss or need assistance with a Kent County Council matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Your views help shape the work I do on your behalf.

Regards,

Dean Truder

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Thank You to our Volunteer Gardeners and Groundsmen!

Our wonderful gardening volunteers braved the Summer heatwave to keep our village gardens and green spaces looking fabulous.

It was, of course, too hot to plant anything new, but the volunteer teams still worked hard, in particular devoting their time and effort to keeping the roses and herbaceous boarders looking smart.

Going forward we have some exciting opportunities to get involved, including two dedicated sessions to paint the external fence on the Village Green (23 October - see post opposite) and plant tulips on the Village Green and around the church area ahead of a tulip festival next year (27 November).

The painting of the fence will take place through the day. Please come along either for the whole day, or part of it, and help us keep the Green looking its best. Any small amount of time you can spare will be appreciated.

Hextable Parish Council will provide the paint, brushes and any other tools that may be needed, along with refreshments. You just need to wear old clothes that you don't mind putting paint on, just in case.

The volunteer group is open to all. Please do come along and help keep the gardens, and open spaces looking fabulous.

Future dates:

23 October - 11am-4pm
Painting Party on the Village Green

27 November - 1pm
Tulip Planing on the Village Green and church areas



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Local Plan: Updates on Proposed Hextable Sites

Thank you to all residents who attended the meeting on the 7 August. Hextable Parish Council was pleased to see a large support from the village.

Below is a recap of the information shared. The date for responding to the consultation is now closed – thank you to everyone who responded both in writing and online. We will now await the final decision on the sites that will be included in the Sevenoaks Local Plan to be submitted to the Government by the end of the year.

The Sevenoaks Local Plan will decide the way forward for Hextable for the next 10- 15 years. Of course, a site being in the plan does not mean building work will start immediately – or even that development for any given site will happen at all.

But it does provide a framework for how developments should be approached across Hextable and the wider district, and so it is an important milestone.

Why we have a local plan

The reason for the plan is to ensure the Government's requirements for housing are met. Failure to agree a plan means the Government will take over the planning for the area and local authorities will have little say in the developments.

Therefore, the plan put forward should be looked at with as much positivity as possible with areas of real concern raised only.

Pedham Place

Sevenoaks District Council have included Pedham Place in the plan to ensure that the number of houses proposed meets the target for the district. While we know there are strong feelings on the Pedham Place proposal, the meeting in August was held to cover Hextable only and therefore only covered housing sites proposed in the village.

Proposed Hextable housing plan sites

At the meeting, we shared details of the areas residents need to

concentrate on that were retained or amended in the plan following the first round of consultation. These are shown on the map provided below, and are as follows:

ST3-6, Egerton School site. (Previously HEX 1)
This was to be the entire site, but now this is set out for 78 houses instead of 178 on the school site only, hopefully leaving the Howard venue with sufficient parking for its needs. The avenue of limes and the playing fields are out of the development proposal.

ST4-31/32, Lower Road (Previously HEX 6/7)
These are two small sites totalling 32 houses.

ST4-35, behind Heritage Gardens. (Previously HEX 3)
Hex 4 has been removed. This leaves 27 houses proposed.

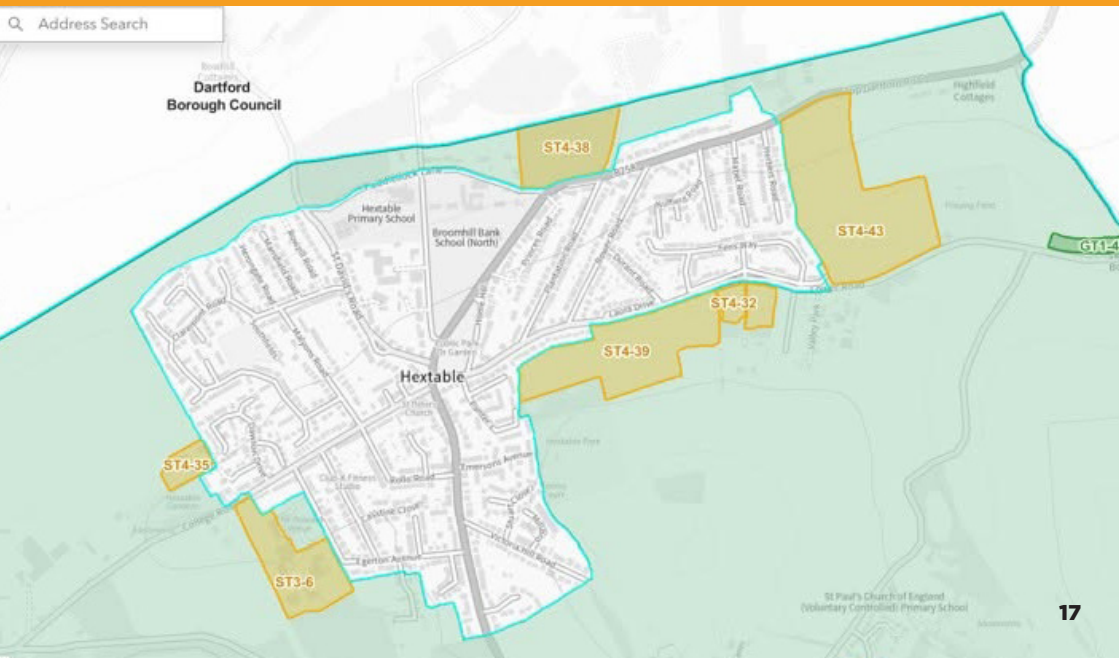
ST4- 38 Puddledock lane, (Previously HEX 9)
The number of units have been increased from 30 to 75.

ST4-39 Lower Road up to Hextable Park (Previously HEX 8)
The number of units proposed is down from 198 to 156.

ST4-43 Top Dartford Road next to Herbert Road (Previously HEX 2)
The number of units proposed was 200, now increased to 238.

GT1-4 at Goss Hill Lodge, Clement Street, Hextable
20 pitches for travellers, which means 60 structures.

For those concerned with Stanhill farm, this area was removed from consideration as a development here would join Hextable with Bexley. The area is to remain as a strategic gap and will not be included for this reason.



Local Government Reorganisation: What Happens Next?

The Government has paused the reorganisation of Kent's councils. The original plan would have abolished Kent County Council, Medway Council and all 12 District and Borough councils, replacing them with four Unitary Authorities responsible for all council services in their areas.

What does the pause mean?

On 7 September 2026, Ministers instructed councils across Kent and Medway to stop further work on implementing the new Unitary Authorities. This means that the proposed elections for the new councils in May 2027, and their full implementation in May 2028, will not go ahead as planned.

In the meantime, council services continue as normal and the existing councils remain in place. Elections for Sevenoaks District Council are currently planned to go ahead in line with the existing timetable in May 2027.

Does this mean the councils will not be abolished?

Not necessarily. The Government is reviewing the timetable and is expected to provide further information about the next steps. The reorganisation may eventually go ahead, but at a later date. The position may also change as the review progresses, so residents should look out for updates from the Government and the councils.

What was the proposed new structure?

The new structure for Kent's council's was subject to a public consultation starting in January, with a final decision announced in July 2026. The selected option was referred to in the consultation as Option 4b.

The changes would have created four new Unitary Authorities across Kent and Medway. Hextable would have formed part of a new West Kent Unitary Authority covering the current Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Malling, and Maidstone council areas (see map).

The new Unitary Authorities would have taken responsibility for all services currently provided in these areas separately by Kent County Council and the relevant District councils, including education, social care, highways, libraries, waste collection, leisure, housing, community safety and public health.

Could the proposed changes be altered?

Yes. The Government's review could lead to changes to the timetable or to the proposals themselves.

Until further information is published,

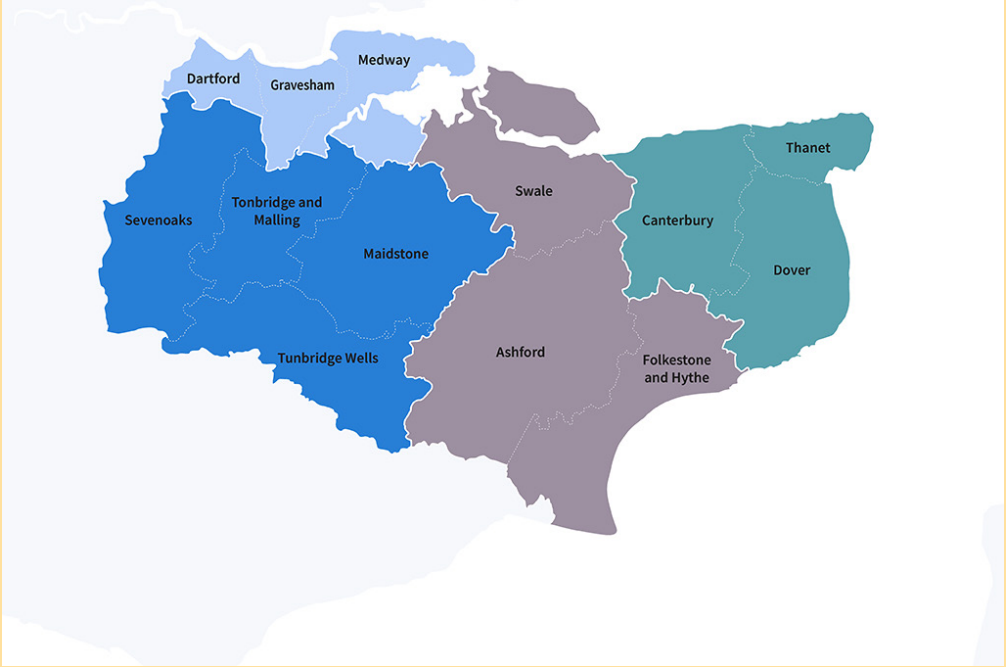
we understand that the announced new council structure remain the intended long-term direction, but the implementation date is now uncertain. As noted above, we currently expect Sevenoaks District Council elections to go ahead in May 2027, likely with a reduced term.

What happens to Hextable Parish Council?

Nothing. Irrespective of the proposed re-organisation, Hextable Parish Council will remain the first tier of local government and will continue to represent the village and manage its local responsibilities under the current arrangements - and under any future unitary structure, if and when that comes into force.

For more information, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20003/your_council/834/local_government_reorganisation

Map of proposed Unitary Authorities in Kent (option 4b).



The Big Recycling Upgrade: Wheelie Bin Update

Sevenoaks District Council is introducing new wheelie bins and alternate weekly waste collections for most households from Monday 12 October 2026. The aim is to help residents recycle more and reduce the amount of general waste sent for disposal.

What is happening?

Each household will receive a 240-litre wheelie bin with a green lid for recycling, as well as a 180-litre black wheelie bin for general waste. Bins are being delivered now and each home that is within the scope of the changes should receive theirs by the beginning of October.

Once your new bins arrive, keep them at your property, mark them with your house number or name, and do not use them until the new service begins. Leave the seals in place until one week before your first collection.

How will the new bins be collected?

From 12 October, recycling and general waste will be collected on alternate weeks. The council will confirm individual collection dates nearer the start of the service. Food waste will continue to be collected separately every week, using the new caddies that came into effect earlier this year.

Bins should be put out by 7am on collection day, at the edge of your property or agreed collection point, with the lid closed and without overflowing.

What goes in the recycling bin?

The green-lid bin is for dry recycling, including:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper and card
- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Metal tins
- Cans
- Bottle tops
- Lids and foil
- Plastic bottles
- Pots
- Tubs and trays
- Food and drink cartons such as Tetra Paks
- Flattened cardboard may be left neatly beside a full recycling bin

What goes in the general waste bin?

The black bin is for remaining general waste only, including:

- Nappies and sanitary products
- Tissues and wet wipes
- Pet waste and cat litter
- Plastic bags
- Wrapping and film
- Polystyrene and foam packaging
- Crockery and non-recyclable glass
- Dust and vacuum contents
- Other non-recyclable plastics
- Food waste, garden waste and recyclable items should not go in this bin

Important: waste left outside the bin, or in extra sacks beside it, will not be collected.

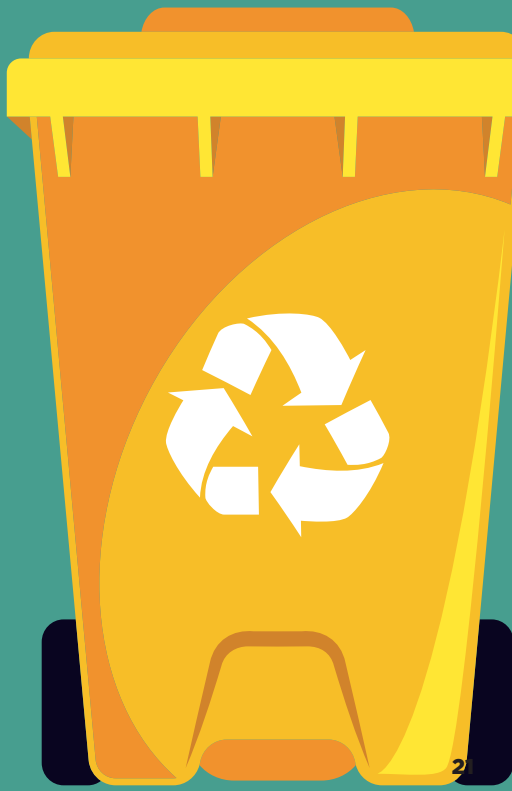
Properties without wheelie bins

Some properties, such as flats above shops or homes without storage or access, will continue to use alternative arrangements.

Assisted collections

If you believe you will be unable to put your bins out for collection and return them afterwards due to health or mobility reasons, you can apply for an assisted collection.

You can apply for or cancel an assisted collection by visiting: https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20000/rubbish_and_recycling/167/assisted_rubbish_collection



Hextable Heritage Society

Hextable Heritage Society was formed in 2000 by a small group of enthusiasts who were keen to discover more about their village. Since then its area of interest has spread to cover not only Hextable, but the parishes near to us.

The aims and objects of the Society are the protection, preservation and furtherance of knowledge of the local history and heritage of Hextable and its surroundings. We have participated in local and national events such as English Heritage's annual open days, and operate a programme of talks and members evenings.

The Society also maintains an archive of artefacts, documents and photographs from the village's past, which can be viewed on open days, or by prior arrangement with a committee member.

If you have an interest in local history, the Society would love to welcome new members to join. Just come along on one of the Thursday evening meetings below at 7.30pm, at the Heritage Centre, Crawfords, off Dawson Drive, to give it a go. You will be made very welcome.

For more details and fees take a look at our website www.hextable-heritage.co.uk.

Upcoming meeting dates

10th Dec 2026
11th Mar 2027
17th June 2027
16th Sept 2027

Your Village Needs You!



Ever wondered what it takes to become a Parish Councillor? Or perhaps you would like to know more about how the Parish Council and its representatives support residents and the wider village?

Come along to our informal information evening at 7pm on Friday 30 October and meet members of Hextable Parish Council. You will hear how they became involved in local politics, what being a Councillor involves, and how they spend their time working hard for our community.

Parish Council elections will take place on 6 May 2027, and we are keen to encourage residents from all backgrounds and walks of life to stand for election and get involved. You do not need to be a political expert - just someone who cares about Hextable and wants to help shape its future.

Tea and refreshments will be served. We hope the evening will be informative, friendly and inspiring. Everyone is welcome.

Anagram Answers

1: ESWATINI

2: MOZAMBIQUE

3: REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

4: DJIBOUTI

5: MAURITANIA

6: SIERRA LEONE

7: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

8: SOUTH SUDAN

9: SEYCHELLES

10: MADAGASCAR

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Meet the Village

Hextable Wind Band - Stephanie Jarvis, Musical Director

Hextable Wind Band has been a part of the village since 2011. We are a unique band in which children and adults perform alongside each other. No audition is required: if you want to play and perform, the Musical Director will find a way of allowing you to do it, playing music to your ability.

We also have a Training Band for children and adults who have been learning their instrument for six months, with music specifically written for their abilities. We perform two concerts a year, and the Training Band and Wind Band also perform together.

Who is the Musical Director?
Stephanie Jarvis formed the Band following an extremely successful sell-out concert involving over 500 children at The Orchard Theatre in July 2010. Stephanie has directed and produced many choir and music concerts at various theatres, such as The Stag in Sevenoaks and the Mick Jagger Centre in Dartford.

What music do we play?
We play a mixture of wind band music – classical, music from films and musical theatre, swing and big band, as well as original pieces and well known wind band repertoire.

Where do we rehearse?
We currently rehearse on a Thursday evening (term time only) at The Howard Venue, Egerton Avenue. Training Band is 4.15pm-5pm and Hextable Wind Band 5.15pm-7pm.

Find out more
If you would like to join either Band, please contact Stephanie at sjarvis64@hotmail.co.uk. We always welcome new musicians with open arms.

Playing in a band helps develop technique, tone and musical confidence; allows you to work towards the satisfaction of performing in a concert; brings together friendships that extends upon the rehearsals; and most is fantastic FUN!!

There are also social events such as quizzes, Barn Dances and Awards Nights, to which everyone is invited.



Stephanie Jarvis directs the Wind Band at a Concert in 2023

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At Club-K Health & Fitness in Hextable, we believe that fitness is about far more than getting fitter. It is about staying active, independent and connected as we get older – and, most importantly, having a good laugh along the way!

Our community is made up largely of Gen X and above. We may be getting older, but mentally we're still young, still want to have fun and still occasionally behave like we're 25!

What makes Club-K special is the community that has grown around it. Members support each other through the ups and downs of life — from caring for ageing parents to dealing with the loss of a parent. Sometimes a class, a coffee and a bit of laughter with people who understand is just as important as the workout itself.

As our bodies change, so do our needs. That's why our instructors have qualifications and experience working with a range of medical conditions and age-related challenges, helping people exercise safely and confidently at their own level.

Whether you come for the fitness, the rehabilitation, the Pilates, Reformer, massage or simply the people, Club-K is a place where you can JUST TURN UP! You don't have to be the fittest, youngest or strongest person in the room. You just have to turn up — and you'll be welcomed.

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Dates For The Diary



Parish Council Meetings
All 7.30pm, Hextable Heritage Centre

- Monday 23rd November
- Monday 18th January
- Monday 15th March

Village events

- Seniors Film Afternoon: Village Hall, Saturday 17th October, 1.30pm (see below)
- Fireworks Night: Hextable Park, Friday 6th November, gates open 7pm (see page 26)
- Remembrance Day Service: Five Wents Hall, Sunday 8th November, 10.45am
- Christmas at the Proms: St Peter's Church, Saturday 5th December, 6.45pm (see page 24)

Seniors Event

Join us for our next Seniors Film Afternoon on Saturday 17 October at the Village Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm and the film starts promptly at 2pm.

This time we will be showing Operation Mincemeat, the 2021 wartime drama starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald. Based on a remarkable true story, the film follows the intelligence officers who devised an elaborate deception to help the Allies prepare for the invasion of Sicily during the Second World War.



Admission is free, with a raffle and refreshments as usual. We look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable afternoon of film and friendship.

Village Eats: Simple Christmas Pudding

You will need two 1.2-litre pudding basins.

Ingredients

- 900g/2lb mixed dried fruit
- 150ml/5fl oz brandy or whisky
- 1 large orange, grated zest and juice
- 225g/8oz butter, softened, plus extra, melted, for greasing
- 225g/8oz dark brown sugar
- 4 large free-range eggs, beaten
- 110g/4oz self-raising flour
- 110g/4oz fresh breadcrumbs
- 85g/3oz chopped nuts (almonds, hazelnuts or pecans)
- 1 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 heaped tsp cinnamon

To serve

- Brandy, for flaming
- Fresh cherries
- Custard, thick cream or ice cream

Method

1. Place the dried fruit into a large bowl (cut up any large pieces). Pour over the brandy or whisky.

2. Add the grated orange zest to the fruit, then pour over the orange juice.

3. Mix ogether until well combined. Cover with cling film and set aside in a cool place overnight.

4. The next day, lightly grease pudding basins with the melted butter and place a disc of greaseproof paper into the base of each.

5. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter and sugar until pale and fluffy using an electric whisk.

6. Whisk in the beaten eggs, a little at a time, incorporating each addition into the batter before adding the next. (If the mixture starts to curdle, just whisk in a spoonful of flour.)

7. Add the soaked fruit and soaking juices and stir well to combine.

8. Add the nuts and spices, mix gently until of dropping consistency.

9. Spoon the mixture into the pudding basins and cover with a double layer of greaseproof paper and a single sheet of aluminium foil. Tie with string.

10. Prepare a steamer and steam the puddings for four hours.

11. You can eat the puddings at this stage, or you can cool them completely and store them, in their basins, for 2-3 months, in a cool dark place, re-steaming them for two hours before

12. To serve, carefully remove the puddings from the basins and turn each out onto a serving plate.

13. Garnish the top of the puddings with the cherries. Carefully set the brandy alight using a match. Allow the flames to flare up, then pour the brandy over the puddings.

14. Garnish each serving with a few extra cherries and serve with custard, thick cream or ice cream.

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