



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022



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From the Chairman



Since the last newsletter, I hope you have all noticed that the Parish Council has been working hard in the village. Before the full-blown grass-cutting season gets under way, you may have seen Barrie and Lewis, our grounds staff, working hard on all our open spaces. They have spent a great deal of the winter season working in Hextable Park and Hextable Gardens to make them places that we can all enjoy.

I would really recommend you take a walk and come and see what we have been doing to create some fantastic open spaces right on our doorstep! I regularly receive feedback from residents, and this is very helpful and I always welcome this. It is so important that we understand what you think about the work we do in our village.

The recent completion of Next Door Hextable has not only completely transformed the Centre of our village, but it has provided us with a long-overdue community hub that we can all benefit from. The Parish Council has fully supported the work and is proud to have contributed towards some of the costs associated with the highway landscaping works. Along with all the numerous other generous donors, everyone involved has collectively helped to get this project over the line. The Community Café has already become a hit in the village, with many people enjoying this fantastic meeting place. It is the ideal place to meet friends, family and colleagues to relax, right in the heart of Hextable.

The Parish Council has recently approved the manufacture of a brand-new village sign for Hextable and this has been ordered. It has long been an ambition for us to create a more traditional sign that represents our vast history which stands out. The new sign will be an embossed coloured sign that will replace the old one, that recently suffered from the high winds back in February.

In this jubilee year, Hextable Parish Council is proud to be doing our bit to mark this special event – celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70th year on the throne. On Wednesday 27th April, I joined all the other councillors, and invited some guests to plant a tree on the village green, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative. The Jubilee family picnic will be in Hextable Gardens on Sunday 5th June between 12:00 and 16:00. We do hope that many of you can join us at this event. We look forward to some activities for our younger residents so we hope the weather is on our side! (2 articles later in this newsletter)

White Oak Leisure Centre:

The new White Oak Leisure Centre, representing a £20 million investment in the north of the district, is now fully open. In addition to the state-of-the-art pool, there is a 100 plus station gym, an air-conditioned static cycling area with around 24 stations

and an indoor gym with badminton courts. In the central area, it houses a tag-active course and coffee shop. Outstanding works to demolish the old centre and build the new car park have commenced

Egerton Nursery site

Progress is being made on the development for the Egerton Nursery site and it is anticipated that over the next few weeks, the site will be cleared ahead of site construction works starting. We will keep an eye on the construction phase to ensure there is minimal disruption to nearby residents

Council Contact Centre

The District Council is pleased to announce that it has recently extended the times that the council contact centre is open for residents and businesses to access the council. The council has recognised that working patterns have changed for so many people during the pandemic, and we have wanted to make sure that everyone can

benefit from a more accessible council. The telephone lines are now open daily between 7am and 7pm for anyone who wishes to contact the council.

Car Parking

Car Parking in the village has been an issue recently, with increased vigilance with activity by the Civil Enforcement Officers. In particular, we have seen that there has been some increased enforcement activity in two areas, where parking tickets have been issued.

We have learned that the area outside the post office, adjacent to Home Hill houses, on the raised area within the bollards, is technically subjected to the restrictions of the highway itself covered by the yellow lines. The other place is the layby outside the off-licence. This area, regularly used by customers of the shop along Main Road, is subject to restrictions between 08:00 and 18:00hrs, but this currently includes the lay-by area directly outside the shop.



Talk to Darren
Tel: 01322 615847 or 07496 818558
chairman@hextableparishcouncil.com

As you may have noticed there has been drain clearing around the village this Winter/Spring. There is still bound to be more rain to come in the summer months. Please keep an eye on any 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 03000 418181 during working hours, or 03000 419191 in an emergency

Report online:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>



St. Peter's Annexe Update

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



NEXT DOOR
HEXTABLE

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

www.nextdoorhextable.org.uk

Johnny Douglas

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Next Door Hextable Project Lead | Care in our Community COVID-19 SDC
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Vicar Johnny Douglas, Cllr Darren, Manager Rachel and Cllr Andy.

Big Thank you for the Plants

The new Next Door Hextable facilities are now open – all the landscaping has been completed and the Parish Council has started the planting of the new frontage. The planting area is large and the Church and Hextable Parish Council have planted the donations of shrubs, flowers and hardy perennials. Unfortunately, 12 plants were stolen just before the centre opened. CCTV is in place to hopefully prevent petty vandalism in the future.

All donations are gratefully received and distributed in the other open spaces around the Village such as Hextable Heritage Gardens.

There is still an opportunity to donate plants in the coming months so 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.





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 of 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.

Cllr Kitchener sits on the Audit Committee and the Scrutiny committee, which look at monitoring the control of the finance and the performance of service delivery of the council, including scrutinising the performance of other external organisations that provide services across our district. Cllr Hudson serves on one of the busiest committees, Development Control, that oversees all the planning applications - where it is deemed necessary for members to review and debate them. She also sits on People and Places Advisory Board, the

Homelessness Review Board and Sevenoaks District Arts Council.

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 topics including:

- Parking in the village / traffic issues at the school.
- Footpath repairs & road signage
- Drainage concerns – particularly in College Road, Lower Road & Laura Drive.
- Street lighting Panters / Home Hill Junction
- New housing strategy for Sevenoaks District.
- Hextable surgery – waiting times and issues of access to services.

Some updates on the above:

- There has been extensive repair works on the water/drainage system in College Road – outside the Heritage Gardens over the past couple of months.
- There has been some repair works on the worst parts of the footpath between Squires Field and Highlands Hill.

- After liaising with KCC, street lighting – extending of the automatic switch off times and trees pruned to expose more of the light.

As one of the only local authorities that still provides a weekly refuse collection, the district council worked hard to maintain this over the Easter holidays.

Our refuse teams, based out of the Dunbrick depot in Sundridge, are all employed directly by the council and they worked additional Saturdays over the Easter period, which I am sure is much appreciated by all residents.

The new Sunday Market in Swanley Town Centre has been on for a few weeks now – feedback is positive so far. Hopefully

when the six months trial period is over that Sevenoaks District Council will make it a permanent feature. So, on a Sunday why don't you go and see the mix of market traders selling local food and drink, farmers' market products and traditional market goods.

Fly-tipping is a problem that many of us have seen and experienced, and this is huge problem for the district council. The Council's Environmental Enforcement Team will take action. Vigilance from residents and a council employees will help to keep our part of the county cleaner.

For help regarding SDC issues please contact us at:

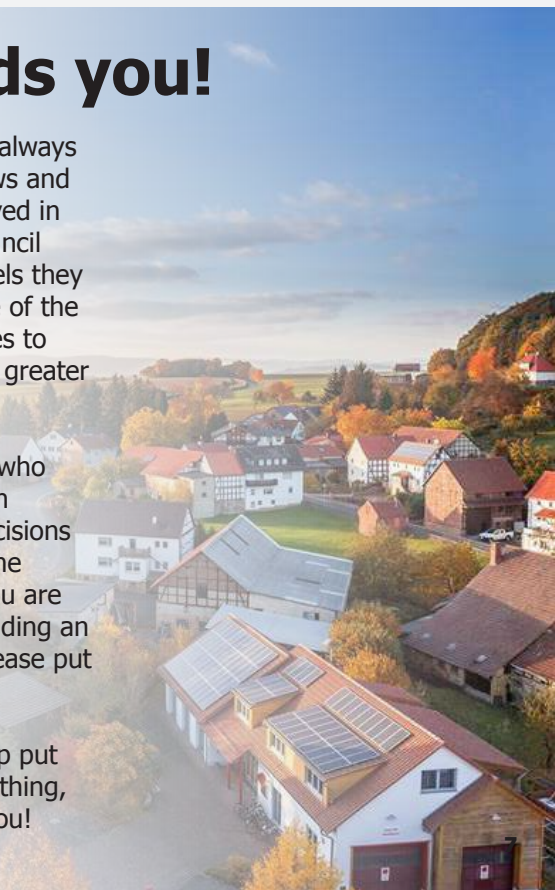
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Your village needs you!

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 now encourage greater local participation.

Also, 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!



From your Councillor



As I sit here typing my KCC update to you, I wonder how many of you were able to appreciate and enjoy the glorious weather that we have had up to and over the Easter period. After all, how many of us can remember the last time that we had a long Bank Holiday weekend - with no rain! I hope that wherever you were and whatever you were doing, that you managed to enjoy yourself and have some quality time - alone or with friends or loved ones. To those of you who had to work, and there are many of you in all walks of life, thank you for whatever it is you do, to ensure that the rest of us can go about our business.

There are a number of issues recently that I would like to add a little more context around as well as to provide an insight into some other activities locally.

The most obvious talking point recently has been the partial withdrawal by Arriva of the 477 commercial bus service - now terminating at Dartford instead of continuing onto Bluewater and Darent Valley Hospital, and the loss of service after around 18:00hrs during weekdays, and the withdrawal of the entire Sunday service. I know that these changes will inconvenience a number of residents - for whom alternative routes will have to be found or undertaken - adding to journey times, or for some, making the decision to just not travel at all. There are several reasons why Arriva are making these changes - not just to the 477, but across many routes in Kent, but the primary

reason is that the services simply do not attract enough passengers. I am sure that you have all seen buses running through our village with scarcely a passenger on them. I agree that the more unreliable a service is, the less inclined people will be to use it - and so the declining pattern continues.



KCC has recently been awarded what appears to be a one-off payment of £35M from Government to help shape the future of bus travel in Kent. This funding comes with many caveats attached. For example, roughly £24M has to be spent on Capital expenditure, such as new electric or hydrogen buses with the remaining monies spent on Revenue expenditure - new services, routes etc. It has been made clear however, that the money cannot be spent on existing routes/services or where it is shown that routes are failing and have had to be cut. I have begun dialogue with senior officers and Go Coach to see how we might be able to shape the future of bus services here in Hextable. If you have any ideas, it would be good to hear from you - especially if

you are an existing bus user. No doubt discussions will commence with other bus operators as well to ensure that every opportunity is given to providing 'out of hours' cover to our residents.

After complaints from residents, two traffic survey/speed monitors were installed on Main Road and Lower Road. These have now been removed and an initial assessment of the data undertaken. Further examination of the data will assist Highway planners to determine whether any improvements can or should be made on either road. Residents continue to express concern about inconsiderate parking in some areas of the village. I appreciate that often parking is at a premium and with cars seemingly getting ever longer and wider, spaces that were once considered suitable for parking may now not be. Emergency vehicles and refuse lorries have difficulty in negotiating some of the junctions or turning in a road if a vehicle is parked awkwardly or perhaps where it ought not - on junction corners, in turning or maneuvering areas of cul-de-sacs or narrow side streets. Please be mindful of the effect your parking has on its immediate vicinity.

The collapsed wall and subsequent disruption in Main Road are currently being addressed by KCC – they have reduced the pile of rubble and done a structural survey of the entire wall below the back gardens (Nutley Close). The KCC department handling this are aiming to have the repairs completed by the end of June. At least there is no longer need for traffic lights or cones restricting the flow of traffic.

Other issues within the village that I am currently supporting, and aiming to improve are:

- Street Lighting in Panters / Home Hill.

- Puddledock Lane signage stating road not suitable for large vehicles
- The parking / traffic volume issues during school term in Rowhill.

To end on a more positive note, it's great to see the new 'Next Door Hextable' hub at St Peter's Church completed and welcoming guests. I was delighted to have been able to support the project by providing the funds for the wi-fi and internet connectivity within the new build. You may well have seen the three new benches on Main Road provided by me to Hextable Parish Council for the benefit of the community, through a one-off Covid Recovery Grant purchase. It is my intention to work with your local Parish and District Councils to offer regular 'Meet your Councillor' sessions to start soon at the new hub. Look out for more details once this has been agreed and finalised.



If you have any KCC related issues or ideas about bus services 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 had a very well attended meeting on Thursday 14th April 2022.

The April speaker was an old favourite of the society – Rod LeGear who enthusiastically presented a talk on 'Underground Kent' – interesting facts relating to chalk mining throughout the county. Numerous tunnels and caves dug out over many centuries – including those caves lived in by soldiers in wartime going back to the Napoleonic period. Also, the coal mining not just in East Kent – there was a brown coal seam in Cobham – now partially under the extended A2. And of course, the many stories of the haunted Chislehurst caves.

Next Talk:

Hextable Heritage Society Thursday 12th May 2022 From 7.30pm

Elizabeth Barton – The Maid of Kent, a talk by Melanie Gibson-Barton

Planned coming Events:

- Thursday 9th June – TBC
- Thursday 14th July – Grim Gravesend – talk by Christoph Bull.
- Thursday 11th August – TBC
- Thursday 8th September – In for a Penny, in for a Pound – talk by Jo Livingston

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

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



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 the Parish Council in celebrating this historic event – There will be a Jubilee Family Picnic event in The Heritage Gardens

Sunday 5th June 2022 from 12 noon to 4pm

The afternoon will include:
Hextable Wind Band in the Rose Garden
Make a Crown with Hextable Primary School

- Inflatable Track with Space Hoppers
 - Mini Athletics
 - Craft Activities
 - Face Painting
 - Quiz for the Kids
 - Baby Ballet
 - Candy Floss stall
 - Ice Cream Van
 - Sweeties Truck
- Refreshments in the Heritage Centre
- Heritage Centre history of Hextable display open

You bring your games for the children, picnics, chairs, rugs and all your friends and families.

Looking forward to seeing you all.
Cllr Chrissy Hudson



**'70 YEARS
ON THE
THRONE'**



Scouts

Hextable Scout Group welcomes girls and boys aged 6-17, and adults looking for fun and adventure while learning skills for life. Having held online meetings during lockdown, we are back to "normal" scouting, with overnight adventures, from a one-night sleepover for Beavers, through to a 3-night Cub camp to a 7-day international camp for the Scouts and Explorers all taking place this summer. We offer a huge range of age-appropriate outdoor and indoor activities, including traditional adventurous activities such as camping, outdoor cooking, water sports, hikes and climbing and newer pursuits, including zorbing, micro-lighting and tomahawk throwing, IT and money skills.



We engage in various types of community service. Our members regularly achieve the top awards for their sections, and we are currently celebrating leader Zak Welsh's Queen's Scout Award, an outstanding achievement. We hope to have Squirrels (age 4-5) soon.

More information and a link to join our group or help in any way is at www.hextablescouts.org.uk

Full information about our badges, policies and answers to other questions is at www.scouts.org.uk or contact info@hextablescouts.org.uk



See you soon! Akela



More People that love their Jobs!

As many of you may be aware, I have two roles in Hextable:

- 1) A Parish Councillor - which is a rewarding and interesting role
- 2) As an adult deliverer for McColls/Morrisons, where my role is to deliver the newspapers and various magazines etc around the village.

This is a very enjoyable job, but can be very challenging at times - particularly in heavy rain, snow frost etc. However, I do find this rewarding as I get to meet several residents within the village for a chat in the mornings.

I wanted to share a recent experience with you where I managed to damage my mountain bike. Having finished the last of the rounds I was on my way home along Swanley Lane - when there was an almighty bang along with a massive shake of the front wheel. I looked down and saw the front axle spindle had been sheared off which spread across the road. I managed to recover myself, and what was left of the axle off the road and took my badly wounded bike home.

While I can fix some things, this was different as I had broken parts and needed the help of an expert. The expert is my friend Mark. I called him (markscyclerepairs.com) and he was able to assist with a fix that same day – what a relief as the bike was needed for the following day.

I therefore would thoroughly recommend Mark – who has a passion for all things bicycle - markscyclerepairs.com should you need to get your bike fixed. Do contact him if you would like assistance.

Cllr Andy Proudlove



NEXT DOOR HEXTABLE

Cafe Volunteering

Be part of something new in 2022! Come and 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. We are now open – Wednesday to Saturday, 9.30am - 4.30pm. The new cafe manager Rachel has been appointed, with other team members now recruited. There are many ways for you to volunteer your time including coffee baristas, food preparation, counter service, table clearing and offering a warm welcome.

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. 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

Johnny Douglas

Vicar | St Peter's Hextable & St Paul's Swanley Village

Next Door Hextable Project Lead

Care in our Community COVID-19 SDC Area Lead

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Hextable Village Sign

As many of you know the old village sign fell down in the winter storm!

The Parish Council has had the pleasure in ordering the new sign – and it will take pride of place in the centre of the village, on the Green - the design encompasses the horticultural history and the date 1203 – when Hextable first appeared on maps. In fact, back in 2003, residents celebrated the 800-year anniversary of the establishment of the village. The first-ever women's only horticultural college in the world from 1902, which was first set-up in 1889.

It is depicted by the greenhouses in the design. The former manor house and the Avenue of Limes are both included in the sign. The sign will be double sided and in full colour. The estimated delivery time will be early in 2023. The Open Spaces committee have worked hard to get the design to reflect Hextable over the ages and obtained feedback from various groups in the village.

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 & Cllr Wayne Stoneham



Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Ceremony

Wednesday 27th April 2022 – 11am,
The Green, Hextable.

Lord Robert Sackville-West, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, honoured guests, ladies, gentlemen and children present at the Platinum Jubilee tree planting.



A lovely event in the middle of the village, starting off our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year. The tree planting is also our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy campaign – which is a unique UK-wide tree planting initiative. 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' which for the older residents will remind them of the 'Plant a tree in 1973', and 'Plant some more in 1974'. The village green was chosen as a central position for our tree to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne.



The Chair of the Parish Council Darren Kitchener opened the event by thanking Lord Sackville-West for attending - Then Vicar Johnny Douglas blessed the planting. They both thanked the great turnout by the Mayor and Mayoress of Swanley, the Parish Clerk Tracy Lane, who co-ordinated the whole event.





Councillor Kitchener also acknowledged the attendance of the Parish councillors, Swanley Town Council staff, the Head of Hextable Primary School, with 4 year-6 pupils. The Pre-school Nursery staff were also in attendance along with 4 of their young pupils. The children enjoyed having their pictures taken with the tree – hopefully many of them will enjoy the splendour of the tree for decades to come. It was nice to see many residents turn out for the event. After the photographs were taken everyone went back to the Next Door Hextable reception hall for refreshments.

The Hextable Parish Council groundsmen – Lewis, Barrie and Ian worked very hard preparing the raised bed for the Cornus Kouza – a white flowering tree. A new shiny spade was purchased for the occasion, and a lovely plaque was fixed to the bed so that for many years to come the tree will be a reminder of this special Jubilee

CLlr Lorraine Gaskin



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



For Fun!

Anagrams of Royal & Jubilee

2022 Royal & Jubilee anagrams - See how many you can solve!

WRITE ANSWERS HERE:

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| 1. Inuit Plea Jumble | 1. |
| 2. Plucking A Beach Ma | 2. |
| 3. Sharpen Circle | 3. |
| 4. PC Genius Rinse EE | 4. |
| 5. Alba Realm Colts | 5. |
| 6. Vin Never Scouts | 6. |
| 7. Met New Baby Sister | 7. |
| 8. Scoundrel Saw A Calm Of Chill | 8. |
| 9. Scored Last Win | 9. |
| 10. Carp Only Rises | 10. |
| 11. Nash Mastered Giant | 11. |
| 12. Hapless T Incorrect | 12. |
| 13. KD Neighbour Feud | 13. |
| 14. Sow Ear Flexes | 14. |
| 15. Procuring Hotel Too | 15. |
| 16. Upbeat Sea Jingle | 16. |
| 17. An Empiric Will | 17. |
| 18. Tzarina D All | 18. |
| 19. Bunking A Junction | 19. |
| 20. Synergy Is Venerate | 20. |

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



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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



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



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

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

Hextable Parish Council Senior Events

Post Covid there has had to be some changes made to the activities that the Parish Council usually organise and subsidise for the Senior residents in Hextable. The coach trips were deemed too expensive, limited numbers and not giving the village residents value for money.

The new trial plans for 2022 are as follows:

4 events per year – to be held in new community spaces in Next Door Hextable and St. Peter's, College Road. A central village location with good disabled access and public facilities.

Spring: A roadshow of associations / companies to give practical advice and support for the senior residents of the village. (13/4/22)

Summer: Afternoon Tea @ Next Door Hextable (5/6/22 - limited places – currently fully booked)

Autumn: Film Afternoon @ Next Door Hextable (12/10/22 - places bookable via the Parish Office)

Winter: Christmas Lunch @ Next Door Hextable (tbc in December – more details to follow)

The Roadshow was held on 13th April - seniors that were originally registered with the Parish Office were invited to come along to the first event – so that the HPC staff could assess its success

and viability. Stalls included:

Police – Fraud protection and personal safety advice

Fire – Home safety and advice on smoke alarms

Cottage Community – Information on outings and lunches

Emersons Care Home – advice on Dementia and other care facilities

Will writing – advice on writing wills and home visits

PCSO – Community Policing advice

The Howard Venue - advice on exercise and wellbeing classes

4 SDC depts – Housing / Community Safety / Compaid / One You Team

Fabulous raffle prizes

Coffee and cake were consumed after in the new Café. There were over 50 attendees, and feedback was very positive.



Clrs Chrissy Hudson & Lorraine Gaskin



MNDA SPECTACULAR GALA!



*A one night only charity event raising funds for the Motor Neurone
Disease Association (MNDA)*

Dress Code: Dress To Impress

AUGUST **19** 6:30 PM - 01:00AM

The Alexandra Suite, St. Marys Road, Swanley BR8 7BU

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BY MESSAGING;

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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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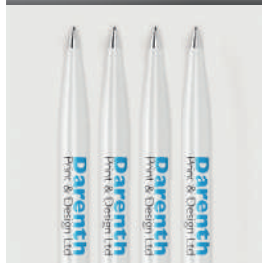
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10. Princess Royal
11. Sandringham Estate
12. Princess Charlotte
13. Duke Of Edinburgh
14. Earl Of Wessex
15. Trooping The Colour
16. Jubilee Pageants
17. Prince William
18. Zara Tindall
19. Union Jack Bunting
20. Seventy Years Reign

1. Inuit Plea Jumble
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3. Sharpen Circle
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7. Met New Baby Sister
8. Scoundrel Saw A Calm Of Chill
9. Scored Last Win
10. Carp Only Rises
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Useful Information

The government has removed remaining domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces

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.

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 12th May (7.30pm)** Hextable Heritage Society: Elizabeth Barton - The Maid of Kent (1506-34) by Melanie Gibson-Barton
- Mon 16th May (7.30pm)** Council Meeting - Heritage centre
- Sun 5th June** Hextable Parish Council 'Platinum Jubilee Family Picnic' - Hextable Heritage Gardens, off College Road from 12-4pm
- Thur 9th June (7.30pm)** Hextable Heritage Society: tbc
- Mon 20th June (7.30pm)** Council Meeting - Heritage centre
- Mon 14th July (7.30pm)** Hextable Heritage Society: Grim Gravesend, by Chris Bull
- Thu 11th August (7.30pm)** Hextable Heritage Society: tbc
- Thu 8th September (7.30pm)** Hextable Heritage Society: In for a Penny, In for a Pound, by Jo Livingston
- Mon 12th September (7.30pm)** Parish Council Meeting - Heritage centre
- SEPTEMBER** National Heritage Open Day WEEKEND - Hextable Heritage Society will open up the centre to the public - details to be confirmed.
- Mon 21st November (7.30pm)** Parish Council Meeting - Heritage centre

Please note: If you have any public events at your business - or social event held in the village that you would like included in the Newsletter Diary Dates section - please contact the Parish office, details below.

Newsletter deadlines for the following 3 months are end of January, April, August, October.

*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



Tel: 01732 227000
Web: www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

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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Web: www.kent.gov.uk

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