



# NEWSLETTER

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# Queen Elizabeth II Condolences

On behalf of Hextable Parish Council, we are very saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth., who served the United Kingdom for 70 years.

Hextable Parish Council offer our sincere condolences.

If you wish to leave a personal tribute, there are two on line books of condolence that you can access, that both will provide a single national record:

Buckingham Palace  
<https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence>

Church of England  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

remembering-her-majesty-queen/her-majesty-queen-book-condolence

Alternatively, from Wednesday 14th September, there will be a book of condolence in the foyer of Next Door Hextable, next to the community café where you will be able to write a personal tribute.

The book will be available to access between the hours of 09:00 – 16:30 Wednesday to Saturday

Cllr Darren Kitchener  
Chairman, Hextable Parish Council



# King Charles III Proclamation

On the morning of Sunday 11th September, Cllr Hudson and I were pleased to represent Hextable at the Proclamation held outside the District Council office.

The Union Flag at the District Council was raised as the official proclamation, formally announcing King Charles III as our new monarch, was read out. The event was attended by a Deputy Lieutenants of Kent, our MP, Laura Trott along with staff and Sevenoaks District Council and members of the public.



# From the Chairman



Following some extensive investment at Hextable Park over the summer months, the Parish Council grounds staff have been working hard in the Heritage Gardens, to create some additional themed planted areas. We receive many positive comments from regular users of this open space and are glad that many of our residents get a great deal of enjoyment from this area.



It has long been an ambition for the council to complete all the works to improve the centre of the village. I am pleased to be able to say that the Parish Council have finally secured access to the piece of land at the bottom corner of Broomhill Bank school (opposite the village green),

which we wish to make available as additional public amenity space.

In the early sixties, the existing main road (Home Hill) was diverted by installing the new Top Dartford Road, which cut through the existing green space, resulting in the creation of the Village Green. The Parish Council will start to tidy up this piece of land, clear some of the vegetation and open up the area, which we think will complement the other works we have done in the middle of the village.

In May next year, there will be local elections held in Hextable. It is likely that some of our Parish Councillors will choose to stand down, meaning that there will be vacancies for members of the council. If you are interested in finding out about standing as a local councillor, we would be happy to talk to you about how you can get involved. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more.



you all at 07:30 on Friday 4th November 2022.

On Friday 26h August, I was pleased to represent Hextable as a guest of the Mayor of Swanley, Cllr Lesly Dyball at the annual music and fireworks event organised by Swanley Town Council. This year was a particularly special event, as the ticket sales for those attending the VIP raised funds to enable some of the Ukrainian families that are being hosted by families in the area to be special guests to the event.

It will soon be that time of the year once again when we will be holding our annual free family fireworks at Hextable Park. The fireworks always go down well in the village, and over the years we have seen increasing attendance. This is an important event for the village, where we are proud to hold a safe event that our younger residents can attend.

Last year, a record number of people came to watch as this event was put back in the calendar following the pandemic. This is one event that I am always pleased to receive such positive feedback from. I look forward to seeing



# 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.



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

[www.nextdoorhextable.org.uk](http://www.nextdoorhextable.org.uk)

If you have any questions just email: [office@stph.org.uk](mailto:office@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 | [vicarjohnny@stph.org.uk](mailto:vicarjohnny@stph.org.uk)

## Talk to Darren

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[chairman@hextableparishcouncil.com](mailto:chairman@hextableparishcouncil.com)

There will be more rain to come in the autumn months - hopefully. 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:

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**Report online:**

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

# 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, 9am to 3.30pm. Times and days may change in the Winter months.

The new cafe manager Rachel still needs volunteers. There are many ways for you to volunteer your time including coffee baristas, food preparation, counter service, table clearing and offering a warm welcome.

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](mailto:volunteerNDH@stph.org.uk)

**Johnny Douglas**

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**Next Door Hextable Project Lead**

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## Big Thank you for the Plants

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.

Plants, bulbs and seeds

When you are thinning out your plants ready for the winter please do not throw the left overs out. Please drop them down to the grounds man lockup in Hextable gardens for replanting around the village.

Also if you have any packets of seeds or wild flower seeds we would appreciate them too.

If you don't want to replant your bulbs for the spring we would love to have them too.

Tulips, daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops etc.

Thank you.

**Open spaces committee**





### **Civic Service**

Cllr Hudson and Cllr Kitchener represented Hextable by attending the Annual Sevenoaks Civic Service on Saturday 23rd July which marked the start of the new Chairman's civic year. Members of the district council and local members of the church attended the service, which this year was held at Church of St Mary, Kippington.



### **Family Fun Day**

On 4th August, Sevenoaks District Council once again held one of the free family fun days that are held at various locations across the district. We are always pleased that Hextable is included in the programme as this is always a well-supported event that is enjoyed by our youngest residents. On the day we were pleased to welcome Cllr Mrs Avril Hunter, chairman of the District Council to the event held once again in our Heritage Gardens.





# Hextable Heritage Society

Please see the Dates for your Diary in this newsletter for forthcoming talks and events.

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](mailto:gmitchell@caxtons.com).

Graham Mitchell



## 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](mailto: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



I could not start my contribution to this newsletter without first commenting on what a strange and challenging time we find ourselves in.

There are a number of issues that ordinarily would take precedence over other commentary, but I find myself confronted with several unconnected issues that require parity.

First of all, how can we not mention the weather! For some it has been a dream summer of hot, lazy days and for others, a nightmare of stifling heat exacerbating any underlying health or medical conditions. What is apparent however, is how quickly our green and verdant countryside can turn into tinderboxes - ready to ignite at the first opportunity. There have been reports of several 'field fires' over and above the large fire that occurred recently on land between Hextable and Swanley. It is estimated that around 34 acres of crop was lost in that fire alone. The advice is clear, please do not drop cigarette ends, matches or other hot material whilst out walking, nor use any kind of bbq in an uncontrolled environment. We all know the effect that a thoughtlessly thrown bottle might have if the sun catches it at just the wrong angle - so please aware of our beautiful surroundings and do whatever we can to make it, and each of us, just that little bit safer.

I am pleased to say that the concerns and fears expressed by many of you surrounding the intended withdrawal of the 477 bus service through Hextable have been allayed. With much work going on behind the scenes involving myself, Laura Trott MP, other local councillors, KCC and various



bus operators, including agreement in principle of another bus operator taking over the route if necessary, Arriva will continue to run the 477 service from October. This service will be run along the lines of the route and timetable introduced last Easter, but with an hourly service rather than the 40 minute service as at present.

Unfortunately, there are no plans, from any operator, to restore the direct service through to either Blue Water or Darent Valley Hospital. This is for a number of reasons but primarily to try to improve the reliability of the service by not having to drive across Dartford and of running the risk of getting caught in traffic problems ~ and we are all only too aware of the impact that the, it seems, increasingly regular problems at the Dartford Crossing has on the town and further afield.

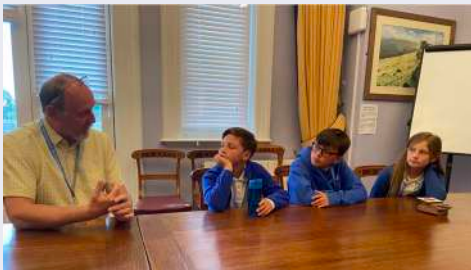
Although KCC do not run individual bus services, we do engage in regular Quality Bus Partnership meetings with operators, together with District, Town and Parish Councils. You can provide feedback to KCC for discussion at these meetings to highlight any problems or issues with services with the relevant operators. The easiest way to report an issue is via the KCC website/App, by scrolling down to 'Roads and Travel', selecting 'Bus Travel' and then scrolling down to the option 'Feedback about Bus Services'. Please note that you will not get a response from KCC after submitting a feedback form. If you seek a personal reply, then it would be best to contact the bus operator directly. Dependant on their response, you may then feel inclined to submit a KCC Feedback form as above.

Back in June, I was privileged to invite several schoolchildren from Hextable School, along with

teachers, to County Hall for a guided tour and for them to meet the leader of KCC, Roger Gough. This visit was planned to both thank the students for their hard work in assisting with formulating the new School Travel Plan that has recently been submitted - and to show them how their work, and that of the STP, will proceed - outlining the processes involved and depending on what action may be required, the Council Chamber where ultimately elements of any future highway plans might be discussed and voted on. It was an opportunity to explain how 'the system' works and for them to have a better understanding of how, from standing outside the school on freezing February mornings counting vehicles and speaking with other pupils and parents, their input will proceed through the various stages. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit, meeting with the leader, sitting in the Chairman's Chair in the Council Chamber and having a guided tour of parts of the building - including areas not usually open to the public.



investigation revealed that a different design and installation should be adopted to meet the particular challenges at this site. This has therefore limited the number of contractors who can be approached to carry out the work and so, for the best intentions, the start of the work has unfortunately but necessarily been delayed. For other apparently simpler jobs, KCC often rely upon the availability of contractors who, in many instances, are handling several weeks or months worth of work at the time new works are added to their list. It can be frustrating - but the important thing to bear in mind is that the work has been sanctioned and will be carried out at the earliest opportunity.



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](mailto:perry.cole@kent.gov.uk))

Cllr Perry Cole  
KCC Member for Hextable & Swanley

I think that it is important to write a balanced article and so it would not be right to mention timescales when talking about work that has been agreed or approved by KCC. Having managed to successfully argue for several small traffic schemes for the village as well as intervening to ensure that the fallen wall on Main Road is rebuilt and restored as soon as practicable, it is incredibly frustrating when, often for reasons outside of KCC's control, timescales are moved back. In the case of the wall, original plans drawn up have been superseded after further



# More People that love their Jobs!

## What have I done...

As a younger person I lived and worked in Italy for 3 years. I was able to travel around Europe one summer. (This was a time before "gap years") I have always been independent and adventurous.

When my children were small I went back to education and I have a degree in Environmental Science.

I have lived in Hextable with my family for 19 years and I can imagine we will remain indefinitely!



## Where I have worked...

I have mainly worked in customer service or in education. I taught Geography at secondary school for a short while but this did not suit me or fit in with my work life balance. So I have worked in customer service for 6 years, as it gave me the flexibility to support my family and gave me a better work life balance.

I enjoy music and concerts, historic places, and weekend breaks, I dabble in needle

work, and I decorate and furnish my home.

I enjoy my weekly yoga class, and the Saturday Park Run. I visit my Mum often and although my children are grown, I like to spend time with them and help them out when I can. I enjoy reading and I have found that the daily Wordle has become part of my routine these days. I am a bit competitive and I send my results to my family and I am in competition with my brothers and I keep in touch with my Mum daily as well, as she does this quiz.

## How I feel about myself...

I am in a more reflective period of my life which is at a slower pace now. I am feeling confident in doing more for myself. I am more self assured and I have more self belief now.

**This is giving me the motivation to change my path and take on a new challenge.**

**My family...**

**I have been married to Martin for 22 years. He is self-employed. We have 3 children, now grown up. My two boys have left home to be with their partners and my daughter is working and will be continuing her studies at university.**

**Why I am a Massage Therapist**

**Now my children are grown I am able now to work in an area which will give me more job satisfaction. I worked from home all the way through the Covid 19 pandemic which has given me time to reflect on what matters to me and my family. Job satisfaction and quality of life are key to maintaining good health and family balance.**

**After suffering with severe back and neck pain due to stress of work, I was able to get relief from a massage therapist. This was a light bulb moment for me and has most definitely influenced my decision to become a qualified Massage Therapist. The relief, the relaxation, the release of tension I did not know I had. Massage therapy enables me to share the positive experience I had, and share the benefits of massage and give my clients valuable time for themselves to support their work life balance.**

**How lucky am I to be able to make people feel better! And to see a relaxed smiling face, mine included! Life is too short and everyone should be able to feel good, and have stress relief, better sleep and improved mood.**

**I have trained at the London School of Massage and I am now qualified in Holistic Therapeutic Massage. I am continuing my professional development and I will be trained and qualified in Deep Tissue Massage and Neuromuscular Technique (NMT) which is the manual compression of trigger points. I am fortunate to not only improve my own health and wellbeing, but to help my clients feel better too. Even though I know the benefits of massage it is always such a pleasure to hear my clients say how much better they feel. That's why I love my job! Get that feel good feeling at Hextable Massage Therapy.**



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# For Fun!

## Anagrams of Famous British People with Birthdays in Autumn

Famous British people who have birthdays in the Autumn. See how many you can solve!

**WRITE ANSWERS HERE:**

1. Chorister H. Prewn
2. Exile Anonnn
3. Kneel Rayrig
4. J.C.U. Hidden
5. Conn Cultish Whirl
6. Jean Saunte
7. Scrawl Aide
8. Hearsay Met
9. Actions Wane
10. Ageism Might
11. Loveliest Sol
12. Mown Collies
13. Reengage Harm
14. Demonic Avard
15. U Snoozer Boyz
16. Jetsetter or Panter

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Cllr Lorraine Gaskin

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# What a year it has been for Club-K so far...

For the past 8 years we have been your fun friendly community based fitness classes offering classes to every one including hosting the Simply Performers kids classes.

As time has gone on we have evolved to encompass GP referral and Pilates Therapy to help rehab after injury or surgery when you have finished your NHS physiotherapy but need just a bit more to get you back to being you. After the pandemic we opened our rental room where the Hair Care Room is now based helping people sort out their box dyes and home hairdressing from the lock downs to get them looking fabulous.

This year we received our first award.

Having offered Sports massage therapy since 2018 we are delighted to have been awarded Sports Massage Therapy Centre of the year 2022 at the prestige awards.

To add to this we have also obtained a clinical license for acupuncture and dry needling from the environmental health officer at Sevenoaks district council adding another pain relief string to our bow.

You can book any of our services directly though our website [www.club-k.club](http://www.club-k.club)



A graphic banner for the award. On the left is a large white 'P' inside a circle on an orange background. Below it, the text reads 'LONDON &amp; SOUTH EAST ENGLAND PRESTIGE AWARDS 2022 WINNER'. On the right, the Club-K logo is shown above the text 'Club-K Health &amp; Fitness www.club-k.club'. Below this, it says '2022 WINNER' and 'Sports Massage Therapy Centre of the Year'. At the bottom right, the address '36 New road, Hextable, Kent, BR8 7LS' and phone number '07531 885 661' are listed.

# QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## The Queens Platinum Jubilee

To mark the 70th year on the throne, we were really pleased to have recognised this special event, alongside all the events that were held up and down the country. The Parish Council arranged two events that took place on Sunday 5th June.

## Picnic in the Park

The day dawned dull and drizzly, but that didn't put us off as we set up for the main event in Hextable Gardens. One of our first jobs was decorating and converting the Heritage Centre into a Café which was run by Hextable Heritage Society and had lots of hot drinks and cakes on offer, as well as lovely sausage rolls – thank you Graham!

Stalls were set up around the field for the craft activities, and the main arena for the displays.

We had a lot of help with this from our local Police Cadets, led by Kelly Niven. The young people stayed to help throughout the afternoon and to help with clearing up at the end – Thank you.

It stayed dry and lots of you came with your picnics to enjoy the afternoon. Hextable Primary School helped the children make crowns to wear and the colouring was popular too. Our tireless Face Painter Katie worked all afternoon without a break on some wonderful creations and some children were still joining the queue at closing time! Demonstrations from Baby Ballet and the Mini Athletics group were a delight to watch, especially when the Mums and Dads joined in! There was lots of games equipment to play with and Bubbles galore. There was a Garden Quiz for all to enjoy and the opportunity to name our new Frog sculpture. The most popular choice was – Freddie!

The Boys Brigade brought their inflatable Space Hopper track which was a real hit – I was just disappointed I was too big to be allowed on. It looked really fun.

We had Flossie Flavours there with Candy Floss, the Ice Cream Van and the popular Sweetie Tuck, so what with all the goodies in the Café, no-one went home hungry.

We closed the afternoon with our own Mini Proms provided by the Hextable Wind Band performing in the Rose Garden – the music was a delight and enjoyed by all – lots of flag waving to the final songs and of course the National Anthem. Thank you to Steph Jarvis and all the musicians – you really made the afternoon something special.

Thank you to everyone who took part, to our Groundsmen who look after the gardens all year round for us, to Richard Abel for providing First Aid and to Mick Moore on the P.A. Thank you too to a small group of local residents who stayed to help us clear up, as some of our Councillors had moved on to the other event of the afternoon – our Jubilee Tea for our Senior residents in the new cafe at Next Door Hextable.

Cllr. Hudson



## Afternoon Tea

As part of the national platinum jubilee celebrations, Hextable Parish Council was pleased to arrange an afternoon tea for members of our senior trips scheme. The pandemic meant that we couldn't run the coach outings, but this year we celebrated the platinum jubilee in the Community Café.

The parish council would like to thank Rachel and the team of volunteers for giving up their time to lay on the food and drink that made this event possible.





# ST PETER'S CHURCH

15th September will see the start of three new groups for our children and young people:

**Babies and Toddlers** - Thursdays 1:30pm-3:00pm: in the main church space: A "stay and play" style space for parents, carers, grandparents etc to come with their babies and toddlers.

**After School Drop In** - Thursdays 4:00pm-5:30pm: in the main church space: A drop in style space aimed at Primary School aged children and their families.

**Youth Hangout** - Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm: in Church Coffee Shop (and maybe other church spaces): This group is aimed at secondary school aged children (11-18s).

Please contact Bea, our new Children, Youth and Family Leader on [bea@stph.org.uk](mailto:bea@stph.org.uk) for further details.



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](mailto: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

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for Voluntary Service

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**Phone** 03000 414141

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## Kent Police:

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**Phone** 0800 31 63 105

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**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](mailto:lorrainegaskin@hextableparishcouncil.com)) or the Parish Clerk prior to the next Communications Committee meeting for approval. (Please see the Parish noticeboard for dates.) This newsletter is for the benefit of the entire community, and we would love organisations and individuals from within the community to be involved.



## Newsletter Deliveries

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

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# Useful Information

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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- WED 5TH OCT** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Rusthall, Home Game\*
- SAT 8TH OCT** 10am, Unveiling of Plaque in Hextable Gardens, by Hextable Heritage Society in memory of Sharon Mitchell
- WED 12TH OCT** Seniors Film Afternoon 3pm at St Peter's Church, Hextable. The film will be Woman in Gold starring Helen Mirren
- THU 13TH OCT** 7 .30pm, Hextable Heritage Society: Borley Rectory by Chris Bull
- SAT 15TH OCT** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Lewisham Borough\* (Kent FA Senior Trophy)
- WED 19TH OCT** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Erith & Belvedere\*
- FRI 4TH NOV** FIREWORKS NIGHT - Hextable Park, Emerson Avenue, gates open at 7pm, display starts at 7.30pm
- SAT 5TH NOV** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Deal Town\*
- THU 10 NOV** 7 .30pm, Hextable Heritage Society: Calico printing by David Cuffley
- SAT 12TH NOV** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Bearsted\*
- Mon 21ST NOV** 7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting - Heritage centre
- SAT 3RD DEC** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Phoenix Sports\*
- THU 8TH DEC** 7.30pm, Hextable Heritage Society: Xmas social and The Inspector Calls by Neil Sadler
- SAT 10TH DEC** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Holmesdale\*
- 2023**  
**SAT 7th JAN** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Lordswood\*
- THU 12TH JAN** 7.30pm, Hextable Heritage Society: tbc
- WED 18TH JAN** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Punjab United\*
- SAT 28th JAN** Sutton Athletic FC -v- Kennington\*

\*Sutton Athletic FC - Home ground - Lower Road Hextable. They are in the Premier division of SCEFL. KOs are Sat 3pm or mid-week 7.45pm. Please check website for any schedule date/time changes.

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



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**Web: [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://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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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