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# From the Chairman



## Dear Residents,

The last 18 months have been challenging for everyone, and the Parish Council is no different. One of our objectives is that we maximise the use of our facilities for the benefit of all the community groups, however, for the best part of the last year and a half, our buildings have remained empty. Despite this temporary setback, we have continued to work on all our regular priorities, such as grass cutting, maintaining our open spaces and carrying out repairs. During the lockdown, we have been able to invest in some of our outdoor facilities, and in particular Hextable Park, which is such a great open space for our village. We all learned the importance of local open spaces, and the council took the opportunity to turn our attention to improving the park. Following the success of the outdoor exercise equipment that we installed in the Hextable Gardens some years back, we have invested in providing more of this equipment in the park. This equipment has been well-used, and we have received some really positive feedback from users. I am pleased that we were also able to carry out much needed works to both the exterior and interior of the pavilion. Working closely with Perry Cole, our KCC Councillor, we were able to secure additional investment from his member's fund to get the kitchen re-fitted. The kitchen provides a great source of income for the football club which is reinvested in the club, supporting over 100 youngsters. The biggest priority for us in the coming year is to continue to welcome back all our regular community groups.

Now that we are once again able to open our facilities to the public, we are really pleased to be welcoming back the football clubs, both Sutton Athletic in Lower Road and AFC Unity in Hextable Park, together with many of the regular users of the Village Hall and the Heritage Centre.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, our finances remain sound. In a normal year, around a third of our funding comes from the rental of our facilities, which minimises the burden to us all as taxpayers. Although this income was vastly reduced, due to the need to close our facilities, we have been able to balance this with the reduction in our spending.

After several years, I'm really looking forward to the hoarding around St Peters Church being removed in the next few weeks. The works that are being completed will enable Next Door Hextable to open early next year. The Parish Council are pleased to be supporting this exciting new project, that will provide modern community space and a brand-new high-class coffee shop in our village.

You will have noticed that the raised beds in front of the church were not planted up this summer. The Parish Council is taking the opportunity to work in partnership with Next Door Hextable to contribute funding to the project, that will see the remodelling of the soft landscaping adjacent to Main Road. The new scheme will involve the replacement of the raised beds, the removal of the crazy paving and the installation of a ramped access, with an area for seasonal bedding plants that the council will continue to plant and maintain. The external works will start in the next few weeks and will see the long-awaited, and much needed, transformation of this site.

Finally, I am really pleased to be able to announce the return of our annual free family fireworks on Friday 5th November, at Hextable Park. This event has always been well attended and we always receive great feedback. I look forward to seeing you all there!

**Darren**

## Talk to Darren

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Flooding devastates communities

Free Virtual training  
**6 Oct & 9 Nov**  
**7pm - 9pm**

Could you help?  
 Become a Flood Warden

*'You can see the difference we make to people, knowing they can rely on you when they're in distress, knowing you're there to help.'*

*Carl, Tonbridge Flood Warden*

**The commitment**

Training takes just 2 hours to complete

Flood Wardens meet a few times a year to test their flood plan

**The role**

Help local people prepare for flooding

Provide a vital link between your community and the emergency responders

**What you'll get**

Comprehensive handbook

Access to a whole host of resources

Support from fellow Flood Wardens



**For more information on being a Flood Warden**

Visit [www.kentprepared.org.uk/flood-wardens](http://www.kentprepared.org.uk/flood-wardens)

**To register for this training visit [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) click buy tickets and search for 'Kent Flood Warden Training'**

This training will be delivered via Zoom. This is free to access via smartphone, tablet or computer. Full guidance for easy access provided.



Winter will soon be upon us, which inevitably means plenty of wet weather! 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>

# Hextable News

## Hextable Park Gates Repair

Following the recent accidental damage to the gates to Hextable Park, which left them unusable and temporarily closed, we recognise that this unfortunately led to some disruption to park users. We also sympathise with those residents in Emersons Avenue who have had to accommodate parents dropping-off and collecting members of the football club before and after their training sessions. The gates have now been repaired and reinstalled and are once more being opened and closed in line with the park opening hours. Please note that we are now in Winter hours, which means that the gates will be opened at 8.30 in the morning and closed at 3.30 in the afternoon.



## Hextable Heritage Gardens

During the summer, the area next to the open green space in the Heritage Gardens (behind the Village Pre-School) was discussed as an area that needed review and a new focus so that it matches the rest of the gardens.

This photo shows the area overgrown and out of keeping with the wonderful herbaceous borders opposite and next to the pre-school.



The decision was made to give the area a new lease of life with lots of new planting and plenty of colour. As you can see in the second photo, the area has been cleared and new beds have been made. They have been prepared in readiness for the spring, when planting will begin in earnest.

The groundsmen, Lewis, Barrie, Ian and John, have worked hard to get the area to look good now, even without planting, and the plan is to build pergolas behind each bench for climbing roses and other climbing flowers behind the seats during the summer months.

## How can you help?

The area is very large, and lots of plants will be needed to fill the area. Do you have any plants that you are dividing, no longer need, or have become too big for your own garden? If the answer is yes, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or the groundsmen and let them know, or drop down to see them at the Hextable Heritage Centre. The more plants they have the happier they will be!



## BREAKING NEWS

# Here's the news with whats new in hextable!

## Damage to Open Spaces Assets

**LIVE**

It is disappointing that we have recently suffered a spate of repeated vandalism in both Hextable Park and the Heritage Gardens. Following some investment into improving our open spaces, including the installation of picnic benches, and a lot of hard work by Barrie, Lewis and Ian, it is a real shame that we have seen criminal damage to some of this new equipment in the park and the heritage gardens. We have been working with the police, providing them with very clear camera footage of some of the culprits, and are hopeful that action will be taken against the perpetrators.

## Hextable Heritage Society - Blue Plaques

We held a joint event between the Parish Council, St Peter's Church and the Heritage Society last year, where we had a memorial ceremony and unveiled the blue plaque at the site of the V2 rocket impact. Following the installation of this first plaque, Hextable Heritage Society has an ambition to install other plaques in our village, to recognise some of the other important buildings in our history. The Parish Council is looking at the feasibility of working with the society to make this a reality. Plans have already begun regarding the installation of a blue plaque at the site of the former Hextable House, close to the gates opposite the Avenue of Limes.

## Council Reopening

We are now starting to open up the office to the public, following the end of the legal requirement to stay at home on 19th July, but this will be a gradual process. Like many organisations in the UK, we have seen some unintended positive outcomes resulting from remote working arrangements, and we have started to think about how we could tap into these benefits in the way we run the parish.

## Calling all Community-Minded Volunteers

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

**WE NEED YOU!**



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As not everyone can attend Parish Council meetings, we thought that it might be helpful if we, as your District Councillors, provided an update on the work that we've been doing on your behalf. We work with councillors from neighbouring parishes, other members of the district council, and Kent County Councillor, Perry Cole.

Over the past 2 and a 1/2 years, Cllr Hudson and I have made a point of building a good relationship with the other district councillors at Sevenoaks, developing a strong and positive relationship with them and enabling us to influence other local authorities for the benefit of our residents. We meet regularly with the CEO of the District Council, Dr Pav Ramewal, and provide direct feedback on matters that affect our village.

We have also been working closely with councillors at Swanley Town Council and Perry Cole, briefing him on key areas where we need his support. He also attends our Parish Council meetings.

***Cllrs Darren Kitchener and Chrissy Hudson***



## **New SDC Chairman**

Cllr Hudson and I attended the Sevenoaks District Council Chairman's Civic Service at St Luke's church in Sevenoaks on Saturday 17th July, which was the first event hosted by the new Chairman, Mrs Diana Esler, pictured here with her husband, Mike Pearsall.

The event was an opportunity for the Chairman to set out her plans to support community life and local organisations, including DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Voluntary Support Service).



## White Oak Leisure Centre

The new White Oak Leisure Centre is on track to open in early 2022. Cllr Hudson was able to visit the construction site recently, meeting the Construction Manager and Project Manager, and have a tour around the inside of the building. This is an artist's impression of the new building.

## Hextable Family Fun Day

After the cancellation of last year's SDC Family Fun Days due to Covid Restrictions, we were pleased to host this year's Hextable event in the Heritage Gardens on Thursday 5th August. This event is designed with children under the age of 12 in mind and is completely free to attend. Cllr Hudson attended with her grandchildren and was pleased to see many local families having picnics and having fun in the beautiful weather.

It was great that we were able to welcome Cllr Esler (pictured here) to the event, giving her a great opportunity to learn about Hextable and the surrounding area.



## Parking Restrictions Relaxed

Following complaints from several residents last year about parking fines, Cllr Hudson was able to successfully challenge, and get amended, the 20-minute parking restrictions at the lay-by by the shops in Main Road. We're pleased to say that the new order allows 1 hour's waiting time in the layby.



## Contact Centre

From Monday 13 September, Sevenoaks District Council's contact centre is now open for longer to answer most queries or take payments over the phone. Residents can contact the Council by telephone from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, during a trial to make it easier to access services.



**To speak to with the Council,  
Call 01732 227000.**

**Alternatively, residents can access Council  
services 24/7 online at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)**

# YOUR KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

*Perry Cole*

I am really pleased to be able to communicate with you via the Hextable Parish Council newsletter - since I was elected to serve as your Kent County Councillor. I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Hextable in placing your trust in me to represent you for the next four years. To better understand the community of Hextable, it was important to me that I took the opportunity to meet with several HPC councillors before and since my election, and as those who have met me will hopefully testify, I bring a positive and 'can-do' attitude to problem solving.

I have attended all four of the HPC council meetings since being elected, and this has enabled me to better understand what the priorities are for the village, and to report back regularly on the work that I have been doing. There has been a lot in my inbox, and I have already started to get stuck in - dealing with the important issues for Hextable. These are some of the things I have been involved with in my first four months:



## Highways

I am aware of issues on Top Dartford Road concerning the chicanes and on-road parking and I have been working with the Highways Schemes Manager, to look at what can be done to improve safety along this road, particularly at the junction of Puddledock Lane and Top Dartford Road, and the bus stop in that area.



# Flooding

Back in the summer, I responded to residents in Stuart Close who were in danger of part of their properties flooding, due in part to the torrential rainfall we had endured in a 48-hour period and exacerbated by the topography of the street. My priority was to mobilise the KCC Highways Emergency Team who deployed a team to resolve this by clearing gullies and drains and tankering away surplus surface water. I have been working closely with the drainage engineer to ensure that the maintenance regime for Hextable was improved to reduce the risk of flooding in the future.

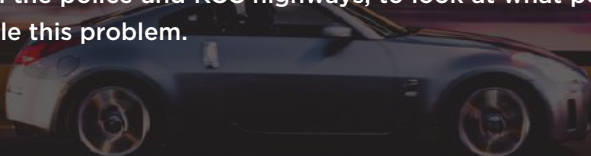
I realise that flooding is a real worry for some of our residents, so I have been looking at all the issues concerning the localised 'Flash Floods' that afflicted many parts of our area in July. I have been made aware of two locations in Hextable that suffered from this incident and have spoken with residents at both locations to discuss matters. Thank you to some of these affected residents that responded to the survey that was sent to you. This information was useful to help in my discussions with the KCC drainage managers. It is worth noting that blocked drains or gullies can be reported directly to KCC via the 'Report a Problem' option found under the heading 'Roads and Travel' and then simply following the prompted questions. The system allows for the inclusion of photographs and the on-site mapping allows for the location of the fault to be precisely determined using the 'what3words' website or phone app. For those without internet access, the KCC control team can be contacted on 03000 418181 or, if it is 'out of hours', 03000 419191.

# Summer Fayre

I was able to meet with Sam and some of her brilliant team at the Hextable Pre-School summer fayre and I was really pleased to meet with some of local groups supporting the event, and specifically, the 4th Bromley (Hextable) Boys Brigade. It was a great day with brilliant atmosphere, and it was very clear to me that there was some fantastic support from the community of Hextable.

# Speeding

This is something that many of our residents are concerned with, including your Parish Councillors, who all want to get this difficult problem addressed. I do really understand how this impacts everyone in Hextable. I have been looking into the problem of speeding vehicles along Main Road and what might feasibly be done to try to alleviate the problem. Having spoken with residents, this is a matter that I will be working on, with both the police and KCC highways, to look at what potential options are open to us to tackle this problem.



# Resurfacing Works

Following the works that were started during the pandemic to resurface Swanley Lane and Main Road during this last year, KCC Highways have completed the rest of the B258, along Barn End Lane, all the way to Wilmington. I am pleased to have pushed for the inclusion of the footpath resurfacing also. I hope that residents are pleased with the resurfacing works on both Main Road and Top Dartford Road. Both sets of works have made journeys to and from Hextable less bumpy and more clearly marked.

# Vandalism



Earlier in the year, a few cases of vandalism occurred in and around the village, including some criminal damage to outdoor equipment in Hextable park, Hextable gardens and Hextable junior school. As a result of these incidents, I met with Kent Police at Swanley and the Sevenoaks District Council Community Support Unit team members, expressing my wish for more visible policing in and around Hextable.

My first four months in the job have been busy, however representing you in Hextable is both highly rewarding and enjoyable. Since being elected to serve

Hextable residents, I have been working very closely with your District Council members, Darren and Chrissy, and all the members of Hextable Parish Council.

It is so important that our residents can get in touch with their local councils, and I always urge residents to initially use the 'Report a Problem' facility on the KCC website, as your enquiry is logged and can be tracked. If you don't have access to the internet, or where you need to contact me for more specific help, I ask that you 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 Open Day

After they had suspended meetings due to the Covid pandemic, Hextable Heritage Society held an open day on Saturday 11th September. At their first gathering since the first lockdown, Graham Mitchell and other committee members welcomed their current members and many visitors to the event, which was also attended by HPC Chairman, Cllr Kitchener, who is a committee member, together with other HPC councillors.

The many archive folders were out on display, which promoted many discussions and debates. Looking at the old photographs, newspaper cuttings and documents relating to Hextable and the surrounding areas definitely created a happy and friendly atmosphere, and triggered many memories and shared experiences. The photos below, courtesy of Katie Mitchell and Cllr Hudson, show some of the members and residents enjoying lively discussions!

If you or your family have any old photographs or documents relating to the area, please come and share them with the society. Following this get-together, Graham and the committee will be resuming the monthly meetings, on the second Thursday each month. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 14th October, at 7.30pm, in the Hextable Heritage Centre in Hextable Gardens. There is parking available on site.

**If you have any questions, please contact Graham at [gmitchell@caxtons.com](mailto:gmitchell@caxtons.com).**

**Cllr Lorraine Gaskin**



# I Love My Job!



Luke Katt, owner of Club K, wanted to tell us a bit about what he enjoys in his work, and this is what he told us: There are a number of special things over the past seven and half years that I have loved about Club-K. From the amazing, friendly and supportive members, to the fun classes.

The thing that has had the most amount of impact is how it has changed people's lives for the better.

Barbara first came to Club-K just after the first lockdown and joined the Back Care Pilates course. She was pretty nervous coming on her own, especially as English was her second language. There were some tears and very



small movements as the pain she was feeling was so bad; she could barely bend forwards. Fast forward to now and the change is incredible! Not only is she doing four classes a week at Club-K, but has also been surfing this summer! That was something that wasn't even a dream last year.

As we come out of the pandemic the impact that Covid has had on people's wellness has become very apparent. It has been an honour to help people rehab after having Covid. At Club-K we already work with GP referral patients, from joint replacement to high blood pressure. Thankfully, the work I have already done with people that

have COPD has given me a good grounding in breathing disorders, enabling me to help folks get back to normal.

Vanessa had Covid at Christmas time. When we were finally allowed to go back inside, Vanessa came straight back to the bungee class that she had done before. Although it can be one of the hardest HIIT training classes, she also knew we could adapt it to her needs as she recovered. There was no pressure to be pushed hard, but we still encouraged to get there. Now her resting heart rate is down, and her breathing is more comfortable.

Everyone is different with their experience. Currently I am working on a rehab plan with one of our wonderful NHS doctors who caught Covid. Their rehab will look completely different to the bungee class. It will involve sports massage to help release the muscles in the chest and back, which have been exhausted from the coughing, as well as physical rehab, ensuring they can work efficiently in the hospital, and get their life back to normal.

Seeing people getting back to living their best lives is one of the greatest perks of my job.

**Luke Katt, Club-K**

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# HEXTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

## PYRO MUSICAL

SET OFF TO THE SOUNDS OF **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

ANNUAL FREE FAMILY FIREWORK EVENT

**FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

Gates Open 7.00pm | Fireworks at 7.30pm

- No handheld fireworks or sparklers
- No alcohol to be brought into the park
- Come on foot as there is no parking unless previously arranged via the parish office blue badge holders only  
*[Spaces Limited]*
- Refreshments available to buy from the pavilion supplied by AFC Unity
- Sweetie B will also be attending

**Hextable Park, Emersons Avenue, Hextable**

# Next Door Hextable

So, when's the hoarding coming down at St Peter's and the long-promised Next Door Hextable and coffee shop opening? By the time you read this you may have a partial answer, as the hoarding will soon be disappearing, to our and everyone else's delight! A lot has been happening behind the scenes, with contractors on schedule to complete the internal fitting-out before Christmas. On the outside, there have been many revisions to the timing because of the national shortages of materials and the implications of Covid for our contractors, but all the external works should be undertaken between mid-October and the end of November. This will be unavoidably noticed!

When completed, the Centre will open up the centre of the village with a new landscaped area containing planting, lighting, signage, and a new accessible ramp leading to the front doors. The fresh open landscaping and high levels of glazing will increase the physical and visual connection between the building and the wider community.

The cornerstone of Next Door Hextable will be a quality café serving great coffee and other drinks, as well as hot and cold food, operating normal business hours, using local specialities and suppliers where we can. Importantly, it aims to provide a space and a place to connect and extend a warm welcome, promoting wellbeing and developing community in Hextable.

There will also be a large multi-purpose hall at first-floor level that will cater for larger group gatherings, clubs, and exercise classes, as well as work hub facilities for those who need a quiet space to operate outside their home.

We are therefore working hard on all the detail relating to the operation of the café and centre, including staff recruitment, menus, raising remaining funds and the hundred and one other tasks, with a view to opening our doors early in the Spring!

The decreasing fundraising total continues to know favour and there'll be opportunities for being part of the thirty-person trained staffing and volunteer team, if you'd like to be a part of this local good news story. We look forward to being able to welcome you soon. If you have any questions do just ask!

**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)**



# Hextable Village Signs

The Hextable Village signs in the Village Green and Hextable Heritage Gardens are in need of replacement, due to their age and damage caused by vandalism, and Hextable Parish Council is looking for ideas for new signs.

We would like to invite our residents to provide your thoughts about what Hextable means to you. Your ideas can be taken from the historical horticultural viewpoint or from the viewpoint of the village today, and all ideas are welcome.

We will accept all ideas, whether drawn, written or utilising computer graphics, before making a decision on which ones to take forward. Please note that any designs provided may not be used to actually produce the signs, as the ideas will be collated, with chosen ideas being incorporated into the final design which will be provided to professional sign makers for them to continue the process.



Please send your ideas to [info@hextableparishcouncil.com](mailto:info@hextableparishcouncil.com) by 31st October.

For information, the signs will take at least a year to complete once the content has been agreed, which will allow for funding to be sourced.

## FRAUD ALERT!

PCSO Lee Williams recently attended an address in Hextable, following a report of fraud, where a resident has been scammed out of around £8,000. A man pretending to be from Amazon claimed that they needed to refund money back into the resident's account, and while doing this he claimed that too much was refunded and that the victim had to pay this money back.

He then pressured her and made her feel that it was her fault, resulting in her then transferring money to the suspect.

Please be aware of this kind of fraud taking place in the area, and warn vulnerable friends, relatives and neighbours to be on their guard.



# ART EXHIBITION

Free entry, with refreshments available.  
All work displayed is by local artists, and in a range of media.



*Swanley and District Art Society*

## ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION



at St Peter's Church, College Road, Hextable

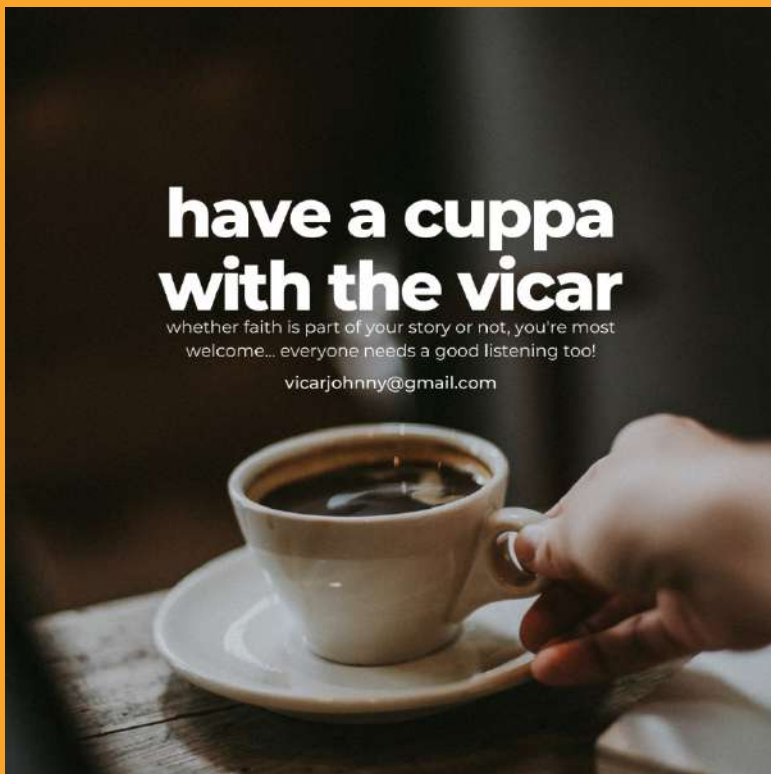
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

10.00am to 4.00pm

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:vicarjohnny@stph.org.uk)



# Swanley Air Cadets

Swanley Air Cadets, actually situated opposite the Heritage Centre in Hextable, is a military-themed organisation for 12-20-year-olds.

Following the ethos and values of the Royal Air Force, the Squadron currently has around thirty young people who attend twice weekly, as well as many weekends, to take part in activities ranging from flying and gliding, shooting, adventurous training and the Duke of Edinburgh Award to BTEC qualifications, first aid and even parachuting, to name but a few. Whilst such an exciting array of activity is enjoyable for the cadets, it is the life skills and friendships gained that is most important. Cadets act with confidence, clarity and diction and it is evident to see how well-rounded they have become through membership of the Squadron. They demonstrate that they excel in teamwork, diligence, communication and confidence, all of which help to make the young people from our village more attractive to both further education institutes and employers.

If the activities sound of interest and your or your child/ward is between 12 (and in year 8) and 16, the Squadron meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 7pm and 9.30pm, in their headquarters opposite the Heritage Building. Pop down one evening and the Squadron staff would be delighted to show any interested parties around.



If you run a group for village residents, young or old, and would like to showcase it in this newsletter, please send your article to the Parish Clerk at [info@hextableparishcouncil.com](mailto:info@hextableparishcouncil.com)

# The Queen's Green Canopy Project

On Sunday 6 February 2022 we will see the seventieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. To mark this momentous occasion, there will be a unique tree planting campaign across the UK which will be known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). It will be an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her exceptional service and promote the importance of trees to the environment, through the encouragement of tree planting and tree preservation across the nation.

## **How to get involved:**

Everyone can get involved in the 'Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee'. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or complete novice the QGC team will be able to guide people through the process of planting trees so that survive and flourish. People can plant a tree in their own garden and the QGC recommend that trees are ordered from a certified Plant Healthy nursery in the local area.

Villages, parishes, towns and counties have all been encouraged to get involved by raising funds locally to plant significant trees, avenues or copses, and Hextable Parish Council has applied for 210 trees from the Woodland Trust as part of this project.

## **Lasting Benefits:**

This initiative is not just for areas where there are already green open spaces. The aim is to see new planting everywhere: within crowded and congested inner cities as well as in suburbs and rural settings and in ways that involve people of all ages, from every faith and embrace all parts of every community. The act of planting and caring for a tree can be an effective way of increasing awareness of the environment around it.

## **The Queen's Green Canopy Map:**

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. The map is embedded within the QGC website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/>



THE  
QUEEN'S GREEN  
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

# For Fun!

## Anagrams of Autumnal Words & Phrases

How many autumnal words and phrases can you recognise in the anagrams below?

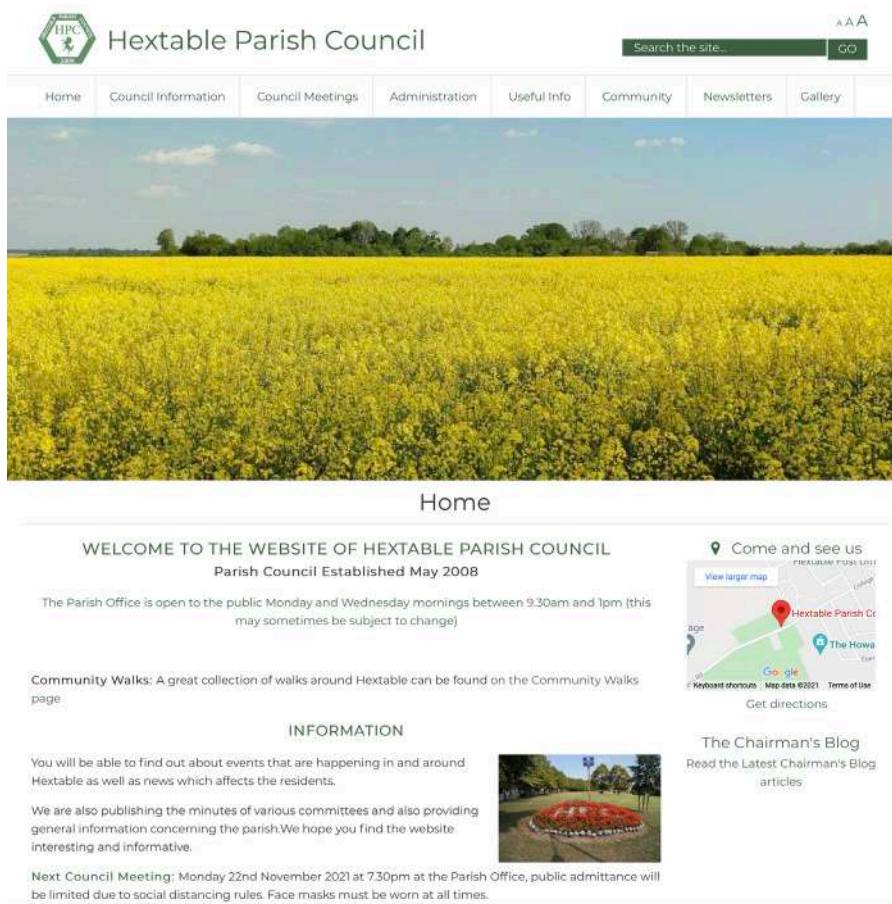
1. Viva le harts fest
2. Antique muoux
3. Stain A levels
4. Skimp pun
5. If ya porkers wild
6. Fond snickering
7. She way cooler
8. Cog black sock
9. Browse tunnel var
10. I mash camel

*Clr Lorraine Gaskin*

# Keep Up To Date With What We're Doing!

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

## www.hextableparishcouncil.com



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hextable Parish Council website. At the top left is the HPC logo, a shield with a cross and a figure, next to the text "Hextable Parish Council". To the right is a search bar with the text "Search the site..." and a "GO" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: Home, Council Information, Council Meetings, Administration, Useful Info, Community, Newsletters, and Gallery. The main content area features a large photograph of a vibrant yellow field of flowers under a blue sky with light clouds. Below the photo is the heading "Home".

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

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

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


**INFORMATION**

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

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

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

**Come and see us**



View larger map

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



I am really pleased that after a much scaled back Remembrance service in 2020, we will be holding this back in the Five Wents Memorial Hall once again. It's great to be able to work with Rev. Johnny Douglas, The Royal British Legion and the trustees of the memorial hall to bring this service back on 14th November.

The service will commence at 10.55 (doors open at 10.30).

CLlr Darren Kitchener

# Your Parish Councillors

**Darren, Chrissy, Wayne, Lorraine, Eileen, Patrick, Andy, Christine, Louise**



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

# Handy Contact Details

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01322 668530

## Sevenoaks District Council:

**Website** [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)  
**Email** [information@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:information@sevenoaks.gov.uk)  
**Phone** 01732 227000

## Report fly-tipping:

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## Kent County Council:

**Website** [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)  
**Phone** 03000 414141

## Report a pothole:

[www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://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](http://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](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut)  
**Phone** 0800 31 63 105

## Report a water leak:

**Website** [www.thameswater.co.uk/help/emergencies](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/emergencies)

## Report animal cruelty:

**Website** [www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/reportcruelty](http://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 Louise Young ([louise.young@hextableparishcouncil.com](mailto:louise.young@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

newsletters in the future, please contact the Parish Clerk. All help is gratefully received!

### ANAGRAM ANSWERS

1. Viva le harts fest
  2. Antique moux
  3. Stain A levels
  4. Skimp pun
  5. If ya porkers wild
  6. Fond snickering
  7. She way cooler
  8. Cog black sock
  9. Browse tunnel var
  10. I mash carmel
- Harvest Festival  
Autumn Equinox  
All Saints Eve  
Pumpkins  
Fireworks Display  
Finding Conkers  
New School Year  
Clocks Go Back  
Leaves Turn Brown  
Michaelmas





# NEW PLAYERS WANTED



**AFC Unity is a family run football club based in Emersons Avenue, Hextable.**

**We provide a safe and positive environment for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy playing football whilst being supported to play to the best of their ability. We have teams of various ages that compete in the Selkent league in the relevant division.**

**Give your child the opportunity to join us, get in contact to find out more..**

**Contact Club Chairman Scott – [afcunitychairman@gmail.com](mailto:afcunitychairman@gmail.com)**

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# Useful Information

## Coronavirus Symptoms

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

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

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

## Blocked Drains

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

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

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

## Kent Fire and Rescue Safe and Well Scheme

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



# Dates To Remember



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**Sat 16** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v Welling Town\***  
**October** Home Ground in Lower Road

**Sat 23** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v Croydon FC**  
**October** Home Ground in Lower Road

**Sat 30** **Art exhibition**  
**October** St Peter's Church

**Fri 5** **Annual Fireworks Display**  
**Nov** Hextable Park

**Sat 6** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v Stansfeld FC**  
**Nov** Home Ground in Lower Road

**Sun 14** **Remembrance Service**  
**Nov** Five Wents Memorial Hall

**Mon 22** **Council Meeting**  
**Nov** Heritage Centre

**Sat 27** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v Greenways FC**  
**Nov** Home Ground in Lower Road

**Sat 4** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v Westside FC**  
**Dec** Home Ground in Lower Road

**Mon 27** **Sutton Athletic Home Match v FC Elmstead**  
**Dec** Home Ground in Lower Road

\*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](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



**Tel: 03000 418181**

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