

Horton Kirby and South Darent Parish Council Newsletter July 2020



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The office is usually open Monday and Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm but not
at the current time due to safe distancing guidance

Usually the Parish Council meet on the first Monday of each
month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

All welcome to come along

All meetings are currently taking place online via Zoom

‘Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety’

William Shakespeare, Henry IV

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USEFUL CONTACTS



POLICE - 999 (emergencies if life is in danger or crime is in progress)
101 (non-emergencies)

Report a non-urgent crime or incident online at:

www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/kent-police-online-reporting

Sevenoaks District Council - 01732 227000

Fly tipping, street cleaning, dog fouling, parking issues, bottle banks, graffiti, planning applications, abandoned vehicles

Dartford Borough Council – 01322 343434

Fly tipping in Roman Villa Road (outside our boundary)

www.dartford.gov.uk for online reporting

Kent Highways - 03000 418181

(Emergency out of hours 03000 419191)

Anything that may cause accident or injury, Kent Highways on line reporting www.kent.gov.uk - go to 'Roads and Transport' for roads, potholes, streetlights, pavements, drains, traffic lights and any other problems

Environment Agency - 03708 506 506

For any problems with the river, (although often issues are the responsibility of landowners either side of the river)

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

Citizens Advice – national helpline - 0300 330 9001

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/north-west-kent/contact-us/

Thames Water report a leak – 0800 714 614

Devon Road Surgery – 01322 862121

Message from Cllr Peter Rushbrook (new) Chair HKSD Parish Council

As of the beginning of May 2020, I took over from Cllr Blackamore as Chairman of the Parish Council and I would like to thank Ian for his many years of hard work that he has put into both the council and the parish alike. Thankfully Ian will be remaining as a valued member of the parish council.

Commencing my chairmanship right at the beginning of the current national crisis, has proved challenging; being unable to conduct my first meeting face to face, but by using one of the remote meeting apps online, presented its own challenges right from the start. But at least we didn't have to put the tables and chairs away afterwards!

With all the issues that we have had to face over the past couple of months, I, and my fellow counsellors, have been amazed at how our two villages have come together to ensure that those that need help or assistance have easily been able to find it. Things like food parcels and assistance to get shopping for others, and even the small things that mean such a great deal to everyone such as Easter eggs appearing on our doorsteps just to put a smile on our faces and other random acts of kindness; to walking a neighbour's dog due to them being on the vulnerable list and not least of all of the unsung heroes that have been litter picking all around. It all comes together to show that we live in an amazing community and are there for each other, which I hope that we can carry on long after these unprecedented times have passed and we have returned to "normal life". Things have continued to happen around and about our villages; the blossom has finally appeared on the new Cherry trees in Westminster Field after a rather concerning long time being underwater. We now have a dedicated dog watering access area at the end of the picnic area by the car park. Hopefully the few people that let their dogs into the picnic area to get to the river will now not have to do so, which will mean that that area will now be clean for all to enjoy. Please keep your dogs under control when using the doggy access area by the river so that they don't venture over to the picnic area.

A new path has been laid through the Cherry Tree walk, which I'm sure will be well received by the commuters who have to walk that route in winter. This makes the field more accessible for mobility scooters and, coupled with ideas for the river path to the Bridges, it should prove to make the area much improved.

Heathside has the new facilities in place now which have been very popular and we are looking at making further changes to the play areas around South Darenth so everyone can enjoy the open spaces.

In conclusion, I would like to remind everyone that you are all welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings that are held on the first Monday of every month, and if you would like to put your name down to volunteer for any of the works days, then please drop a message to us.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe,
Cllr Peter Rushbrook, Chairman HKSDPC

Message from Cllr Ian Blackamore (retired) Chair HKSD Parish Council

After seven years, (three as Vice Chair and four as Chairman), I have taken the decision to step aside and let another Parish Councillor have the opportunity to keep everybody in check.

Throughout my time as Chairman, none of the things that the Parish Council has achieved would have been possible without the thousands of hours fellow Parish Councillors have volunteered their time for the benefit of the villages that we all live or work in and enjoy.

My thanks also extend to the Clerks in the office and many others who guide all the decisions taken by the Parish Council.

During the last few years many projects have taken place, refurbishment of the Village Hall and toilets for example; along with the ongoing maintenance of our assets.

Several major projects have also been achieved during this time, the construction of the new playground and outdoor gym along with the toilet block in Heathside. The Avenue of Trees, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Parish Council, in Westminster Field has proved a great success.

Lastly, I would like to wish Peter and Roger, our new Chair and Vice Chair respectively, all the best for the future, particularly during these difficult times, where we are all learning new ways (virtual online meetings for example) to continue with the huge undertaking of trying to do the right thing to please as many people as possible.

Thank you,

Ian Blackamore, Parish Councillor

Report from the Buildings Committee

(Formerly the Halls Committee but now including the Pavilion and Heathside toilets)

Unfortunately, the buildings have not been open since mid – March due to government guidance on Coronavirus and as a result the Parish Council has lost an important source of income. However, this has given us a chance to carry out several important repair projects while the Halls are out of action.

The urgent work needed on the parapets of the Jubilee Hall was completed in January and the damaged underlay and tiles have been repaired. Repairs to the flat roof are ongoing and the Parish Council is awaiting confirmation of the final quotes.

The installation of fire alarms in both the Village Hall and the Jubilee Hall is ongoing. Once the Halls are open again, we will be pleased to accept bookings from casual hirers and potential new regular hirers.

Terry Moyle – Building Committee Chairman

Report from the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee

The cherry blossom trees have all now been planted and are settled along the recently refurbished path in Westminster Field, forming an avenue that will look stunning as they become more established. New signs, and the creation of a wildflower area in and around the trees will be the next and final step before this project is complete. Due to the success of the tree adoption, we are investigating other areas that would benefit from this scheme. If you have any suggestions where you think we should plant, please do let us know.

Continuing the work at Westminster Field a new dog river access point has started within the picnic area and we hope to have this completed in the coming weeks.

A new knee rail has been installed at the top of East Hill/Shrubbery Road; this is to prevent unauthorised parking on the open space that we recently had signed over from Sevenoaks District Council. As parking is an issue within the whole Parish, we are looking at how we can make room available with the possibility of utilising land that we now own.

Another piece of land that was transferred from SDC is the playground in Shrubbery Road and we have now begun the process of planning for a new play equipment.

The allotments are proving to be popular this year and we are hoping to make more plots available to reduce the waiting list. If you would like to be added to the list, then please let the Parish office know.

James Stewart – ROS Committee Chairman

Report from Darent River Preservation Society



Malcolm Dunn and Stuart Merrylees – DRIPS

Could there be a drought this summer?

In the last few months, those of us lucky enough to have gardens have been able to spend time recharging our Vitamin D and our minds in gardening. After a winter of almost countrywide flood alerts, farmers are now praying for rain.

The Environment Agency tells us that the chalk aquifers recharged well over the winter but by mid April the ground was as dry as it often is in June. As we all know, these aquifers supply our drinking water and their springs help feed the River Darent itself.

What can we do to help prevent a drought?

It's worth looking at how you can intercept water from your bath, shower or from the roof. Some plastic downpipes can be modified to divert water into a water-butt in the garden. If you want to harvest your vegetables and flowers, it would be a good insurance policy to try to harvest your "greywater". It would be sad to watch your plants wilt in the sunshine – and you will feel you are doing so much more to help the environment if you begin to practice a bit of "economy" in the home. Tell your neighbours. We are in this together.

I said at the beginning, "could there be a drought". Well, we have had the driest May ever and the aquifer is topped up. A hosepipe ban is unlikely, and with careful use of water we will get through this year. As I mentioned in my last report, chances are the River Darent will suffer from low flow.

And finally, use the water in the paddling pool to water the garden. Enjoy the rain when it comes - and it will.

Something to read to while away the time....

Idioms and their (possible) origins

Bite the bullet

Meaning: To accept something difficult or unpleasant

Origin: In the olden days, when doctors were short on anaesthesia or time during a battle, they would ask the patient to bite down on a bullet to distract from the pain. The first recorded use of the phrase was in 1891 in 'The Light that Failed'.

Break the ice

Meaning: To break off a conflict or commence a friendship

Origin: Back when road transportation was not developed, ships would be the only transportation and means of trade. At times, the ships would get stuck during the winter because of ice formation. The receiving country would send small ships to 'break the ice' to clear a way for the trade ships. This gesture showed affiliation and understanding between two territories.

Butter someone up

Meaning: To impress someone with flattery

Origin: This was a customary religious act in ancient India. The devout would throw butter balls at the statues of their gods to seek favour and forgiveness.

Mad as a hatter

Meaning: To be completely crazy

Origin: No, you didn't already know this one, because it didn't originate from Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Its origins date from the 17th and 18th centuries - well before Lewis Carroll's book was published. In 17th century France, poisoning occurred among hat makers who used mercury for the hat felt. The 'Mad Hatter Disease' was marked by shyness, irritability, and tremors that would make the person appear 'mad'.

Cat got your tongue?

Meaning: Asked to a person who is at loss of words

Origin: The English Navy used to use a whip called 'Cat-o'-nine-tails' for flogging. The pain was so severe that it caused the victim to stay quiet for a long time. Another possible source could be from ancient Egypt, where liars' and blasphemers' tongues were cut out and fed to the cats. (What a treat for the cats!)

Barking up the wrong tree

Meaning: To have misguided thoughts about an event or situation, a false lead

Origin: This refers to hunting dogs that may have chased their prey up a tree. The dogs bark, assuming that the prey is still in the tree, when the prey is no longer there.

Turn a blind eye

Meaning: To ignore situations, facts, or reality

Origin: The British Naval hero, Admiral Horatio Nelson, had one blind eye.

Once, when the British forces signalled for him to stop attacking a fleet of Danish ships, he held up a telescope to his blind eye and said, 'I do not see the signal'. He attacked, nevertheless, and was victorious.

Bury the hatchet

Meaning: To stop a conflict and make peace

Origins: This one dates back to early North America when the Puritans were in conflict with the Native Americans. When negotiating peace, the Native Americans would bury all their hatchets, knives, clubs, and tomahawks. Weapons literally were buried and made inaccessible.

Caught red-handed

Meaning: To be caught in the act of doing something wrong

Origin: This originates from an old English law that ordered any person to be punished for butchering an animal that wasn't his own. The only way the person could be convicted is if he was caught with the animal's blood still on his hands.

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater

Meaning: Don't get rid of valuable things along with the unnecessary ones

Origin: In the early 1500s, people only bathed once a year. Not only that, but they also bathed in the same water without changing it! The adult males would bath first, then the females, leaving the children and babies to go last. By the time the babies got in, the water was clouded with filth. The poor mothers had to take extra care that their babies were not thrown out with the bathwater.

Give a cold shoulder

Meaning: Being unwelcoming or antisocial toward someone

Origin: In medieval England, it was customary to give a guest a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of mutton, pork, or beef chop when the host felt it was time for the guest to leave. This was a polite way to communicate, 'You may leave, now'.

Go the whole nine yards

Meaning: To try your best at something

Origin: During World War II, the fighter pilots were equipped with nine yards of ammunition. When they ran out, it meant that they had tried their best at fighting off the target with the entirety of their ammunition.

Let one's hair down

Meaning: To relax or be at ease

Origin: In public, the aristocratic women of medieval times were obliged to appear in elegant hair-dos that were usually pulled up. The only time they would 'let their hair down' was when they came home and relaxed.

Rub the wrong way

Meaning: To bother or annoy someone

Origin: Early Americans, during the colonial times, would ask their servants to rub their oak floorboards 'the right way'. The wrong way (not wiping them with dry fabric after wet fabric) would cause streaks to form and ruin it, leaving the homeowner annoyed. Alternatively, it could have derived from rubbing a cat's fur the 'wrong way', which annoys them.

Steal ones thunder

Meaning: To use someone else's ideas or inventions to your own advantage

Origin: The 18th-century playwright, John Dennis, claimed to have invented a device to create the sound of thunder for his theatre production Appius and Virginia in London, 1704. When his method was copied by rivals for the production of Macbeth, Dennis complained that they had 'stolen his thunder'.

Cost and arm and a leg

Meaning: To be expensive

Origin: The cost of having your portrait painted in the 18th century wasn't based on how many people in the picture, but by how many limbs were to be painted. The cheapest option was to have only your head and shoulders painted. The price increased as the portrait became larger with the inclusion of arms. A top of the range portrait included the legs.

Get the sack

Meaning: Be fired from a job

Origin: In the 1500's, tradesmen carried all their belongings and tools around in a sack that they would leave in a safe place or in the boss's office. At the end of their shift, they were allowed to go in and pick it up. However, if the boss was displeased with their work, he would literally 'give them their sack'.

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Dear friends,

There's a cartoon doing the rounds at the moment. It's of a family gathered for Sunday worship – but in their own home, because the season we're currently living through means that we can't be gathering in church. One of the adults thoughtfully presents wooden chairs to the family members sitting comfortably on the sofa, with the caption "I thought if we sit on hard seats and leave the doors and windows open it would be more like church!" Now, as it happens, the pews at St Mary's are both carpeted and heated, so we can hardly complain about hard seats in church. And the draught... well, we do what we can! It's not a problem this time of year, of course.

But the cartoon still strikes a chord with me because, in the end, it's about how much we're missing things at the moment. For the cartoon family, those parts of church life which may once have seemed like discomfort are now part of the package of something that they really miss. It's like that for me too. The Sunday morning alarm clock, the rapid bundling of the small child into the car to get to church on time – such tiny inconveniences compared to the irreplaceable joy of being part of church life.

I imagine that parts of your life may be like this too. We're in a season of unexpected losses. Some of those losses may in fact be gains – time that is no longer spent on the daily commute, a loss of independence that has brought about new friendships with kind neighbours, a reduction in our carbon footprint. But some of these losses are just plain losses. When we're able to open our churches again, we'll honour this. Church buildings have long experience of holding our grief and our questioning with patience and grace.

And then we'll celebrate. There's a lot to give thanks for – and I know our bell ringers will be back in the bell tower like a shot when it's safe to do so!

In the meantime, church life continues even while our church buildings have to be closed. By way of example, you are prayed for every day. It's part of what vicars do. Christians all over the parish are still praying faithfully, and serving their neighbours, and seeking God in their daily decision-making, and learning to live deeper, truer and more generous lives. In that sense the church is still "open for business"

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At this time of disruption and uncertainty, the fixed points of our faith are as firmly anchored as before. God is God. Though we couldn't meet together on Easter Sunday, the Easter message is unchanged: Christ is risen, with a love stronger than death. While we adapt to communicating with others in creative ways online, through pictures stuck in windows, and socially-distanced conversations over garden fences, prayer is the same: our hearts held still before the patient grace of God, as simple as it ever was.

So wherever you are with God, keep going! Pray into the quietness, even when it feels like emptiness. Sing as much as you can. Lean into the mystery of the God who is with you.

If you've had to delay your child's christening because of the lockdown, you might like to download from our website a page of ideas for activities that you can do with your child, from new-born upwards, to grow spiritual habits together.

I'm conscious that I'm writing this in mid-May, and lockdown realities may well have changed by the time that you're reading this. All I can say at this point is that as soon as the national guidance from government and the Church of England considers it safe for churches to re-open, and we as a local church community are in a position to put in place the measures needed to ensure the greatest possible safety, St Mary's will be open again.

If you're online, follow us on Facebook for updates, and/or join our mailing list (email me and I'll gladly add you). We'll use these channels to communicate about regular church opening, updates on possibilities for christenings, weddings and funerals, and details of Remembrance Sunday (8th November).

Another good reason to connect with us online is so you don't miss out on upcoming fundraisers. We hope to have an online auction coming up, and then on 12th September will be the annual

"Ride and Stride" sponsored walk/cycle/mode-of-transport-of-your-choice to raise money for the preservation of our church buildings.

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The lockdown is hitting our churches hard, financially. The majority of our expenditure remains the same during this period as buildings maintenance, insurance and legal cover etc are unchanged. But income has dropped significantly as we've lost out on donations at services and our regular fundraisers, including the summer fete. The lockdown is estimated to lose us around £4000, and that figure would be higher if it wasn't for some people already having generously increased their regular giving to St Mary's.

All of this comes at a time when our reserves have been falling for some years now, as donations in support of St Mary's are outstripped by necessary expenditure to keep the church open and safe.

There's a common misconception that "the Church of England" is wealthy – that if St Mary's were to run out of money, for example, we could or should be bailed out by the national church. However, here's the thing. If we talk about the assets of the national church, we're not talking about money that's just sitting around going spare. We're talking about the value of precious buildings in our care, and stipends (salaries) and future pensions for current clergy. These aren't assets that can be liquidised to create funds for St Mary's. They are the value of what St Mary's already is. They could only be liquidised by closing St Mary's and no longer having a vicar. It's like telling somebody to sell off their house, in order to raise the funds to make necessary repairs on that house. It doesn't make any sense!

What does make sense, I suggest, is choosing to put our money towards the things that we value. If St Mary's is important to you, please consider setting up a standing order for a weekly or monthly donation, however large or small.

Currently there are only 8 standing orders set up in support of St Mary's, which represents a tiny proportion of the local community (over 1700 households across Horton Kirby and South Darenth). I know that pride in St Mary's is shared by a much, much larger number of people than this. I assure you that donating money is one of those losses that turns out to be gains – a financial gift given away that actually creates great joy and satisfaction in doing a good and generous thing, and being part of something that matters.

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Finally, a personal note. By the time you're reading this, all being well, the newest member of our family is likely to have made their arrival. I am taking maternity leave from 5th June to around mid-March of next year. There is no replacement vicar during this time, so if you need to get in touch you are welcome to email me or leave a voicemail message. Please be patient if you don't get an immediate response. I will either reply when I can, or forward your message on to someone else who can help. Other contact details are available on the church website.

Whatever life is like for you as you read this, know that you are prayed for; be of good courage if life is tough right now; and keep on doing whatever is necessary and sensible to look after one another across our community, and especially those who are most vulnerable.

Yours,

Revd Emma

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20th July Ann Kneif – Italian Influence on Gardens in Kent

9th August Outing – Hyde Hall - RHS Flower Show

17th August Members Garden – Forge House – 6pm

21st September Kathrine Lynn – Tulips

19th October Sarah Oldridge – The Buildings of Kew

16th November Jim Buttress – Royal Parks

21st December Social - Jason Allen - Singer

**Will meet again some day
Don't know when
Do know where
But will meet again as above programme
(fingers crossed)**

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Villagers Gardening Club

Do you know your film quotes?

(Answers at the end of the Newsletter)

1. 'Houston, we have a problem'
2. 'There's no crying in baseball!'
3. 'Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine'
4. 'Mrs Robinson, you're trying to seduce me, aren't you?'
5. 'Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn'
6. 'Here's looking at you kid'
7. 'You're going to need a bigger boat'
8. 'I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse'
9. 'Play it Sam. Play As Time Goes By'
10. 'The first rule of Fight Club is you do not talk about Fight Club'
11. 'Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die'
12. 'I'll have what she's having'
13. 'This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship'
14. 'You can't handle the truth!'
15. 'You had me at hello'
16. 'Carpe Diem. Seize the day, boys'
17. 'Leave the gun, take the cannoli'
18. 'Show me the money!'

19. 'Say hello to my little friend'
20. 'I love the smell of napalm in the morning'
21. 'Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings'
22. 'I'm the king of the world!'
23. 'If you built it, he will come'
24. 'I'm not bad, I'm just drawn that way'
25. 'I'm having an old friend for dinner'
26. 'I'm also just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to
love her'
27. 'Stella! Hey, Stella!'
28. 'You is kind. You is smart. You is important'
29. 'I have always depended on the kindness of strangers'
30. 'My precious'
31. 'Elementary, my dear Watson'
32. 'I don't want to survive. I want to live'
33. 'Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room!'
34. 'You ain't heard nothin' yet!'
35. 'Wax on, wax off'
36. 'Nobody's perfect'
37. 'Love means never having to say you're sorry'
38. 'They call me Mister Tibbs'
39. 'You complete me'
40. 'They're here'

Horton Kirby & South Darenth WI

HK & SD WI Annual Report April 2020

This was my first year as Secretary, in fact, it was my first year on the Committee and so at first, I felt quite lost. However, everyone was so helpful and supportive that I soon began to settle in. As a committee, we even coped quite well when our wonderful Chairman left us for over 2 months for great adventures in Australia.

Then Bang! Just before she returned, we came to an abrupt halt – coronavirus.

We have had a very busy and interesting year with our members sharing our own meetings, extra events organized by us and events from District and the local Swanley group.

This year in our meetings we have hosted 4 speakers; Chris Bull telling us about local history along the Darenth. A very personal talk about Owletts at Cobham and (my own particular favourite) a detailed history about the Story of Suffragette.

Julia Davies gave an excellent demonstration on Christmas puddings without a cooker and, of course, the best part was tasting them all. We have had two entertainers and an evening when we joined in making a flower arrangement in a bottle.

Pauline Rowley [President] organised the Resolutions evening in a very different way and everyone enjoyed it very much. It started with a Fish and Chip supper over chatter and a catch up amongst friends. This led into individual table quizzes around the topic of resolutions. We gained knowledge in a fun way and all felt happier placing our votes. A great evening was had by all.

Outside of the meetings

The walking group has continued to grow and we now have 12 members, although not everyone comes every month. Many have been local walks, but we loved the Snowdrop Trail at Hever. There's usually a pub lunch involved!

There have been 4 craft afternoons organised across the year and these are always popular. Some of our talented members, attend Federation events and come back to share newly acquired skills with us.

'Knit and Natter' continues to be popular during winter months.

Afternoon and evening book clubs continue to thrive with many different types of shared groups.

We had some lovely days out, to Warmer Castle, an afternoon tea at Owletts, and a great day at Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market in November. A few of us got to share an interactive reading of A Christmas Carol in the atmospheric living room of Owletts. It was the week before Christmas and it was something really special.

Groups have enjoyed two theatre visits and meals in London.

We have shared coffee mornings in the local Jollies, a village pub. We planned three meals in the excellent Telescope Bistro in Longfield Academy, which included our Christmas meal. Unfortunately, the last one was the day before lockdown so it had to be cancelled.

District Events

Singing Days are always enjoyed, this included The Way We Were at Dartford, even though the night was really hot and not all the costumes could be worn. Some of our members really enjoyed supporting the Bat and Trap at Eynsford. We came back determined to practise and take part this year. Lockdown ended that idea. Perhaps next time...

We again did very well at the Crockenhill Quiz Night. NB, unfortunately, we again found ourselves in the position of cancelling our own District Event through lack of support.

Federation Events

Arts and Craft Annual days, Enamelling, Paper Bead Necklaces a few of the events we enjoyed.

Panto Day was a great success, which we all enjoyed. We are still hoping to organise it within our group, perhaps in November?

Many of our members tried to help with the community, working in a charity shop, providing refreshments at St. George's Fete, Church Fete, Lions Fete and Village pantomime. Some members have volunteered during 'lockdown' supporting in many ways, including delivering food and medicines every day.

Finally, I want to thank our inspired President Pauline, the committee and all the members of our W.I. who share and make our group special. I have got to know many people so much more this year and know that they, as am I, are disappointed to be missing our planned activities. Especially the holiday to Wales where we should all be now. I hope all keep safe and well and let's hope there will be more times to meet up in the autumn.

Thank you, Linda Homer, Secretary

WI is currently closed during lockdown but we will be back as soon as we can! Contact;
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The Royal British Legion South Darenth Branch

We would like to wish you and all your family's well in these most testing of times. Here is a very brief update as to where we are at the Royal British Legion, South Darenth Branch.

We, as everyone involved in group meetings, are still on government advised lock down but hopefully seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

When we are allowed we will again be resuming our various activities i.e. bingo, quiz nights and our branch meetings. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch. We will be posting updates as and when the various measures have been amended by the government, so please keep your eye on our Facebook page and various notice boards around the village.

Many thanks

The committee. The Royal British legion (South Darenth Branch)

FALCONS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We ran three teams during the 2019-20 winter season, two in the Bromley League and one in the North West Ken League. The season was scheduled to finish at the end of March, but due to the covid-19 lockdown, it effectively ended in the middle of March, leaving all our teams with two unfulfilled fixtures.

Under the circumstances, the league committees awarded notional results for the outstanding matches, having regard to the results of matches actually played, so that the final league tables could be drawn up.

In the Bromley league, our A team finished third in division 3, one place short of promotion, while the B team finished eighth in the same division. In the North West Kent league, our team finished third in division 3 but level on points with the second placed team, just missing out on promotion on the number of matches won.

The summer leagues would normally be well under way by now, but have had to be cancelled this year due to the lockdown. We hope things can return to somewhere near normal over the next few weeks so that the 2020-21 winter seasons can begin in September as usual.

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1st Horton Kirby Scout Group

Our very active Scout Group is unable to meet at the moment. Until we are given permission from the Government you might like your child to be part of our activities later in the year when we are able to meet again. Below are details of our four sections,

The **BEAVER** section – boys and girls from 6 to 8 years old –meet on Tuesdays from 5.45pm to 7pm.

The **CUB** section on Thursday from 6pm to 8pm – girls and boys from the age of 8 to 10 1/2 years old

Our **SCOUT** section – boys and girls from 10.1/2 to 14 years meet on a Wednesday from 7.15pm to 9pm.

We also have an **EXPLORER** group – boys and girls from 14 to 18 years that meet on a Friday from 7pm to 9pm.

All four sections meet in our HQ in Horton Road, Horton Kirby,

If you want your child to be part of the great Scouting Experience please contact Barbara Bradley on 01322862005 or bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



As the Parish Council celebrates its 125th Anniversary, the LHS is celebrating its 25th year. The Society came into being as a result of the book that was published in 1994 to mark the Centenary of the Parish Council.

Hopefully, the next meeting on 13th July (Up the Junction, Old Swanley) will take place, followed by meetings on 14th September (Leeds Castle) and the AGM/Cheese & Wine Party on 9th November.

Speakers have been booked for 2021 and include talks on Artists of the First World War, A Schoolgirl's War (WW2), Villages of the Upper Darent and the Belgian Royal Family – murder, madness and mayhem.

- LHS meetings are held in the Jubilee Hall, Horton Road, starting at 8pm
- All visitors are welcome (£2 admission)
- Annual membership - £7 (individual) or £10 (couple)
- Refreshments are served after the meeting (tea/coffee/biscuits)
- There is a raffle at each meeting with 4-5 prizes
- Publications are available from the Parish Office and Sutton at Hone Library

Publications include

1. A Walking Tour of Horton Kirby & South Darent £1
2. Farningham Road Station £5
3. Images of Horton Kirby Paper Mills £5
4. Memories of Horton Kirby Schools £2
5. Sinking the Link £5
6. Never Such Innocence (Sutton at Hone & Hawley in the First World War) £4
7. Our Peace was Won by the Men who Fell (HK & SD in the First World war) £5

The new publication "Horton Kirby and South Darent Yesterday and Today" that was successfully launched at the beginning of December has proved to be very popular and is selling well. This was published by the LHS on behalf of the Parish Council and copies can be bought from the Parish Office price £15.

Further information from Terry Moyle (Chairman)
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Do you know your film quotes?

Answers

1. 'Houston, we have a problem' - Apollo 13, 1995
2. 'There's no crying in baseball!' - A League of Their Own, 1992
3. 'Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine' - Casablanca, 1942
4. 'Mrs Robinson, you're trying to seduce me, aren't you?' - The Graduate, 1967
5. 'Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn' - Gone with the wind, 1939
6. 'Here's looking at you kid' - Casablanca, 1942
7. 'You're going to need a bigger boat' - Jaws, 1975
8. 'I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse' - The Godfather, 1972
9. 'Play it Sam. Play As Time Goes By' - Casablanca, 1942
10. 'The first rule of Fight Club is you do not talk about Fight Club' - Fight Club, 1999
11. 'Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die' - The Princess Bride, 1987
12. 'I'll have what she's having' - When Harry Met Sally, 1989
13. 'This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship' - Casablanca, 1942
14. 'You can't handle the truth!' - The Good Men, 1992
15. 'You had me at hello' - Jerry Maguire, 1996
16. 'Carpe Diem. Seize the day, boys' - Dead Poets Society, 1989
17. 'Leave the gun, take the cannoli' - The Godfather, 1972
18. 'Show me the money!' - Jerry Maguire, 1996

19. 'Say hello to my little friend' - Scarface, 1983
20. 'I love the smell of napalm in the morning' - Apocalypse Now, 1979
21. 'Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings' - It's a Wonderful Life, 1954
22. 'I'm the king of the world!' - Titanic, 1997
23. 'If you built it, he will come' - Field of Dreams, 1989
24. 'I'm not bad, I'm just drawn that way' - Who Framed Roger Rabbit, 1988
25. 'I'm having an old friend for dinner' - The Silence of the Lambs, 1991
26. 'I'm also just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her' - Notting Hill, 1999
27. 'Stella! Hey, Stella!' - A Streetcar Named Desire, 1951
28. 'You is kind. You is smart. You is important' - The Help, 2011
29. 'I have always depended on the kindness of strangers' - A Streetcar Named Desire, 1951
30. 'My precious' - The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, 2002
31. 'Elementary, my dear Watson' - The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, 1939
32. 'I don't want to survive. I want to live' - 12 Years a Slave, 2013
33. 'Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room!' - Dr Strangelove, 1964
34. 'You ain't heard nothin' yet!' - The Jazz Singer, 1928
35. 'Wax on, wax off' - The Karate Kid, 1984
36. 'Nobody's perfect' - Some Like it Hot, 1959
37. 'Love means never having to say you're sorry' - Love Story, 1970
38. 'They call me Mister Tibbs' - In the Heat of the Night, 1967
39. 'You complete me' - Jerry Maguire, 1996
40. 'They're here' - Poltergeist, 1982

Recent Planning Decisions

SE/20/00235/HOUSE 79 School Lane Horton Kirby DA4 9DQ	New first floor rear extension and proposed porch to front elevation	GRANTED
SE/20/00010/HOUSE 20 Churchill Road Horton Kirby DA4 9DP	Demolition of existing garage to form new side extension	GRANTED
SE/20/00065/FUL The Darent Wax Company Horton Kirby Trading Estate Station Road, South Darenth Kent DA4 9BD	Installation of a chiller unit and air intake duct to the rear elevation.	WITHDRAWN
SE/20/00467/FUL The Bull Lombard Street Horton Kirby DA4 9DF	Single storey side extension to house new disabled toilet facilities and new male and female toilets and new rear single storey extension to house new dining/function space	GRANTED
SE/20/00978/HOUSE 65 Shrubbery Road South Darenth DA4 9AP	Formation of vehicle access	AWAITING DECISION
SE/20/01258/HOUSE 59 School Lane Horton Kirby DA4 9DQ	First floor extension to rear with Juliet balcony and front dormer	AWAITING DECISION
SE/20/01335/HOUSE Carinya, Lombard Street Horton Kirby DA4 9DF	Ground floor windows patio door added & loft extension	AWAITING DECISION
SE/20/01351/HOUSE 25 Churchill Road Horton Kirby DA4 9DP	Rear dormer roof extension with Juliet balcony with additional roof lights to the front elevation	AWAITING DECISION
SE/18/293/R10 Court Lodge Farm Stack Road Horton Kirby DA4 9DU	Details of external lighting pursuant to Condition 10 of planning permission SE/18/293	AWAITING DECISION
KCC/DA/0253/2019 St Margaret's Farm, St Margaret's Road, South Darenth, Dartford Kent DA4 9LB	Regularisation and extension of the existing Green Waste Composting (GWC) facility and construction and operation of a biomass combined heat and power (CHP) plant for the processing of up to 5200tpa of locally sources green waste and timber and associated facilities and landscaping. Comments requested <u>as an adjoining Parish</u>	GRANTED
SE/19/03545/MMA Hills Farm ,Franks Lane Horton Kirby	Minor material amendment o 18/00550/MMA related to 17/03801/FUL for the conversion of agricultural barn to 6no. two bedroom dwellings to change dwellings 2-5 from 2no. bedroom units to 3no.bedroom units	GRANTED
SE/19/03567/FUL Land South of The Red Barn Stack Road Horton Kirby DA4 9DP	Erection of five dwellings, creation of vehicle access and provision of associated parking, landscaping and private amenity	REFUSED

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