

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council Newsletter March 2017



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Join our group on Facebook

The office is open Monday and Friday

9.00am to 12.30pm

St Georges Fun Day Event
Saturday 22nd April 2017
12 noon till 4pm

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

All welcome to come along

www.hortonkirbyandsouthdarenthpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Newsletter edited by Dawn Mitchell, HKSD Parish Council



USEFUL CONTACTS

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

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 number – 24 hours)

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.environment-agency.gov.uk for Flood Alerts

Citizens Advice

Swanley - 01322 473176
Dartford 01322 472979

Thames Water – 0845 9200 800

Devon Road Surgery – 01322 862121

Do you know what the Parish Council does and how it spends your money?

The Parish Council is given a precept each year which comes from a portion of your Council Tax. For 2017/18 it will be £98,736 which, for a band D property, is the equivalent of £76.80 per year or £1.48 per week.

The Parish Council own the following and is therefore responsible for their upkeep and safety:

- Allotments
- Burial Ground
- Heathside
- Saxon Place Play area
- Shrubbery Road Play area
- Public Toilets and Pavilion at Westminster Field
- Paddocks in Paddock Close, South Darent
- Bus Shelter in Horton Road
- The Village Hall
- Jubilee Hall
- 97 Streetlights (the others are KCC responsibility)
- Paper Mill Green
- Hundred Year Wood
- 11 Dog Bins

The Parish Council organise and host the following events:

- St Georges Fun Day on Heathside
- Summer Inflatable Day on Westminster Field
- Fireworks Display on Heathside

Apart from all of the statutory duties that the Parish Council has to undertake, it also funds and organises:

- Grants to local organisations
- Volunteer Days through partnership working with West Kent Countryside Partnership
- Litter pick volunteer days
- Grass cutting of St Mary's Church closed churchyard
- Westminster Field grass cutting and pavillion

The Parish Council consists of nine Parish Councillors who hold their public office voluntarily and are supported by three part time employees. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month in the Village Hall. These are open public meetings and everyone is invited to come along. There are two committees; the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee and the Halls Committee who meet bi-monthly.

If you have any questions or suggestions, would like to participate in projects or perhaps even join a committee, please do contact the Parish Office.

Welcome to new Assistant Parish Clerk

We would like to welcome Dawn McFall to the Parish Council team. Dawn has joined Heather in the Parish Office bringing with her experience of Parish Council working. This will give Heather an extra pair of hands to cope with the increasing work load and another friendly Clerk for residents to contact with any questions.

BULBS BULBS BULBS

As reported in the last Parish Newsletter, daffodil bulbs were planted by volunteers in October. These were planted in Jacobs Lane and East Hill in the wide verges. If you live nearby in East Hill, can we encourage you to check where you leave your bin bags out to avoid crushing them?

Looking forward to a great display in Spring.



PARISH COUNCIL GIVING AWAY FREE MONEY

Does your local organisation or club need funds? Ask for an application form from the Parish Office by phone or email or download from the website. So far the Scouts, Brownies, Football Club, Cricket Club, Rainbows, Petanque Club, Saxon Place Community Association, Royal British Legion and Local History Society have all benefited.

The Charity of Anthony Roper

The charity can give, at the trustees' discretion, small grants to local organisations or individuals.

If you're a student in need of funds for essential books or equipment for your studies, or an organisation in need of a donation, the trustees would be pleased to hear from you.

And if you're a pensioner in need of a small grant you're welcome to apply.

For more information please get in touch with one of the trustees.

Roy Cockburn - 01322 863600

Malcolm Green - 01322 863005

Gill Tripp – 01322 863476

	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr Sue Force RNut (629)</p>
<p>Healthy Eating Nutrition & Exercise Weight management Type 2 Diabetes – food & exercise Sports Nutrition Nutrition & Pregnancy – are you ready? Understanding Food Labels And more...</p> <p>www.mission4nutrition.co.uk</p>	<p>Find me at The Mill Clinic Horton Rd South Darenth DA4 9LW</p> <p>Mob: 07490 413 983 sue.force@themillclinic.co.uk</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  The Mill Clinic </div>



**Royal British Legion, Legion Hall,
Devon Road
South Darenth**

A message from Christine Page:

I would like to thank everybody who has supported me over the years. Special thanks go to Bill May, my Treasurer, all the members who have been so supportive and loyal to the charity, all the people who live in the villages who were always there when we needed them whether it was to come and buy our plants, help with the poppy appeal or support our quizzes.

I have enjoyed running the British Legion along with Bill May, Mary Seal and Peter, my husband, over the last 12 years. Sadly, my time has now come to move on and let the younger members of the community take over.

During 2016 we raised over £1,900 for the Poppy Appeal. On 11th November 2016, Armistice Day, the head teacher, Mr Pollard, of Horton Kirby Primary School brought children down to the Village Hall for a service led by Mr David Bartlett from St Mary's Church. Every year I look forward to this event and the opportunity of meeting with young and old. The Parish Council kindly supplied two rockets to be fired at 11am by two Parish Councillors and they also allowed us free use of the Jubilee Hall for tea and cake afterwards, my thanks to them. The Remembrance Service, which was well attended and a truly memorable morning, was hosted by St Mary's Church.

Our plant sale will be on 6th May 2017 at 10.30am at the hall.

Please continue to support the Royal British Legion by renting the hall in Devon Road.

All new members are very welcome.

The next meeting is on Friday 17th March at 1.30pm

The new Committee are:

Chairman – Clare Toomey 07949 405909, Secretary – Denise Fry 07816 629670 and Treasurer - Lola Rafell 07984 627886

Paper Mill Chimney Update

A Message from Crabtree Property Management

As residents of Esparto Way and visitors to the site would have seen, the chimney has now been wrapped in protective sheeting.

Recent inspections of the chimney highlighted areas of loose masonry which could, and indeed in one instance did, fall to ground putting residents, visitors and vehicles at risk of serious injury or damage.

On the recommendation of a structural engineer, therefore, it was decided to make the chimney safe until repair works could be done, by putting a protective 'shrink-wrap' around it.

Unfortunately for visitors and residents, the timing of the work coincided with the Christmas holiday and winter weather, which kept the car parks nearest to the chimney unavailable for longer than anyone expected. But, ultimately, the priority had to be the safety of persons and vehicles.

Going forward the structural engineer is in the process of carrying out a full external and internal structural survey, and will then produce a detailed report of her findings. From this a plan of remedial works will be drawn up, along with specifications that will be sent to contractors to tender for the works.

The quotes will determine the start date and duration of those remedial works but we are already aware that it will be significant sum. Given the historic value of the chimney, we are aiming to contact organisations - local and national - who may have an interest in helping us meet the costs of the repair works.

RIVER Day and 100 Year Wood Days

The Parish Council does not own the river bank and has to rely on the Environment Agency to cut back and make the river accessible, however, the Parish Council does have the means to arrange extra work at its own cost. Therefore, the Parish Council has budgeted for a hands on river day and two Hundred Year Wood days. These are great opportunities to get involved with your local landscape and learn something new. Dates are being arranged and will be advertised on the Parish Council website, noticeboards and Facebook. If you would like to get an email update about this just register your interest by emailing or calling the Parish Office.

Last year the river days were well supported by volunteers. However, the work to clear vegetation by hand was very hard work. Consequently the Parish Council has budgeted to pay for a contractor to cut the bank nearest the footpath between Station Road and Westminster Field, and the river bank along Holmesdale Road. It is hoped that this will enhance the view of the river.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with the Environment Agency on reed cutting and are pleased to report that this was completed in January.

Riverside Pre-School Kindergarten

Village Hall South Darent

Mon 9:15am – 1:00pm

Tues, Weds, Fri 9:15am-12:15pm

Thurs 9:15am-3:00pm

Come and see for yourself what we offer or

Call Justine on 07968 019759

www.riversidekindergarten.co.uk

Fly Tipping

Fly-tipping on highways, footpaths and public land should be reported promptly (at any time) to Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000. (If out-of-hours, an automated message will tell you that the SDC offices are closed – but hang on until the end of their recorded message at which point you will get through to a real person in the Council's CCTV Control Room.)

Please supply a description of the waste and approximate bulk (so that SDC know what size of lorry to send, and if there might be hazardous waste included in there) and its exact location (just naming a road may not be close enough for them to find easily, especially if there is a second heap of fly-tipping in the same road). It would be helpful to state exactly when you first spotted the waste as well, which might be of some use in tracking down a culprit.

Taking photographs is also good, but please do not put yourself at risk of being run over or of being assaulted. If you see the fly-tipping incident in progress you can dial 101 – but do still note a description of the vehicle and culprit(s), and the registration if not hidden; direction of travel; and date/time - provided it is safe to do so). Please do not move the waste (unless blocking your way) nor open sacks in order to try and find incriminating evidence, because if the rubbish is tampered with, it invalidates any evidence-gathering.

If the fly-tipping is on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner only and there is little the Council can do to assist (unless there is a public health issue as well, and this would include the dumping of animal carcasses etc.). The Council cannot investigate fly-tipping on private land - but where a landowner wishes to share evidence or information about possible offenders (for intelligence purposes only) they should call SDC on 01732 227000 during normal working hours.

Regards, Cllr Philip McGarvey (talking rubbish as usual!)

Sevenoaks District Council 01732 227000

Nominate your unsung hero

Sevenoaks District Council's 'Making it Happen Community and Voluntary Awards' are back, giving you the chance to nominate your local unsung heroes.

The awards, now in their third year, will take place in June and will see inspirational volunteers and community workers being recognised for their work across the District.

Cllr Roddy Hogarth, Cabinet Member for Community & Economic Development, says: "There are so many hardworking and selfless people and organisations that deserve recognition for their incredible efforts. These people make a positive difference to the lives of young and old and vulnerable and disadvantaged people from across the District. "We are happy to celebrate their contribution and say a well-deserved thank you. So please make sure you get involved and submit a nomination form so your local hero can get the recognition they deserve." The 'Making It Happen' awards are made up of ten nomination categories.

This year's categories are:

- Charity Project of the Year
- Charity of the Year
- Best Community Club/Group of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Best Business in the Community
- Individual Community Champion
- Lifetime Achievement
- Community Safety
- Best Healthy and Improved Eatery
- Best Family Friendly Business

To nominate a person, voluntary organisation or group visit:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/communityawards. You can also request a nomination form by emailing communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk or by calling us on 01732 227000

Nominations are open from Monday 16 January until Friday 14 April, and can be made in more than one category

Heroes Wanted.

It's time to clean up our village!



Following the success with "Clean for the Queen" litter pick last year, we are teaming up again with Keep Britain Tidy group for the "Great British Spring Clean".

This litter pick will be on 5th March, meeting at the Village Hall at 11am and we will be targeting Station Road and the path that runs along the A225 to Westminster Field from the top of Station Road.

Those volunteering will be rewarded with tea/coffee and cake when we finish at around 1.30pm.



SOUTH DARENT FC

The **seniors** are having a tough season in the league but are doing really well in the cup. Some fantastic football being played week in week out.

U21's. After moving up a division as champions the team has held their own against the better opposition and currently sit just above mid table after good results in recent months.

U13s team continue to have a strong season and are currently top of the league. The boys and girls are playing some tremendous football and I hope this continues during 2017, as they have worked hard to get where they are. The manager Danny (07771822642) is always looking to strengthen his side even further, so please do contact him if your child is interested. They train and play at Heathside playing fields.

U15s have had a brilliant season so far, excellent football played by a strong team. They sit within the top two positions of the league constantly and it looks likely that they will go up a league for the 17/18 season.

U8's are playing really well and are a very close team, they have only lost a few matches all season, it looks like they have a great football future ahead of them.

U6's are training well and really enjoy their football. They will join the Selkent league as of September for the 17/18 season as an U7 team which will see them playing matches for the first time. If you are interested in helping with the training of this team or your child would like to join, please email barham_m@sky.com



ST GEORGES DAY



**ST GEORGES DAY EVENT
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017
ON HEATHSIDE
BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL
12 NOON UNTIL 4PM**

FREE ENTRY

BRING ALL THE FAMILY

**BBQ, ARCHERY, PLANTS, CRAFTS,
GAMES, BEAT-THE-GOLIE,
FREE INFLATABLES, TRAIN RIDES,
BAR, PONY RIDES, FACE PAINTING
AND MUCH MORE...**

**ORGANISED BY THE
HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH
PARISH COUNCIL**

Monday Club !!!



Join us every Monday for
FUN, FUN, FUN !

Loads of toys ! Arts & crafts, slides, bikes, trikes ! You name it ! We have it !

And even a bouncy castle on the 1st Monday of each month !!

And after all that running about and playing, juice and biscuits as well !

We are so confident that both you and your child will enjoy our club, the first time you visit us is **FREE** !

We even supply coffee, tea and cakes for the grown-ups !

For more details contact Debbie on,

07956 851571

Join Us...

Date

Every Monday (Term time only)

Time

9-11am / 11.30pm

Location

London Kirby Village Hall

Cost

First visit free ! (Only £2.50 thereafter)

About our Mother and Toddler Group

Our group has been running for many years and is open to all ! From newborn to 5 years old. There's plenty for the children to do, and the parents get a well earned rest and a chat over a cuppa !

We are a voluntary, not-for-profit group run for the local community, and more volunteers are always welcome !

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Bi – monthly **meetings** are held in the **Jubilee Hall** in Horton Road, South Darenth on the **second Monday** of the month starting at 8 pm.

All visitors are welcome (£2 admission)

Annual membership subscription - £7 (£10 for a couple) – usually paid at the September meeting

Refreshments served after the meeting (tea/ coffee/ biscuits)

Raffle at each meeting – 4/5 prizes

Publications are available from the Parish Office at the Village Hall or from Sutton at Hone Library

SPEAKERS 2017

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE OF TALK
13 March	Steve Hookins	To Wilhelm with Love – Commemorating the 100 th Anniversary of the Somme
8 May	Christoph Bull	The Incredible Shrinking Parish of Stone
10 July	Terry Moyle	Old Dartford & District
11 September	Anne Carter	Queen Victoria
13 November	AGM + Malcolm Scott	Short AGM + short talk + cheese and wine

Talks in **2018 will include**

- Gravesend – Gateway to the Thames
- 1917: Bombs on Kent
- Kent and East Sussex Railway – Then and Now
- Life and Times of Edith Cavell

Details available from Terry Moyle (Chairman) on 07939581572 or trenoweth@btinternet.com



1st Horton Kirby Scout Group

Our Scout Group welcomes young people from the ages of 6 to 18 years old and, of course, any adults who would like to help with the organisation of the group.

The programme we offer these young people is always busy with weekly meetings. Recently we have celebrated Burns Night and soon we will make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, have a sleepover and a Fun Day with the opportunity of meeting reptiles of every variety.

A group of us visited the local Pantomime at the Village Hall for a fun afternoon.

Our Annual District Splash event takes part in March which is a fun evening of swimming events at White Oak Pool, Swanley for all ages.

If you would like your child to be part of Scouting in our villages or you would like to help in any way, please contact Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005 or email bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com for more information.

Thank you.



BOWLS CLUB



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome both new and experienced Bowlers to one of the most successful Bowling Clubs in Kent. All types of membership are available and tuition is provided free of charge to new bowlers both male and female.

The environment we provide is ideal for those who wish to play the game competitively or as a very pleasant pastime.

We have several Club matches each week against other Clubs for both Men and Women and also have internal competitions as well.

All in all, there is a lot going on for bowlers of all ages and standard. Young bowlers are also very welcome. If you are interested in finding out about joining, please contact us by telephone, email or by visiting the Club when it opens next April.

Bowls is not only a sport, you can have a varied and active social life at the Club. It is the ideal sport for meeting new people, socialising and meeting new challenges head on.

In the first instance, please call 01322 866031 or email: hkbcenquiries@gmail.com. Alternatively, please call in at the club.

Heathside, South Darenth, DA4 7AX



HORTON KIRBY & SOUTH DARENTH BEFRIENDING GROUP



How could you refuse to help these lovely ladies?
If you live in or near Horton Kirby & South Darenth own a car and are willing to drive some of the ladies to and from their group, then please contact us on

01322 272476

The day is Tuesday afternoons.

The time is 2:00pm till 4:00pm



This is a great group but unfortunately some of them cannot make their own way to and from the club and need your help.

They will pay for any expenses incurred but the real treat is that they would love you to stay for a chat and help them to eat their lovely cakes.

As a volunteer you will need to register with us at the Volunteer Centre and be DBS checked



**Jo with her
Befrienders
dog Monty**

Befriending



**Sandy and
Molly**

Befriending someone who is housebound and cannot get out of the house easily is one of the most rewarding forms of volunteering. You bring the outside world into their lives. Their world is made up of four walls and a television. This can be very isolating and lonely. Families do care, very much, but cannot always be available to pop round for just a chat. Getting to know a perfect stranger and talking about your younger days and family is one of the best tonics for depression, no visit to the doctor for pills is necessary – just you visiting once a week for a couple of hours for a cuppa and a chat – marvellous!

Join our team by calling 01322 272476



HORTON KIRBY CRICKET CLUB

After a summer of wonderful weather and very enjoyable cricket, Horton Kirby Cricket Club are looking forward to what will hopefully be another successful season. Over the winter the club had their AGM. Following this the club now has a new President in the shape of former chairman Mac Costen, and the new club Chairman is Gordon Watts. The off-season has also seen the clubhouse roof and ceiling repaired. The club would like to thank the Kent Cricket Board and the Parish Council for their help with this.

The club also held its annual presentation evening in November, which included live music. The club's outstanding performers were recognised for their efforts, as well as the Young Player, and Most Improved Player of the year going to young playing members from the Villages.

The Saturday 1st XI had mixed fortunes last season. An excellent start to the season, was followed by a mid-season blip in form. The team ended up in 8th place in the Kent Regional League- Championship West Division. But only 5 points away from 4th position leaves the team with a good platform to build a promotion challenge next season.

The Saturday 2nd XI were unfortunate to be relegated last season. There were a few conceded fixtures which cost us numerous penalty points. This ultimately cost the team their position in the league, however they did win 7 of their 15 completed fixtures. They will look to re-build the side for next season, in order to get promoted back to the division in which they belong.

The Sunday teams continued their fine form in the Kent Village League, with the 1st XI finishing 4th in Division 4. They benefited from some excellent performances from some of the younger members of the side, and with another years' experience, the team should be promoted next season if they continue to grow as a side. The 2nd XI also had a very good season and were once again buoyed by the younger members of the club. The Sunday teams have enjoyed the fun and light-hearted competition of the Kent Village League, and are very much looking forward to next season.

The club is currently running indoor training sessions for colts and adults in preparation for next year taking place on Tuesday evenings between 7-9pm at Wilmington Grammar School for Boys, and are open to anyone to attend. We are actively seeking new members for next season, and welcome anyone who would like to be involved with a family friendly cricket club next year to get in contact, all abilities welcome. The club is actively looking for new colts, and we are planning to run under 11s, 13s, and 15s sides this year, as well as coaching for younger ages. For more info, please contact the club secretary using the details below:

Club Secretary, Graham Bull - 07803 806726 hortonkirbycc@gmail.com

Baby Sensory has been voted the number one Baby Development class by 'What's on 4 Little Ones' and the good news is - there is a class near you!

Every week at the Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall, we get to look forward to watching the babies making leaps forwards in their development, whilst creating the wonder and magic for our parents and babies to enjoy!

Babies are remarkably clever and everything that they see, touch, hear, taste or smell increases the number of connections between the brain cells. By the end of the first year, the baby's brain has doubled in volume as result of the learning experiences provided to them.

The programme is designed specifically for babies from birth to 13 months. Dr Lin Day, our founder, has lovingly created a different session for every week of your baby's first year of life, so you will never see the same session twice.

Every week we pass on developmental information and key milestones to watch for, we give ideas for home play, ideas on interaction and bonding with your baby. All things that will enrich your baby's development.

At Baby Sensory, you can expect everything from light shows, nursery rhymes & music making, parachutes, giant balloons, baby signing, themed sessions such a Baby Pirates, Baby Olympics, Baby Rainforest and lots more, puppets, dancing, water play, messy play – the list is endless! Many of our activities have the foundation based on bonding with your baby, and this is the most special thing of all.

Baby Sensory classes run every Wednesday morning at Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall. Visit our website to see which class time might suit you and your baby. Classes are very popular so be sure to book in advance.



Visit www.babysensory.co.uk and search for your most local class.



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10th - 13th

APRIL

10am - 4pm

for 8-18 year olds

£100 per child for all four days.

**Price includes a FREE
t-shirt!**

A packed lunch will be needed.

10th - 12th

APRIL

10am - 12pm

for 3-7 year olds

**£10 per child per day OR £25
for all three days.**

**Price includes a FREE
t-shirt!**

**SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE &
EXHIBITION ON THURSDAY AT 7:30PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE DURING THE WEEK
adults: £8 | concessions £5**

**MORE INFO & BOOKING:
07871 931949**

www.focusonthearts.btck.co.uk | focusonthearts@hotmail.com

A farewell message from Sarah Douse, PCSO

It is very strange writing this because when it goes out I will have already left Kent Police as a PCSO and will be training to become a Police Officer.

I have really enjoyed my time in South Darenth & Horton Kirby, and I have especially been impressed with how the community has come together for fun events and times of need.

The Firework Display and the Remembrance Service with the local school are always two events I especially looked forward to.

As a community you should be really proud of all the help and donations offered with the tragic death of Jack Morrison. It was not pleasant for anyone involved, but your kind messages and offer of support touched everyone.

The organisations that run in the village are a great asset, and it has been lovely watching the Tuesday tea & chat afternoon go from strength to strength. The volunteers are lovely and the residents that go, always keep me updated with what's going on.

I would like to say a massive thank you to the Parish Council, their support has been invaluable and they get nowhere near enough thanks for the work they do in the villages.

I would love to have spent more time in the area but the PCSO role is changing continuously at the moment and the areas and jobs we are being given are growing, but please do not think just because you didn't see me I wasn't in the area. When the new PCSO takes over they will be introduced to you all and I am sure that whoever this is will enjoy being your PCSO just as much as I have. Thank you

Sarah

Use these useful apps to report any fly tipping



A few simple steps can make a difference

Snap a photo of the suspicious behavior, incident or concern



Tell us where you are or use your phone's built in GPS location



Receive updates and alerts on the incidents you submit

<https://countryeye.co.uk/>



<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Report, view, or discuss local problems such as graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting

How to report a problem

Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area

Locate the problem on a map of the area

Enter details of the problem

We send it to the council on your behalf



TUESDAYS

Royal British Legion Hall, Devon Road

Award winning mini productions for the very young.
Come visit us in our wonderland very soon!

Happy House

Walking-5yrs

younger siblings welcomed in this class

Baby Beeps

Sitting-toddling

Approx. 8-18 months

Baby Bells

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Approx. 0-8 months

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sarah.h@hartbeeps.com

07891 545 965



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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME – BY PCSO

We are always looking at ways to do things faster and be more advanced, but this sometimes means we forget the simple things.

For example do you always lock your car?

I have found four cars insecure in just a few nights of checking, and more than one of these vehicles had items on show that could have been easily stolen.

Please hide all items away if you are unable to take them with you and double check your vehicle is locked.

We are still seeing vehicles being stolen in the area. Please make sure your vehicle keys cannot be seen if someone looks through your letterbox, leaving them on the stairs, in the back of doors, in a bowl or on a hook by the front door is also not recommended.

The supermarkets in Swanley had a spate of bag dipping and unfortunately at least five residents lost their purses.

All these ladies had their backs to their bags at the time, as they were looking for something on the shelf. Keep your bag on you at all times while shopping.

Bogus callers are unfortunately still targeting the elderly and the vulnerable.

I cannot stress enough to not give your details, including bank details, to anyone on the telephone, by email or at your front door. The banks, the Police or any other company will not ask for them in this way. If you are not expecting anyone or are unsure who is at the door then do not answer it, if you do not know who is on the phone put it down.

Again it is the simple things that will help stop you being a victim of crime.



When to appeal a parking ticket

Don't appeal or pay a ticket from a parking company that's not an Accredited Trade Association (ATA) member. They can't take you to court to make you pay as they can't get your details from the DVLA.

Look on the British Parking Association (BPA) or International Parking Community (IPC) websites to check if a parking company is an ATA member. You can also call the BPA on 01444 447 300 to check if a company is an ATA member.

If you get a ticket in the post from a non-ATA member, report them to Action Fraud because the company could have got your details illegally.

When you park on private land, such as a supermarket car park, the parking rules (the terms and conditions of using the car park) should be made clear on nearby signs. If you're given a Parking Charge Notice and can prove you stuck to these rules, your ticket should be cancelled. This is because the parking company can't argue that you didn't stick to their terms and conditions.

When you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any parking rules and send evidence to prove this.

Contact the parking company if they're an ATA member

You can find a parking company's contact details on the [BPA](#) or [IPC](#) websites or on the Parking Charge Notice. Check on the notice if you must appeal on the parking company's website or if you can write to them with your reasons for objecting.

Appealing directly to the parking company is called making an informal appeal – you must do this before you make a formal appeal. You can [use our template letter](#) to write to the parking company.

Include any evidence you have, for example:

- a valid pay and display ticket

- photos of signs that are hard to see or understand, or where the information is misleading
- a letter from someone who was with you saying what happened – write ‘Witness statement’ at the top of this
- a repair note, if your car broke down

If your informal appeal is rejected

You can appeal to an independent appeals service. It’s free to do, so it’s worth trying if you still think your ticket was unfair. They might see things differently to the parking company and agree that your ticket should be cancelled. They won’t cancel a ticket because of an unexpected event, for example if you were delayed because you were feeling unwell.

The way to appeal will depend on if the parking company that gave you the ticket is a member of the BPA or IPC approved operator’s scheme. Make a formal appeal to Parking on Private Land Appeals (POPLA) if they’re a BPA parking company. If they’re an IPC member, make a formal appeal to the Independent Appeals Service. For a ticket from a BPA member, you have 28 days from when your informal appeal was rejected to make a formal appeal. You have 21 days to appeal if your ticket is from an IPC member. Make sure you include any evidence that will support your case.

If your formal appeal is rejected

You should pay your parking ticket. If you don’t, the cost could go up because you might have to go to court and pay court costs. Contact your nearest Citizens Advice for help if you can’t afford to pay your parking ticket.

Contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline if you still think your ticket was unfair and want to report the parking company to Trading Standards. You’ll need to pay the ticket even if you report the company.

Darent Valley Lions Club

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our local people who supported Father Christmas when he visited the two villages on his sleigh. We are very grateful for all the help we received with the sleigh runs and £2,351.73 was raised.

We have made donations to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Kids Cancer Charity – giving respite care to young people, Lions Measles Initiative, Hi Kent who help local deaf people free of charge, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance who are raising funds to buy a scanner to be kept in their helicopter and over £6,000 was recently given to the Ellenor Hospices.

Our ANNUAL GRAND FETE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW is on Saturday 8th July 2017 at Heathside (behind the Village Hall) from 12 noon to 4.30pm.

Every year we organise a SWIMABIT at Whiteoak Pool Swanley, where we swim for one hour and get sponsors. All the proceeds from this event go to the Ellenor Hospice. We are looking for swimmers to join us this year which will be held on a Sunday morning in May.

Please contact Peter and Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005 or bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com for any further information or sponsor forms for our Swimabit. Many thanks.



If you are in need of some gentle exercise why not try short mat bowling. Join us at South Darenth Short Mat Bowling Club, Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darenth, Wednesday afternoons and Sunday evenings.

We are always looking for new members. For the



first two sessions you can try your hand free of charge, and at the same time enjoy a cup of tea and a

friendly chat. Just drop in at the village hall on a Wednesday afternoon (1.45 - 4pm) or a Sunday evening (5.45 - 8pm). Bowls are available, but you will need soft shoes with no heels or patterned tread.

For further information contact Brian Lelliott

01322 864884 (mobile: 07712501432)

e-mail: brian.elliott@btinternet.com

St Mary the Virgin Horton Kirby



Churchwarden: Anne Williams 862551

The Darent Valley Benefice is beginning the process of appointing a new vicar. Reverend Nick Williams celebrated his final service in the benefice on Sunday 16th October 2016. He is now the vicar of the benefice of East Malling, Teston and Watlingbury. We would like to thank him for his ministry to us and wish him and his family every success in their future endeavours. You will find details of services and the contact details to be used during the interregnum listed below.

The rewiring of St Mary's has begun. St Mary's will not be used for services while this work is carried out. We anticipate that this will be a period of up to 8 weeks. Please look at notice boards or the website for details of services during this time. If all goes well we will be back in St Mary's for Mothering Sunday.

Sunday services in the Darent Valley Benefice will normally be as follows. Venues for Weeks 4 and 5 will be advertised on the Darent Valley Benefice website:

Week 1 St Mary's 10.00am Holy Communion

Week 2 St Margaret's 10.00am Holy Communion

Week 3 St John's 10.00 am Holy Communion

Week 4/5 (venue rotates) 8.30am Holy Communion (1662) 10.00am All Age Service

Variations may occur at Christmas, Easter, Harvest or Remembrance and other special occasions; these will be advertised on the Church notice board, on the blue pew sheets and on the Darent Valley Benefice website and Facebook pages.

To arrange a wedding or a baptism in St Mary's please contact:

Anne Williams, Churchwarden, 12 East Hill, South Darenth, Dartford, Kent. DA4 9AN.

Telephone: 01322 862551

Email: jamr.williams@btinternet.com

In the case of a funeral the funeral director will make contact to make the arrangements.

Our annual Summer Fete in June was a great success despite the appalling weather. Our thanks go to all those who ran the stalls and braved the wind, rain and hail to help us raise in excess of £2,000 to complete the funding for the rewiring of the church. We must also extend our thanks to the Ward family for allowing us to continue using their beautiful grounds; to the members of the W.I. for helping with the refreshments; to all the bakers and donors, to the Gravesend Concert Band who braved the weather to play for us during the first part of the afternoon and to the wonderful team who helped set up and pack away all the tables, chairs etc.

Thank you, too, to all those who came and supported St Mary's popular cream teas, during July and August. The proceeds, over £300, have been put towards our fabric fund to cover necessary repairs to keep the building in good condition for future users. The harvest gifts were distributed to the Dartford and Swanley Food Banks and the Love in a Box and the Bishop's Poverty and Hope appeals were also supported by the congregation. Thank you for your donations.

The end of the year is always busy and 2017 was no exception. The Christmas Bazaar raised over £2000 towards the running of the church. Our thanks go to the Women's Institute (WI), members of the Darent Valley Benefice (DVB) Social Committee, Peter Flewin, Father Christmas and the owner, staff, children and parents of the Riverside Preschool whose singing delighted us all. Other outreach activities included a Toy Service (toys were donated to the Salvation Army) hosting the Horton Kirby Primary School Carol Service and the benefice Christingle Service. We made the Christingles during the service which proved very popular.

Have you tried **Messy Church** yet? We meet on the second Saturday in the month at 2.00pm. All are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. The charge per child is £2.00 which includes a light tea. For further information please contact Anne Johnson 01474 853442 or find us on Facebook 'Messy Church at MJM'.

Once the rewiring is complete we will be inviting you, to St Mary's once again, for tea, coffee, cake and a chat on a Tuesday afternoon, in term time, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. The fund raising must continue we have our five yearly repair schedule to complete and we need your help to make this happen. If you would like to make a regular weekly/monthly offering towards the upkeep of the church please contact the churchwarden for details of the best way to do this.

Following the success of the talks in St Mary's in the spring we had two more talks in the autumn. John Williams gave a talk entitled "God made the country, and man made the town" and John Ward's posed the question "Are hymns poems?" There will be two more talks in spring 2017. Details will appear on the Darent Valley Benefice website and noticeboards.

We all value our beautiful villages and in the coming months St Mary's Parochial Church Council will be looking into making sure that the churchyard around St Mary's is being kept in good order and adheres more closely to the Diocese of Rochester Churchyard Regulations. Details can be found here:

<http://www.rochester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1428486156.pdf>

Services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter in the Darent Valley Benefice.

Wednesday 1st March (Ash Wednesday) 7.30 pm Eucharist at St Margaret's, Darenth

Saturday 11th March 2.00pm Messy Church at Sutton Court, Sutton at Hone.

Sunday 26th March 10.00 am (Mothering Sunday) All Age Service at St Mary's, Horton Kirby.

Sunday 9th April (Palm Sunday) 10.00 am Joint Eucharist at St Margaret's, Darenth.

Monday 10th April 7.30pm Compline at St Mary's, Horton Kirby.

Tuesday 11th April 7.30pm Compline at St Margaret's, Darenth.

Wednesday 12th April 7.30pm Compline at St John's, Sutton at Hone.

Thursday 13th April (Maundy Thursday) 7.30pm Joint Eucharist at St Mary's, Horton Kirby.

Friday 14th April (Good Friday) 12 noon Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's, Darenth.

1.00pm Silent prayer at St Margaret's, Darenth.

2.00pm Joint Eucharist at St Margaret's, Darenth.

Sunday 16th April (Easter Day) 6.00am Dawn Service Eucharist of Easter at St Margaret's, Darenth

9.30am Joint family Eucharist with Easter Egg Hunt at St John's,

Sutton at Hone.

Other dates for your diary:

Gwalia Choir at St Mary's date to be confirmed either 30th April or 21st May at 3.00pm

Saturday 11th April 2.00pm Messy Church at Sutton Court, Sutton at Hone.

Monday 1st May Walk around the parish boundaries and barbecue at Sutton Court, Sutton at Hone.

Saturday 13th May 2.00pm Messy Church at Sutton Court, Sutton at Hone.

Saturday 10th June 2.00pm Messy Church at Sutton Court, Sutton at Hone.

Saturday 24th June 2.00pm St Mary's Summer Fete

STOP PRESS: Coming soon 'The Friends of St Mary's'.

Community Wardens

Our Role

The Kent Community Warden Service (KCWS) has witnessed significant **change** in recent years. We currently maintain 70 operational staff across the county, divided into six dual District Teams; my own Team of Wardens cover communities in Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells.

A Warden's **uniformed presence** helps build confidence and reassurance by reducing crime, the fear of crime, deterring anti-social behaviour, improving access to local authorities and fostering social inclusion.

The role of the Community Warden, is ever **evolving** and developing. This is largely in response to the changing needs of our communities and other strategic requirements placed upon our frontline Service. However, the over-riding objective of our work remains ***'to create safer and stronger communities'***.

We work closely with /on behalf of other operational units within **KCC**, to address a range of issues *e.g*

- Providing an **Emergency Planning** response *e.g.*, power disruption in Leigh (Jan 2016); winter floods of 2014; Sheppey Crossing incident, and, providing humanitarian relief during Op Stack.

- Conducting welfare visits / preliminary assessments on behalf of **Adult Social Services**.
- Delivery of **Trading Standards** ‘*Stop the Scammer*’ project, which involved visits to vulnerable households, the objective being to build resilience against repeat scam activity.

Whilst my Team of Community Wardens remained deployed in specific communities across Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells, they do work closely with Community Safety colleagues in extending KCWS support to those communities who do not have “their own” Warden. Community Wardens undertake / support activities that respond to issues arising within communities. Involvement in **partnership activities** include:

- **Community safety campaigns** *e.g.*, road safety / E-safety presentations at local schools; and, crime prevention / reduction activities with community groups.
- Multi-agency **referrals** / **support** with issues as diverse as domestic abuse; hate crime; E-safety; fraud, substance misuse; and Veteran PTSD.
- **Special events** *e.g.*, Warden activities during Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (Oct. 2016).

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Support Warden (VSW), in your own home community, then I would advise you to contact your Parish Clerk, who will be able to share details of upcoming recruitment campaigns and associated information on the VSW role.

Should there be an issue that you wish to bring to my Team’s attention, please feel free to contact me:

Siobhan MacKay | Kent Community Warden Service | Team Leader: Sevenoaks – Tunbridge Wells | Mobile: 07773 396677 | siobhan.mackay@kent.gov.uk | www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens |



Volunteer Transport Service Urgently needs Drivers

If you are a car owner, enjoy driving and have time to spare, your keys can unlock lives!

We need local Drivers to take people who are unable to use public transport due to age, frailty, illness, or disability to and from their vital medical appointments.

All that is necessary is a clean, valid driving licence, a vehicle in good condition and MOT'd. Our Clients pay you 45p per mile to cover your expenses.

This could not only make a difference to our clients' lives and wellbeing, but your own.

Please contact us on:

01322 272476

Or email volunteer@nwkvoleunteers.org.uk

South Darenth Village Church

Every Sunday service at 11:00

Every Wednesday during term time fellowship meeting at 14:00

Easter Services

Good Friday, 14th April, Joint Communion service at
Southdowns Church at 10:30

Easter Day, 16th April, service at 11:00

We will be at the St. George's Day Event on 22nd April please
come and see us.

Contact Ben and Gwen on 862443



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Pilates-Thursday mornings @ 9:30am-10:30am - **please pre book**

Zumba Gold – Thursday morning @ 10:45am – 11:30am

Fitsteps – Friday morning @ 9:30am – 10:30am

Orchard Academy, Swanley Classes

Clubbercise – Wednesdays @ 7:30pm – 8:15pm

Gateway Vineyard Church, Central Dartford Classes

Pilates, Friday morning @ 11.30am -12.30pm **please pre book**



Villagers' Gardening Club

We meet in the Village Hall on the third Monday of each month at 8.00pm. Listed below are the speakers for the next few months.

20th March - Paul Patton - Growing for the kitchen

17th April - Gardener Quiz Night

15th. May - Caroline Alexander - Lavender

19th. June - Sarah Oldridge - Through the seasons at Kew Gardens

New members and visitors are welcome
A small fee of £3.00 is charged for a visitor

For further details contact George Piller 01322 862721



**ST GEORGES DAY EVENT
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017
ON HEATHSIDE
BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL
12 NOON UNTIL 4PM**

FREE ENTRY

Recent Planning Decisions

SE/16/02650/CONVAR

The Co-op Food Building 25 Horton Road, South Darent

Variation of condition 4 (Opening hours) of SE/13/03232/FUL (Change of use to retail shop (A1) and 2 no. commercial units (B1/B8) units on the ground floor and 8 no. offices on the first floor, including 17 owned parking spaces (+ additional shared parking spaces). Internal and external alterations and refurbishment) to 0700-2300 on Mondays-Saturdays and 0700-2300 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. As amplified by amended application form and revised noise impact assessment received 18/10/16.

GRANTED

SE/15/02132/FUL

The Co-operative Food Building 25 Horton Road, South Darent

Change of use of vacant first floor and part ground floor and alterations to form 8 x 2 bedroom apartments, with formation of ground floor entrance hall and stairs, 2 x internal car parking spaces, cycle store and refuse bay, external alterations, and use of 10 x external allocated parking bays (and additional shared parking spaces). Internal and external alterations and refurbishment

WITHDRAWN

SE/16/00040/ENF

Oakview Stud Farm Lombard Street, Horton Kirby

Appeal against Enforcement Notice for: Without Planning Permission the unauthorized erection of buildings and shipping containers on the Land.

WITHDRAWN

SE/16/03317/FUL

Land Forming Part of Reynards Holmesdale Hill (Spring Gardens), South Darent

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling

GRANTED

SE/16/03196/FUL

Land East of Boyneswood Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby

Erection of stables and associated works

REFUSED

SE/16/03206/FUL

H & V Building Services Ltd, New Road, South Darent

Replacement windows and doors, blocking up some openings and render to front elevation

GRANTED

SE/16/03080/HOUSE

Stable Cottage, Eglantine Lane, Horton Kirby

External alterations to fenestration inc glazed doors instead of window on SE elevation, additional door and sun pipe, glazed doors instead of window to NE elevation, sun pipe, new window to SW elevation and recovering of roof with slate to replace thatch.

REFUSED

SE/16/02899/HOUSE

Tranby Croft, The Street, Horton Kirby

Erection of single storey side extension to enlarge kitchen; construction of new dormer in catslide roof to enlarge bedroom and enlargement of existing dormer to provide en-suite bathroom and walk in dressing room to master bedroom in the principle elevation

GRANTED

SE/16/01973/FUL

The Co-op Food Building, 25 Horton Road, South Darenth

Change of use of vacant first floor and part ground floor and alterations to form 8 x 2 bed apartments, with ground floor entrance and stairs, 2 x internal parking spaces, cycle store and refuse bay, external alterations and use of 10 x external allocated parking bays (and additional shared parking spaces). Internal and external alterations and refurbishment. Alterations to fenestration and the installation of rooflights

REFUSED

SE/16/02574/HOUSE

Pemba The Street, Horton Kirby

Removal of 2 outbuildings to front of property, creation of 2 storey L shaped side extension to include double garage, office to ground floor and accommodation to first floor. Internal rearrangement.

REFUSED

SE/16/02162/FUL

85 New Road, South Darenth

Demolish existing garage and the erection of a 1 bedroom attached house and single storey side extension to existing property to enable covered walkway to rear

GRANTED

Parish Council Information

Parish Council Meetings held on the first Monday of every month in the Village Hall

Parish Councillors

Chair: Ian Blackamore - 01322 864024
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