

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council Newsletter July 2017



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The office is open Monday and Friday

9.00am to 12.30pm

FREE FAMILY INFLATABLE PICNIC DAY **23RD JULY 2017** **WESTMINSTER FIELD**

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 – 0300 3309001
Dartford 0300 3309001

Thames Water – 0845 9200 800

Devon Road Surgery – 01322 862121

HKSD Parish Council Chairman Speech

It has been another busy year for the Parish Council with several exciting projects in the pipeline.

The financial stability of the council is a priority and the income from our assets such as both halls, Westminster Fields Pavilion and rental income from Heathside is looking healthy with many regular and repeat bookings for the halls keeping the office busy.

On the subject of the office, we welcome our newest member of staff, Dawn McFall. Heather had requested a reduction in her working hours; the search for an assistant clerk began. We were fortunate to poach Dawn from another council to work alongside Heather in the day-to-day running of a busy office. Without Heather's expertise and guidance, the jobs of the parish Councillors would be impossible and I'm sure we all appreciate her commitment greatly. Dawn brings expertise and a fresh approach to the management of the council.

Works to the Village hall here in the last year include a new flat roof, tiled roof overhaul and new bargeboards, interior decorating and a CCTV system to cover the car park and office.

During the last year we have staged three community events. Our new inflatable day in Westminster Fields, our annual firework display in November and the recent St. Georges day event at Heathside. All three events were enjoyed immensely by everyone with plenty of positive feedback.

Thanks to a grant from KCC the Parish Council was able to renovate the bus shelter on Horton Road. The appearance of KCC owned roadside verges has been preserved with a new contract managed by the Parish Council to maintain such areas, awarded after a tendering process. This means grass cutting frequency is not in danger of being reduced. Responsibility for swathe cutting and hedges still remain with KCC.

The Parish Council was given the opportunity to purchase the land used for allotment provision from the existing land owner and it was agreed a prudent move would be to also buy the land adjacent for a future burial ground but in the meantime continue the lease to Wide Horizons for environmental studies.

In the spring verges in East Hill South Darenth and Jacobs Lane, Horton Kirby were a mass of new daffodils planted by volunteers the previous autumn.

Volunteers have also completed two litter picks and two river maintenance days and a day working in 100-year wood. With this level of volunteer support and an estimated Parish Councillors voluntary time of over 1000 hours in the last year alone, our villages will continue to be enjoyed by the majority of those who live here.

There are many people in the villages who volunteer their time with local groups and the Parish Council is pleased to support them where possible with grants being made to South Darenth Village Society, Horton Kirby Bowls Club, Scouts, Brownies, NW Kent Volunteer Centre and Kent Air Ambulance in the last year.

Finally, congratulations to Roger Gough on his re-election to KCC and his continual support on local issues along with Philip McGarvey from SDC for his enthusiasm and advice. Last but by no means least, a big thank you to all of the parish Councillors for their hard work and commitment over the last year.

Thank you, Ian Blackamore, Chair HKSD Parish Council



Paper Mill Chimney Update

Crabtree and Sevenoaks District Council were asked for an update on the chimney.

‘The structural survey shows that there is ‘a lot of work’ that needs to be done but ‘not serious work’ - the findings and recommendations from the survey are being shared with the SDC Conservation team who will comment on them to enable tenders for the work to be sought by Crabtree.

The covering is unsightly but it is there to keep residents safe.

River Volunteer Group

Ten volunteers worked on the path and river banks between Station Road and Westminster Field on the 10th June targeting invasive Himalayan Balsam, litter and overhanging branches. The Parish Council funded day has proved beneficial as there were fewer weeds to be pulled than last year.

Contractors are weed killing and cutting back vegetation along the path by the end of June, and this should give a much more open walk to enjoy. Recent rain and warm weather saw the vegetation growing much quicker than anticipated and permission had to be sought from the Environment Agency before work could begin.

This stretch of river is owned by the Dartford and District Angling Preservation Society (the lakes). The Parish Council thanks the DDAPS for their willingness to allow volunteers and contractors to work in this area for the benefit of local residents.

Holmesdale Road river banks will also be getting a tidy up from the Parish Council this year - this bank is unregistered land and as a result has become overgrown.

The Parish Council eagerly await the start of Darent Valley Landscape Partnership funding and projects and will keep you updated as to when these might be.

If you would like to join the volunteers please let the Parish Office know and we will add you to the email group to alert you to organised days.

Family Picnic and Fun Inflatable Day FREE EVENT



Sunday 23rd July 2017 1pm-5pm

Westminster Field

**Bring your own picnic food
rugs and chairs**

**Community event brought to you by
Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council**

Heathside Play Area



The Parish Council have applied for planning permission from Sevenoaks District Council to install the above playground design after councillors agreed unanimously to proceed with it at this year's Annual Parish meeting.

The design was selected from three different plans after residents were asked to complete a survey at this year's St George's day event and will incorporate the following equipment:

- Toddler swings
- Young person swing
- Basket swing
- Young person climbing frame
- 4 Way springer
- Inclusive roundabout
- Trampoline
- Tornado carousel
- Zip Wire
- Early years climbing frame and swing

Installation for this exciting new play facility for the village should start this Autumn.

Police meeting held 13th June

Information from the meeting held with Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council, Sutton at Hone and Hawley Parish Council, Kelly Webb SDC Community Safety Unit, Sergeant Mark Beresford Sevenoaks Police, PC Tony Quilter Dartford Police and Sergeant Siobhan Rowe Dartford Police.

REPORT IT, REPORT IT, REPORT IT!

If you do not report crime then as far as the police and statistics are concerned it did not happen. The police are aware that the 101 non-emergency telephone line is busy and you may have to wait up to 20-30 minutes to report a crime. BUT if you give up then the stats give incorrect information and, when deciding where to locate police units based on crime figures, our area will not be included. The police only have a limited number of officers and they patrol areas of higher crime rates. If no crime is reported they will assume that an area is low priority and therefore police presence will be limited. Even if you find that a crime has been committed after the event you **MUST** still report it. Even if you believe the police will do nothing and no one will be made accountable you **MUST** still report it. Who knows, any evidence, no matter how small, may lead to vital information that the police can act on.

CCTV on private property

There is extensive information on the rules of CCTV on private property. For more information see <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/cctv/> CCTV used on your property will be exempt from the Data Protection Act unless you are capturing footage of individuals outside your property.

You must consider whether it is necessary for your camera to operate beyond the boundary of your property. If your camera covers, even partially, any areas beyond the boundaries of your property, such as

neighbouring gardens or the street, then it will no longer be exempt from the Data Protection Act (DPA) under the domestic purposes exemption. This does not mean that you are breaching the DPA but it does mean that you might need to take some steps to comply with it. You should remember that your use of a CCTV system may be appropriate but publicly uploading or streaming footage of individuals will require further justification and in most cases will not be justifiable. As the data controller for this footage, individuals do have the right to request a copy of it from you under the DPA, if you collect their personal data.

Burglaries

Burglaries in the area have generally been during the day when the occupiers are not home. Entry is generally through an unlocked side or back gate, or an open window. Bricks are also used to smash glass doors and windows. Jewellery and cash have been the targets. To minimise the risk ensure that you close and lock all windows and doors and gates when you leave the house. Ensure sheds and outbuildings are locked.

Bike Theft

There is a huge spate of bike thefts around London and the South East generally. Bikes are stolen by joy riders, stolen to order, or stolen to be broken down as parts, and can often be out of the country before you know they're gone. But despite this, less than half of all bikes are protected by bike locks or any other security devices. An unsecured bike is an easy target for thieves as it can be wheeled away, lifted or bundled into a van. The more security measures you make, the less attractive your bike will be to thieves. By doing this you will greatly reduce your risk of becoming a victim. Fit an alarm and immobiliser. Perhaps the simplest and most visible deterrent, are large motorcycle chain locks or motorcycle cable locks. These should always be secured to an immovable object, such as a ground anchor or a lamppost. Always try to thread the chain or cable through your frame if possible, as many bikes are stolen for parts and one wheel either way won't stop some thieves from taking your bike. The police have a large operation

to tackle this and they are utilising the Met Police off road bikes to find the criminals.

Speeding

In order for any speed restrictions to be considered evidence of speeding needs to be collected. Speedwatch schemes help community volunteers reduce excessive speeds on local roads. Operating at the roadside in 20mph, 30mph and 40mph areas, volunteers monitor speeds using a speed indication device (SID). The owners of vehicles who've been repeatedly seen speeding or have been recorded at more than 50% over the limit are sent a letter of advice. These statistics can then be used as evidence to take forward any proposals. If you would like to be involved in volunteering for this, please speak with the Parish Office.

Parking

As we are aware, there are too many cars in our village. All residents need to take responsibility for safe and courteous parking. When parking your vehicle consider if you are inconveniencing others, such as pedestrians. If collecting children from school please do not park on the zig zag lines - they are there for a reason. If visiting the post office, please do not park on the double yellow lines, this causes road blockages and safety issues. Yes, we can keep asking SDC to send their traffic enforcement officers to ticket the offending vehicles but do we really want a co-op parking fiasco throughout the village? If all residents show a bit more consideration for others this can go a long way to help to alleviate the problem.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a way for communities to help themselves to stay safe. Groups of local volunteers work in partnership with the police and their local council to distribute safety advice, help make sure elderly and vulnerable residents aren't targets for criminals, gather information to help police tackle local problems and alert

residents when there's a particular crime problem in an area. Sutton at Hone and Hawley are in the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. If anyone would like to volunteer to help set one up in South Darenth and Horton Kirby please contact the Parish Office.

Reporting aids

Country Eye and FixMyStreet are useful tools for reporting flytipping, graffiti, faulty street lighting, and parking issues.
<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> <https://countryeye.co.uk/>. We can then use the statistics from these reports to use as evidence to take any matters to the correct authorities to take action.

Who to call

Overgrown hedges/trees causing hazard - land owner

Road issues causing vehicle damage (e.g. potholes) - Kent County Council
Highways

Parking issues (other than causing an obstruction) - Sevenoaks District
Council

Parking issues causing an obstruction - Police

Fly tipping if in progress - Police

Fly tipping reporting if already happened - land owner e.g. KCC
Highways

Crime in progress - 999

Crime reporting if already happened - 101

We live in a relatively low crime rate area. Horton Kirby and South Darenth are beautiful villages to live in. Respect your environment and other residents and look out for each other.

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Lorries and HGVs in the Villages

The Parish Office regularly has reports of lorries getting stuck or using unsuitable roads. Recently signs were installed in Station Road to tackle this but still we are hearing reports. We have been advised to set up a Lorry Watch details below:

Lorry Watch is a scheme run by local residents. Community volunteers record details of lorries that are suspected of using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions. Once the information is collected, it is passed to Kent Police who can find the vehicle's registered keeper.

If the vehicle is ignoring the legal limits and restrictions, the police contact the company and warn them that if they continue it may result in formal action.

If there is no limit or restriction but the road is thought unsuitable, Kent County Council will contact the company and advise them to use the [Kent Freight Gateway journey planner](#).

To take advantage of this new initiative we have arranged to simply send in details to the Freight Team who will keep a database of lorries that are causing problems. You can help by:

- Photographing the vehicle showing registration details
- Provide date, time and location
- Direction of travel
- Any identifying features
- Size of the vehicle (see the Guide to Lorry Types and Weight)

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK WHILST
COLLECTING THIS INFORMATION. ONLY DO SO IF YOU ARE SAFE FROM
TRAFFIC.**

Email this to hksdpc@tisclai.co.uk or upload onto the Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council facebook page and the clerk will collate and send a report to the Freight Team on a monthly basis.

Further details and full guidance can be found in the Parish Office

YOUTH SERVICES

West Kent Communities won the Kent County Council contract to deliver youth services to the Sevenoaks District; with a reduced budget the delivery of a weekly session for our young people in the Parish has now sadly finished.

However, the Parish Council surveyed young people at the St George's Day Event with help from WKC staff, and have been able to gain some ideas for the future.

WKC will continue to deliver their reduced service here and the Parish Council will review how this is going at the end of the year when it sets the 2018/19 budgets and considers how the ideas from young people can be implemented.

South Darenth Village Church

New Road, South Darenth

Each Sunday morning at 11:00am

Each Wednesday during term time fellowship meeting at 14:00

Contact Ben and Gwen on 862443

'Love in a box'

Love in a box is a scheme where Christmas presents are sent to children around the world who have very little.

Leaflets available from Parish Council Office or from Gwen. Boxes to be collected by end of October.

Carol's around the Christmas Tree

Friday 13th October at 19:30 there will be a meeting in the Mission Hall for all those who would be available to help at the Village Carol singing.

You may follow the ongoing events of South Darenth Village Church by checking out our Facebook page.

	<p>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>  <p>The Mill Clinic</p>



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

Meeting every Friday at 1.30pm. Come along and join in, we need members to keep the branch open. There will be speakers and tea and cake!

Chair – Clare Toomey 07949 405909

Vice Chair – Margot Glover 07463 454004

Treasurer – Lola Reffell 07984 627886

Secretary – Denise Fry 07816 629670

THE VILLAGE PANTOMIME performs in early February and we are looking for people who would like to take part in our 2018 production.

We are the local drama group – **THE VALLEY PLAYERS** – and will extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining our group.

Please contact Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005 or bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com



SOUTH DARENT FC

First Team - Have had a good season, got to the cup final but lost on penalties. Trials to join the first team (seniors) will be held on 4th July at 7.30pm at Westminster Fields. Please contact Mark 07528671190 if you are interested.

U21's - Had a decent season, finished mid table after moving up a division. Looking forward to next season.

U15's - This season as a team have excelled. They have really jelled as a team and went from strength to strength only losing three games all season in the league. Goals this season have come from all over the field total goals this season in all competitions was 75. The defence this season has been our strongest ever with the back four and goalkeeper working hard to keep clean sheets we only conceded 22 goals this season. The team has been quite settled this season which has led to good team performances with subs coming on and making an impact. As a team we finished joint second which means the team can be promoted to the next division. All the boys should be congratulated on a fantastic season and a great credit to the football club.

U13's - had a great season and won the Selkent D league. Credit has to go to all the boys and one girl of the team, who have stuck through some tough times and they have finally got what they deserved as they are a great team. We will be promoted next season and will do pre-season trials in August, if there are any boys/girls that may be interested in coming along, Please contact Danny Pedley (manager) on 07771822642.

U8's - have had a good final season as a 5 aside team - winning and drawing the majority of their games and getting to the quarter finals of both the Cup and Vase. As a team they have scored an amazing 100 goals this season! Next season they are looking forward to the challenge of 7 aside games. Well done to all the boys involved!

U6's - They have developing well with their football ability and will play in the Selkent League from September. If you are interested in joining you can turn up to training at Heathside on a Saturday 10-11am.

The SDFC Committee would like to thank all players, adults and juniors, for their hard work and commitment to the Club this year. Also a huge thank you to the managers, trainers and helpers who give up so much of their times each week to make the Club the success it is. Thank you!

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



- Meetings Monday bi-monthly in **Jubilee Hall**
- 8 p.m. start
- Raffle and refreshments
- New members and visitors welcome
- Programme 2017

10 July	Terry Moyle	Od Dartford and District
11 Sept	Anne Carter	Queen Victoria
13 Nov	AGM	Short talk + Cheese/Wine

• **Speakers 2018**

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
8 January	Christoph Bull	Gravesend- Gateway to the Thames
12 March	Doug Lindsay	Kent and East Sussex Railway – Then and Now
14 May	Melanie Gibson- Barton	Life and Times of Edith Cavell
9 July	Alex Ferris	1917 – Bombs on Kent
10 September	Malcolm Scott	Development of South Darenth before 1900
12 November	AGM	Short AGM + short talk + Wine and Cheese

- Publications are available from the Parish Office and Sutton at Hone Library
- The next publication is a new edition of “Walking Tour of Horton Kirby and South Darenth” – available soon
- In 2018 we hope to publish a book on Horton Kirby/South Darenth and the First World War
- Further information available from Terry Moyle
- (LHS Chairman) on 07939581572 or trenoweth@btinternet.com



1st Horton Kirby Scout Group

We have a very successful SCOUT GROUP which meets every week in term time at our Scout Hut in Horton Kirby.

If you wish your child to be part of this group, please contact Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005 or bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com.

Our **BEAVER** section for 6 to 8 year olds meet on Tuesdays 5.30pm to 7pm

Our **CUB** section for 8 to 10 ½ year olds meet on Mondays 6pm to 8pm

Our **SCOUT** section for 10 ½ year olds meet on Wednesday 7.15pm to 9pm

Our **EXPLORER** section for 14 to 18 years old meet on Friday 7pm

All boys and girls will be made very welcome and we are always looking for adult leaders.

Have you any photographs of local views which we can include in our **CALENDAR** for 2018? – please send them to us as soon as possible – Thank you

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

FREE

D.D.A.P.S youth angling fun day

FREE

Horton Kirby Lakes Sunday

July 9th 2017 9am until 3 pm

Join in and Fish for free

Professional coaching, equipment and bait supplied **Free**.

No need to pre register, just come along on the day and join in.

ALSO

Live angling displays, Kent Police, Medical Services.

Hot refreshments, giant raffle with great prizes.

Awards for **The Tackle Box** angler of the day.

The Coaches award and Fish of the day



D.D.A.P.S would like to thank for all of their kind support



For further details contact Andy on 07971 781 841 Sun - Mon 7 days a week
Lancashire Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN11 8JL

All private events must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Because of weather, there is no need to pre register. Equipment and bait to fish and to the interest of fairness will be issued on a 1st come 1st served basis. This is a private venue and all dogs are not allowed. And social behaviour will not be accepted. Please take your litter home or use the bins provided. Limited car parking available. Please bring suitable clothing/wear protection for the prevailing weather conditions. Please take station tickets when you travel. Road is also with. Weathering applications available on the day but need to pre book however. ALL GOES TO THE CHARITY. ALL GOES TO THE CHARITY. ALL GOES TO THE CHARITY.

Contact your local policing team

Emergency 999

Report a crime: call 101 email: csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk

Sergeant Peter Ballard

Sergeant Mark Beresford

PCSO Amy Hardy

Drop in surgery outside Co-op, Esparto Way

Date: 01 Aug 2017 4:00pm

Date: 06 Sep 2017 11:00am



HORTON KIRBY CRICKET CLUB

Contact: 01322 863023 hortonkirbycc@gmail.com

The Horton Kirby Cricket Club was founded in 1882 and is situated in quiet and picturesque surroundings in the village of Horton Kirby near Dartford, Kent.

We have two adult teams on a Saturday both playing competitive league cricket. The 1st XI and 2nd XI both play in the Kent Regional Cricket League which offers competitive club cricket.

We also run two Sunday league XI's, both compete in the competitive Kent Village Cricket League.

The youth section is very popular and we have up to five youth teams that play in the local league. All of this is backed up with ECB qualified coaches.



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.

17th July Sally Berkeley - Gardens of Intrigue

18th September Nigel Gibson - Grasses and Late Perennials

16th October Helen Harris - Containers for autumn and winter

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

Darent Valley Lions Club

OUR ANNUAL FETE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW is on **SATURDAY 8TH JULY** from 12 noon until 4.30pm at Heathside (behind the Village Hall)

We have many attractions – Giant Slide – Archery – Beat the Goalie – Owls – Reptiles – Fire Engines – Morris Dancing – BBQ – Country and Swing Singer – Over 80 Classic Cars and a Free Dog Show at around 2pm.

Proceeds of the Fete are going to the Ellenor Hospice and the Lions Charity Trust and entrance is £2.50 for adults and 50p for children.

OUR OPEN GARDEN is on **SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST** at FORGE HOUSE, FORGE LANE, HORTON KIRBY DA4 9DR from 2pm to 5pm – Tea and Cake – Raffle – Plants for sale and Pimms. All proceeds to the Ellenor Hospice. Entrance is £4.00

OUR ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT is on **FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER** at the Village Hall from 8pm – Teams of 6/8 - £5 each

For more information on any events shown above, please contact Lions Peter and Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005 – bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com



If you are recently retired or in need of some gentle exercise why not give short mat bowling a try. Join us at South Darenth Short Mat Bowling Club, Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darenth, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons 1.45-4pm.

We are always looking for new members. For the



first two sessions you are invited to try your hand free of charge, and also enjoy a cup of tea and a friendly

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

For further information contact the secretary

Maureen Collopy on 01322 270735

e-mail: maurice_maureen@hotmail.co.uk

St Mary the Virgin Horton Kirby



Churchwarden: Anne Williams 862551

The search for our new vicar is underway. The parish profile has been completed (a booklet telling prospective candidates all about us) and the post has been advertised on the Rochester Diocesan website. If suitable candidates apply then interviews will take place on Wednesday 5th July. Please pray that the right person will come forward to provide Christian ministry and leadership in the Darent Valley Benefice.

For the weekly programme of services please look at the website:

www.darentvalleybenefice.org.uk

or the church notice boards or the blue pew sheet.

Sunday services in the Darent Valley Benefice will continue as listed below and venues for weeks 4&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/Songs of Praise

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 Darent, Kent. DA4 9AN.

Telephone: 01322 862551

Email: jamr.williams@btinternet.com

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

We all value our beautiful villages and St Mary's Parochial Church Council members are keeping a close eye on the churchyard. Periodically dead flowers or plants may be removed in order to keep our churchyard looking at its best. If you wish to find out more about the Diocese of Rochester Churchyard Regulations details can be found here:

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

Since the last Parish Newsletter the parish has shared in a successful Lent Course preceded by a tasty lunch each week, Women's World Day of Prayer, a full programme of Easter Services (during which St Mary's reopened following the completion of the electrical works), the ancient tradition of Beating the Bounds and served tea and cakes on Tuesday afternoons.

Messy Church was in evidence at the HKSD Parish Council St George's Day celebration on 22nd April. The Messy Church team provided craft activities for families to share together. Craft is an integral part of the Messy Church programme.

Please join us for any of the following benefice activities:

Messy Church

We meet on the second Saturday in the month at Sutton Court, Main Road, Sutton at Hone at 2.00pm (except August). All are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. The charge per child is £2.00 which includes tea. For further information please contact Anne Johnson 01474 853442 or find us at 'Messy Church at MJM' on Facebook. The churchwarden will be happy to discuss Messy Church with you.

Tea or coffee and a chat

Just a reminder that the church is open on a Tuesday afternoon in term time offering you tea, coffee, cake and somewhere to chat together with friends. The church is open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

St Mary's cream teas

Cream teas will once again be served in church on Sunday afternoons throughout July and August, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in St Mary's.

All proceeds will go to the upkeep of St Mary's.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all those in the parish who contributed in any way towards the rewiring and new heating and lighting in St Mary's. The first service was held on Monday 10th April 2017.

The fundraising must continue! The five yearly repair schedule has to be completed 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.

The church will be open on **Saturday 9th September 10.00am - 4.00pm** for the 'Dartford Heritage Saturday' for anyone who wishes to visit and enjoy the history of our ancient building; this coincides with the 'Ride and Stride' sponsored bike ride and walk in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches. Why not join in and raise funds for churches in Kent including St Mary's. On the following **Saturday, 16th September**, the Farningham Old Boys' annual service will take place at 2.30 pm followed by tea at Southdowns. Anyone who has connections with or is interested in the Farningham Home for Little Boys will be very welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 12th November this year. The service begins at 10.30am but please arrive early to ensure you have a seat as the service is always well attended.

Thank you for supporting the talks in St Mary's during the past year. Another season of talks will begin later this year. Details will appear on the Darent Valley Benefice website and noticeboards.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or are part of a group which might wish to use the church for a regular donation please contact the Churchwarden to discuss your ideas in the first instance.

Anne Williams
Churchwarden.



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Recent Planning Decisions

16/03380/HOUSE - 51 Forge Lane, Horton Kirby

Demolition of single storey garage and garden wall, erection of an extension to side
GRANTED

17/00144/HOUSE - 26 East Hill, South Darenth

Creation of driveway and dropped kerb
GRANTED

17/00772/HOUSE - Bayhams Cottage, Rays Hill, Horton Kirby

Erection of a single storey side extension and a first floor rear extension
GRANTED

17/00917/HOUSE - The Farmhouse Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby

Installation of external sunken spa hot tub in a paved garden area to the rear
GRANTED

16/03078/HOUSE - 79 School Lane, Horton Kirby

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a Georgian style conservatory to rear of the property
GRANTED

17/0089/HOUSE - 13 Russell Terrace, Horton Kirby

Erection of a single storey rear extension
GRANTED

17/00048/FUL - Land North of East Croft House, The Street, Horton Kirby

Erection of two dwellings
REFUSED

16/03574/FUL - 145 New Road South Darenth

Raising the roof to incorporate a first floor, to facilitate the alterations to form a pair of semi-detached chalet style bungalows
GRANTED

17/00462/FUL - Land East of Boyneswood, Mussenden Lane Horton Kirby

Erection of stable building
GRANTED

17/00610/HOUSE - Darent House, The Street Horton Kirby

Proposed conversion of garage to a study and utility room
GRANTED

Parish Council Information

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

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