



# Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council Newsletter

## November 2023

Parish Office, Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall,  
Horton Road, South Darenth, Kent, DA4 9AZ

### Family Fireworks

**Sunday 5th November 2023**

**Heathside - behind Village Hall**

Parish Clerk: Lisa Johnson  
Assistant Parish Clerk: Manisha Patel

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The office is open Monday and Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

The Parish Council meet on the first Monday of each month  
7.30pm in the Village Hall - All welcome to come along

[www.hksdparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.hksdparishcouncil.co.uk)

## 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:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

**Sevenoaks District Council** - 01732 227000

<https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/>

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

**Dartford Borough Council** – 01322 343434 <https://www.dartford.gov.uk/>

Fly tipping in Roman Villa Road (outside our boundary)

<https://www.dartford.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online>

**Kent Highways** - 03000 418181 (Emergency out of hours 03000 419191)

Anything that may cause accident or injury, Kent Highways online

This is the link to report a pothole, or a number of other issues that KCC are responsible for. Roads, potholes, streetlights, pavements, drains, traffic lights

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

**Environment Agency** - 03708 506 506

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

**Citizens Advice** – 0808 278 7810

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/north-west-kent/contact-us/>

**Thames Water** <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/emergencies>

**Devon Road Surgery** – 01322 862121

# **Message from Cllr Peter Rushbrook**

## **Chair HKSD Parish Council**

Dear Residents,

November is upon us along with the shorter days and damp road conditions, please take extra care when out and about.

Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night will be on Sunday 5th November, Gates will be open at 530pm with the Fire being lit at 6.30pm. Keep an eye out for the banners.

Remember, no sparklers are allowed in the Heathside.

There are new classes and events at the village halls from dancing to kids after school clubs and fitness classes to suit everyone.

The Copper Beach Allotment Society is busy clearing new areas and making a garden. All the plots have been taken up but you are more than welcome to register your details on our waiting list by contacting the Parish office.

We are hoping that the levelling of the public footpath between Westminster Field and Station Road, South Darenth will be taking place soon resulting in easier access for all.

Sadly, vandalism in the parish is ongoing. Many cars opposite The Bull Pub were recently keyed. Thankfully this was caught on CCTV and Kent police are following up on it. Please keep an eye out for rubbish being dumped in the Shrubbery & Montgomery Road area, including the alleyways. There have been a number of incidents which have cost the Parish Council, and therefore you, approx. £500 to dispose of.

Westminster Field gate has been replaced .Please keep an eye out for anyone causing damage and report it to the police straight away.

To finish I would like to remind everyone that you are all welcome to come to the Parish council meetings held on the first Monday of every month, and if you would like to put your name down to volunteer for any of the work days, then please drop a message to us.

Look after yourselves and stay safe.

Kind regards

Cllr Peter Rushbrook, Chairman HKSDP

# **Report from the Halls Committee**

The Village Hall and the Jubilee Hall continue to be used regularly and this is very encouraging as the running costs of both halls are increasing. The details of booking procedures can be found on the website and it is advisable for casual hirers to look at the availability of the halls before contacting the office to make a booking.

The Parish Council has become aware that, sadly, a very small number of hirers do not follow the checklist of terms and conditions for hiring the hall – examples include leaving lights on, not checking that doors and windows are closed securely and leaving rubbish. At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that as a condition of returning the deposit, hirers must physically sign the checklist form to indicate that they have followed procedures and noted the time that the premises were vacated.

Reminder – as from 1st April 2024 hall rental is to be charged a month in advance for regular hirers.

## **Good news**

1. There is a complete set (120) of new chairs for the Village Hall.
2. The Village Hall will be re-decorated hopefully in the October half-term or as soon as possible afterwards.
3. The dual fuel (gas & electricity) range in the Village Hall kitchen will be replaced with a new all - electric range.

**Terry Moyle - Halls Committee Chair**

# Report from the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee

Welcome to my first report as Chair of the ROS Committee.

The committee has responsibility to discuss and make decisions on matters relating to the Parish Council owned open spaces. Any member of the public is welcome to attend our meetings.

## Football

We have two areas that our thriving football teams play on at Heathside and Westminster Field and this takes a lot of management time by the Parish Council. We have recently succeeded in a bid to the Football Foundation PitchPower grant to help with the associated costs of running the pitches.

## Trees

Our annual health and safety tree survey has been carried out with various works being recommended and these will be completed over the next few weeks.

## Playgrounds

We have three Parish Council playgrounds at Heathside, Saxon Place and Shrubbery Road and the annual safety inspection has highlighted some recommended improvements which the Parish Council will complete.

## Allotments

The committee works closely with the allotment representative and recently agreed the Allotment Society could continue to cultivate the wild area behind the playground, including the pond and raised beds.

### Toilets

Unfortunately due to recent vandalism the toilets at Heathside had to be closed for repair work to be carried out.

### Paddocks

The bottom paddock is much improved with the bushes and nettles cleared and dumping of rubbish seems to have stopped. The top paddock is undergoing the same kind of clearance of bushes and nettles and trees with the objective that the dumping of rubbish here will also stop. We will be trialling a marked football pitch in the upper paddock for ad-hoc training use.

### Heathside

The broken gate to the entrance has now been repaired and the surface to the entrance is currently being discussed on how best to improve accessibility.

### Burial Ground

The annual inspection was recently completed with a couple of dangerous headstones having to be laid down for safety reasons.

The committee continues to work hard to improve the open spaces within the village and would welcome any suggestions and offers of help.

Dawn Mitchell - ROS Chair

# Family Fireworks

**Sunday 5th November**

**Gate opens at 5pm**

**Bonfire lit at 5.45pm**

**Heathside (Behind Village Hall)**

**Ticket price per person (adults  
and children same price)**

**In advance £3, on the gate £4**

**There will be refreshments including bar,  
BBQ, pizza and fish and chips**



**Event Hosted by Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council**

# HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Meetings bi-monthly in Jubilee Hall at 8pm

Membership £10 (£15 for a couple)

Refreshments and raffle

## Speakers for 2024

15th January - Billy Joel 'We didn't start the fire' - Steve Hookins

11th March - Dartford the Day before Yesterday - Chris Bull

20th May - Dartford Co-op part 1 - Keith Whitmore

8th July - Suffragettes and Suffragists - Melanie Gibson-Barton

9th September - Dartford Co-op part 2 - Keith Whitmore

11th November - AGM - Cheese and Wine

Terry Moyle (Chair) 07939581572 or [terrymoyle74@gmail.com](mailto:terrymoyle74@gmail.com)



**1st Horton Kirby Scout Group**  
meet at the Horton Kirby Scout Hut, Horton Road, DA4 9BS

**We help change lives by offering 4 to 18-year-old children and young adults fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in the community.**

**Squirrels: (age 4-5) Mondays 16:15 - 17:15 [firsthksquirrels@yahoo.com](mailto:firsthksquirrels@yahoo.com)**

**Beavers: (age 6-8) Tuesdays 17:45 -19:00 [hkbeavers@ymail.com](mailto:hkbeavers@ymail.com)**

**Cubs: (age 8-10.5) Mondays 18:00 - 19:30 [hkcubs@ymail.com](mailto:hkcubs@ymail.com)**

**Scouts:(age 10.5-14) Wednesday 19:15 - 20:45 [hkscouts@ymail.com](mailto:hkscouts@ymail.com)**

**Explorers: (age 14-18) Fridays 19:00 - 21:00 [hkexplorers@ymail.com](mailto:hkexplorers@ymail.com)**

**There are spaces available in most groups for boys and girls**

**If any adults would like to help out there are always vacancies for volunteers, please get in touch or come down and see us**

# Westminster Field Car Park

**Please note seasonal times for gate opening and closing**

**1st - 31st October the gate will be locked at 6pm**

**01 November - 31 March the gate will be locked at 5pm**

**01 April - 30 September the gate will be locked at 7pm**

**The temporary overflow grass car park area will be open at the weekends and monitored at other busy times.**

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## Free Money!

The Parish Council currently has grant funding available to support local community groups. Eligible community groups can apply for funding by submitting a completed Grants Application form along with the necessary documents, to the Parish Office. Funding is awarded on an annual basis and the deadline is 31st December. See HKSDPC website for further details and form or contact the Parish Clerk. [Grants for local community groups](#)



# Sevenoaks - Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth

**43 crimes were reported here during July 2023**

Top reported crime type	Instances
Criminal damage and arson	17
Violence and sexual offences	10
Anti-Social behaviour	6
Other crime	10

**PC Gareth Mahoney**

**Please report all incidents to 101 or online. If anti-social behaviour (including nuisance bikes on our recreation fields) are not reported then there will be no record. No record means the perception that there are no incidents. The more recorded the more chance of some action by the Police being taken.**

**The Darent River Preservation Society**  
**is committed to restoring and**  
**preserving the health of the Darent,**  
**its catchment and tributaries, its flora**  
**and fauna.**

**Visit our website:**

**The Darent River Preservation  
Society**





More details of celebrations in  
Horton Kirby and South Darenth  
to follow.....



St Mary's Church  
Horton Kirby

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

11am – 2pm

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall

free entry

Raffle – Book Stall, Cake Stall and more – Tombola  
Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks  
Ultimate Pigs-in-Blankets Hot Dogs & Veggie Dogs

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church

# Chair Based Exercise to Music

Join us on Tuesdays at the Scout Hut in  
Sutton at Hone

11.15am £4.50 per session

Led by Stephine Sanger  
01474 812324  
07788 456127

Contact Christine Page for further information:  
01322 864776

YMCA Exercise to Music  
RSA Exercise to Music



Please join us at the

# The New Monday Club

Mondays during Term Time

1.45pm to 3.00pm

Horton Kirby & South Darenth  
Village Hall, DA4 9AX

A local not for profit community group,  
suitable for children up to the age of 5  
Toys, games, singing, arts and crafts  
plus refreshments for everyone included

£4 per family & £1 per extra adult

No need to book in advance

Find us on Facebook or contact Debbie  
on 07956 851571 for more info



# Is your child starting school in September 2024?

Ofsted Grading:  
Good  
Early Years  
Provision:  
Outstanding

If so, visit us at:  
**Horton Kirby CE Primary School**

**Our Open Mornings are at  
9.30am - 10.30am on the following days:**  
**Thursday 9th November**  
**Tuesday 14th November**

We are a high achieving, welcoming and inclusive school that prides itself on getting the best out of everyone. Please visit us on one of our open mornings to see us at our best. During the visit, you will have the chance to meet the children, staff and parents as well as see the Early Years (Reception) classrooms. You can also join us for tea/coffee and cake.

Email: [office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk) Telephone: 01322 863278



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[www.hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk](http://www.hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk)



THIS IS A **GOOD** SCHOOL

Quality of teaching ✓  
Achievement of pupils ✓  
Early years provision ✓  
Behaviour and safety of pupils ✓  
Leadership and management ✓

"Staff set ambitious aims for what pupils will achieve at Horton Kirby. These aims are fulfilled, through a focused learning culture" May 2023



Tel: 01322 863278  
[www.hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk](http://www.hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk)

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection

Ofsted Outstanding

# ROPER'S CHARITY

## Farningham, Eynsford, Crockenhil, Horton Kirby and South Darenth

The Ropers were a wealthy Catholic family living mainly in Chelsea but also owning land in Eltham and Canterbury. In 1555 William Roper bought an estate in Farningham – hence the local connection.

William Roper's son, Anthony, was the benefactor to the parishes. In Anthony Roper's will dated 1594, three years before his death, he left a specific income stream for *some charitable uses*. These funds were willed to his wife Ann in trust and she was instrumental in setting up the document which specifies the geographical areas (the parishes) and the potential recipients of the income generated by the investment of the funds.

Over the years the Anthony Roper Trust became known informally as Roper's Charity and is still going strong, over four hundred years later. Within its specific geographical area, Roper's Charity supports the education and wellbeing of children and young people, the elderly, and anyone else in need of support.

The Charity of Anthony Roper is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

For details look at the website – [www.roperscharity.com](http://www.roperscharity.com) – and send a message.

Horton Kirby and South Darenth has three trustees, two appointed by the parish council and one co-optative trustee.

Terry Moyle (Trustee)



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Patron Her Majesty the Queen

Branch Number BR1973

The Royal British Legion

South Darenth Branch  
Devon Road  
South Darenth  
Kent DA4 9AB



**We hereby give notice that the AGM of the RBL South Darenth & District will be held at the RBL hall on Saturday November 18th 2023 between 16.30–18.30. All members who wish to attend must be in possession of their current membership card. After the AGM will be our members meeting, for those wishing to attend.**

**Our events up to Christmas are:**

**Quiz Nights Friday 1st December, 19.00 for 19.30 start see social media and village posters for further details**

**Armistice Service of Remembrance RBL Hall-11th November 10-11.30**

**Remembrance Service St Mary's Church Horton Kirby -  
12th November 09.30 – 12.00noon**

**Book Swap at the RBL Hall Tuesday 14th November 11.00 – 13.00**

**Branch Christmas Party RBL Hall 9th December. 18.30 – late. See social media and village posters for up-to-date details.**

**Open Mike Night 19th December 20.30 – late. See social media and village posters for up-to-date details.**



**The Royal British Legion are supporting members of the armed forces and their families in times of need. If you would be interested in joining the South Darenth Branch of the Royal British Legion and offering your support, this can be done either by calling 0800 3077 773 or online at**

**[www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member)**

**We are based at Devon Road South Darenth, where we hold numerous events and Member's meetings throughout the year, so for as little as £18 per year, you can help our Veterans and make new friends.**

**We are pleased to announce our new lettings officer is now Tracy Hughes, Tracy can be contacted on 07985251491, Monday to Saturday 09.30 – 18.30, she will be happy to answer any questions regarding hall hire. So if you are interested in attending any of our events or would like a full itinerary or to hire the hall, for functions or business, please contact Tracy on the number above or [tracy\\_hughes63@hotmail.com](mailto:tracy_hughes63@hotmail.com)**

# LIVE ON

**The Royal British Legion, Haig House, 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA  
Registered Charity No. 219279**

# KATE'S PERFORMING ARTS



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3.45PM-5.15PM  
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AGES  
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CLASSES WILL HELP BUILD  
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Walkers  
up to age  
3.5



JUBILEE  
HALL  
Starts  
23/2/23

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enjoy with your little one! Using a combination  
of dance, music & props, our Tots class is a  
great way to enhance your babies physical,  
social & emotional development & improve  
movement skills!





# HORTON KIRBY BOWLS CLUB



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 have internal competition as well.

There is a lot going on for bowlers of all ages and standards. Young bowlers are very welcome. If you are interested in finding out about joining, please contact us by telephone or by visiting the Club when it is open.

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 863544. Alternatively, please call in when we are open at Heathside, Horton Road, South Darenth, DA4 7AX.



# ADULT DANCE FITNESS!

Wednesdays 8pm-9pm  
Jubilee Hall-Horton Kirby &  
South Darenth Village Hall  
KEEP FIT, LEARN TO DANCE &  
HAVE FUN!  
ANY AGE, ANY ABILITY WELCOME

**£8-Pay as you go**



KATE BARNES: 0796 2203222  
kateweller4@hotmail.com

# **YOGA CLASS**



**A Revitalising & Relaxing Yoga Class**

**Jubilee Hall  
Horton Road  
South Darenth, DA4 9AX  
Tuesday 10.30am – 11.30am**

**£24 for 4 sessions or £7 'drop in' (exact money please)**  
**Bring a blanket and a yoga mat!**

**Contact details:**  
**[northkentyoga@gmail.com](mailto:northkentyoga@gmail.com)**  
**[www.redbridgeyoga.co.uk](http://www.redbridgeyoga.co.uk)**

## **Yoga with Shelly**

### **Vinyasa Flow**



**All levels welcome**  
**Sunday 10.15-11.15am**  
**@ Jubilee Hall**  
**Drop-in Class £10**  
**07967021807**



# Recent Planning Decisions

Reference & Site	Development	Decision
<b>22/00372/LDCEX</b> Woodlands Park Three Gates Road Fawkham Longfield Kent DA3 8NZ	Confirmation of use of land for mixed use wargames, caravan and camp site and 3no. mobile homes (partially within HK & SD Parish)	GRANTED
<b>23/01334/LDCEX</b> Canada Farm Kennels Canada Farm road South Darenth DA4 9LA	Confirmation that composite use of land comprising residential, cattery and kennels (sui generis) is lawful.	GRANTED
<b>23/00680/HOUSE</b> 69 New Road South Darenth Kent DA4 9AT	Part one, part two storey rear extension with roof lights. New front porch and loft conversion with rear dormer and two rooflights to front roof slopes. Removed chimneys. Alterations to fenestrations.	GRANTED
<b>23/01256/FUL</b> Hill Farm Franks Lane, HK	Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of a new equestrian stable building	REFUSED
<b>23/01433/HOUSE</b> Wingetts The Street, HK Kent DA4 9BY	First floor extension and part two storey, part single storey conservatory to rear of dwelling	GRANTED
<b>23/01164/FUL</b> Storage Unit adjacent Workshop A1 Orchard Farm Fawkham Rd DA3 7BJ	The demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of 8 new homes and associated landscaping, access, car and cycle parking and refuse and recycling provision.	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/01351/HFUL</b> Appledore, Rays Hill HK DA4 9DB	Replacement of existing bungalow to be replaced with a two storey dwelling	REFUSED
<b>23/01338/FUL</b> Land at Hill Farm Franks Lane, HK	Erection of single storey building for stables, tack room and store	REFUSED
<b>23/01591/HOUSE</b> 45 School Lane HK DA4 9DQ	Proposed single story extension with rooflight	GRANTED
<b>23/01246/FUL</b> Land South of Horton Wood Mussenden Lane HK	Placement of static caravan on new hard standing with safety anchor lines. Installation of septic tank and freestanding generator	AWAITING DECISION
<b>22/03195/FUL</b> Land South of Horton Wood Mussenden Lane HK	Erection of 2 x barns for animal housing with hardstanding	REFUSED

<b>23/00137/FUL</b> Land East of Oakview Stud Farm Lombard Street HK DA4 9DF	Erection of sand school with timber fence and gate	WITHDRAWN
<b>23/02532/HOUSE</b> The White House Holmesdale Hill South Darent, DA4 9JR	PV Panels on the southern roof slope of the existing garage.	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/02016/HOUSE</b> Spinnies The Street HK DA4 9BY	Ground floor front and rear extensions. Remodelling of loft. Alterations to fenestration. Internal alterations.	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/01868/FUL</b> Woodland Park Horton Wood Mussenden Lane HK	Storage Building	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/01463/LBCALT</b> Avenue House Holmesdale Road South Darent DA4 9JP	Replace existing rotten timber windows with faithful timber heritage	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/02103/FUL</b> Land East of Giffords Holmesdale Road South Darent, Kent DA4 9AQ	New detached dwelling and associated access	AWAITING DECISION
<b>23/02259/HOUSE</b> 25 New Road South Darent Kent DA4 9AT	Two storey rear extension	AWAITING DECISION

# Parish Council Information

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

## Parish Councillors

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