



Our ward councillor and Leader of the Council, Cllr Ben Fitter-Harding on receiving the Chestfield History Society's Calendar for 2021. He says, "A whole year of learning. It shall have pride of place in the new home office! Many thanks, Ben." (details on how to get one on Page 8)

Christmas Lights competition for residents and residents' children – see Page 6

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Chairman's Message

Usually at this time of year my message contains an update of everything that the Parish Council has achieved over the past year. Usually we set ourselves a target to introduce something to the village for all to enjoy. But as we all are perfectly aware – this hasn't been a 'usual' year' has it ?

Fortunately we have managed to maintain our bi-monthly meeting schedule by holding our meetings on-line with great success. So really it has been very much a case of 'business as usual' – well certainly behind the scenes anyway !

We have of course kept a keen eye on planning issues, particularly those surrounding the Grasmere Pasture development. It is safe to say that this development continues to prove somewhat contentious to many, and we have continued to liaise with both the City Council and the developer 'Kitewood'. To date only ecological and archaeological trial digs have taken place on the site, and it is interesting to report that remnants of Roman pottery were found. It is unsure at this point whether or not further digs will transpire as a result of the findings.

The topic of planning has been very much in the forefront of City Council thinking, not least the way that future applications are dealt with. The right of a parish council to 'call in' an application for it to be determined by the planning committee has been removed. Additionally, as opposed to the previous system where 'call-ins' would become automatic after four individual objections, this trigger has also been removed. In short this means that representations to the CCC planning committee will be dealt with by each relevant Ward Councillor. This very much places the onus and responsibility on our Ward Councillors (ironically one of which is the Council Leader – the other being the Lord Mayor!). For those interested, our clerk Amanda has detailed this matter within our last (25 October 2020 meeting) minutes, and these are freely available on our website. It would be interesting to hear your respective views or comments.

As with any changes there will always be a degree of scepticism, and I have sought assurances that such changes to the planning procedure will not lessen the input or consideration of the Parish Council. Please be assured that we will therefore continue to deal with all applications as necessary, and seek assurances from our Ward Councillors that the relevant 'call-ins' have been dealt with accordingly – suffice to say that we will not be taking our eyes off the ball !

As with all other parts of the Country, our village has had to curtail many of our usual planned events - not least our traditional carol concert outside of St. Josephs, as it falls short of government restrictions and guidance. This was also sadly the reason for cancellation of our planned Art Outreach Christmas ceramic decorations session.

One tradition that we have decided to continue is that of our now infamous Christmas lights competition...although for obvious reasons, judging will be slightly different. Therefore, this year we would invite you to send in photos of your displays so that we can do some socially-distanced judging!! As for the winners' prize, we have decided that this will be in the form of gift vouchers, which of course will be forwarded by post (you can even nominate your neighbours as long as you send in a photo).

We'd love you all to join in the spirit of fun that we are trying to introduce at the end of a pretty dismal year. Send any photos to either clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or steve801@btinternet.com.

On 8th November, and as in previous years, I attended St. Johns Church to lay our poppy wreath in remembrance of those who gave their lives in conflict. There was no actual service this year – with laying of the wreaths being carried out by myself and Father David on behalf of the parishes of Chestfield and Swalecliffe respectively. It also gave me the opportunity to pass on our thanks and best wishes to Father David as he enters retirement. It was also pleasing to see that the refurbished church bell has now been returned, and is now awaiting installation – a fitting farewell present to someone who has given so much in his six years at St. Johns !

I would personally like to thank everyone for their kind messages of goodwill and support following my recent illness. I am pleased to report that I am now very much 'on the mend' – although it's very much a day to day thing...but now I am thankfully over the worse. Thanks again to you all.

I know that I for one can't wait to ring out 2020 – and I'm sure that I am not alone in that thought !!

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Steve, Chestfield Parish Council Chairman

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As we go to print we learn that Kent is to be in Tier 3 post the 02 December Lockdown. The government instructions on what is allowed/not allowed is at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Brian Barnes

We are sad to announce the death of Brian Barnes who died on Monday, 5th October 2020. Brian was the first Chairman of the Parish Council, from 24 March 1988 and he stood down after many years of service on 9 May 1995. The previous parish council Clerk at the time, Linda Livingstone, says, "Enough to say that he helped get the Parish Council going, and one of his first tasks was co-ordinating the Parish Council's response to the A2990 through the parish, and representing them at the public inquiry. He had tremendous drive, energy and commitment to the Parish Council and the Chestfield community."

Brian had been ill for a few years, and our thoughts are with his family.

Kevin Willis, Brian's deputy for years, and another inaugural parish councillor, says: "I got to know Brian when we were both elected to the inaugural Chestfield Parish Council in 1988. Brian received the most votes at that election and it was therefore proposed and accepted that he should be appointed Chairman.

As this was the first ever Chestfield Parish Council none of the new Parish Councillors, myself included, had any experience of operating a Parish Council, so it fell to Brian to organise and arrange everything from scratch, a job he did with his usual care and efficiency.

Brian was a very good Chairman, committed not only to the Parish Council but also to Chestfield as a community.

As a Parish council we faced many challenges during the years we were in office together, none greater than the Thanet Way bypass. Brian represented the Parish Council at the public enquiry and was instrumental in getting the cut and cover tunnel at Molehill Road to stop the golf course being cut in two by the new road, one of the few concessions made by Kent County Council at the time. He also liaised with other affected parishes to try and reduce the impact on their communities.

My memories of Brian are of a thoroughly nice man, approachable and always willing to help. We kept in touch after I left the Parish Council and saw him regularly as a customer at my newsagents in Swalcliffe but sadly lost contact when I retired in 2015."

Editorial correction to the last edition: The magazine with the front cover headline of "We are looking for ponds" was labelled as the June edition of the magazine. It should of course have read September 2020, edition No 120. Sorry about that!



Chestfield Parish Council wishes you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

We are sorry to confirm that for obvious reasons
the 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree'
will not be able to go ahead this year.

Cllrs felt that we all still need a bit of cheer however, and
discussed a possible erection of the Christmas Tree on the green
infront St Joseph's Church as usual. We feel this could be done
safely and following social distancing guidelines. As we go to print,
we are seeking permission from St Joseph's Church and St John's
Church that they would be happy for the parish council to do this.

Christmas lights annual competition!

We have also had to decide a change to the way we run the Christmas
lights annual competition: we usually send two councillors out
together to draw up a short list and then another two to decide the
winner and visit the winner to invite them to the Carols event to
take possession of the Winner's Christmas Hamper.

This year the residents' Lights competition will be judged in a different
way - and we invite you to send in photos by email of your Christmas
lights and your contact details and Cllrs will then choose a winner.
The winner's lights photo can then feature in the next magazine
together with some of the runners up (if there is enough space). The
winner will be sent a High Street voucher as a prize.

Cllrs also felt that there could be a children's Christmas
light/decorations competition too - if any children have done
anything, do please let us know! Thank you.

What's on at St John's, Christmas 2020

Please note, due to Covid-19 restrictions, numbers at Christmas services this year will be strictly limited and **places MUST be pre-booked**. All services will be available online so you have the option to join from home. Sadly we are not able to sing in church this year.

Christingle

(for children & families)

Saturday 12 December 5pm & Sunday 13 December 5pm

Christingle kits can be pre-ordered for church or at home

Christmas by Candlelight

(an opportunity to pause and reflect

while listening to carols and readings)

Sunday 20 December 6.30pm & Monday 21 December 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Crib Services

(for children & families:

come dressed as a character from the nativity story)

Thursday 24 December 10am & 4pm

Midnight Eucharist

Thursday 24 December 11.30pm

TO BOOK email swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com with your name and contact details, number of adults and number of children, or phone **07761 963 971**.
SERVICES WILL ALSO BE ONLINE SO YOU CAN JOIN FROM HOME

To help bring a bit of Christmas cheer and to celebrate our community of Swalecliffe and Chestfield, every day in December we are planning to release a short (2 minute) video clip on our Facebook page featuring local people, pictures and places – with a Christmas soundtrack (copyright laws permitting!) Follow us on Facebook to join the fun: Swalecliffe St Johns - Send your Christmas-themed pictures and photos to swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or by post to 11 St John's Road CT5 2QU And please do join in – Help us celebrate Christmas and what our wonderful community has to offer. For more information telephone Jane on 07761 963 971. It is actually quite easy to sign up for Facebook but if you need some help getting started please phone us on 07510 838123 and we can find someone to help talk you through what to do.

The Chestfield History Society calendar for 2021 has now been printed and is available to purchase.

The 2021 calendar is in a different format from previous years, and is the long single line, spirally bound style which will hopefully be more suitable for your kitchen! The month's heading pictures are still focussed on our area's history through maps and photographs. The price this year is £2.50. To place an order contact Mike Battson by email on mjbnpmb@btinternet.com



1919 Spanish Flu pandemic photos are included in the calendar. The Mariners or Marine Hotel as it now was the local hospital taking in victims of the pandemic. It was still operational following its role in the First World War and able to call back nursing staff.

The CT5 Life-stories DIY pack

Chestfield History Society is working to collect together people's memories of their lives. It doesn't matter where you were born and lived prior to settling in the Parish and it can be as simple as writing about your childhood, why you decided to live here, a memorable event or something about your parents or grandparents that you remember. It all helps!

Local Library chat groups let Chestfield History Society lead discussions about reminiscences, and they proved a lot of fun. People were ready to let us make copies of brief stories they wrote, or photos they found, so we found touching stories about long gone habits, from taking children's tonsils out to the local manual telephone exchange by Cherry Orchard, staffed by a helpful lady, who wrote down personal messages to pass on to others in the village when they rang up.

So Chestfield History Society decided to put together a pack that covers what you can usefully know if you want to write something, short or long. Like the free access to [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) in local libraries, giving views of birth,

death and marriage certificates, or the mobile phone app Microsoft Lens, that lets you copy individual photographs you find in albums or newspapers. Or drawing timelines that show where memories of addresses, jobs and events can contradict each other, and make you think again.

Anyone who has left childhood behind has a rich stock of memories, and often a lot of photos, even videos, to bring more back. "When I found a picture of my grandfather one memory it triggered was that he played chess with a neighbour, and had said that I, nine years old, must not touch the board that he had set up. The forbidden chess board became fascinating, and I asked lots of questions about it. So I came to know how to play chess without ever thinking I was learning anything at all."

For those who were born here or have lived here since childhood, their memories of village life really should be recorded, because so much will be lost if it isn't. Did you ever walk through the train tunnel to Canterbury? Did you catch newts and tadpoles in the winding engine pond? Did you go scrumping in the nearby orchards? Have you ever fallen into a wood ants' nest? Do you remember Mrs Martin's parrot and her husband Arthur delivering groceries on his bicycle? Even if you don't, or are younger, there is still a tremendous amount you must remember about your own childhood and life elsewhere that is just as valuable to you and worthwhile recording.

A couple of examples of why we should do it or lose it. Someone's father served as a Navigating Officer in the Merchant Navy for six years from 1939 to 1945. He served in all convoy theatres from the Arctic to the South Pacific, but seldom spoke about any of it and very little is known about the war at sea from his view as a junior officer with responsibility for manning the ship's defensive gun. Someone else's father served the whole of the war in London as a Fireman. He was probably in more danger on an every day and night basis than anyone who ever saw action in the armed forces, but he never said a thing, and we'll never know.

Chestfield Parish Council has given a grant to Chestfield History Society to enable it to publish an anthology of local stories, whether you want to give your name or offer them anonymously.

If you would like a copy of the pack, it will be emailed to you for free when you ask for it at chestfieldhistory@gmail.com. If you need a printed copy we have a small number available, and you can let us know via the Parish Council.



By the time you read this the Christmas trees and lights will adorn your high streets. On the 1st December, Whitstable will be lighting up the sky to mark Christmas celebrations and you can download their Wanderland App to guide you through the town's festivities.

Tankerton is holding it's Christmas Market on Sunday December 13th so please pop the date in your diary.

It will be a different Christmas for many this year but the good news is that we are helping to make sure you can shop locally either safely on the high streets or from the comfort of your sofa.

Shop By The Sea is a Canterbury City Council initiative to support the businesses in the town, and to keep residents informed of what is happening in our area too. The Reopening High Street Safely (RHSS) project is there to ensure that all of our businesses are following the Covid-19 guidelines, limiting the customers, using one way systems and sanitisers as well as floor markings, signage and support from their Information officer so you can shop safely.

Many of your local businesses have adapted during lockdown to provide not only a way to order your presents online but also to offer a speedy delivery or a click and collect service. From clothing and shoes, beauty and hair products, books, gifts, sweets, art, cheese, food and wine hampers and all things vintage so many original presents are just waiting to be bought, some are also offering free gift wrap

This has been such a difficult year for our high streets and they need your support more than ever so instead of turning to the big online company this year go to the Shop by the Sea website and social media pages and simply follow the links to find those gifts.

As well as our amazing range of shops, there are a cornucopia of restaurants, cafes and bars, so whether you are shopping out on the high street or from home you have so many options just follow Shop by the Sea on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter to pick up the links to help you choose. Wishing you a merry Christmas from us all



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Carbon NetZero, biodiversity and the environment

There have been extreme events globally; changes to ecosystems, and Economy and Infrastructure implications, such as water supply/stress.

There is a need to act – to protect future generations.

The current trajectory for global warming is that the planet will be 3 degrees warmer without action by 2050. There is a need to bring carbon emissions and other emissions down.

To meet the 1.5 degree warmer target by 2020 there needs to be a lot done by 2030.

The UK Government was the first to sign up to the Net Zero Policy by 2050 as the UK's contribution to stopping global warming.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) declared a climate emergency at its annual conference in 2019 and has set up a Task and Finish Group. NALC has a national perspective on what parish councils are doing re climate change in their communities.

There is opportunity for action and small things make a difference.

NALC's CEO feels that harnessing the community is key.

- 81% of the public are concerned about climate.
- 72% think there's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for change –
- 61% don't know where to start.

The Canterbury area committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils is going to have this as an agenda item at their 14 January 2020 meeting so it is an emerging theme for action.

Chestfield Parish Council is looking at what small things it and you, as residents, can do to make a difference. We know small initiatives to support greater biodiversity are supported by several residents.

There is the planters initiative supported by Green Leas residents at the play park - and daffodils there in the Spring.

The parish council has previously planted several dozen crocus bulbs in the verges along Chestfield Road and is hoping to plant more.

There is also the rose bed garden at the end of Maydowns Road, tended to by a local resident.

One councillor has tried to welcome wildlife into her garden and even had a frog in the pond last year- though, sadly he/she didn't return.

Another councillor has just put a small pond in her front garden and also planted wild flowers as well as snake rattle, which apparently weakens grass in order for wild flowers to grow and spread. A bag of wildflowers can cost as little as £7.99.

Another councillor explained that the Birkdale Close/Carnoustie Close has a working group currently considering the creation of bug hotels and a wildflower strip, and they already have a pond [with newts!]

Another Cllr has a "Wild Garden" as part of her back garden. It's difficult to totally go wild but it would be good if residents, where possible, could consider dedicating an area, small or large, to a wild patch at least.

Beebombs

Beebombs make the perfect gift for any friend, loved one or even for yourself! 🍯

They are native wildflower seedballs that help bring the bees back and need no gardening skill.

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Bee bombs wildflower seed mix work in planters and pots too.

With bee numbers dropping at a terrifying rate, it's incredibly important we do everything we can to bring the bees back 🐝

Kent's Plan Bee pollinator action plan

The KCC Kent's Plan Bee pollinator action plan has been developed by the county council to take the lead and encourage local communities to improve the habitat and food sources for pollinators in Kent. The purpose of the plan is to make the council a community leader in action for pollinators. Pollinators such as bees, wasps, butterflies, mosquitos and hoverflies are vital for our food, economy and environment and we must act to reverse their rapid decline. The plan may be read at the following link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/environment-waste-and-planning-policies/environmental-policies/kents-plan-bee-pollinator-action-plan#:~:text=Kent's%20Plan%20Bee%20is%20a,sources%20for%20pollinators%20in%20Kent.&text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20plan,leader%20in%20action%20for%20pollinators>

What else is the parish council doing?

More trees for The Barn

With Kent Highways and the householder's permission, the parish council has just placed an order for three new trees on Chestfield Road - in front of the house at the junction with Grasmere Road, opposite The Barn public house. The KCC officer suggested Field Maple – it is good for pollution absorption and noise reduction. It also prunes well and keeps its shape and can be trimmed from below too for visibility. The future maintenance of the trees will be met by Kent County Council.

Field maple is the UK's only native Maple. It has value for wildlife – it is attractive to aphids and their predators, including many species of ladybird, hoverfly and bird. Lots of species of moth, such as the mocha, feed on its leaves. The flowers provide nectar and pollen sources for bees and birds, and small mammals eat the fruits.

Wildflower sites

Kent County Council has an officer who helps facilitate the provision of wildflower sites. Sites would be seeded as a specific scheme with wildflowers and bee pollinator mix. At the 25 October 2020 parish council meeting all councillors were happy that the Clerk should have dialogue with the KCC officer to explore this further.

A 'seed swap box' for residents to use

Also at the 25 October 2020 parish council meeting Cllrs discussed a possible box in the village to be a 'seed swap box' for residents to use. Cllr East has seen the idea on a TV gardening programme. Residents use a box to swap seeds in envelopes or small pots with each other. A watertight box possibly by or under the community herb planters at the WI hall would be a suitable place – the parish council is seeking the Womens Institute views and permission on this.

An update from Canterbury City Council on Canterbury City Council Services (at 5 November 2020):

Park & Ride - Services will stop on 6 November 2020. We will close Sturry Road and Wincheap completely. New Dover Road will stay open for parking only, at a charge of 50p a day. We will also reintroduce a £3.50 all day rate at Castle Street multi storey car park from Saturday onwards. We understand that a relatively large number of shops in the City are intending to run click & collect services, and staff will need to travel into the city to manage that - unlike in lockdown 1 where only shops selling essential goods were allowed to open, and only a very small number of shop workers were affected. So the £3.50 charge is intended to help city centre workers travelling to work in shops while the park and ride is closed.

Bin collections - These are continuing as scheduled. We are working closely with Serco to monitor staffing numbers. In the event that we have major disruption, we will prioritise residual waste collections.

Public toilets - These will stay open for now, although this is dependent on staff from our contractor Monitor still being available to open, close and clean them.

Play areas and Parks - These are also staying open in line with government guidance.

Work with Rough sleepers - On this occasion, we have no 'instruction' to care for rough sleepers during the lockdown, but of course we intend to do so. We are currently looking at the service we can provide, both in the lockdown period and across winter generally. That may include using some hotel provision but that will depend on the government's position on hotel opening. We will let you know when we can set out exactly what we propose to do.

Business grants - We are working with emerging guidance from the government on support for businesses during the lockdown. It seems likely that the same categories of grants will be made available (through us) to businesses, but with slightly different criteria. We will receive funding to do this from government, and our job will be to get that funding to businesses as soon as possible - but that will depend on getting the guidance and funding as quickly as possible.

Community support - Those of our residents who are classified as Clinically Vulnerable will be written to on behalf of the Secretary of State. As you will have seen, the restrictions on the CV population are a little less rigorous than before. It's also the case that supermarket delivery slots are available on a priority basis. So the need for our help will change substantially from lockdown 1. Local residents who need extra help will be directed to the now well-established Kent Together 24-hour phone line

(03000 41 92 92). This keeps things simple for the public, avoiding duplication and confusion. We are likely to commission others who have the skills to do it to provide support for CV residents who need it. However, we will keep a close eye on demand for this service from our residents and will be ready to respond if any additional local services are required. At this point, we will not be reintroducing the community hub at Kingsmead.

Venues - Our museums and other local venues such as the Kings Hall will close in line with government guidance.

Wincheap Boot Fair - This is now suspended.

Markets - We believe that the guidance allows markets to stay active if they are selling essential goods - but we need to see detailed guidance on that.

Council Meetings - It is expected that service committee meetings will continue, unlike the previous lockdown. However, decision making meetings, such as working groups will be postponed.

Buses - At the recent Quality Bus Partnership meeting, Stagecoach suggested that buses will be running as scheduled. However, priority will be given to school buses and principal routes - such as the Triangle.

Council Housing - Mutual exchanges have been postponed. However, our contractor, Mears, will still be carrying out maintenance.

A WHEELIE BIG PROBLEM

Did you know that it is an offence to continually leave your bins out apart from non-collection days ? Certain authorities have started cracking down on people who leave their wheelie bins out in the street for longer than necessary, as these could cause an obstruction to neighbours – especially those with wheelchairs, pushchairs, or sight and mobility issues. The fine is often anything up to £100.

You have 'bin' warned !!

How what3words can help 999 #KnowExactlyWhere

You may have heard about what3words in the news or some adverts on Channel 4. **What3words is now used by 80% of the emergency services in the UK and has helped to locate nearly 4,000 incidents since it first started being used.**

Their system has given every 3m square in the world a unique identifier made of 3 words - making the location of any emergency or incident very easy to describe and share. For example `///tortoises.swarm.announce` will take you to a precise location on Ben Nevis where, in February 2020, a group of Hikers were rescued.

We encourage you to download the what3words app on your phone in case you need to call 999. Make sure you download the free app in advance to be prepared.

You can find a full list of those services that accept what3words here: <https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>. Your community could also use what3words to report incidents with organisations like National Grid, Network Rail and the Environmental Agency: <https://what3words.com/report-incident-locations-efficiently>.

The app is totally free to download and use, you can download it on iOS or Android <https://app.what3words.com/foai8apwj9>

Plea for more speedwatch volunteers

If anybody can spare an hour or more once a month to monitor and record speeding vehicles through the village we'd love to hear from you – Contact the Clerk for more information of what's involved to join our friendly and dedicated team. An online registration and short training video need to be done first off.

And another plea not to dump on the public rights of way

The Clerk has received more than the usual number of reports this year about people depositing soil, grass cuttings, branches, rubble and other items on the public footpaths in various locations in the village. Please don't do this – often there are ditches alongside to aid with drainage and dumping could cause localised flooding in gardens or homes. Please dispose of your rubbish responsibly.

Improvement to footpath at the back of Radfall Recreation ground

We are delighted to advise you, if you have seen it already, that the Kent County Council Public Rights Of Way department has installed a new sleeper bridge at the back of the Radfall Recreation ground.

This is part of the circular walk and used to have a very steep up and down incline/dip to negotiate. It's a very welcomed improvement.



Remember our circular walk leaflet is available to print from the prish council website, or if anybody would like one posted to them please provide your name and address details to the Clerk.

Canterbury & District Neighbourhood Watch Association

There is now a new Facebook group for Canterbury and the surrounding areas. This shares crime trends, community information and good news amongst many other things. Here is the link to join it:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1581348982030341/?ref=share>

Cycling in Whitstable gets a boost with work on an extension to the Crab and Winkle cycle route in the town.

The city council-led project will see the popular route extended along the embankment of the former railway from near to All Saints Road, along to Old Bridge Road. Work started on 14 September 2020 for around eight weeks. Preparatory work to clear vegetation from the section of the path took place in February before the bird nesting season.

This section of cycle route is part of a wider project to link the Crab and Winkle to the harbour. This would require two bridges to span Old Bridge Road, the railway line and Teynham Road. That ambitious scheme is not yet funded, but it is hoped the work that is just about to start will provide a much-needed catalyst for fundraising and crowdfunding, in order to find the money to pay for the bridges and complete the link to the harbour.

Chairman of the council's Regeneration and Property Committee, Cllr Rachel Carnac, said: "This project is an important element of the overall scheme to provide a dedicated cycling route to the harbour, which has been a long-held ambition. We have been working closely with the Crab and Winkle Trust on the project and there has been consultation previously with residents living nearby. It has, of course, been very difficult to get work like this up and running this year, but we're pleased to now be cracking on with it and look forward to seeing its completion in a few weeks' time."

The cost of the work is £169,000, funded entirely by contributions from developers following granted planning permissions.

To receive current parish council meeting Agenda and Minutes electronically, please provide your email address to the Clerk. Minutes also include our planning appendix which lists the local planning applications – those current at the time of the meeting and decisions made by CCC.

Coronavirus support

A reminder about **The Kent Together service which is for anyone in Kent who is in urgent need of help during the coronavirus outbreak** - If you are vulnerable and have an urgent need that cannot be met through existing support networks, contact the Kent Together helpline by calling on 03000 41 92 92 or at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or. It is a 24-hour service.

Grasmere Pasture

CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land South of The Ridgeway, Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 300 residential dwellings and 3,500 sqm of employment floorspace

This application was GRANTED planning permission after the Appeal in October 2019. The Clerk has spoken to a Kitewood contact as we go to print and provides the following updates:

1. The double yellow lines / waiting restriction along Reeves Way was enacted by KCC with effect from 20 July 2020.
The detailed drawings are being prepared and the timescales for implementing the Traffic Regulation Order should be known in the early part of 2021.
2. Soil investigation work started in February/March 2020 but was delayed due to coronavirus and resumed again in June.
The soil investigations are now complete and Kitewood don't anticipate returning to site for this purpose.
3. We note the installation of a temporary access across Reeves Way and the double gates. We also note the recent discharge of conditions applications (CA/20/01537 – ecological strategy and mitigation and CA/20/00857 – archaeology).
The temporary access was required to gain access to the site as a consequence of a number of local residents creating a blockade to the existing access. The reptile relocation was completed in September 2020 in accordance with the agreed Ecological Mitigation Strategy (EMS) and Ecological Design Strategy (EDS).

In week commencing 19 October 2020 some archaeological trenches were started, with Roman pottery found. The archaeology phase 1 intrusive investigations are also now completed and nothing of archaeological significance was found.
4. Residents are asking for more clear signage to stop vehicles trying to access the Grasmere Pasture site. Residents suggest signage at the junction with Chestfield Road, and also for a new sign just as The Ridgeway becomes gravel (just past the Nursing Home) to reinforce to drivers that it is a dead

end and that there is no access other than to the four properties beyond, and that it is a bridleway, not a roadway. Use by heavy vehicles will deteriorate the bridleway, which is not maintained at KCC expense. Kitewood have said that there are very few contractors visiting the site at the moment and all visitors are provided with instructions and details of the location of the temporary access to/from Reeve's Way. Signage will be a consideration when the construction program and details of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) are known by early 2021.

5. There are new documents from Southern Water on the CCC planning portal in October 2020. Southern Water's desk study of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the development will have on the existing public sewer network shows there is an increased risk of flooding from the sewer network unless network reinforcement to mitigate this is provided by Southern Water, and occupation of the development must be phased to align with the delivery of the network reinforcement required to ensure capacity is available to drain the development. Southern Water has asked for the start date, proposed connection date, anticipated occupation dates, build out rate for the site, forecast completion date and proposed date of full occupancy.

The detailed work associated with the drainage strategy (foul and surface water) is being progressed and a dialogue with Southern Water is ongoing in relation the connections and capacity.

6. What are Kitewood's next planned steps overall?

Kitewood will be submitting the information to clear the pre-commencement planning conditions as and when the information becomes available and all going well they intend to commence development spring/summer 2021.

We will keep you updated.

Is 20 plenty?

In the last (September 2020) edition of the magazine we asked for residents' thoughts and views on whether the parish council should explore possible reductions in the speed limit to 20mph for some of the residential roads of Chestfield.

Our thanks to all those who responded. There were no negative views put forward. Those replying have suggested the following:

- i) **Molehill Road** – speeding traffic on Molehill Road is, and has been, a long-held concern for several residents. There are no footpaths for pedestrians, the camber is uneven, golfers cross from one tee to the other, there have been reports of pets being killed on this road, and the absence of a pavement means that Kent Police has not approved any locations for speedwatch sessions.
- ii) **Grasmere Road** - The traffic speeds towards the small bridge along the private road; the unadopted Road has the Cricket Club and private residencies.
- iii) **Plantation Road** – a fairly straight road which attract lots of traffic at speeds from 30 to 40 mph regularly
- iv) **Share and Coulter Road** – a fairly straight road which attract lots of traffic at speeds from 30 to 40 mph regularly.
Linking to
- v) **The Ridings and Polo Way**
- vi) **NB. Maydowns Road was also suggested** – *but this is already a 20mph and of course an unadopted road.*

Incidentally, the Speedwatch volunteers have been supported by police officer presence from 14 October 2020. Two local officers have agreed to join a session if they are on duty and available to do so in future.

If caught speeding the officers are able to issue tickets to the offending driver.

The Clerk is in dialogue with our Kent County Councillor, Cllr Robert Thomas, on the next steps on trying to progress these speed limit reductions.

Rotary Club of Chestfield
CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CLOTHING COLLECTIONS
SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 2020



Father Christmas has advised us that he has a gap in his busy work schedule on 6th December 2020, between 4pm and 7pm, so he is going to come along to support our Food and Clothing Collections that day. Sadly, due to Covid -19 restrictions, he only has a limited time with us so we cannot get to every house in Chestfield so we will be delivering a letter to those houses we can reach **in the week leading up to 29th November 2020** starting in Primrose Way, Lavender Close, Share & Coulter Road, Longacre, Saddlers Mews, Churchwood Drive, Kendal Meadow, Lodge Field Road, The Ridings, Charnwood, Woodcote, The Russetts, Beechcroft, The Leas, Fairlawn, Green Leas, Polo Way, Tydemans Avenue, Ellison Close and finishing in Laxton Way.

Father Christmas will be very happy to have his photograph taken by his sleigh with any young (or old) believers – subject to Covid protocol at the time! If you do not receive a letter you can still support the collection by contacting us on (email: dsmann50@msn.com and head it Christmas Collections) no later than 5th December 2020 and we can arrange collection from you. Please ensure all food is “in date” and only supply “soft drinks” (no alcohol). Last year some residents gave a cash donation, which we will happily accept, and use to purchase suitable food / drink items to donate. The food collected will be made up into food packs to go to deserving individuals / families in the area to help make the Christmas period a little more enjoyable for them as well as Catching Lives and Canterbury Foodbank to help them support the homeless in our area with warm food and drinks over Christmas. In addition to food and drink we will also collect clean, warm clothing / bedding to go to Catching Lives.

On behalf of all those people you will be supporting, thank you, and may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Kathryn Wilson, Community & Vocational Chairman

Age UK Herne Bay and Whitstable we are starting to open up again

It has been a difficult time for us all recently and it looks like things won't get back to normal any time soon. At Age UK Herne Bay and Whitstable, we have been operating as best we can in this challenging environment.

The good news is that our centre has welcomed our clients back again. Our clients are all in bubble groups of five and have a staff member allocated to each group. The number we can accommodate at any one time is greatly reduced, however it is so wonderful to have people back, it has been very quiet and lonely without them. Our clients too are overjoyed to be back. Our COGs Club has also started again with clients in small bubbles. (COGs Club is for people with mild to moderate dementia)



Our hot meal delivery service has run throughout the pandemic, offering an essential service to those most in need. Numbers have increased enormously over the last six months as this service has been a real life line for many. We are extremely grateful to the furloughed workers who joined our volunteer team during lockdown ensuring that meal deliveries operated smoothly. With over one hundred meals delivered most days I think this has been an amazing achievement. On average volunteers deliver around eight meals each, as it is important that the meals arrive in prime condition.

We are looking for new meal delivery volunteers to assist us and to help us keep up with demand. If you are a car driver and regularly have free time around lunchtimes, either during the week or at weekends, we would love to hear from you.



To find out more about volunteering please contact Gill Ball gill.ball@ageukhernebay.org.uk or ring 07735556811. If you would like to find out more about the services at Age UK Herne Bay and Whitstable please ring 01227 749570.



Memorial bench for the late Len Claisse



Our thanks to the family of the late Len Claisse for their kind donation of a bench in memory of Len, in Maydowns Road. Our thanks too for the Maydowns Road Residents Association for allowing this and for assisting in its installation. We are sure it will be well used.

New Attraction in Whitstable

This year saw a new attraction in Whitstable Harbour - the Vintage Lifeboat 'Chieftain' offering trips around the Bay or a Seal Safari. The lifeboat was built at Cowes, I.O.W. in 1948 and saw service in Barmouth, North Wales for 33 years during which time it saved 132 lives.

Trips were due to start in April but because of the lockdown due to Covid-19 they were unable to get started until July. I chose to take a trip on the Seal Safari in late July and because of social distancing there was just the maximum of twelve onboard plus the skipper and his wife Sue.

The skipper, Richard Judge is a former Whitstable Lifeboat Crew Member so we felt that we were in particularly good hands.

Being totally unaware as to where the seals were located, I was surprised to be heading towards the Isle of Sheppey. Fairly close to Sheppey there are some sandbanks that are exposed at low to medium tide and the seals haul themselves out onto these to rest. The seals are Common or Harbour Seals which are the less common species in the U.K. being about half the amount of the Grey Seal. In all the trip takes about 2 hours with about 15-20 minutes cruising fairly close the sandbanks with each side getting an equal opportunity of a good view.

On the day I went out there were 40 seals some of which were recently born 'Pups'.

On the return, under the watchful eye of the skipper, anyone was able to take a turn at steering the boat, not that this will always be the case.

If you are interested in seeing wildlife in its natural habitat, which is not easily done locally, then this is a trip I would recommend.

American originally but pertinent to many older people:

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment. The woman apologised to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did

not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, drinks bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalise our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day. Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size London. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's £50,000 roadhog which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Viewing planning applications – residents need to view plans online, although CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/20/10001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 20 is the year the application is registered, the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year, and then the last three letters are an abbreviation for the type of application, for example FUL is a Full application, OUT is Outline and LB is a listed building type application.

To view online: visit www.canterbury.gov.uk Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications' . Then click on the blue box in the middle "search planning applications". In the search box at the bottom you need to enter the planning application reference number. As explained above each application has a unique reference – but for viewing purposes you need to input just the year and application number in the search box – so in our example input 20/10001 only, not the full reference. CCC's planning call centre may assist with any difficulties: call 01227 862178 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

In May 2018 we put together a **Guide to Planning and Planning Applications** – which we include as part of our welcome pack documents for new residents. The full document may be found on our website.

Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex.

Christmas Appeal.

We appreciate that Christmas might not be the same this year, with restrictions limiting our chances of parties and drinks with colleagues and friends, so why not spread the festive cheer with some KSS ideas:

- **Brew with the (Christmas) Crew – Join us virtually at 6:30pm on the 15th December. Register for your invite below.**
- **Why not give your virtual Christmas get together a KSS twist and download our fun party pack.**
- **Or simply donate to our Christmas appeal to help our life-saving work.**

For more information on our festive activities: Call: 01634 471 944

E-Mail: community@aakss.org.uk

Visit: www.aakss.org.uk/christmas-with-kss/

Visually impaired?

Why not join the Kent Association for the Blind friendly Club!

Free transport is available.

The Whitstable and Tankerton Club meets weekly every Tuesday at Swalecliffe Community Centre, St John's Road, Whitstable from 2pm to 4pm. For more information contact Michael Peak on 01227 275731

Kent Association for the Blind | www.kab.org.uk

51 London Road | Canterbury | Kent | CT2 8LF | T: 01227 763366 |
Registered Charity No. 1062354 | Company 03339912. www.kab.org.uk

Supporting sight impaired people to live independent lives



Lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk

01227 862 540

A lifeline alarm, worn on your wrist or as a pendant, is a service provided in East Kent by Canterbury City Council's CCTV control room, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Having a lifeline alarm would help you or a family member feel safe and independent in the home. To book your free demonstration or to make an enquiry please call 01227 862540 or visit www.lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk

Did you know that there is an assisted collection for dustbins if you are unable to put your bins out for collection yourself? Call 0800 0319 091 and you will be sent a sticker to put on your bins that says an assisted collection is required.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Medical Practice (Harbour Street) : 01227 284320

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For **Out of Hours** medical advice please call: **NHS 111**

Emergencies that are out of hours (other than 999) ring **NHS 111**

For Commuters: Whitstable Medical Practice offer early morning and late evening appointments starting at 7am and evening appointments until 7.30pm. Appointments are available on various days at all of the Practice's sites (Chestfield Medical Centre, Whitstable Health Centre, Estuary View Medical Centre) – book by calling the surgery where you are registered.

NHS Patient transport service - for people who cannot get to hospital or clinic appointment because of their medical or physical condition - bookings number 0800 096 0211 (open 24/7) For further information about patient transport, including alternatives for people who are not eligible for patient transport, visit www.km-pts.co.uk

Bus timetables are available from Traveline. Ring **0871 200 2233** for details or visit the web site www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

FREE BUS SERVICE to Estuary View – runs from Tesco, Whitstable / The Plough at Swalecliffe / Priest & Sow Corner, Tankerton / Tankerton Circus / Town Centre Horsebridge / Top of Borstal Hill. Starts at 9.30am

Transport by bus

The following web sites may be useful to you:

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/maps#tab2>

Mini bus service and local volunteer transport schemes

1. Red Zebra volunteer car service – Red Zebra based in Whitstable, has been set up in Whitstable through the city council. See <http://www.redzebra.org.uk/volunteer-car-scheme/>

The scheme is for people who find it difficult to use public transport either through age or a need for special assistance. It is aimed at helping people get to essential health appointments and where resources permit, shopping and social trips may also be possible. The scheme offers a return journey and you will not be charged for waiting time, which is up to a maximum of two hours. A longer wait e.g. a drop-off in the morning and collection in the afternoon, will mean a double charge.

There are charges to cover the cost of running the scheme and petrol mileage, these are:

- annual subscription of £10 (or £15 for a couple)
- £2 administration charge per trip
- 45p per mile

All volunteer drivers are DBS checked and insured, and a driver who is able to carry and assist with a wheelchair etc can be arranged. To arrange your journey telephone Red Zebra in advance on: 01227 271111 - volunteers are available to take your calls Monday – Friday between 10am–12.30pm.

2. Kent Karrier dial-a-ride service - will take you from your home to set locations, such as the nearest town centre or supermarket. Group bookings, airport runs and a shopping service are also available. All services are operated with wheelchair accessible vehicles and our experienced drivers will give you all the help you need. You are eligible to join if:

- you have a medical condition that makes travelling on public transport difficult OR you live in a rural area more than 500 metres from a bus route or railway station
- you are aged 85+.

You must join the scheme to be able to use it. It costs £5 per year and a small fare for each journey.

Concessionary fare passes are not valid for travel on Kent Karrier services. Carers or companions can also travel. They don't need to be members but companions will need to pay the journey fare and carers can travel for free.

Download the Kent Karrier application form at https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/4761/Kent-Karrier-membership-Form.pdf, complete it and post back to: Kent Karrier Membership, Public Transport, Kent County Council, PO Box 441, Aylesford, ME6 9HJ. If you have any questions please call 03000 413567.

The information leaflets by district at the following weblink show you a timetable for your area, where you can travel and who to contact to book a journey: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport/kent-karrier#tab-4>

3. Thanet Community Transport DIAL-A-RIDE - A door to door service for the disabled and elderly for individuals, typically used for medical appointments, shopping trips, days out and holidays. TELEPHONE: 01843 602030 or EMAIL: transport@transportinthanet.co.uk. ADDRESS: Thanet Community Transport Association, Unit 2, The Lead Centre, Dane Valley Road, St Peters, Broadstairs, CT10 3JJ. More information on their website: <http://transportinthanet.co.uk/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.
Father Philip Glandfield – Tel 01227 272758. Email whitstable@rcaos.org.uk
Website www.rcourladywhitstable.org.uk

SATURDAY (First Mass of Sunday) :

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Northwood Road, Whitstable

SUNDAY :

8:30am Mass at St Joseph's, Chestfield

10:30am Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable

Note: Above details are for usual times, etc but may, of course be subject to change due to funerals, holidays, etc.... details for each week can be found on: www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Swalecliffe Court Drive.

Rev. Tom Fisk - Tel 01227 274 697 Email swalecliffefree@outlook.com

SUNDAYS:

9 am. Traditional Language Holy Communion (3rd Sundays)

10am Children's Brunch Club (starts in the Church Centre) 2nd and 4th Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist; 3rd Sunday family friendly Morning Praise

4 pm Café Church (family friendly informal worship in the Church Centre) - 1st Sundays.

630pm 1st and 3rd Sundays - Evening Prayer in Church; or Village Praise (2nd Sunday Church Centre; 4th Sunday in Chestfield WI Hall).

WEDNESDAYS

10am Holy Communion, Church Centre (with healing ministry on 1st Wednesdays)

5.30 Evening Prayer in Church

See the parish church website: <http://www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk/>

SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)

Herne Bay Road, Swalecliffe. Pastor: Rev. Simon King – Tel 01227 274697

All are welcome to our weekly Sunday services which start at 10:30am.

Communion is served on the fourth Sunday each month.

On any fifth Sunday of any month we have a joint service with St John's Parish Church, alternating venues.

Further details of events at: www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

RIVERSIDE CHURCH Thanet Way (next to Amphenol) CT5 3JQ

Pastors Simon & Keely Bateson

Sunday morning services start at 10:30

Further details, including other meetings at www.riversideuk.org

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Chestfield WI: President: Mrs R. McGill 01227 793277; Secretary: Mrs J Jewiss 01227 792502 ; and Bookings: Mrs M Champion 07919260596 or Mrs J Papaspyrou 07941935761

Neighbourhood Watch: Neal Fowler Tel: 01227 639257

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

Chairman: Mike Battson, Green Pastures, Broomfield Gate, 01227 792238
Secretary: Mrs Brenda Hunter, 11 Dukeswood Tel: 01227 794909

Maydowns Road Residents Association

Chairman: Mick Clarke, 92 Maydowns Road, CT5 3LW Tel: 01227 794042

The Drive, The Drove, Meadow Drive and The Leas Residents Road Association - For any matters concerning these private roads contact Chairman Chris Brealy, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

Pre Schools in Whitstable

- Townsend Montessori @ Whitstable
4, Makerstudy Business park, Thanet Way · 01227 274444
- All Saints Nursery School, Shirley Hall, Church St · 01227 282628
- Choochoos Day Nursery
Whitsable Station, Railway Avenue · 01227 280077
- Daisy Chain Nursery School Within Community College Whitstable
Whitstable 07947 819348
- Jo Jo's Day Care Nursery, Herne Bay 01227 361377
- Kindergarten Kids Within St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Primary Schools in Whitstable

- St Marys Catholic Primary School
Primary School, Northwood Rd · 01227 272692
- Joy Lane Primary School 01227 261430
- Swalecliffe Community Primary School
- Primary School, Bridgefield Rd · 01227 272101

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring 101. This 101 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There can be a wait until your call is answered – continue to use 999 in any emergency. Chestfield is supported by Police Community Support Officer **PCSO Lewis Scott** – Lewis covers all Whitstable wards including Chestfield and Swalecliffe. Call 101 to leave him a message.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Amanda Sparkes Office 4, Unit A and B, Jagow House, Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Millstrood Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3PS

Telephone: 01227 773121 **Email:** clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are *usually held bi-monthly and in person at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road. However due to coronavirus and the government instruction on public gatherings these have been suspended in person.*

Regulations enabling town and parish councils to lawfully conduct virtual meetings by video and telephone conferencing until May 2021 have been published. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4 April.

Chestfield Parish Council is now holding virtual meetings when required using [Zoom](#) as a virtual hosting platform.

Members of the public may still “attend” the meeting either online or by telephone but to do so will need to contact the Clerk for the meeting link or phone number and the PIN code for access to enter.

If there are members of the public “present” at the meeting there will be an adjournment of the meeting. This is the only opportunity during the meeting for residents to speak.

Councillor surgeries for residents

The parish council used to hold monthly informal residents’ surgeries to enable any residents to speak informally to a parish councillor and/or the Clerk but again due to COVID-19 these have had to be suspended.

Look for Notices and Agendas on the village notice boards and on the website www.chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. Minutes are published on the website and available from November 2007. Full minutes of the previous meeting are available at each meeting for members of the public. To receive an electronic version of the Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address.

Your local councillors:

STEVE BAILEY Responsibilities: Chairman, Highways, Bus/Train services, Social events	CHRIS BREALY Vice-Chairman, Play Park and Rec Grnd, Highways, Environ- ment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling.	TRICIA CHAPMAN Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training. Community events support
ANNE LODER Traffic, Footpaths/ Public rights of way	CHRIS ELLIS Planning, Village walks, Village Calendar	PAT GIBSON Parish Plan, footpaths. Community events support
BOB TODD – Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning reserve	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	LORRAINE EAST Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting

As the Clerk is part-time, email is the favoured means of contact for a more timely reply to any urgent enquiry.

When you contact the Clerk by telephone please ensure you leave contact details if you want a reply! The answerphone does not capture numbers called to it. Also....

Please also note that we cannot deal with anonymous reports. For the Clerk to onwardly report any item we need to have contact details of the person reporting – although these details can be withheld if appropriate for onward reporting. Speak to the Clerk if unclear.

City Councillors

- i) Cllr Pat Todd: 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH.
Email: pat.todd@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk Tel. 01227 276396
- ii) Cllr Ben Fitter-Harding, Mobile 07973826678
Email: ben.fitter-harding@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

County Councillor

Cllr Robert Thomas, 11 Hollow Lane Canterbury CT1 3SB. Telephone:
Mobile 07740347419. Email: Robert.Thomas@kent.gov.uk

Partially sighted? Want this magazine in a larger format?

Contact the Clerk and she will arrange this – call 01227 773121 and don't forget to leave your name, address and phone number.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club Linda or John Wickings Tel: 01227 794511

Chestfield Cricket Club Paul Gibson 07723308040 or email Chestfieldcc@outlook.com

Chestfield Golf Club Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560

Whitstable Rugby Club Mr Bob Tomlinson Tel: 01227 793329

6th Whitstable Scout Group Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Leader Tessa Dale 01227 792325

Chestfield Rotary Club David Mann Mob: 07736 463921

1st Swalecliffe Brownies Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Sarah Marshall Tel: 01227 261391

1st Swalecliffe Rainbow Guides Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Jessica Cleary 01227 793964

ABC Pre-School Long Rock, Rachel 01227 280444 enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk.

Whitstable Volunteer Centre Tel: 01227 772248

Passenger Transport Information 0800 0960211

Canterbury City Council

- Main switchboard 01227 862000 www.canterbury.gov.uk
- CCC Planning Call Centre Tel: 01227 862178
- Recycling Information – 01227 862247
- Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections – 0800 031 9091
- Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- Emergency Out of Hours CCC team - Tel: 01227 781879

Serco – for bulky waste collections or missed collection – call 0800 031 9091 or email help.canterbury@serco.com or by using one of the many forms at https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20001/bins_and_waste

CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste_and_enforcement/31/report_flytipping. CCC's reporting tool to report fly-tipping enables you to drop a pin on a map. It can also take the location from a phone if reporting is done in situ. And there's the facility to upload pictures of the waste.

Reporting items to Serco - such as litter, dog fouling, problems or overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins - telephone or ideally do online:

Please call Serco on 0800 031 9091. Or report at https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean. For any waste that could cause immediate danger, e.g. discarded needles and syringes, please call Serco for a rapid response.

Out-of-hours emergencies - If you have an urgent query and need to talk to the CCC out-of-hours team, please call 01227 781 879.

Report dog fouling - Dog fouling can be reported to CCC to be cleared up. https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean/2 This online form can also be used to tell CCC about repeat offenders. If CCC catch them they will be given a fine of £80.

A reminder – did you know? dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too – not necessarily just the red dog-bin only bins. Please bag it and bin it!

Report graffiti at

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20044/vandalism_and_graffiti/55/request_graffiti_removal .Note: Canterbury City Council will remove graffiti from a residential home or property CCC own, such as play areas and public toilets BUT can't remove it from locations like phone boxes or bridges that don't belong to CCC. If the graffiti is on someone's property, there is no charge for the first two hours work or a maximum area of 5m²

Reporting crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website

Report crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk .

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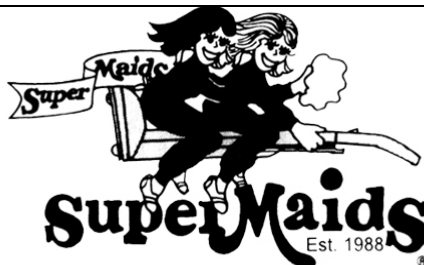
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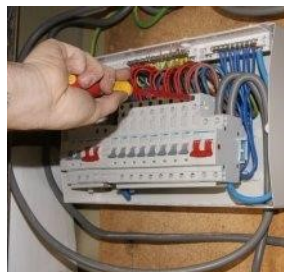
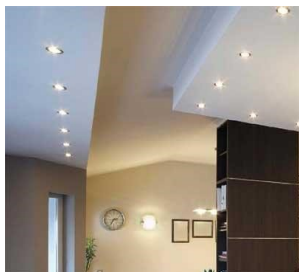


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