

Grasmere Gardens phasing plan (and Kitewood update inside)



Phase 1
140 dwellings



Phase 2
Approx 104
dwellings



Phase 3 Approx
56 dwellings plus
employment space

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Carols on the Green

7pm Wednesday 22 December

**On the green outside St Joseph's Catholic Church - Followed by
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies In the WI Hall (coronavirus permitting)**



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Chairman's Message

As we approach the end of 2021 we thankfully do not do so with anywhere near as much trepidation as we did this time last year as life in general gets back on a normal footing.

This is no more so than with the resumption of our 'in person' parish council meetings at which we were able to discuss matters in greater detail than we had during our virtual sessions, as for those of you who have experienced similar-type settings may fully agree. It was also good to see both our City and County councillors in attendance at our last meeting – so yes – things are getting back to a sense of normality. This has allowed us to look ahead in our immediate plans, although we would stress that we remain mindful of many other factors, not least with a bow towards the continued well-being of our parishioners.

To this end, we have discussed and agreed the resumption of our Christmas Carol gathering which is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm. As usual, this will be held on the green outside St.Joseph's Church where we will still be able to maintain an element of social distancing for comfort, so it would be lovely to see you all there. As with previous years, we will invite all attendees to attend the WI hall for refreshments immediately afterwards, although we fully understand that attendance to this is not in any way obligatory and is purely a matter of personal choice and comfort. We do however keep a firm eye on any future Government advice, although we dearly hope that our plans may will go ahead, the event is coronavirus restrictions permitting and can only really be confirmed as going ahead in the final days beforehand. Unfortunately – and again out of respect for you all – we will not be holding our Christmas Lights competition this year, although we would encourage you all to light up the village more than ever this time around as we see things turning a corner. We do hope that you may understand our reasoning for our decision.

Similarly, with the safety of our residents in mind, we have taken the decision to postpone our thank you buffets for our valued volunteers to the summer of 2022, when scope for better ventilation and outside space will be improved.

We are pleased to announce that the Petanque facility within the cricket club grounds has now been completed, and will shortly be officially opened for all in the community to enjoy. This has received great interest from many groups in the area with talks of friendly league participation and the like. It would be great to see teams and groups from Chestfield involved in what I am reliably informed is a sport for all ages and abilities, so please contact either me or Amanda for further details of how you can join in. Look out too for notices on our noticeboards.

Canterbury City Council is currently reviewing its Canterbury District Local Plan to the year 2040 which includes strategic sites for future development. Each local authority is set housing number requirements and must demonstrate a five year housing land supply. The CCC 'call for sites' is a key part of the process to identify sites for housing to 2040 and the process started in 2020. CCC invited anyone, including landowners, parish councils and members of the public, to suggest sites that should be developed, be used to create jobs, protected as open space or that could be put to really good use by the community. There is a map at [Call for Sites Submissions 2020 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) that shows the sites, and by clicking on them individually brings up a box that shows the suggested use such as housing, community, open space, but CCC is doing lots of work to assess whether or not they could be considered for inclusion within the Local Plan.

No decisions have been made on any sites and the community will be consulted with once potential sites have been identified. In this regard we would advise that whilst some of them concern our village, such sites are still at deliberation stage with a final listing due to be published in February/March of next year. Once we receive any relevant notifications we will of course place these for debate at our meetings, and indeed with the City Council itself. As always your parish council will continue to serve you in the best interests, and will keep you all fully apprised of ensuing situations. CCC officers have strongly encouraged parish councils to engage in early dialogue with the landowners/promoters of the sites in order to bring local knowledge and needs to the table and affect any masterplan proposals at an early stage. The parish council after careful consideration of this advice, has sent a letter to the agents or applicants of the four largest sites affecting Chestfield inviting them to enter into without prejudice dialogue about their proposals, aspirations and timescales.

At our November meeting, we resolved to set a precept of £64,673 for 2022-2023. This is a 0% increase and is the same precept level as the current year 2021-2022 although the final figure on your council tax bill next year may reflect a small variance if the tax base of properties has changed.

As visitors to the area may have seen, development of the Grasmere gardens site is now beginning to progress and planned, although very little has happened with regards to the stipulated Traffic regulation Order which is required to be carried out prior to any actual site building works. We continue to liaise with the developer as much as possible with regards this development, and hope to be able to post more regular updates on our noticeboards as and when necessary or advised.

I would however like to put more than a few minds at rest and categorically state that access into the Grasmere development site will only be via Reeves Way, both during construction and eventually when the development is completed. Thank you for those people who have stopped me to discuss such issues (and others) – I am only too pleased to help and advise where I can - perhaps more importantly it demonstrates that we all care so much about our village and its future.

I was again honoured to attend the Remembrance service at St.Johns Church where I laid a poppy wreath of behalf of the village of Chestfield to remember those souls that gave their lives for our futures. I was further deeply touched to be asked to read out the names of the fallen from the Chestfield and Swalecliffe parishes - names which, whilst they are displayed on the permanent memorial with the church itself, are seldom read out. It was lovely to see a congregation again particularly after last year where restrictions meant that only myself and Father David were able to attend.

It goes without saying that I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas on behalf of the Parish Council – after the past 18 months or so we all deserve one! And we all deserve an even better New Year, and many more to come. Thankfully, that light at the end of the tunnel is beginning to look a lot brighter these days !

Kind Regards Steve, Chestfield Parish Council Chairman

The parish council wrote to her majesty The Queen on the death of her husband, The Duke of Edinburgh, earlier this year and received the following letter from Buckingham Palace in September:



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message of sympathy, sent on the death of Her Majesty's beloved husband The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen has been touched by the messages she has received and is most grateful for your kind words.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Paterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Paterson
Director of Operations, Private Secretary's
Office



A plea for new volunteers to tend and water the play park Planters

After several years our Green Leas volunteers would like to hand over the upkeep of the Chestfield Road play park Planters to new volunteers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them, and now ask for people to fill their shoes. The previous planting strategy involved some replanting at the end of May, and the 'putting to bed' in October with the removal of the annuals and planting of more perennials such as daffodils and tulips. New volunteers are being offered a handover from the existing volunteers to support new residents and to give tips for what works, although new volunteers can of course have free rein to do what they like.

Watering is more tricky as there is no water source at the play park so water has to be transported to site. The Planters are self-watering with large built in reservoirs.

The parish council will meet all costs for new water carriers if required, and the costs of new plants and top up compost.

Previous volunteer, John Cook says, "it is not onerous, it is very pleasurable, we do get thanks and appreciation, and we have never experienced vandalism."

Grasmere Pasture update

We have received a further update from the developer Kitewood to communicate to you:



GRASMERE GARDENS

CHESTFIELD

9 November 2021

Dear Neighbour

Further to our first newsletter issued in August we are writing to update you on progress relating to our development at Grasmere Gardens. The PHASING PLAN is shown on the front cover of this magazine.

The pre-commencement planning conditions relating to development of Phase 1 and elements of the following phases (Phase 2 and 3) have been submitted to and approved by Canterbury City Council.

The legal agreements dealing with the access and highways improvements to Reeves Way are being put in place following which development will commence on site.

The initial commencement works will involve the creation of the main access into the site from Reeves Way, along with the various re-enforcement and upgrades to the utilities/services. Following this we will be undertaking the on-site infrastructure works.

As confirmed previously, during the works unrestricted access will be maintained over the public rights of way CW40 ('the Ridgeway') and CW88 and CW89 which cross the site.

The diversion order for footpaths CW89 and CW90 was made on 20 October 2021.

The ditch clearance works undertaken recently have improved the surface water flooding along the Ridgeway and now these ditches will be regularly maintained to ensure the continued flow of water.

The Reserved Matters application for the remaining phases (Phase 2 and 3) has been submitted to Canterbury City Council reference CA/21/02244 * and this application provides details in relation to appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for these phases. Together, the second and third phases provide 160 homes and employment space.

The Phase 1 development will deliver a total of 42 Affordable Homes comprising apartments and houses. A further 48 Affordable Homes are proposed to be delivered in Phase 2 of the development and details are provided in the Reserved Matters application referred to above. These affordable homes will offer a mix of Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership houses for the local community.

We will continue to provide an update on a quarterly basis and in the meantime we can be contacted at info@kitewood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

KITEWOOD



* CA/21/02244 - Grasmere Gardens, Land South of The Ridgeway, Chestfield.

Application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and internal circulation for Phases 2 and 3 including the erection of 160 dwellings, 3,500 sqm of commercial floorspace, along with provision of all associated infrastructure, MUGA and parking, pursuant to outline planning permission CA/17/00/469/OUT.

Drone Article - Edition 124 Chestfield Parish Council Magazine

The Clerk was contacted by a resident about an article that ran in the September 2021 magazine: "I read with interest the 2 page article regarding "nuisance drones" being flown in or near Maydowns road.

As a registered drone operator who has passed the necessary tests and regularly flies drones for recreational purposes, I would like to point out some potential inaccuracies or at least incomplete information you have shared with the community.

I write this from the point of view that the *vast majority* of drone sales for recreational use in the open category fall into the A1 subcategory - that is predominantly because they weigh less than 250g. Drones that fall into the A2 and A3 categories are very expensive and more likely used for commercial use.

The regulations you cited apply to the A3 subcategory. The key points for the A1 subcategory against the steps you listed are:

- Step 1 - There is no need to have a flyerid, requiring taking of a test. Registration for an operator ID is required, costing £10/year which must be displayed on the drone itself.
- Step 2 - VLOS is required but can be from a supervising person, not necessarily the drone operator. This applies to all categories.
- Step 3 - This is valid, but just to point out that drones capable of flying over 120m have built in restrictions to prevent it using GPS, so this is very hard to do and unlikely any drone you see would be doing.
- Step 4 - The A1 category **is** able to fly over people, but not crowds
- Step 5 - The A1 category **is** able to fly over buildings etc

I find it misleading to provide the regulations of such drones which most people will never use or see (in the scope of Maydowns Road), fuelling the justification some feel to spoil other people's recreational enjoyment. I have only ever met sensible people using the A1 category to make beautiful photos and videos of their families, days out and landscapes. Breaching the regulations would actually be quite hard unless the operator was purposefully intrusive to privacy or deliberately endangering wellbeing.

Our PCSO provided the poster for the last magazine and he was contacted with this information and he now further comments: "The poster created and posted on the monthly newsletter to the parish council is a basic guide to the use of drones along with a link to access all of the provided information in

depth. This guide illustrates the key points set out by the civil aviation authority from their 'Drone and model aircraft code' and is not and does not claim to be an in depth. As stated on the poster itself, it is the responsibility of a drone user to ensure they read, understand, and keep within the guidelines set by the civil aviation authority.

To put the messengers mind at ease, the poster was created as a response to very specific continued complaints received by Kent Police.

If anyone would like to discuss this matter further with the CSU (Community Safety Unit), we can be contacted by using the Kent Police website using the 'contact us' tab and ask for contact with Canterbury CSU."

The Wilder Blean Project of Blean and Thornden Wood

Kent Wildlife Trust want to make communication about the project as thorough and clear as possible, and to help this they are setting up a newsletter about the project, specifically for local residents from around the blean woods. The first newsletter went out in October. To sign up to the newsletter individuals just need to email

blean@wilderkent.org.uk

**Our new Website Is now Live
with a fresh look and feel!**

Please go to chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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.

The 'Happy to Chat' bench initiative -

**“The ‘Happy to Chat’ Bench:
Sit here if you don’t mind
Someone stopping to say
hello”**

‘Happy to Chat’ benches are successfully helping communities to tackle isolation and loneliness in towns and cities all over the UK, and as far afield as Kiev, Vancouver and New York. For people who feel isolated, the benches are an opportunity to make a connection with someone new, and for people who want to help those experiencing loneliness the benches provide an opportunity to do so. This is about social prescribing, and fits the whole well-being agenda and combatting loneliness and isolation.

We have arranged plaques for two benches - on CW69 and one for a bench at the back of the play park by Fern Close.

“The ‘Happy to Chat’ Bench:
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Someone stopping to say hello”



Chestfield is at risk of flooding



1. Find out if you're at risk

Visit www.gov.uk/flood and sign up for free Flood Warning messages to make sure you and your family have time to prepare and stay safe

2. See kent.prepared.org.uk

For information on what to do before, during and after a flood, community flood plan templates, live flood maps and much more

3. Call Floodline free on 0345 988 1188

To receive up-to-date information for your area during a flood or to register for our Flood Warning Service



Parish Council Flood Wardens

Cllr Bob Todd and Cllr Lorraine East are flood wardens for the village. They have been looking at potential hazards, and visually inspecting sluice gates and drains in Chestfield, and any problems will be reported to the Environment Agency. Chestfield is a large area and if any residents spot any potential hazards (such as fallen trees or debris or blockages in The Swalecliffe Brook) you may contact either of them so that they can be onwardly reported. (Contact Cllr Lorraine East on 07798883391 or by email to lorraineeast@btinternet.com or Cllr Bob Todd by email to cllrbob.todd@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Sorry we cannot report soggy gardens but real flood hazards only please. Flood Wardens may also know about our disabled and elderly and vulnerable in case of any flood risk incidents. If you consider yourself to be at risk please also contact either Lorraine or Bob with your details and your circumstances. (Your personal details will only be used for this purpose.) The Environment Agency has also provided them with a leaflet called 'living on the edge' for riparian owners. If anybody would like one again please contact Bob or Lorraine.



A 'seed swap box' for residents to use

The parish council has discussed a 'seed swap box' for residents to use. Residents swap seeds in envelopes or small pots with each other. The Womens Institute is supportive of this and we hope to progress this project outside the WI hall very soon. Cllr Bob Todd kindly made the seed box from an old pallet (photo above).

We would welcome any residents' donations of seeds, either in labelled envelopes or small pots.

And if you have any comments or questions please get in touch.

A reminder of our Community Herbs planters at the WI Hall

Don't forget to spice up your cooking by helping yourself to a few herbs from the community herb boxes in front of the Women's Institute hall on Chestfield Road. Please just take what you need and just cut or tear the leaves rather than the stems as well.

Convert your green bin to a red bin - for free!

Canterbury City Council is offering residents the opportunity to convert their unwanted green lidded garden bin into a red bin for paper and card, free of charge. All you need to do is go to their website at canterbury.gov.uk/convertbin and request your conversion kit. Stickers and more information will be sent to you in the post. Please allow around two weeks for that.

As soon as you have attached the stickers as per the instructions, you're good to go. Your red bin will be emptied fortnightly on your usual recycling day.

It is very important that you completely empty your bin of any remaining garden waste before you start using it for paper and card, otherwise it will not be emptied. If you do not have access to the internet to request your kit, please ask a friend or relative to order it for you. They can request that the kit is sent directly to your address.

If you have extra cardboard or paper that will not fit in your red bin, please flatten it, tie it up and leave it alongside your bin on collection day.

To encourage as much recycling as possible, residents are allowed as many recycling bins as they need. To find out about ordering more visit canterbury.gov.uk/recycling . By allowing people to convert their green bin in this way, there will be more space for paper and card than is currently available in the inserts. The aim is to reduce the amount of paper and card that falls into the blue bin and contaminates the glass, plastic and cans.

We must separate these materials from paper and card as they are recycled separately. If too many things are put in the wrong recycling bin, such as paper with plastic, then the load becomes contaminated and none of it can be recycled.

You can check your bin collection dates and what you can and cannot recycle online at canterbury.gov.uk/recycling.



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On the green outside St Joseph's Catholic Church -
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies In the WI Hall
(coronavirus restrictions permitting)

All welcome!

Check out...

BLAST!



**A new afterschool
social club
for children
aged 5 - 11**

Starts Monday 13 September!

NEW!

When and Where? **Mondays. 3.30pm - 5pm**
St John's Centre, Swalecliffe

How much? **£1 per child - incl. drinks
and snacks**

For more information contact

Jane on 07761963971



St John's Church new afterschool club started 13 September 2021.
It is NOT a Sunday school type thing, just an afterschool club for
children. Each week will vary with things like board and team games,
cooking, crafts, treasure hunts, Lego, etc



Sat 4th Dec	9.00 am	Christmas Market in St John's Centre, St John's Road
Sun 12th Dec.	5.00 pm	Christingle Service in St John's Church, Swalecliffe Court Drive
	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols in WI Hall, Chestfield Rd followed by mulled wine & mince pies
Sat 18th Dec.	10.00 am	St John's Church open from until 12 noon for those who would like to light a candle in memory of a loved one or just to sit for a while.
Sun 19th Dec.	6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight in St John's Church
Tues 21st Dec	10.00 am	Carols at Coffee Break in St John's Centre . Until noon
Weds 22nd Dec	7.00 pm	Community Carols outside St Joseph's Church, Chestfield Road (<i>organised by Chestfield PC</i>)
Christmas Eve	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St John's Centre
	3.30 pm	Crib Service in St John's Church . A service for children of all ages
	5.00 pm	Crib Service in St John's Church . As 3.30
	11.30 pm	First Holy Communion of Christmas in St John's Church
Christmas Day	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion in St John's Church
Fri 31st Dec	3.30 pm	Family Party in St John's Centre . Phone Jane on 07761 963971 if you wish to come

For more details see:

 **Swalecliffe St John's** www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk

New Petanque Court for community use now installed



This three lane Petanque Court was gifted by Chestfield Parish Council to Chestfield Cricket Club in Grasmere Road in November 2021 as a community facility open to and for use by all.

A sign that explains Petanque, the etiquette and rules that are easy to acquire, is to be fixed on it. This will help beginners which is possibly most of the users.

The court is open all the time – use the pedestrian gate at the front of the ground if the main gate is locked. The only restriction will be if

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teams get established and are having practice sessions and a league evening if they enter the leagues.

There is free use of the Pavilion during its open times, and access to their bar for refreshments and use of the toilet facilities.

There is a storage bench by the Petanque Court that has two sets of boules, the 'circles' used to throw from, a tape measure, sanitiser and wipes.

A local qualified coach and referee is prepared to offer taster sessions and lessons.

If any residents are keen to find out more, please contact the Clerk.

How to play Petanque

To play Petanque, you need boules and a cochonnet. Boules should be made of metal, 7.5 cm in diameter (about 3 inches) and weigh 700g (about 1.5 pounds). It is important that each team's boules have specific groove patterns that help distinguish the boules from those of the opponent. The cochonnet is the target ball, or jack, and it is smaller than the other boules. It should be 3 cm in diameter (about 1.2 inches).

Teams

The first step in playing the game deals with choosing/making teams. There are only two teams in the game of Petanque. Both teams have to have the same number of players. You can play Singles, or one-on-one, Doubles, or two-on-two, and Triples, three-on-three. In the Singles, each player is given three boules. In Doubles, they each have two boules. In Triples, like in the Singles, each player has three boules.

The game is played by outlining the circle play area, or terrain. This can be done with chalk, rope, or anything else that works. The terrain is 50 cm in diameter. This is where all boule-throwing takes place.

After deciding who gets to go first, which is done by tossing a coin, the team that won the toss throws the jack outside the play area.

You can toss the jack anywhere you wish, as long as it's between 20 and 30 feet away from the play area and at least 3 feet from any obstacle.

Throwing the Boules

When you throw the boule, you must do it from within the circle with both feet pressed firmly on the ground. The first team throws the first boule and tries to get as close as possible to the jack. You are allowed to hit it. The player can't leave the terrain until their boule has landed.

The opposing team then takes a shot at landing their boule closer than the first team. If they succeed, the first team comes back to take away the advantage and if not, the second team has to keep throwing their boules until they take the point or run out of boules. You are allowed to hit the opponent's boules and some people take advantage of this to try and push their opponent's boules away from the cochonnet.

Scores and Rounds

When all boules have been thrown, it is time to score the points. The team that has its boule closest to the jack wins a point and additional points for every boule that is closer to the jack than the closest opponent's boule. The other team wins no points.

If both teams throw boules that are equidistant from the jack, it will be considered a tie. In what is known as a tiebreaker or point nul, the team or player that threw the boule causing the tie will have to throw another boule, followed by the opposing team. The teams will have to alternate turns to throw their boules, until the tie has been broken and a point has been awarded to either one. Each round will be scored in this way, until one team has managed to reach 13 points.

After calculating the score a new round begins, with a new play area centered on the final position of the jack. The game ends when a team scores 13 points. There is no limit on time or the number of rounds. As a result, this can mean that teams and players have to play quite a number of rounds before a winner is decided.

How to report a problem through the KCC Fault Reporting Portal

We would like to encourage residents to report problems such as potholes, faulty streetlights, and blocked drains near their Visit the Fault Reporting Portal at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

You can report non-urgent issues online including:

- street light faults
- potholes
- drainage
- traffic signal faults
- overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass).

How to report a problem



How to report a problem on a road or pavement - video transcript

There is a short training video available to watch at the link if you have never reported anything before.

[Report a problem >](#)

Click on the button, and the following screen comes up – Select fault type by clicking on the drop down list box, and then click the purple “Next” button:

Report or Track a Fault

This page will time out after 20 minutes of inactivity

Report a fault

[Track an existing fault](#)

Emergencies

Do not use this form if the problem may cause an accident. Call us immediately on 03000 418181 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or on 03000 419191 at all other times

Tell us about the problem

You will need to tell us exactly where the fault is on a map or using an address. If you can't do this now, please come back when you can

★ This symbol means that you must enter this information

★ What are you reporting?

-- Please select fault type --

[Next](#)

You then have three options to identify the location of the fault : Either by navigating through a map; or inputting an address, or by calling 03000 418181. Then work through the screens giving details of the problem, input your details on a final screen and on pressing Submit you will receive a Fault Reference Number. (You may wish to make a note of this, as it can be tracked for progress at a later date on the first page again at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>)

Gardening for a wilder Kent – providing homes and shelter for wildlife

Now is the time of year when I'm itching to get out into the garden to tidy up ready for winter. But the fact is, too much 'tidying' is bad news for the wildlife that makes its home in our gardens. Wild creatures need the dead stems, fallen leaves and dying growth for shelter over winter. Many of the butterflies and moths that delight us in summer will be hibernating – as pupae and larvae - in this dead and dying foliage. If you clear it all away, you will be destroying them. The gardener and journalist Alys Fowler writes *'Every time I reach for my secateurs or hoe, I am going to try to stop first and ask myself: who am I doing this for? I want a garden full of life far more than I want other people's praise.'*

There are of course parts of the garden that will need to be cleared – for paths, access etc, but can you make a heap of the dead stems and seed heads somewhere out of the way so insects and small mammals can still use them? Log piles and heaps of stones, bricks or rocks in a quiet corner are wonderful for insects, and for amphibians and reptiles such as newts and lizards.

You can supplement natural homes such as these with ones you buy. All the wildlife catalogues sell bird boxes, bee hotels, insect homes, bat boxes and hedgehog houses (e.g. <https://shopping.rspb.org.uk/>) and with Christmas approaching, these make ideal gifts, especially for families with children.

Or you could make your own – whether simply drilling holes in a log for solitary bees, or using an RSPB template to make a blue tit or swift box (

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/>) If you want to involve your children in this, The Wildlife

Trusts have a wonderful range of animal home making activities for youngsters – from bat boxes to bumblebee nests, from hedgehog houses to bug hotels – at <https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities>.

While at this time of year we are thinking mainly about shelter, before we know it it will be Spring and the wildlife in your garden will be thinking about nesting. Blue tits, for example, start prospecting for nesting sites in February so having your boxes in place by then increases the chance of them being used. The boxes will also be used for roosting in cold weather. And not only by blue tits – 63 wrens were found huddled together in one nest box, keeping warm over winter!

To help you garden for a Wilder Kent, we are running study days and zoom talks over the winter, and will resume our open gardens next spring. Check out the web site for details

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilder-gardens>

Happy gardening!

Val Rea, Kent Wildlife Trust volunteer advisor

BREAKING NEWS from the Rotary Club of Chestfield



As our club's current serving President I have accepted to undertake my Presidential Charity Fundraiser Challenge by completing a virtual swim across the channel. I will be completing my challenge over the next 3 months by pool swimming. I will need to swim approximately 120 lengths a week in a local 25m pool to swim the equivalent of the 33 kilometres (or so)

It would be fantastic if you could support me in this challenge by donating towards this event which will go to support my main charities for this year, which are SNAAP & Foodfriends.



If you would like to donate to support Lesley, you can do so by Bank Transfer to Rotary Club of Chestfield, Sort Code: 60-10-37, Acct No: 13679740. Reference: Your name.

You can increase this by 25% by adding Gift Aid (at no cost to you) providing you pay income tax in UK, by emailing chestfieldfundraising@outlook.com with your name, address, post code.

If you would like to find out more about our Rotary Club please visit our website www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk for even more information about our exploits past & present. *President Lesley Robertson*

Possible 20mph speed limits for some of Chestfield's roads

Previous magazines have advised that we are exploring the possibility of reducing speed limits on some of Chestfield's roads. We commissioned week-long KCC traffic data surveys for:

- *Grasmere Road (adopted section from Chestfield Rd to the bridge).*
- *Molehill Road – from Chestfield Road to The Revel*
- *Plantation Road*
- *Share and Coulter Road*
- *The Ridings and Polo Way.*
- *plus Chestfield Road (for information only)* - Although there cannot be a reduction to 20mph along Chestfield Road there is benefit in adding Chestfield Road to the survey list to collect traffic data that may be useful for future planning applications in particular.

The fatality risk of an accident at 30mph is 7 times higher than a fatality risk at 20mph, and for every 1 mph slower statistically there are 6% less collisions. From April 2023 the whole of Wales will be predominantly 20mph. There is now seemingly more political will on behalf of KCC to support 20 MPH in our communities due to the data from the pilot projects, particularly in Tonbridge and Faversham, although also born out by the data on the borders in Scotland. This data shows the impact particularly of the higher speeds reducing by a larger amount. In addition KCC has introduced a goal of Net Zero (deaths) by 2050 launched this year. There is the approval by the KCC Environmental Transport Committee in May 2019 to a reduction in speeds across the county, and the County is no longer looking to accidents as a barometer for backing up speed changes on roads.

Emissions lower by a quarter with 20mph. New research from Skyrad on typical stop-start urban drive cycles has shown how 20mph benefits the climate from steadier driving and less acceleration: CO2 lower by 26% and NOx 28% lower. Basic physics means that 2.25 times more energy is required to reach 30mph than 20mph. With 20mph signage fuel use drops. Electric vehicles are heavy. Their range is increased by reducing speed limits through reduced acceleration and it cuts the load on the grid from recharging.

We will update you in a future edition of the magazine.

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 Bernie Kooiman by email to bernie68@rocketmail.com

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51 London Road | Canterbury | Kent | CT2 8LF | T: 01227 763366 |
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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.

A waste and recycling update - cartons and tetrapaks are no longer recycled via the blue bins and residents are now advised to put these in black bins. This has been confirmed with CCC, as there was a slight discrepancy in advice on their website – they will update the website shortly.

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'S PARISH CHURCH Swalecliffe Court Drive.
Revd Simon Tillotson (Interim Priest in Charge)
Tel: 07833 448287 or 01227 272308
Email: swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or simon@teamvicar.org
SUNDAYS:
11.15 am Morning Worship (with Communion every 4th Sunday)
WEDNESDAYS:
10am Holy Communion, St John's Church Centre, St John's Road
For details of these and other events please see the parish church website:
www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk
For information about our children's and families ministry contact Jane Myhill
(jane.myhill@btinternet.com or telephone 07761 963971

SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)
Swalecliffe Free Church (Baptist) Herne Bay Road, Swalecliffe, CT5 2LR
Minister: Rev Tom Fisk. Phone no: 01227 274697.
All are welcome to our weekly Sunday services which start at 10.30am.
Email: sfcminister@outlook.com
Communion is served on the second Sunday of each month.
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

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 Breal, 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 c/o 7 Beech Tree Avenue, Sholden, Deal CT14 0FB

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are held bi-monthly at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and are open to all. The formal meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is an adjournment early on to ask questions, or comment on current issues.

Look for Notices 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.

The parish council holds bi-monthly formal meetings but has informal residents' surgeries for those same date and for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 10 January 2022 and 14 March 2022. Additionally, our Annual Parish Meeting for residents will be held on Monday 21 March 2022.*

Councillor surgeries for residents - want to speak informally to a parish councillor? Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm - 7.30pm - 13 December, 10 January 2022, 14 February and 14 March 2022.*

We would remind all persons present at a meeting that whilst it remains your right to speak, this must be done through the Chair.

Please note that Chestfield Parish Council has a zero tolerance policy with regard to the poor behaviour of any individual towards any member of the Parish Council, Clerk, or other member of the public, and that any such transgression that is deemed either threatening or otherwise, the individual will be asked to leave the meeting.

If you have a query and want to speak to the parish council about it, please contact the Clerk in the first instance (details above). Alternatively come along to one of the monthly surgeries and get to know and engage with your local councillors:

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 Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning reserve	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	LORRAINE EAST Flood Warden 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.

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 – *The Canterbury Environment Company (CANENCO)* – 0800 031 9091
- Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- Emergency Out of Hours CCC team - Tel: 01227 781879

For bulky waste collections or missed collection – call *Canterbury Environment Company* 01227 947 860 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 such as litter, dog fouling, problems or overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins - telephone or ideally do online: Please call

Canterbury Environment Company 01227 947 860 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 for a rapid response.

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 .

Post Office Near Me: For a web site for people to find local post offices and the services they offer. Visit: <https://www.postofficesnearme.com/>

Chestfield History Society: To contribute any information about Chestfield's past or ask the History Society any questions go to the Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chestfieldhistory/ or email chestfieldhistory@gmail.com

Power cut? Call 105 – all electricity operators have this national number: Calling 105 when you have a power cut is free and puts you through to the local electricity network operator that manages cables, powerlines and substations to homes and businesses in your area. You can still contact by phone or website.

UKPN vulnerable customers Priority Services Register – call 0800 169 9970 or email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Southern Water Services Customer Help Desk (24 Hour Help Line) Tel: 0800 820999

The Environment Agency : Daytime Office Number Tel: 0370 850 6506; Hot Line for Out of Hours Tel: 0800 807 060 ; Flooding Tel: 0845 988 1188

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk Website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Consumer Direct www.consumerdirect.gov.uk Tel: 0845 404 0506

Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects - web link for the KCC fault reporting tool – for reporting things like potholes, faulty lights, overgrown vegetation etc. : <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>
To report a potential emergency situation, please call KCC immediately on 03000 418181 between 8am and 6pm Mon – Fri or on 03000 419191 at all other times

If you're paying someone to take rubbish away - if you have your rubbish removed and it ends up being flytipped, you could be fined. Protect yourself - ask the waste removal service or tradesperson for their waste carrier registration number. Check the number with the Environment Agency 0370 850 6506 or www.cleankent.com (follow the link to the Environment Agency). Keep information from the waste collector – and ask for a receipt. If they're not registered don't use them and tell Trading Standards - 03454 04 05 06.

112 (999) on a mobile – did you know if you call 112 in an emergency on a mobile phone, it pinpoints your location to within a few metres (this is done by tracking to the cell that the phone is using). You can still call 999....

Blood donation: 96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood. If you're healthy and aged 17-65 you may be able to give blood - For an appointment or more information please call 08457 711711 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Necessary Furniture – to donate unwanted furniture or for anyone to buy second hand furniture at very reasonable prices, visit Necessary Furniture, Unit 2B, Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Rd, Hersden, Canterbury CT3 4HQ. Tel. 01227 712680

Homelessness - If you see a homeless person on the street there is a 24 hour helpline – 0800 567 7699 – this puts you through to the charity “Porchlight”

Junk Mail/ Mail Preference Service 0845 703 4599 www.mpsonline.org.uk

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – www.kent.gov.uk/environment

Engine Oil 08708 506506 – www.oilbankonline.org.uk

Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Real Nappies Library 0845 3450 210 www.kent.gov.uk/clothnappies

Recycling for Kent 0845 345 0210

Salvation Army Trading Company – 01843 411 086

Spectacles – Contact Specsavers who send them out to Africa

Toner recycling and refill – 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Check-A-Trade: www.checkatrade.com/ A directory of recommended/trusted tradesmen who have been vetted and monitored and meet standards of trading

Trading standards – for information and to report a problem:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards> or call 03454 04 05 06

For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact

Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

Consumer Advice scams action line on 0808 250 5050

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Fire safety advice visit www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking or call 0800 9237000.

Keep your family safe – test your smoke alarm weekly!

Talking Newspapers – The Whitstable Echo supply talking newspapers for the blind – they come in a resealable pack – please send back once finished. Call 01227 763366.

Talking Books – Books for the blind for a payable subscription – call Calibre on 01296 432 339.

Not sure if you need planning permission? CCC's residential self-assessment forms at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectId=58>

Any errors with details above, or any community information elsewhere in the magazine, let the Clerk know to amend in future editions. Or to add new contacts also let us know!



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What does Rotary mean to you? It's not what you think it is? Why not come and be a part of it?



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Rotary is a fellowship organisation first and foremost and uses the skills, experiences, knowledge and time of its members to help others in so many different and interesting ways. If it's not enjoyable we are doing it wrong! While we meet every week for breakfast at the Golf Club we do not expect everyone to be there all the time; family, work, friends always come first but out of 28 members we normally get 18 turn up each week, as it puts a smile on everyone's face as they then set off for the rest of their day.

Our meetings are not "all business" or very "formal", quite the opposite. They are light hearted, spontaneous and enjoyable, lots of banter, a group of friends catching up on what's gone on since last week and looking forward to next week.

If you look on our website www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk you will get more of a flavour of what we do than I can ever explain here.

If you would like to come along to see for yourself, you would be very welcome. Just contact me, Pete Thomson, at tazmannmcse@hotmail.com There is no obligation involved and if you like what you see we can explain more about what we do, how you can become a part of it and how you could help us make a difference for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you, Pete Thomson, Membership Officer, Rotary Club of Chestfield.

Why not come along—you may enjoy it?

ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise in this magazine? The Magazine goes out quarterly, four times per year to all households in Chestfield (over 1380 properties). Each advertiser also receives a copy (if they require one). Annual rates depend on the size of advert, and space permitting, and start from £50 per year for four editions. If you would like to advertise please contact the Clerk, Amanda Sparkes by email **clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk** or phone 01227 773121. Ideally you will supply your artwork in Microsoft Word format. If you want help with the artwork just ask.

Publication of any advertisement in this magazine does not imply endorsement by Chestfield Parish Council. The Parish Council recommends you seek more than one quotation for works to be undertaken in or around your home. And you may wish to consider checking whether your chosen trader is on Check-A-Trade or similar. Or ask for local references – and follow up on them with previous customers!

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