



Chestfield Golf Club celebrates 100 years in May.

**The Lord Mayor of Canterbury will unveil the Centenary Plaque
at our Clubhouse – on Friday May 3rd 2024 at 5.30pm.**

**Also attending are the Lady Mayoress, Rosie Duffield MP,
Cllr Steve Bailey (Chairman Parish Council),
Cllr James Flanagan and Cllr Peter Old, (Canterbury City
Councillors for Chestfield Ward.**

**We are offering another Community Quiz
on Friday 19 April 2024, for tables of 4 to 6 people.
Chestfield cricket club in Grasmere Road from 7pm.
*More details inside!***

Litter Pick - Sunday 17 March 2024

**If you are able to help, please come to the play park on
Chestfield Road at 11am. (weather permitting) to help for up to
two hours to keep our village in the condition we all want to see.**

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Chairman's Message

A lot has happened since my last message – and not just the usual day to day administrative issues either – but things that many of you have raised concerns about.

I think that my first course of action is to address the certain 'elephant in the room', that being the much-publicised and debated formation of a Whitstable Town Council. As pointed out in previous magazines, and although the relevant forum group comes under the auspices of the CT5 postcode, the targeted district for this is centred towards the NON-PARISHED areas of CT5. I would again reinforce that the possible creation of a Whitstable Town Council does not include Chestfield, as we are a recognised parish council with its own set of statutory regulations as the third-tier governance body. The precept payments that form part of your annual council tax go towards the running of our parish council – a fact that will not change even in the event that a new Town Council is created. I have attended all of the recent meetings and presentations facilitated by the City Council, and at each one this has been targeted towards the non-parished areas (those being Whitstable, Swalecliffe, Tankerton, Seasalter and other outlying areas such as Pean Hill and Yorkletts).

Although these presentations, attended also by representatives from the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC), have been facilitated by CCC, it was made clear that this is purely a legislative point brought upon by the CT5 trustees demonstrating the relevant interest through them obtaining the required number of signatures from the public.

As a current (and largely an established and successful parish council), we of course remain fully supportive of Parish and Town councils and the benefits that this third tier of local government bring, being closest to the people of the areas that they represent.

What has greatly pleased me is the level of feeling that those of you that I have spoken with have unanimously stated that they are more than happy with the current arrangements, and the parish council in general. It is extremely heartening to hear such positive comments towards your parish council and its members (including our clerk Amanda), and I would take this opportunity to personally thank you all for your continued support.

The developers of Bodkin Farm held a further meeting for Maydowns Road residents in January where they presented their updated and revised designs following comments received at the previous meeting last October. This proposes a mixed use development for 300 dwellings, 80 bed care home, secondary school, a local centre with retail units, access off Thanet Way, open space and landscaping. The revised design showed that further consideration had been given towards the layout of the development – a great example of how collaborative thinking works! As previously mentioned, the potential development would also include the building of a new secondary school and sports pitches by Kent County Council – the developers only input of this is to gift the land required. With this in mind, we remain concerned both as to the impact of increased traffic in and around the site entrance, and with it the increased level of pedestrian safety. This is most definitely something that we would be looking to pursue with both CCC and KCC as we remain unconvinced that the current level of thinking is entirely satisfactory from a health and safety perspective. One further concern (although not directly within the development itself) involves the current railway station layout, given that this would in in evidently become possibly the main transport link for any school users – and with it our further concerns for overall road safety.

Further, we also remain conscious of the increased strain on the current drainage infrastructure, not necessarily within the village as the development does not affect this, but the obvious increased impact further ‘downstream’ both at and towards the Swalecliffe pumping station.

Hopefully all of the above served to once again demonstrate the benefits of early engagement with both developers and local authorities. Like I have stated on several occasions, we need to ensure that any potential new development works to our benefit with minimum adverse effect. Indeed, developers have welcomed such early engagement – and we will continue to do so at every given opportunity. The Bodkin Farm application has been lodged with Canterbury City Council however as we go to print it’s waiting validation and a reference number – when this is known we’ll put details on the noticeboards around the village – and we encourage everyone to please let CCC have your views on it.

Likewise the latest draft Regulation 18 Canterbury District Local Plan
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details are expected in March and we'll publish details of that on our noticeboards too – and if available give information out at our Annual Electors meeting on 25 March (see more details on Page 7).

We have also had enquires from many of you as to the future of St. Joseph's Church. Having spoken with Canon Phillip, he has stated that whilst there are no plans to hold services, the future of the building itself remains uncertain, although it is hoped that this may be used for other such (as yet unknown) community purposes.

As Chair of the Parish Council, I was honoured to be invited to the Lord Mayors' civic reception and evensong at the cathedral. The service was led by the Dean of Canterbury, and was attended by many parish council representatives together with past mayors and CCC staff, with the main theme being centred around giving thanks to those who work within the community. I would extend those thanks and prayers to you all, although please excuse me to single out my fellow parish councillors and of course our increasing team of volunteers.

As you will read further within this magazine, we are planning to hold another litter pick day on Sunday 17 March from 11am. This is an 'event' that we hold twice-yearly with the full support of the City Council, and it never ceases to amaze me just how much rubbish we pick up (last time we recovered a wheel complete with tyre, and a fire extinguisher!). If you can spare the time, please feel free to join us on the day – you will be most welcome!!

We are also hoping to hold a community quiz night on Friday 19th April at the Cricket Club. This always proves to be a thoroughly enjoyable and fun night, and is always taken in a good feel spirit of community – so please join us if you can... it is always nice to see new faces.

We are also planning to completely replenish the community herb garden, although would love to hear from you as to what particular herbs you would like to see and enjoy – please feel free to email me directly should you wish.

Steve. (*Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council*)

email: cllrsteve.bailey@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

A warm welcome to the village to the latest newly occupied households in the Grasmere Gardens development receiving and reading this magazine for the first time. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.

Road closures and temporary speed restrictions (40 mph speed limit on the approach to, and then a 20mph speed limit through the works) for up to 7 days

To allow patching and preservation works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on various roads in Canterbury. ***Closures are planned from 18 March 2024, for a period of up to 18 months or until works have been completed. It may be necessary for some of the roads to be closed for multiple occasions for each phase of the works.*** Planned dates will be published in advance of the works on One.Network (<https://one.network/>) and indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days before they start.

Thornden Wood Road, Herne Bay & Chestfield - The road will be closed from Hackington Road to Owls Hatch Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Greenhill Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Chestfield Road, Radfall Hill, Radfall Road, Hackington Road and vice versa.

Molehill Road, Chestfield & Herne Bay - The road will be closed from Thornden Wood Road to Chestfield Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Thornden Wood Road, Greenhill Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Chestfield Road and vice versa.

Radfall Road & Radfall Hill - The road will be closed from South Street to Thornden Wood Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Chestfield Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Greenhill Road, Thornden Wood Road, Hackington Road, Radfall Road, Radfall Hill and vice versa.

Chestfield Road - The road will be closed from South Street to Maydowns Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Chestfield Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Greenhill Road, Thornden Wood Road, Hackington Road, Radfall Road, Radfall Hill, Chestfield Road and vice versa.

A date for your diary!

**The Annual Electors meeting for residents
Monday 25 March 2024 from 7.00pm
at the WI hall in Chestfield Road**

Come and hear the annual reports from your city and county Cllrs, and local organisations – together with the parish council Chairman's annual report. Our guest speaker will give a presentation and answer questions on the Wilder Blean bison project.

And latest news, and if available from CCC any details affecting Chestfield in the CCC latest Canterbury District Local Plan, expected to be out to consultation from March (tbc).

All residents welcome!

For more information, contact the Clerk.

For anyone unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman's report and the Parish Cllrs' paragraphs will be published in the June edition of the Chestfield magazine and Minutes will also be uploaded to the parish council's website shortly after the meeting.

Keeping Chestfield Tidy!



Litter Pick on Sunday 17 March 2024

If you can help, please come to the play park on Chestfield Road at 11am. (weather permitting). The council will arrange for high-viz jackets and litter picking equipment etc. The pick will last no more than a couple of hours. Please do come along and help keep our village in the condition we all want to see.

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Stay safe

gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding

Over 67 000 properties in Kent are at risk of flooding. The Environment Agency Flood Resilience Team has recently undertaken a review of the information they currently hold for our parish. **According to their records, 547 properties are at risk of flooding from the rivers and sea within our parish, and 65% are signed up to receive free flood warnings**

You can find out more about the areas at risk of flooding within your community (including areas at risk of surface water flooding) by visiting [Check the long term flood risk for an area in England - GOV.UK \(flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk\)](https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk) Use this link to sign up for flood warnings and also get the flooding history of a property in England. <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/> - this useful government site shows up to date current flood warnings and alerts. And how to get flood warnings by phone, text or email; how to plan ahead for flooding; what to do in a flood; how to recover after a flood; check your long term flood risk, and Report a Flood.

A 5-day Flood Risk Outlook is at <https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>
Sign up at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Call Floodline for advice (24 hours, 7 days a week) 0345 988 1188

For river levels information online visit:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels> - search by river, town or post code.

<https://riverlevels.uk> - RiverLevels.UK is a full listing of all river level monitoring stations across England, Scotland and Wales, as well as flood alerts and flood risk forecasts from the Flood Forecasting Centre.

There is information about Flood Wardens at

<https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/flood-wardens>

Flood wardens are volunteers trained to help and prepare people in local communities that are at risk of flooding. They play an important role in the preparing a community flood plan and putting it in to practice. They also provide a vital link between a local community and those responsible for responding to a flood.

How do I become a flood warden?

The Environment Agency and Kent Resilience Team provide training. It is free and takes just 2 hours of an evening or at the weekend. The training consists of five key modules.

- Role of a flood warden
- Types of flooding
- Catchment overview
- Flood and weather warnings
- Flood safety awareness

Once the training is complete you will receive a comprehensive handbook, a high-visibility vest and an emergency kit bag for use in your community.

Trained wardens may download the updated flood warden handbook. If you would like a printed copy of this handbook, please contact the Environment Agency Flood Resilience Team

Please note that flood warden training must be completed before you are legally licensed to operate and covered by insurance.

Who do I contact about becoming a flood warden? Please email the Environment Agency Flood Resilience Team to register your interest in the next training sessions at floodresilienceKSLES@environment-agency.gov.uk.

(If you do complete training and become a flood Warden it would be helpful if you would let the parish council know!)

Easter activities for Children and Families @ St John's Church, Swalecliffe and Chestfield

Sunday 24th March 10.00 – mid day Palm Sunday Messy Church

St John's Garden (69 Swalecliffe Court Road) A morning of outdoor crafts and activities with a donkey procession at 11am. Come and find out more about Palm Sunday!

Tuesday 2nd April 3 – 4.30pm Easter Explorers in St John's Garden (69 Swalecliffe Court Rd) Join us for a chocolate fuelled afternoon of outdoor fun! Suggested donation of £1 per person

Friday 5th April 10.00 – mid day Easter Fun Morning in St John's Centre (11 St John's Road). All welcome to come along for a morning of Easter crafts as well as plenty of toys, games and refreshments. Suggested donation of £2 per child.

Tuesday 9th April 3 – 4.30pm Explorers in St John's Garden (69 Swalecliffe Court Rd) Whether you like football, playing in sand or in the mud kitchen or eating s'mores round the campfire or simply need to let off some energy then this is for you! Suggested donation of £1 per person

Friday 12th April 10.00 – mid day Spring Fun Morning in St John's Centre (11 St John's Rd) More crafts, more toys and more refreshments! Suggested donation of £2 per child

All the above activities are designed for families with children primary age and below, no need to book, just come along. For further information contact Jane, Children and Families Minister at St John's on 07761 963971 or jane.myhill@btinternet.com

Community Quiz

We are offering another Community Quiz on

Friday 19 April 2024, with

Steve as our legendary compere.

To be held at the Chestfield cricket club

in Grasmere Road from 7pm.

Tables of 4 to 6 people at £8 per head.

Payment in advance please.

**A Nibbles Platter per table will be provided,
and a raffle will be held too for a local charity.**

Book through the Clerk and any questions too, please ask the Clerk:

Call 07482 962368 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Cessation of Neighbourhood Watch

The Canterbury & District NHW Association is to close, once its 2023 accounts have been finalised. This is sad but inevitable. Support for NHW generally has waned since the Covid pandemic. There are now very few new schemes being created and many of the established ones are closing due to an inability to find replacement coordinators when aged members give up. To compound matters further three members of the Association's committee gave notice that they would be unable to stand for re-election in 2024, and despite repeated pleas no new members could be found to replace them – which meant that, without sufficient trustees, the C&DNHWA charity could not survive. A recent EGM therefore supported the committee's recommendation to close and donate its remaining funds to 3 other charities which support similar objectives to those of NHW, namely Crimestoppers UK, Ourwatch UK and Victim Support UK.

We should stress that neighbourhood watch schemes are continuing both locally and nationally – it is the Canterbury area committee that has ceased.

A Short History of Chestfield Golf Club

Chestfield Golf Club, formerly Shrub Hill Golf Club when founded in 1924, occupies land within the ecclesiastical parish of Swalecliffe. This land formed part of the Chestfield Manor and although not mentioned, by name, in the Domesday Book it was held as Tenant-in-Chief by Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, Earl of Kent. Our Club logo, a bishop's mitre, is a nod to this past history.

The land had many owners and tenants over the centuries but following the death of Thomas Pearce, the land owner, in 1919 and the retirement of the tenant farmer William Goodhew the Chestfield Manor estate was purchased, in April 1920, by George Reeves, a local Whitstable builder. George Reeves could be considered as the 'father' of Chestfield village with his subsequent housing development making the village we know today largely unrecognisable to our early 1924 members.

There was an apocryphal story that George Reeves while walking across Shrub Hill observed the land below ravaged by WWI trenches, a remnant of these trenches remains by the 5th tee and continues through Long Shaw. Believing the land was too expensive to return to cultivation he supposedly envisioned a golf course! Perhaps in his thoughts was the fact that apart from Herne Bay golf course there were no 18-hole courses in the area. The Tankerton and Whitstable Golf Club had a short history from 1908 to the end of WWI. This course was ten minutes' walk from the South Street Halt on the Crab and Winkle railway. The 18-hole course was laid out on land that is today the Grasmere Gardens housing development and the John Wilson Business Park. The clubhouse was situated in Richmond Road. The only other course was the 9-hole Whitstable and Seasalter golf course.

George Reeves and the Whitstable Traders' Association discussed the suitability of developing part of Chestfield Manor estate as an 18-hole golf course being a central position between Herne Bay, Whitstable and Canterbury. Canterbury Golf course did not open until 1929. The Traders' Association were approached on the subject of funding but it transpired that none was forthcoming. It is entirely possible that George Reeves viewed the development of a golf course at Chestfield as an important cornerstone and attraction for his vision of a "garden village". George Reeves nonetheless began construction of Shrub Hill golf course in 1923 employing Abe Mitchell and James Braid as course architects, both being renowned golfers of their day.

Our course opened on April 19th 1924 but an Exhibition Match played on Saturday



May 3rd 1924 can be considered as the official opening of Shrub Hill golf course. The photo opposite, from the Tony Blake archive, shows the original Shrub Hill clubhouse, The Barn, that is a public house and restaurant today. The last century has witnessed several changes including lengthening the course, two changes of ownership and a major redevelopment following the KCC decision agreeing the off-line route for the Whitstable to Herne Bay bypass – the new A299 Thanet Way.

Lengthening the course was carried out over a number of decades adding some 1000 yards to its original build, new bunkers, new tees with greens moved and remodelled. Perhaps one significant change was reversing the 1st and 18th holes from their original 1924 position. The other significant course work resulted from the A299 bypass cutting through the course. The road now passes under the course through a cut-and-cover tunnel. The road construction did not impact our ability to play golf although temporary greens were built and footpaths rerouted while new greens were built. This major disruption was finally completed in June 2000 when the course as we know it today was officially opened and commemorated with a new competition appropriately named the Phoenix Trophy. Extensive building work has taken place over the decades to the Clubhouse, a 15th century Grade 2 listed structure. The internal layout has been extended to provide more space for members changing rooms and to enjoy the 19th hole. Perhaps on a moment of nostalgia it will be remembered by long standing members that the current upstairs dining room originally had a full-size slate bed billiard table, kept level by the regular use of beer mats. Snooker tournaments were a regular feature of club life during winter months .

Our first change of ownership came in 1939 when the golf club was purchased, from George Reeves, by Jack Billmeir CBE. Jack was an enthusiastic golfer and owner of the Stanhope Shipping Company. Over the years of his ownership many improvements were made to the course through his generous donations. He was also responsible for renaming of Chestfield Golf Club. Jack also ensured that the golf course was not lost during WWII by increasing the amount of land on the course for agricultural use thus helping the government wish to provide more home-grown food. Sheep and cattle enclosures were built and every spare inch on land was given over to cereal production. Leaving just the fairways, tees and greens for the members. Thanks to a local group of WWII researchers we know that there were two artillery positions located at the top of Shrub Hill together with trenches facing towards the sea on the 15th fairway, remnants of these trenches are visible today if you look carefully. Jack sadly died whilst playing golf at his local club, Hinkley Common golf course, in 1963.

On Jack's death the future of the club was uncertain however a group led by the then President, Len Sidders MC, moved swiftly to purchase the course and buildings from Jack Billmeirs' estate. Subsequently creating the Chestfield Manor Company Limited that owns the and buildings with the Chestfield (Whitstable) Golf Club as its tenant. Over the last century Chestfield Golf Club was and remains a private members club with new members always welcome.

Throughout our Centenary year multiple events are planned some of which will reflect the decade of our founding, the 1920's.

Dr John Moon (Chestfield Golf Club Centenary Committee).

New – Accessible Walk for wheelchair and pushchair users

Chestfield Parish Council has developed this walk with a resident – it's designed for wheelchair and pushchair users along with children under supervision. The walk is part of its contribution to helping residents have an increasingly healthy lifestyle. It takes in some of our historic buildings and other points of interest. It's 1.6 miles, (2.6km) and takes approximately 30 minutes.

Please note some roads are unadopted, some have warning signs in place about traffic calming (speed humps) and speed limits. Some roads are narrow in places without pavements, so exercise care. The walk starts and finishes at the play park at Chestfield Road, which has free parking, and a well-equipped play area with an accessible roundabout and swing.

1. From the start point at the play park, cross Chestfield Road (The road can be busy – take care of children and keep dogs on a lead) Turn right and walk in the opposite direction to Chestfield railway station to Polo Way.
2. Walk about 100m along Polo Way to the junction with The Leas. Turn right and walk up The Leas until alongside No. 15, you reach a narrow junction. Pass straight through the gap, entering a wide concrete road. Continue straight until reaching The Drive.
3. Take a moment to view the thatched circular structure in the front garden of Peartrees House on your right – this was formerly the village butcher's shop:



The former village butcher's shop

Turn left and continue up the Drive – beware of the road's speed bumps. *Admire the historic houses ahead - Paddock South, The Paddocks, South Tythe Barn and the Manor House and note the original gas lamp to your left also. These ancient houses, made out of the old Tythe Barn were converted in the 1920s and incorporate windows and features from Old Church buildings, including the magnificent stone rose window.*



The Paddocks

4. Continue walking, (the road winds round) until reaching the junction with The Drove:



One of the houses at these crossroads – The Old Manor House is an ancient Manor House. St Thomas Moore's daughter Margaret lived here. A story has it that after her father was beheaded by Henry VIII she buried his head in the Manor Gardens, and it has never been found.

5. Bear right and continue another 100m before entering a footpath on the left opposite Salix Lodge and bounded by high wooden fences on either side. Continue along the path until you reach Birkdale Close.

6. Bear left at this point alongside No. 19 and continue along a footpath – this area is managed by The Fairways Management Co. Ltd. *Please don't litter – and keep an eye out for squirrels!*

Follow the road round – a grassy area with a winding tarmac footpath:



Winding circular path around Birkdale Close -

Look for specimen Oak trees – the age of an oak tree is estimated by its girth – we think some here are over 180 years old. They can live up to 1000 years old!

7. Continue along the circular footpath in a clockwise direction, crossing a small bridge with a pumping station on your left until again reaching Birkdale Close.

8. Bear right along Birkdale Close for 100m (pass Carnoustie Close on your right) until reaching the earlier footpath passing house number 17

on the left. Return along the footpath until reaching the same point as before in The Drove.

9. Turn right, walk 100m (pass the old Chestfield Farm site, now a development of 5 homes – notice attenuation pond with crocodiles, wolf and other curiosities) until again reaching the junction of the Drove and The Drive. Turn left at the crossroad and follow the road ahead until reaching Meadow Drive on your right.

10. OPTIONAL way back –

EITHER (i) Retrace your footsteps to The Leas then onto Polo Way OR (ii) *Although there is a physical staggered barrier at the end which some may find tricky to negotiate* - Walk along Meadow Drive going through the barrier at the public footpath by the property named Manianchira. This takes you into The Russets. Carry along – this joins Polo Way – walk left up Polo Way (pass Beechcroft on the right hand side).

11. Back on Polo Way, follow the road until opposite The Leas you will turn right into The Leas private road.

12. Follow this until you reach Fairlawn/The Leas green on your right. There are more gas lamps around the green – they are now lit with bright LED lights.



Fairlawn/The Leas Green

Walk around the green, exiting left at the top corner. Follow the path until you reach Chestfield Road.

Turn left at Chestfield Road and walk back to the Play Park (Finish).

The walk leaflet is available on our website at chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-parish/circular-walk/

We would appreciate your feedback – and let us know if you would like us to devise any more walks.

Chestfield Historical Timeline

Chestfield possesses a rich heritage full of interesting events and people going back some 5000 years. For example, a partial axe head dating from 3000BC was found when excavating in the vicinity of Ridgeway and Primrose Way. Also, early documents from 724 and 727 show the ownership by St Augustine's Abbey of Swalecliffe and Chestfield. In, 1269, Balsar Farm, now The Barn public house, is recorded as being tenanted by one John Belsyre.

Some eighty further historical dates are contained in Chestfield Historical Timeline which can be found at no cost courtesy of the Chestfield History Society, on the Parish website at

<https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-parish/parish-history/>

National Landscapes – new name for AONBs

All Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in England and Wales, have been renamed National Landscapes. This change emphasizes the significance of these areas and underscores their crucial role in the environment. The new designation aligns with recent legislative changes requiring local authorities to act in ways that benefit and enhance these areas. The goal is to transform National Landscapes into thriving communities working with and for nature, addressing climate change, and promoting health and well-being. The National Landscapes aim to create or restore 100,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat, plant 36,000 hectares of woodland, and focus on habitat restoration for endangered species by 2030. Each National Landscape is actively involved in projects prioritizing well-being, biodiversity, and climate concerns in their respective areas. The transition to National Landscapes is viewed as a positive step towards protecting and enhancing these special places for future generations.

For more information visit: [https://national-landscapes.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR2-](https://national-landscapes.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR2-GbmkalaGIhjZNeFnurK7IDyUXyMVOZ996nIUHOIWkN_iaFhk2kKec3s)

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Rain report for 2022

Resident Barry Vane has again kindly shared his 2023 rain report by month and also previous years. He has been producing this since 2006 for the Golf Club, and thought it may be of interest to villagers. The weather station reporting was a Davis semi professional Vantage Vue. For a link to Barry's site visit

<https://www.awekas.at/en/instrument.php?id=14456>

Barry comments, "2023 rainfall was pretty much an average affair albeit a very wet October, November and December."

2022 rainfall by month	2023 rainfall by month	Barry's rain report by year...
Jan. 17mm Feb. 32mm Mch. 27mm Apr. 13mm May 50mm June 28mm July 11mm Aug. 23mm Sept. 64mm Oct. 43mm Nov. 148mm Dec. 54mm TOTAL = 510mm	Jan. 51mm Feb. 08mm Mch. 74mm Apr. 59mm May 12mm Jun 23mm Jul 48mm Aug 58mm Sep 24mm Oct 94mm Nov. 92mm Dec 72mm TOTAL = 615mm Some very wet some very dry but as you can see overall probably close to an average year.	2006 813mm 2007 870mm 2008 752mm 2009 745mm 2010 667mm 2011 509mm 2012 1138mm 2013 715mm 2014 928mm 2015 628mm 2016 554mm 2017 468mm 2018 685mm 2019 645mm 2020 665mm (Year of Covid) 2021 651mm (Year 2 of Covid) 2022 510mm 2023 615mm Mother nature appears to level it all out !!

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Stocks, 114-118 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, CT5 1NH from 9am till
1pm, or The Playground, Chestfield Road, Chestfield From 10am till
12 noon on Saturday 20th April 2024

Details of items we can accept in working condition:

All types of hand tools for Carpentry, Motor Mechanics (incl Trolley Jacks and Ramps), Builders, Electricians, Plumbing, Engineering, Gardening. Lathes, Bench and Band Saws, Electric Power Tools (Drills, Sanders, Planers), Sewing Machines, Knitting Machines, Motor Powered Mowers, Strimmer's, Chainsaws, cultivators, rotavators. Sewing and Haberdashery items, Laptops or PC's (Windows 7 or later).

We cannot accept: Clothes, Glass Jars, Gas Bottles, Electric hedge cutter's or Lawn Mowers, Lawn Edger's, Lawn Rakes or long handled shears, Cooking items or Printers / Scanners, typewriters, books, bicycles, Embroidery materials, curtains or weaving materials I am afraid.

If you have items available before 20th April 2024 please contact
Andrew Martin on 01227 275778 to arrange delivery / collection.



For more information please
email us at
taurusoxon@btinternet.com or
visit our website
www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk

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A reminder of the 8 key changes to the Highway Code

Eight key changes were made to the Highway Code from 29 January 2022 - Rules for all types of road users were updated to improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses. the following link explains with sub-links to all of the new rules behind the changes: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

The changes followed a [public consultation on a review of The Highway Code to improve road safety for people walking, cycling and riding horses](#). It ran from July to October 2020, with more than 20,000 responses from the public, businesses, and other organisations. Most people who responded were in favour of all the changes. Here is a reminder of 8 of the changes:

1. Hierarchy of road users (new rules are H1, H2, and H3).

There are 3 rules about the new 'hierarchy of road users'. The hierarchy places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy. It does not remove the need for everyone to behave responsibly. It's important that all road users:

- are aware of The Highway Code
- are considerate to other road users
- understand their responsibility for the safety of others

2. People crossing the road at junctions

(New rules H2, 8, 19, 170, 195, and 206). The updated code clarifies that:



- when people are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction, other traffic should give way
- if people have started crossing and traffic wants to turn into the road, the people crossing have priority and the traffic should give way
- people driving, riding a motorcycle or cycling must give way to people on a zebra crossing and people walking and cycling on a parallel crossing. (A parallel crossing is similar to a zebra crossing, but includes a cycle route alongside the black and white stripes.)

3. Walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces (New rules H1, 13, 62, 63)

There is new guidance in the code about routes and spaces which are shared by people walking, cycling and riding horses.

People cycling, riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn vehicle should respect the safety of people walking in these spaces, but people walking should also take care not to obstruct or endanger them.

People cycling are asked to:

- not pass people walking, riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn vehicle closely or at high speed, particularly from behind
- slow down when necessary and let people walking know they are there (for example, by ringing their bell)
- remember that people walking may be deaf, blind or partially sighted
- not pass a horse on the horse's left

4. Positioning in the road when cycling (New rules 67, 213)

There is updated guidance for people cycling about positioning themselves which includes:

- riding in the centre of their lane on quiet roads, in slower-moving traffic and at the approach to junctions or road narrowings
- keeping at least 0.5 metres (just over 1.5 feet) away from the kerb edge (and further where it is safer) when riding on busy roads with vehicles moving faster than them

People cycling in groups - People cycling in groups:

- should be considerate of the needs of other road users when riding in groups
- can ride 2 abreast - and it can be safer to do so, particularly in larger groups or when accompanying children or less experienced riders

People cycling are asked to be aware of people driving behind them and allow them to overtake (for example, by moving into single file or stopping) when it's safe to do so.

People cycling passing parked vehicles -

- take care when passing parked vehicles, leaving enough room (a door's width or 1 metre) to avoid being hit if a car door is opened
- watch out for people walking into their path

5. Overtaking when driving or cycling (New rules 67, 76, 163, 212, 215)

You may cross a double-white line if necessary (provided the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10 mph or less (Rule 129).

There is updated guidance on safe passing distances and speeds for people driving or riding a motorcycle when overtaking vulnerable road users, including:

- leaving at least 1.5 m (5 ft) when overtaking cyclists at speeds of up to 30mph, and giving them more space when overtaking at higher speeds

- passing people riding horses or driving horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space
- allowing at least 2m (6.5 ft) of space and keeping to a low speed when passing people walking in the road (eg, where there's no pavement)

Wait behind them and do not overtake if it's unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.

People cycling passing slower-moving or stationary traffic -

people cycling may pass slower-moving or stationary traffic on their right or left. They should proceed with caution as people driving may not be able to see them. This is particularly important:

- on the approach to junctions
- when deciding whether it is safe to pass lorries or other large vehicles

6. People cycling at junctions - The code now clarifies that when turning into or out of a side road, people cycling should give way to people walking who are crossing or waiting to cross.

There is new advice about new special cycle facilities at some junctions. Some junctions now include small cycle traffic lights at eye-level height, which may allow cyclists to move separately from or before other traffic. People cycling are encouraged to use these facilities where they make their journey safer and easier.

There is also new guidance for people cycling at junctions with no separate facilities. The code recommends that people cycling should proceed as if they were driving a vehicle where there are no separate cyclist facilities. This includes positioning themselves in the centre of their chosen lane, where they feel able to do this safely. This is to:

- make them as visible as possible
- avoid being overtaken where this would be dangerous

People cycling turning right - The code now includes advice for people cycling using junctions where signs and markings tell them to turn right in 2 stages. These are:

- stage 1 - when the traffic lights turn green, go straight ahead to the location marked by a cycle symbol and turn arrow on the road, and then stop and wait
- stage 2 - when the traffic lights on the far side of the junction (now facing the people cycling) turn green, complete the manoeuvre

People cycling have priority when going straight ahead at junctions

The code clarifies that when people cycling are going straight ahead at a junction, they have priority over traffic waiting to turn into or out of a side road, unless road signs or markings indicate otherwise. People cycling are asked to watch out for people driving intending to turn across their path, as

people driving ahead may not be able to see them.

7. People cycling, riding a horse and driving horse-drawn

vehicles on roundabouts (New rules 79, 167, 186) - people driving or riding a motorcycle should give priority to people cycling on roundabouts.

The new guidance will say people driving and or riding a motorcycle should:

- not attempt to overtake people cycling within that person's lane
- allow people cycling to move across their path as they travel around the roundabout

The code already explained that people cycling, riding a horse and driving a horse-drawn vehicle may stay in the left-hand lane of a roundabout when they intend to continue across or around the roundabout. Guidance has been added to explain that people driving should take extra care when entering a roundabout to make sure they do not cut across people cycling, riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn vehicle who are continuing around the roundabout in the left-hand lane.

8. Parking, charging and leaving vehicles

The code recommends a new technique when leaving vehicles. It's sometimes called the 'Dutch Reach' : Where people driving or passengers in a vehicle are able to do so, they should open the door using their hand on the *opposite* side to the door they are opening. For example, using their left hand to open a door on their right-hand side. This will make them turn their head to look over their shoulder behind them. They're then less likely to cause injury to people cycling or riding a motorcycle passing on the road, and people on the pavement.

Using an electric vehicle charge point (New rule 239) - For the first time, the code includes guidance about using electric vehicle charging points. When using one, people should:

- park close to the charge point and avoid creating a trip hazard for people walking from trailing cables
- display a warning sign if you can
- return charging cables and connectors neatly to minimise the danger to other people and avoid creating an obstacle for other road users

Find out about all the changes

In total, 10 sections of The Highway Code have been updated, with 50 rules being added or updated. You can find a summary of all the changes in The Highway Code updates list on GOV.UK.

Read the updated rules – These hyperlinks should work if you log onto the parish council website and view this magazine there:

Rule H1 (Introduction)	Rule 167 (Using the road)
Rule H2 (Introduction)	Rule 170 (Using the road)
Rule H3 (Introduction)	Rule 186 (Using the road)
Rule 8 (Rules for pedestrians)	Rule 195 (Using the road)
Rule 13 (Rules for pedestrians)	Rule 206 (Road users requiring extra care)
Rule 19 (Rules for pedestrians)	Rule 211 (Road users requiring extra care)
Rule 62 (Rules for cyclists)	Rule 212 (Road users requiring extra care)
Rule 63 (Rules for cyclists)	Rule 213 (Road users requiring extra care)
Rule 67 (Rules for cyclists)	Rule 215 (Road users requiring extra care)
Rule 73 (Rules for cyclists)	
Rule 74 (Rules for cyclists)	
Rule 75 (Rules for cyclists)	
Rule 76 (Rules for cyclists)	
Rule 79 (Rules for cyclists)	
Rule 163 (Using the road)	

Stay up to date

The Highway Code is essential reading for everyone - not just learner drivers. Many of the rules in the code are legal requirements, and if you disobey these rules you're committing a criminal offence.

If you do not follow the other rules in the code, it can be used in evidence in court proceedings to establish liability.

You can:

- [read the full updated version of The Highway Code](#), free of charge, on GOV.UK now
- [order an updated copy of The Highway Code book](#) online now - £4.99
- buy an updated copy of The Highway Code book at most high street bookshops. The book has a new cover design so it's easy to recognise.





GRASMERE GARDENS

CHESTFIELD

Application CA/21/02244 granted in March 2022 for appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and internal circulation for Phases 2 and 3 including the erection of 158 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.

We have received the following update from Kitewood, the developer:

GRASMERE GARDENS UPDATE – January 2024

We hope you have had a good start to the New Year.

Work continues at Grasmere Gardens on Phase 1. A number of homes are now occupied and the demand for new homes has increased following the brighter economic forecast.

Phase 2 is about to commence and will deliver 56 private homes and a further 48 affordable homes for Moat Homes.

The onsite and offsite infrastructure design and approval process continues and the offsite works are scheduled for the middle of the year. These will include lane and signalisation enhancements to the Foxgrove Road and Clover Rise junctions interfacing with Thanet Way

We are exploring various options for the area at the north of the site designated for employment uses, and will be coming forward with more detailed proposals in the coming months.

As always, our sales and marketing suite is open 7 days a week from 10am to 5pm and staff are ready to show you the 2, 3 and 4 bedroom showhomes.

Yours sincerely, KITEWOOD



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

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.
Canon 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.

Rev'd Simon Tillotson

Tel: 07833 448287 or 01227 272308

Email: swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or simon@teamvicar.org

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship (with Communion every 1st and 3rd Sundays).

Also

'TOAST' (Time on a Sunday Together) - a short all-age service starting with tea and toast - St John's Centre, St John's Road

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. Telephone 01227 250240

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

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Chestfield WI: President: Sharon Goff: Tel. 07791 696791; Secretary: Mrs J Jewiss 01227 792502 ; and Bookings: Mrs M Champion 07919260596

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

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

Radfall Ride Road Association

Chairman: Mike Brockington 07895 817109 or email mike@brockington.org.uk

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, Whitstable Station, Railway Ave · 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

St. Alphege C of E Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, 01227 272977;

Westmeads Community Infant School, 01227 272995;

Junior Schools in Whitstable

Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed C of E Junior School, 01227 273630

Whitstable Junior School, 01227 272385.

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring 101. 101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Continue to use 999 in any emergency. You can now contact **Kent Police for all Wards and Officers** at <https://www.kent.police.uk> To identify an officer, the postcode can be placed in Find Your Area, and this will bring up the ward for the area. To identify the team and officers for the area click 'On the Team'.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Amanda Sparkes Telephone: 07482 962368 - please call or send a text, or ask the Clerk to call you back to avoid call charges if necessary. 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.

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:* 11 March, 13 May, 08 July, 09 September, 11 November 2024.

Councillor surgeries for residents - Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm - 7.30pm - 11 March, 08 April, 13 May, 10 June, 08 July, none in August (summer recess), 09 September, 14 October, 11 November and 09 December 2024. Plus Annual Electors' Meeting Monday 25 March 2024.*

Your local councillors and their responsibilities:

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman, Highways, Bus/Train services, Social events.
Tel 07483 887760 Email: cllrsteve.bailey@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Chris Brealy, Vice-Chairman, Play Park and Rec Ground, Highways, Environment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling.

Cllr Tricia Chapman, Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training. Community events support

Cllr Anne Loder, Footpaths/ Public rights of way

Cllr David Fitzpatrick, Planning, Highways and Drainage

Cllr Mike Poole, Responsibilities tbc

Cllr Bob Todd, Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning reserve

Cllr Lorraine East, Flood Warden, Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting

One x vacancy – for more details please contact the Clerk.

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

City Councillors

- i) Cllr James Flanagan, Email: James.flanagan@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk
11 Fitzroy Road, Whitstable CT5 2LG. Tel 07807 379289
- ii) Cllr Peter Old, Email: Peter.old@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk
112A Maydowns Road, Chestfield CT5 3LW. Tel 07948 962038

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 07482 962368 and don't forget to leave your name, address and phone number.

Don't put the wrong waste in your bins

If you put the wrong waste in your bins, or there is food, oil, or grease left on items, this is called 'contamination' and CCC's crew will not collect it. CCC Crews will be lifting the lid on recycling bins – red and blue – if they spot contamination, they will not empty the bin or box but leave some information behind in the form of a hanger to explain why. Once the resident has sorted the contamination, that bin will be emptied at the next scheduled collection. It will not count as a missed bin and will not be able to be reported as such.

Common items that contaminate bins include:

- food waste left in packaging - the food should be cleaned off
- paper and card - this must go in your red bin or box
- batteries - these can't go in any household bin as they can explode and start a fire in the bin lorry; they must be taken to your local supermarket or major electrical shop
- nappies, plastic bags and film, crisp packets, salad bags and wrappers, coffee cups, and cartons and Tetra Paks - these must go in your black bin or purple sacks

If you're not sure what item should go where, check at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-and-waste/buy-new-bin-or-box/what-goes-your-bins-or-boxes> . You must remove the wrong waste or clean the items so CCC can empty it on [your next collection day](#).

Contamination of just one bin or box can mean CCC has to reject a whole waste collection round. When this happens, the waste has to be burnt instead. CCC might also have to pay a fine that would mean less money to spend on council services.

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

Whitstable Grattons Petanque Club, Coach and Chair – David Robert

Tel: 07824 399126, Email: davealexrob@yahoo.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

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)* – **01227 947 860**

- 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.

Canenco grounds team can be contacted by emailing

grounds.help@canen.co or calling 07718 045985.

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.

Remember dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too.

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

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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!

Viewing planning applications – Canterbury City Council (CCC) is the planning authority. Residents need to view plans online, although CCC will advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application has a unique reference, such as CA/24/10001 – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 24 is the year the application is registered, and the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year. **To view online:** visit www.canterbury.gov.uk Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications' . Then click on "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 24/10001 only. 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.

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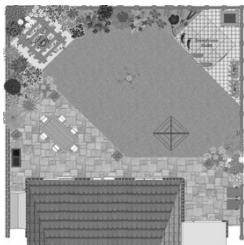
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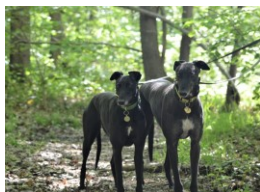
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