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## **Carols on the Green**

**7pm Wednesday 19 December**

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## **Message from your Chairman**

And so, to coin a phrase from a much loved song – ‘another year over’ (well nearly!).

2018 has been a busy year for the parish council, what with the installation of new benches, rubbish bins, footpaths and gym equipment – this combined with all other efforts by your parish council during the year, just goes to demonstrate just how busy a year it’s been.

It also shows that our decision to move the frequency of our meetings to bi-monthly was a correct one, although we do still offer residents’ surgeries each month and we meet as a group ‘catch-up’ on alternate months where we deal with any planning queries.

We have received many favourable comments regarding the new outdoor gym equipment, including from the medical centre who have asked us to promote this on their website. If you haven’t visited the new gym yet, there is something there for all ages, and - as one resident described it - “fun, healthy and free – what more could you want” ?

The upgraded childrens’ play park opened in mid-November after a bit of a delay, but seeing the excitement of everyone thoroughly makes up for it. I was fortunate to be invited to be part of the tender selection committee for this, and our definite brief was to provide an exciting and educational facility – hopefully we have ticked all boxes ? It would be lovely to receive some feedback to pass on to the City Council, so please let us know. Hopefully, now that these works are complete, we will be working with the History Society in the installation of a village timeline to go within the play park itself – having already seen this, I hope that you will find this both interesting and informative for all ages.

We are planning for next year already, with one of our intended projects being to replace many of the existing (slightly worse for wear) road signs around the village. This takes a fair bit of footwork, so if there are areas that you feel are of concern please help by bringing this to our attention.

I was again honoured to represent the parish council in the placing of a poppy wreath on the remembrance plaque at St.Johns Church, which was particularly poignant given the significance of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War. Hopefully many of you had the opportunity

to visit the exhibition of the history behind the plaque – I know how much hard work went into the painstaking research of it !

Our preparations for Christmas are well under way. As usual we will be joining with both St. John's and St. Joseph churches for the annual carol concert in the St. Joseph's grounds at 7pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Last year was a record turn-out which slightly took us by surprise to be honest, and so this time around we are installing additional lighting for your added comfort.

Last year we brought the time forward, and this, coupled with it the last day of term, saw a lot more children present. Each year we try to introduce a new aspect into the carol evening, and this year we thought that it would be lovely to invite the children of the village to play a more active role – so if there are any children that would like to become more involved through the reading of passages or the singing of carols, please drop me an email at [steve801@btinternet.com](mailto:steve801@btinternet.com), and I'll get back to you.

For those of you that haven't attended the carol concert before, it is all very informal and we think is something unique to the area and we think gives a real community feel – and of course all are welcome to join us in the WI Hall for some refreshments after. All are most welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we would ask you all to play your part in lighting up the village in your own way – yes...it's time for the annual Christmas Lights competition again - a hamper for the winning entry (unfortunately those that have won in the last three years' aren't eligible, but please carry on with your great shows!) **Shortlisting by councillors will take place week commencing Monday 10 December 2018 with the final judging taking place on Sunday 16 December and the winners will be awarded a hamper at the Carols event on 19 December 2018.**

On behalf of the parish council may I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

Steve

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

## **BEHIND THE LINES**

We were recently contacted by a long-standing resident about the sudden appearance of double yellow lines almost directly outside of their property.

We advised the resident in question that the parish council had not been consulted prior to the lines being painted, and therefore were unable to assist in this instance.

Could it have been a pre-Halloween prank ? a new landing strip for Santa ? or perhaps even evidence of alien beings ? ..... no - believe it or not, just the product of a City Council traffic order carried out 13 years ago !

### **How are you remembering those you have lost this Christmas?**

Christmas is a time when we not only look forward to spending time with our loved ones but remember fondly those who are not around. The charity, Heart Research UK, is giving you the excuse to sit down, relax and remember them over a cup of tea.

Heart Research UK is the charity dedicated to your heart, funding research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease. Their work would not be possible without the generosity of their supporters, and your memories inspire them to do more.

Remember your loved ones with a donation at Christmas and help others make new memories, like Imogen Tankard (pictured) who had to have a seven-hour open heart surgery operation to correct a rare heart condition at just six months old. Imogen is now 7 and looking forward to spending another Christmas with her family.

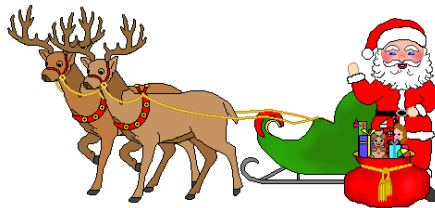
Request your remember pack which includes a cut out bauble to write your memories on and a cup of tea, kindly donated by Tetley, by calling 0113 234 7474 or writing to Heart Research UK, Suite 12D, Josephs Well, Leeds, LS3 1AB. Donate by post, phone or visit [www.heartresearch.org.uk](http://www.heartresearch.org.uk)



# Rotary Club of Chestfield

## CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

### SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018



Father Christmas has advised us that he has a gap in his busy work schedule on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018, between 4-30pm and 8pm, so is going to come along to support our Food and Clothing Collections that day. Sadly he only has a limited time with us so we cannot get to every house in Chestfield so we will be delivering a letter to those houses we can reach in the week leading up to 9th December 2018 in Primrose Way, Lavender Close, Laxton Way, Ellistone Close, Tydemans Avenue, Share & Coulter Road, The Ridings, Kendal Meadow, Lodge Field Road, Churchwood Drive, Longacre, Woodcote, Beechcroft, Polo Way, The Leas, Fairlawn, Green Leas and The Russetts

Father Christmas will be very happy to have his photograph taken on his sleigh with any young (or old) believers.

If you do not receive a letter you can still support the collection by bringing your donation to the Playground Area in Chestfield Road where we will be waiting to receive them on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 between 4-30pm and 7pm. Please ensure all food is "in date" and only supply "soft drinks" (no alcohol). Last year some residents gave a cash donation, which we will happily accept, and use to purchase suitable food / drink items to donate.

The food collected will be made up into food packs to go to deserving individuals / families in the area to help make the Christmas period a little more enjoyable for them as well as Catching Lives and Canterbury Foodbank to help them support the homeless in our area with warm food and drinks over Christmas.

In addition to food and drink we will also collect clean, warm clothing / bedding to go to Catching Lives.

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

Sue Vargyas, Community & Vocational Chairman, Rotary Club of Chestfield  
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| <b>Sun 16th Dec</b>  | 6.30 pm  | Christmas Village Praise in the <b>WI Hall</b> , Chestfield Road                                         |
| <b>Tues 18th Dec</b> | 10.00 am | Carols at Coffee Break in <b>St John's Centre</b> . Until 12.00 noon                                     |
| <b>Weds 19th Dec</b> | 8.00 pm  | Community Carols outside <b>St Joseph's Church, Chestfield</b> (organised by Chestfield Parish Council)  |
| <b>Sun 23rd Dec</b>  | 6.30 pm  | Carols by Candlelight in <b>St John's Church, Swalecliffe Court Drive</b> ( <i>new event</i> )           |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b> | 10.00 am | Holy Communion in <b>St John's Centre, St John's Rd</b>                                                  |
|                      | 3.00 pm  | Crib Service in <b>St John's Church</b> . A service for children of all ages to build our nativity scene |
|                      | 4.30 pm  | Crib Service in <b>St John's Church</b> . A service for children of all ages to build our nativity scene |
|                      | 11.30 pm | First Holy Communion of Christmas in <b>St John's Church</b>                                             |
| <b>Christmas Day</b> | 10.30 am | Family Holy Communion for Christmas Day in <b>St John's Church</b>                                       |



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### **All welcome!**

#### **Scam Mail**

The Royal Mail has asked for help to raise awareness of scam mail. This type of mail is illegal and causes distress. Typically, professional fraudsters send convincing letters designed to trick people out of money or valuables. Often the mail originates from overseas and is hard to detect.

Anyone can receive scam mail.

Royal Mail never knowingly delivers scam mail and has stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail at their distribution centres around the UK before it is posted through letterboxes.

Report scam mail by:

- Writing to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL, enclosing any items that are suspected of being scam mail
- Call the Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0800 0113 466
- Email [scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com)

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

## Community Litter Pick

We held a community litter pick on 30 September 2018 and we thank those residents that took part. We collected several bags of rubbish from various roads and areas around the village. Our volunteers said they had fun – and they asked us to arrange these twice a year in future, which the parish council has agreed to do.



## Countryside Access Wardens

Chestfield has two volunteer Countryside access wardens. One of them, resident, Ken Goddard tells us, “our responsibilities cover public rights of way (PROW), maintaining route markings, cutting back vegetation, maintaining gate hinges to ensure proper closure, helping to keep the PROW clearly marked and accessible for residents and visitors alike. We have been issued with a tool kit suitable to carry out the above tasks. I am happy to receive any **issues within the guidelines above** to be sent to me via Email and if able will resolve or pass it on if required. (Email Ken on [Kengoddard2@aol.com](mailto:Kengoddard2@aol.com)) . We report our activities online, any issues outside of our brief are reported as faults; this allows KCC to monitor the current state of the countryside network and target maintenance effectively. We do not get involved in path surface maintenance or large wayside furniture repairs - these we would report online.”

### **CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website**

[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste\\_and\\_enforcement/31/report\\_flytipping](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 such as overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins**

For reporting issues to Serco – for litter, dog fouling, problems with litter bins or dog bins, people can telephone or ideally do online: Please call Serco on 0800 0319 091. Or report at

[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental\\_problems/119/keeping\\_the\\_district\\_clean](https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean)

For any waste that could cause immediate danger, such as discarded needles and syringes, please call Serco for a rapid response.

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

**Report dog fouling** - Dog fouling can be reported to CCC to be cleared up. 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.

[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental\\_problems/119/keeping\\_the\\_district\\_clean/2](https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean/2)

**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](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 5m<sup>2</sup>

### **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](http://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/>

## **INTERVIEW WITH A LOCAL GUARDIAN ANGEL**

By day, Chestfield residents David Mount and his wife Grace are Divisional Envoys for the Salvation Army.

Whilst the work of this organisation is well known worldwide, David is also an active member of the Canterbury Street Pastors Group.

As David explains: "I became interested in Street Pastors in 2015 via my church and following stringent CRB checks and training I was commissioned in 2016.

Training is run by Ascension Trust who are the National Street Pastors Body. Training is very thorough and takes 50 hours in total over several months.

When we go out on patrol each group consists of a minimum of 3 people (must be mixed men and woman).

If ladies are on their own the female Street Pastor helps that particular lady.

The Senior Street Pastor can arrange transport by taxi or help with phones or finding friends, as well as supplying flip flops or water to deal with sobering up, or shoes issues!

Very seldom is help refused. On occasion abuse has been experienced but this is rare, most people are happy to see and talk to us, and understand that our sole aim is to ensure their comfort and safety.

We offer snacks, water, space blankets to the homeless and generally look out for them. We offer prayer on the street where appropriate, and often explain why we are willing to do this.

During the festive period, and the build-up to Christmas and New Year, the mood is usually very good - people are out for a good time – sometimes too good !

The majority of people appreciate our help and effort but some are rather too inebriated to realise we are trying to help them to keep safe.

We very seldom see the same people time and again, so the people we meet and help are varied. Most are very grateful - many are very drunk !

Our relationship with the Police is extremely good. The Senior Street Pastor is in constant contact with Canterbury City council's CCTV system, which is linked with the Police and other clubs and bars and security staff in the City.

When we are out on patrol, the radio updates us on areas where there is trouble so that we can avoid that area, and also try to keep people away as well".

Whilst the organisation does receive some element of funding from the Police, they predominately rely on donations from the public so to remain self-sufficient.

Many people who we have assisted have contacted us via our website, and have been grateful enough to give a small (but much appreciated) donations.

The table below serves to show what the Canterbury Street Pastor team handed out to assist members of the public in the last six months of 2017 – this years' figures, whilst not yet compiled, are likely to be similar :

| Given Out                | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total |
|--------------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Flip Flops               | 68   | 70     | 55        | 52      | 71       | 46       | 362   |
| Water                    | 38   | 45     | 69        | 46      | 79       | 64       | 341   |
| Space Blankets / Ponchos | 1    | 2      | 19        | 3       | 7        | 8        | 40    |
| Collected                |      |        |           |         |          |          |       |
| Cans                     | 78   | 88     | 245       | 67      | 112      | 112      | 702   |
| Glass Bottles            | 148  | 780    | 238       | 310     | 347      | 127      | 1950  |

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Canterbury Street Pastors, or indeed are interested in becoming a Street Pastor, you can find this information by visiting their website: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/canterbury/> or by visiting their Facebook page (Canterbury Street Pastors) where you will also find lots of information and photographs, as well as testaments from some of the people they have assisted.

Donations can be made via the website or by cheque to St Andrews Church, Watling Street, Canterbury CT1 2UA. (Charity No.1164627), or contact the Canterbury Street Pastor Coordinator (Carol) at [coordinator@canterburystreetpastors.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:coordinator@canterburystreetpastors.onmicrosoft.com).



Photo shows David and Grace Mount with the rest of the Canterbury Street Pastors Group

### **Chestfield children through time.**

Everyone in Chestfield with young children knows we have a new, entirely re-equipped, play area in the centre of the village. What few will think about is where this latest investment in our children stands in the long line of initiatives to support local youngsters. It goes further back than you might image. Since the large increase in local archeological diggings funded as a by-product to the building of the New Thanet Way and local estates in Primrose Way and Churchwood Drive, we know there were several small Roman centres locally, and the Roman writer Juvenal reported the introduction of teachers from across the Channel to feed demand by prosperous Britons to ape their Roman conquerors. The learning of the time was both very different and fundamentally similar to our modern choices of study. Youngsters were trained how to handle the prime media of the day, namely public speaking, with courses in "Rhetoric".

Five hundred years later saw the creation of what was to become the longest continually existing school in the world, the Cathedral School in Canterbury, now Kings School. At the time it consisted of two schools, a Grammar School and a Song School. The Song School was needed to train children in chanting and choral skills. It needed to find the best, its pupils were funded and housed by the Cathedral, so was almost certainly open to talent regardless of wealth. The chances that through the years it took children from around where we now live must be near certain. During the centuries up to and beyond the Norman invasion Church schools copied the French by setting up centres that were both Monasteries and Nunneries, with the responsibility for educating both boys and girls. The girls were not taught to as advanced a level, but we have the evidence of both writing and commerce to show their learning was sometimes the basis of important careers. There are many examples of widows running their late husbands' estates. When Henry VIII got rid of the monasteries and decimated religious education Canterbury was the first and most successful to rebrand itself as a Kings School.

Moving on another 300 years we find evidence of the first school specifically for Swalecliffe. In 1828 a local clergyman, William Chafey, left funds to support a regular Sunday School that went beyond teaching Scripture and seems to have taught reading and writing to local poorer children. Teaching on Sundays only made sense when young children worked as long as their elders, but national laws gradually cut the demands on children to labour. A generation after Chafey's legacy more money was found for a small day school for local boys and girls. The girls were taught sewing as well as basic literacy. Moving on to the 1870s the Foord family, who readers of the new History of Chestfield know bought and lived in our old Manor House for a while, funded a new school. This was a major development, with its own purpose built building, including a home for the leading teacher. The building is now empty and unused, but still stands. It is just north of the Chestfield and Swalecliffe Railway Station. It was opened in 1872, and saw the great changes brought by the introduction of compulsory education, and the take over by the Government of a national system of schooling.

The old school closed 60 years ago when our current Primary School opened.

## **NGS- National Gardens Scheme- Gardens wanted !!!**

My name is Liz Athene,

I am Treasurer of the Whitstable & District Horticultural Society. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the United Reform Church, Middle Wall in Whitstable.

I am trying to organise the NGS(National Garden Scheme) open gardens in Chestfield, similar to the one held in Whitstable each year.

I am looking for people in Chestfield interested in showing their gardens (large or small), one day a year, whilst raising money for charity.

If you think that might be you, please get in touch with me on the email/mobile number below.

We are always looking for new members so you are more than welcome to come along and join us.....

Thank you

07800 889652

[Lizathene68@gmail.com](mailto:Lizathene68@gmail.com)

### **Winter in the garden**

Winter in the garden; job done, for a short time a no-go area. Muddy lawn, dead plants, bare trees; it's cold, glum. Leave it till spring. OK, February; we'll do a bit of pruning in February. And rightly enough we head for the fire, household tasks, gardening books, maybe wrapping Christmas presents.

There's a lot to be said for this point of view. It's kind of inbuilt.

Long ago the disappearance of the sun and the infertility of the earth meant life was in the balance. Dark meant dark, the wind howling was just another example of cosmic callous disregard for human comfort and safety. Cold was a desperately serious business; layers of cloth – in effect rough scratching untreated wool would not necessarily be taken off or changed

until warmth returned, 'Never cast a clout til May be out'. Deprivation opened the door to weakness and disease, confidence was at a low ebb.

In the bleak and murky and freezing forests however, there were awesome signals of power. The holly was as green and shining as ever, its berries blazed through the gloom; the ivy was a determined clinging winding fact; the mistletoe spurting in profusion from its mighty perches was a delicate green and pearl loveliness. No wonder they hung them over their entrances, and in their shacks. And how clever of the early church fathers to appropriate this pagan festival of the winter solstice. And of course one of our oldest carols sings of the holly and the ivy. Even now in Scandanavia, a dense crown of green surrounded by small candles symbolises the longed for return of the sun – giving light, warmth, bringing growth back to the earth. We set up our Christmas trees, and fill them with colour and light. Our most loved child-like festival blazes in the cold and dark.

But there in our gardens, are a multitude of hardy shrubs, trees, roses, and creatures. Not just holly and ivy, but pyrocanthus, cotoneaster, rose hips – sometimes huge; there is the self fertile pernettya – dark green leaves and dark red berries; euonymus 'Red Cascade' in vivid scarlet leaves, with red berries and orange seeds; there is clerodendrum, and callicarpa 'Profusion' - bronze and violet, late and long flowering. Through it all is the carolling of the robin, the blackbird, the scuffling of thrush, wren, starling, the acrobatics of the blue tit, and others. They are residents and visitors. Cats yowl, foxes call, and if we are lucky nowadays, hedgehogs snuffle for food.

And the weather is a living presence. White mists wreath silently and rather beautifully very early in the morning, muting the sound of traffic forced to go a bit more slowly. Frosts sparkle, on the tiles, on the shed ridges, crusting late roses and even the grass; furring them like sable Hardy says. The rain can be a never ending downpour – but who can complain after such a summer? And just occasionally, there is a glowing red sunset - red and orange fire in the sky, strongly defining black-iron tree trunks.

What's dead about this. And what is hope-less. An incredible beautiful season is winter.

## **PLANNING:**

### **CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land off The Ridgeway:**

*On 15 August 2018 the description for the outline application changed to: A mixed use development including up to 300 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment floorspace comprising:*

*Detailed proposals for the erection of 140 residential dwellings, 1 no. Local Area of Play (LAP), vehicular access from Reeves Way and emergency access from Richmond Road, associated internal roads, footpaths and cycleways, open space, associated car park and overspill car park from Reeves Way, pumping station and landscaping.*

*Outline proposal for up to 160 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment (Use Class B1 (a)) with associated parking, allotments, MUGA and open space with all matters reserved except access (excluding internal circulation).*

Back in the summer of 2017, Chestfield Parish Council objected to this outline application. Read the full objection letter on the front page of our website [www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

The decision, by Canterbury City Council on whether to approve it or not, is still awaited. We will of course let you know. The Canterbury District Local Plan, adopted on 13 July 2017, does include Grasmere Pasture as a strategic site for some of the housing required for the District to 2030.

**Viewing planning applications** – residents need to view plans online, although CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/18/00001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 18 is the year the application is registered, the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year, and then the last three letters are an abbreviation for the type of application, for example FUL is a Full application, OUT is Outline and LB is a listed building type application.

**To view online:** visit the city council home page at [www.canterbury.gov.uk](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk). Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications'. Then click on the blue box in the middle "search planning applications". In the search box at the bottom you need to enter the planning application reference number. As explained above each application has a unique reference – but for viewing purposes you need to input just the year and application number in the search box – so in our example input 18/00001 only not the full reference of CA/18/00001/FUL. 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.

**And now for our 'good news' item.....**

Some of you may remember a little lemonade stall on Molehill Road back in September 2018, manned by 5-year old Logan.

Logan's parents have said, "We just wanted to thank all the kind and generous Chestfield residents who stopped, chatted and bought lemonade.

It was lovely to meet so many of you and it's really spurred our five year old's entrepreneurial flair, so watch this space for future enterprises."

A little note from the future Alan Sugar himself....

thank you to  
everybody who  
bought my  
lemonade. I made  
enough money  
to buy the  
rock tumbler I  
was hoping for.  
it's brilliant.  
from Logan

**Have a little time on your hands! Would you like to be more involved in improving your community?**

Rotary is for people who want to help and relate to their community and other communities around the world. Contrary to popular belief it's not just for men, professionals or old people and it isn't old-fashioned or boring or a secret society. In fact, the enormous sense



of achievement you'll experience will be matched only by the fun you'll have doing it, especially with our partner club members in Hazebrouck, France and Cham, Germany. Being a Rotarian, when you are on holiday or away on business there's almost

certain to be a local Rotary club that would welcome you and introduce to you to the locality - and offer help if needed!

We welcome interest from all members of the community that want to meet new like-minded men & women from all walks of life. With your experience, enthusiasm & skills we can make a difference! More information on our website [www.whitstablerotary.org](http://www.whitstablerotary.org)

There are many good works Rotary does, locally, nationally & internationally with 33,000 clubs, in over 200 countries and 1.2 million members.

Why not come along to our Tuesday meetings (18.15) at Chestfield golf club to find out more and meet some of our members - *and* for a great dinner (£15), great conversations and a rewarding & fun evening. At least once a month we have an interesting speaker - ranging from a charity to someone who has an interesting job or hobby. Ofcourse if you prefer a private chat that can easily be organised.

*We cannot change the world BUT we can make a difference!*

You would be most welcome! Contact Kevin Fielding (01227 652498 07500 313187) or Malcolm Ramsey (01843 297119 or 07798 920588)

## **Update on Actions from our Community 2016 Survey**

We continue to progress actions from residents comments made in 2016. An "Areas for Action document" is on our website at <http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>. This Areas for Action document is divided into broad 'themes' :

- (1) Planning and development – major and minor – and householder improvements – and including flooding
- (2) Environment
- (3) Highways, Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian items, including pavements
- (4) Footpaths and Public Rights of Way paths through the village
- (5) Community spirit / feeling connected
- (6) Communications, Parish Magazine, Website and noticeboards
- (7) Health and leisure and Facilities
- (8) The Single Most Thing to change in the village
- (9) One Thing that should be the same in 5 years' time ( 10) All Other comments and (11) Feedback to residents.

Contact the Clerk with questions and more information where this is available. We have also now uploaded a document showing Actions Achieved to Date to our website. Or for a paper copy of this, please contact the Clerk.

## **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](http://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](http://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

Cllr Lorraine East has researched local volunteer transport schemes and found the following:

**Red Zebra** 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 appointments such as Health Centres, Hospitals, Dentists, Chiropodists, Day Centres etc.

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.

When you want to arrange your journey telephone Red Zebra in advance on: 01227 271111 - their volunteers are available to take your calls: Monday – Friday between 10am–12.30pm.

## Chestfield History Society

If you want 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/chestfield history/](http://www.facebook.com/chestfieldhistory/)

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH** Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.  
Father St Aubyn – Tel 01227 272758

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](http://www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk)**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH** Swalecliffe Court Drive.  
Rev. David Vannerley - Tel 07510 838 123

SUNDAYS:

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

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

10.30am Parish Eucharist (except 3rd Sunday: family friendly Morning Praise in the Church Centre, St John's Rd)

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

5.30 Evening Prayer in Church

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

**SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)**

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

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

On the first Sunday of each month we have a joint service with St John's Parish Church in Swalecliffe Free Church, and communion is served on the fourth Sunday each month.

Further details of events at: [www.swalecliffe-free-church.com](http://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](http://www.riversideuk.org)

## **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

### **Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI**

President: Mrs J Silk 01227 634642 ;Secretary: Mrs J Saunders 01227 793210 ; and Bookings: Mrs R Medlock 01227 792447

**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

## Letters, jokes and puzzles

Please email us your jokes and humorous stories, and crosswords for a future edition

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



**JOKE!**

**Where does a policeman live?**

**Answer: 999, Let's Be Avenue!**

## CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Telephone:** 01227 773121 **Email:** [clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.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: 14 January and 11 March 2019*

**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 to 7.30pm - 10 December 2018 and 14 January 2019, 11 February 2019 and 11 March 2019*

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:

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

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

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

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

### **City Councillors**

- i) Cllr Jennifer Samper: Smeeds Farm, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PJ. Tel: 01227 272666
- ii) Cllr Pat Todd: 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH. Tel. 01227 276396

### **County Councillor**

Chestfield's KCC Cllr John Simmonds sadly passed away earlier in 2018. As we go to print we know that the Canterbury North By-Election was to take place on 15 November 2018 with the count being carried out the next day. We will update our county councillor details therefore in the next magazine.

**Kent Police** – In a non-emergency situation ring Kent Police on 101 any time of the day or night, seven days a week.

Chestfield is supported by **PCSO Jade Hoyle** - Jade is the Kent Police's Police Community Support Officer for Chestfield and Swalecliffe but she is on maternity leave currently. While she is away ring Kent Police on 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..

### **New to the village? Or know someone who is?**

Ring the parish council clerk on 01227 773121 or email [clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) for a free 'welcome pack' with information about local councillors, churches, tree works and so on.

## **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** Tel: 01227 793 260  
**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 Tel: 01227 793964  
**ABC Pre-School** Long Rock, Rachel 01227 280444 [enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk)
- **CCC Planning Call Centre** Tel: 01227 862178
- **Canterbury City Council**
- Recycling Information – 01227 862247
- Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections – 0800 031 9091
- Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- **Environment issues: Serco** Ring for syringes in the play park, vandalism, public lavatories, dog fouling and graffiti Tel: 0800 031 9091
- **Fly Tipping on public land - Serco** Tel: 0800 031 9091 or report online at [www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-recycling/flytipping-vandalism-and-public-bins/flytipping-flyposting/](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-recycling/flytipping-vandalism-and-public-bins/flytipping-flyposting/)
- **Emergency Out of Hours CCC** Tel: 01227 781879

**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](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk).

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

**The Environment Agency** : Daytime Office Number Tel: 0870 850 6506; Hot Line for Out of Hours Tel: 0800 807 060 ; Flooding Tel: 0845 988 1188

Email: [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk) Website: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

**Consumer Direct** [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – [www.kent.gov.uk/environment](http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment)

Engine Oil 08708 506506 – [www.oilbankonline.org.uk](http://www.oilbankonline.org.uk)

Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 [www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling](http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling)

Real Nappies Library 0845 3450 210 [www.kent.gov.uk/clothingnappies](http://www.kent.gov.uk/clothingnappies)

Recycling for Kent 0845 345 0210

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Check-A-Trade: [www.checkatrade.com/](http://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>

**Fire safety advice** visit [www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking) or call 0800 9237000.

*Keep your family safe – test your smoke alarm weekly!*

**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!*

# Trees in Conservation Areas

*A reminder that all tree work in a conservation area requires permission from Canterbury City Council. Here is a brief guide to what is required:*

Trees in Conservation Areas are often a very important feature and contribute to the overall character of the area. Special controls on trees exist to help preserve the character.

## What are Conservation Areas?

Conservation Areas are areas of special architectural or historical interest with a character or appearance that is desirable to preserve or enhance. Trees may often contribute to the special character of the area. Most of Chestfield is in a conservation area.

## How do Conservation Areas affect trees?

All trees in a Conservation Area are subject to controls which enable Canterbury city council to protect the special character of the area created by the trees. If trees have a specific Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on them, then the normal Tree Preservation Order controls apply.

## If I want to prune or cut down trees in a Conservation Area what do I have to do?

You must give the city council 6 weeks' notice, in writing, of your intention to do any work to trees in a Conservation Area. You must not carry out any work during the six week period, which starts from the date of your notification to the council, unless you receive written permission to do so.

## How do I give notice?

You can:

- Email the planning department [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) for applications for work to trees with a TPO – or
- Call the planning centre on 01227 862178.
- Applications for work to trees in conservation areas go to the heritage officers' team - Contact the heritage team by email on [heritage@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@canterbury.gov.uk)

- Otherwise write to the city council's arboricultural officer detailing the work you would like to do, at Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

#### **What happens when I give notice?**

Your proposal will be entered in the 'Register of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Areas'.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your notification and the city council may also carry out a site visit to consider the proposed work. The council has six weeks from the date of your Notice to consider your proposal, and decide whether it wishes to serve a Tree Preservation Order to control the proposed work. They will normally contact you again before the six-week period of notice expires. However, if you have not heard from the council by the end of the 6 week period, or if you receive earlier confirmation that they do not object to the proposed work, you may carry out the work that you have described, providing you do so within two years.

#### **Are there any exemptions?**

Yes:

- Trees with a trunk diameter of less than 75 millimetres measured 1.5 metres above ground level,
- Trees that are dead, and
- Trees which are immediately dangerous.

However contact the city council before you do the work as the responsibility is on you to prove that exemptions apply. This can be very difficult after the event and you are advised to take professional arboricultural advice before carrying out any urgent work. It would also help if photographs were taken of the trees and defects which created the need for urgent work. In these circumstances there is a duty under the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) to plant a replacement tree.

#### **What if I do not follow the procedures?**

Work which is not exempt and is carried out without formal notification or within the six week period without the written consent of the council is illegal. The city council may prosecute offenders and fines of up to £20,000 for each tree may be imposed by the Magistrates Court in the event of offenders being convicted of an offence. If proceedings are instituted in the Crown Court fines are unlimited. There is a duty to replace any tree removed without permission.

## **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 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!**

## **Parish Archives to become available at Whitstable Museum**

Chestfield Parish Council was created in 1988. Some old documents were gifted to the Canterbury Cathedral Archives and were then subsequently transferred to the KCC Archives Library in Maidstone around 2010. Documents include Minutes, Magazines and some historic documents, newspaper articles and maps.

The Whitstable Museum and Chestfield History Society have made a request to the parish council that some of the documents be transferred back to or be copied for the Whitstable Museum in order to give residents *local* access. The Whitstable Museum do have a Chestfield archive but would like to add to it. The parish council felt there is merit in having key documents in two places. Certain key documents will be copied (not Minutes).

There will be two visits to Maidstone undertaken – firstly by the Chestfield History Society residents and Whitstable Museum Trustee and then by Cllr Brealy, Cllr Ellis and the Clerk. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Fitzpatrick will then digitalise documents copied and brought back. Old maps will also be requested as electronic versions on CD to be done by KCC. We will keep you updated on this project.

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# Visually impaired?

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

Free transport is available.

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

Kent Association for the Blind | [www.kab.org.uk](http://www.kab.org.uk)

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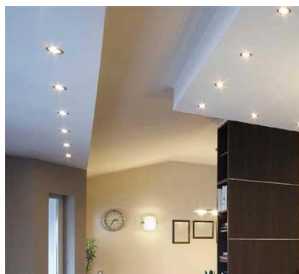
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