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CA/14/01319/OUT - Land at Bodkin Farm, Thanet Way, Chestfield
Outline application for a mixed used development comprising up to 290 dwellings, primary school, restaurant, office building, community building, gym/fitness centre, 24 unit care home, convenience shop, clubhouse/changing room building, and 18.81 ha of parks, amenity greenspace, children's play areas, playing fields, allotments and community woodland and associated access, infrastructure, landscaping and cycle/footways.

Canterbury City Council councillors on the development management committee met on 11 November 2014 and unanimously resolved 10 – 0 to refuse this application.
However Eton College have lodged an appeal (not yet validated as we go to print)

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Ever had one of those “where was I when moments?” Well, I for one will certainly remember Tuesday 11 November 2014 in the Guildhall in Canterbury. It was the night that the city councillors said a very big “NO” to the Bodkin Farm development. In fact, out of the ten members who voted ALL of them voted to refuse the application – although I have to admit I was particularly taken by one councillors comment that actually commended the plan saying “nice plan, wrong place” – the comment couldn’t really sum it up better, but it was certainly the one comment that was indeed the talk of the night over our celebratory pint. No doubt our friends at Eton College will lodge an appeal, but please be assured that we will approach any appeal with the same unity and professionalism that has held us together in such good stead this far. May I take the opportunity through this message to thank everyone who contributed to this result – fellow councillors and parish clerk, consultants, our speedwatch team, all of you that wrote letters of objection and the residents of Maydowns Road.

You may have noticed that finally after almost six years of meetings, emails and phone calls we have managed to install a new interactive speed sign in our village – maybe you have not seen it light up – in which case, thanks for not speeding.

Whilst on the subject of lights (quite loosely but I do try) your parish council are pleased to announce that we will be holding our now infamous Christmas lights competition. This is open to all households irrespective of whether a house has won before or not. Deadline for shortlisting is Wednesday 10 December with the winners being chosen on Sunday 14 December. It never ceases to amaze us how the competition captures the imagination of you all. So best of luck, and thanks for joining in the fun. The winners will receive their hamper at the Christmas Carols service on Wednesday 17 December 2014.

As we come to the end of the year (no I can’t believe it either), we can reflect on yet another good year in terms of what we have achieved. The speedwatch scheme has continued with great success, and in this regard I am delighted to inform you that we have actually slipped

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down the league for police letters generated against speeding drivers – no, this does not mean we have relaxed our activities, but simply means that the message seems to be eventually getting through – don't speed in our village!

We also added a bit of colour with the introduction of new planters within the village. It would be great to install more, so if there are any groups out there that would like to adopt and maintain one, please contact our parish clerk, Amanda. This said, it is quite an arduous process for something which would appear on the surface to be quite simple, so please bear with us.

This year, also saw us arrange the first community quiz night. It was a bit of an unknown as we did not know how well it would be received. But suffice to say, that we are now looking to organise the third one, by growing popular demand! I do the easy bit by setting the questions and compering the proceedings – the real hard workers are behind the scenes, so many thanks to Amanda, Paul, Tricia, Eileen and my partner Karen.

Our volunteers will have received their invitation to our thank you buffet on 12 December 2014. For catering numbers please keep your responses updated. It is our way of showing our appreciation to all of you for all your help over the past year. I make no apology for saying yet again that without our teams of volunteers your parish council would not be as successful as it is.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Steve, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council.

Wanted – a volunteer or volunteers to deliver the magazine to Longtye Drive and Shepherds Walk/Mymms Close

We thank Mr John Page who has delivered the Parish Council magazine to Longtye Drive, Shepherds Walk and Mymms Close for many years but who now has given them up. We would appeal for a replacement volunteer or volunteers to take over these rounds, of 39 and 30 magazines respectively – Please contact the Clerk for more information or if you are able to help.

Solar Farm off Molehill Road

You have probably not failed to notice the new solar farm on land off Molehill Road, between the A299 and A2990 Thanet Way. Vogt Solar Ltd is building a 14.96 MW solar farm on 21.07 hectares (52 acres) here. The solar farm will provide enough clean, safe renewable energy for up to approximately 4,304 homes via the National Grid for the project's life of 25 years and give CO2 savings of over 7,896 tonnes per annum, or 197,400 tonnes over the lifetime of the site.

The site has good irradiation levels. Irradiation is the amount of solar energy that arrives at a specific area at a specific time. The site is almost completely flat, with no building or landscape features that could cause overshadowing. The site is free of any landscape, ecological, archaeological or conservation designations. A 10m buffer zone for the Public Right of Way at the south west corner of the site ensures this route is not impacted upon. Areas of flood risk along the eastern boundary have been avoided, and a flood risk assessment undertaken.

The solar farm site was previously used to sow oil seed rape. Agricultural use will continue alongside energy production, as sheep will graze under and around the arrays. The use of the site is temporary - at the end of the 25 years the fields will be returned to arable production, livestock grazing, or similar.

Soil erosion and degradation of the land will lessen due to reduced agricultural intensification. The biodiversity of the land will significantly improve due to a reduction in the use of fertilizers and herbicides. The land beneath and around the arrays will be sown with species rich grass and a sheep grazing regime will be implemented. As the fields will no longer be sprayed with artificial fertilisers or herbicides, wild flowers will gradually recolonize the areas beneath and around the arrays. This is an ideal regime for allowing rare meadow flowers to become re-established

Once built, the solar farm sits there as a quiet neighbour. Visits to the site will be undertaken three or four times a year to conduct routine maintenance. Landscaping will be undertaken within the appropriate planting season. When the solar farm is decommissioned after 25 years, the arrays, associated cabling, cabinets and fencing will be removed and recycled.

Maydowns Road Sunflowers and Scarecrows competition

I was honoured to be asked once again to judge the entries in Maydowns Road sunflowers and scarecrows competition. On 9 August 2014, Mick Clarke, Chairman of the residents association and I did just that. This year I brought my partner Paul along to enjoy the fun! We started at No 90 where we got off to a good start with a sunflower measuring 7 ft 10. At No 80 another, despite its very small pot, had reached 7ft 7. But Judy Packwood should also be commended for a wonderful WW1 themed scarecrow as a pilot complete with leather jacket and flying goggles and plane propellers.

On to No 69, we encountered a realistic and adorned Geisha girl scarecrow, and in the rear garden a sunflower, which at 5ft4 was a little taller than Helen, its grower! We were slightly side-tracked by the very impressive bulbs from the Daily Mail – giving rise to wonderful Dahlia heads we nicknamed Dahlia mail.

Passing residents doing gardening at No 56 we had to chuckle when we asked if they any sunflowers to judge and were told they had everything but – from runner beans and sweetcorn to rhubarb and raspberries.

On to No 48, Jean Major's WW1 Nurse, surrounded by a very impressive sea of poppies (handmade from paper cake cases), also gave information about medicines used in WW1. The NHS has come a long way since mercury and opium use... Jean also housed a very impressive 9ft3 sunflower.

At Long Ridge, No 40a, we came across a scarecrow celebrating the Tour de France – a commendable effort. At 37a Dave Shaw commented that his 6ft7 sunflower had been planted too early (where last year's was too late) – but we liked his utilisation of the telegraph pole for its support. Paul Matravers at No 37 again made us laugh with the comment that he'd considered making a sunflower out of his lego – his real thing reaching 6ft 5.

For resident Len Radford at No. 14, his highest sunflower was 9ft 11 – there are only inches in this now! Len said he had come third last

year and that we were two weeks too late coming round to judge as the head had dropped somewhat. And the sitting scarecrow nearby at No 12 was very smartly dressed in a pin striped suit.

At No 41, Kay Bond's number one sunflower was a whopping 10ft2 – and she commented that she had done nothing to help them grow! Unlike the sunflower at No 24 – where Jim and Lena jokingly said they had sacrificed two children as fertiliser under theirs to reach its 10ft1. After being disqualified for the last two years they certainly deserve a commendation this year!

They were deemed to have the winning scarecrow entry of the day – an Australian themed billabong scene that had so much to see – from a sheep, fosters lager (no the judges did not accept a bribe), a pool, kangaroo, an Adder, and a Subtractor (calculator) and even a didgeridoo demonstration.

We saw the sunflower at No 72 grown by Alan and Julie and looked after by Mike, their neighbour at No 70. Mick deemed this 7ft8 entry as the winner of the thickest category – although Mike felt that Mick should not get so personal!

Finally, on to Mick Clarke's own entries – a whole bank of very impressive tall sunflowers – the tallest of which reaching 9ft10.

So the results were in: First place No 41 – 10ft2 ; Second place No 24 10ft1; Third place No 14 again! Winners of the scarecrow – No 24 – two prizes this year! Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered – the standards were really high and inventive and great fun.

Looking forward to next year already.....

Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to Chestfield parish council.

Royal Mail Post box in the Sainsburys store, Chestfield

This post box has been closed for months now, apparently as part of the Post Office's cutbacks and not a Sainsbury decision. The parish council has no powers however to get it reinstated.

Boundary Commission review for KCC

The parish council welcomed Guest speaker, KCC Cllr Gibbens, to the 13 October 2014 parish council meeting. Cllr Gibbens attended to give an update on the Local Government Boundary Commission review for KCC that is being undertaken and to take effect from the 2017 elections. He explained he is the Chairman of the Boundary Commission Review Committee.

The Boundary Commission conducts reviews of warding patterns and councillor numbers. The last review was done in 2002-2003 for the 2005 Kent County Council elections. Currently there are 84 members in 72 electoral divisions (some are two member wards). In Kent, the existing average ratio is 1 Member to 13,000 electors, although this varies in different county councils.

Electoral Registration data is monitored annually by the Boundary Commission and they have the power to intervene if there is any significant electoral inequality, defined as:

- 30% of divisions greater than 10% of the average
- One of more division of more than 30% from the average for the authority.

Kent now has significant variances. Cllr Gibbens commented that this is not as easy to rectify as it sounds. The Boundary Commission will look at functions and decide how many Members are needed. They look at three key criteria:

- Governance arrangements of Kent County Council
 - Scrutiny function – how much is actually done and the time spent doing the work
 - Representational role of the Councillors in the community.
- KCC did a survey with all the 84 members and got a high return rate of what they did and the time spent.

There is no discussion about division boundaries at this stage. The aim will be to set these to achieve the same number of electorate per Member. KCC has done its own review on the number of Members needed, based on population forecasts to 2020. The Review Committee has also talked about two member divisions – there are some advantages to have two Members in larger urban areas.

The next steps in the process: Cllr Gibbens thought that in November, his committee should hear back from the Boundary Commission on how many Members they want. The next step then would be public consultation on electoral division boundaries. This would be judged on statutory criteria of:

- Electoral equality for voters
- Preserving interests and identities of local communities
- Effective and convenient local government

Cllr Gibbens confirmed the outcome is not pre-determined and he also confirmed that parish council boundaries will not change.

Timetable: The public consultation on boundaries and boundary changes will run until at least the end of January 2015. KCC, parish councils, residents associations and residents can all make representations. Then there is Parliamentary Scrutiny and Implementation at the County Elections in 2017.

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A rare sight – a very special squirrel

On 30 September 2014, a resident drove along Chestfield Road and near Cherry Orchard, saw a totally white squirrel with bright red eyes. She went home and 'googled' white squirrel and saw that they have made national news in the last year in other counties.

Editors notes:

It is estimated there are three to five million grey squirrels in the UK and one in 100,000 are born albino - meaning there could be less than 50 in the wild at any one time.

Albinism is due to gene mutations which affect the production of pigmentation.

The rare animals have a tough time in their habitat, losing any natural benefits of camouflage. They may also be rejected by others of their kind.

Be a responsible dog owner - Please pick up after your dog – he would if he could. Make our fields and paths safe for use by all by doing so, and don't rely on someone else picking up your mess.

Chestfield – the fake Village?

Whitstable Times 15th June 1979. ***“Chestfield Village is a fake, but a very clever one. A quick drive through the area could have you believe it was steeped in rusticity. But the number of apparently genuine country manor homes and cottages dotted around the oldest part would soon tip you off that things were not as they seemed.”***

The illustrated half page spread that opens with these words tells us how the growth of Chestfield was not welcomed by everybody. The new Chestfield History Society is working through a lot of material that has been found and loaned by members, especially newspaper cuttings and photos, so we know this was one side of a disagreement where the opposition was represented by the Chestfield Preservation Society. Founded in 1966, it was later to be reinvented as the Chestfield Society, which itself campaigned for and was replaced by the current Parish Council.

Chestfield Preservation Society is quoted, again by the Whitstable Times, with a completely different view. ***“Chestfield is really a Doomsday hamlet. It did not change much from around Elizabethan times to around 1920. The new houses were in keeping with the Elizabethan buildings. We in the Society believe that development is inevitable but want to keep it in character with the rest of Chestfield.”***

The Preservation Society was not successful in its architectural ambitions, although one thing it did achieve was the planting of trees to hide the new 1970s telephone exchange at the corner of Molehill Rd. It was also successful in planting the idea that the place we live dates back a thousand years or so, and it is because of the Preservation Society that today's village sign swinging by the Recreation Ground's border with Chestfield Rd has 1066 written on it, while there is more evidence to support a date of 1920, which was when George Reeves bought the land and started his multitude of new schemes.

But choice of dates is always about what you think is important. A reasonable choice is when the Chestfield itself was first mentioned, which was in 1347. Like 1920. Like 1920 it was a time that favoured the growth of new kind of wealth. James de Cestville bought land that had previously



funded a knight and his armed servants for military service when the king required them. Instead de Cestville took the name of our village as his new “lord of the manor” title, and his partner Cluse (from which we get Clowse Wood) would pay a larger tax instead of offering military service. Making Chestfield manor was well placed to make money because as well as farming there was money to be had by harvesting wood and maintaining a “radfall” or ditch-lined driving route for pigs, geese and other animals to be herded down to Canterbury. Half a millennium later, in the times up to the First World War, land dropped and dropped in value as imported food undercut local farm production. Businessmen could buy it cheap and in the time before planning laws were passed they could easily build houses for profit. So George Reeves followed more than one long tradition. He seized the moment to make his fortune and, through re-naming his new home, Chestfield Farm, as “Chestfield Manor House” he used established notions of land ownership to gain status.

The History Society is searching out old and new documents to flesh out Chestfield’s history, building on the published work of Flavia Taylor, Tony Blake and Christopher Scoble. For the last century this includes photos as much as maps or written records, and now of course we can include audio oral history. The photo record shows how for quite a long time Chestfield was not the continuous built up area we now take for granted, but a patchwork of small developments. Our inheritance today is the continuing interest in small local Associations, from Maydowns Rd to Broomfield Gate. This is unconsciously reinforced by the first of the Whitstable Times quotes above “the number of apparently genuine country manor homes and cottages *dotted around* the oldest part (of Chestfield)”. The photo collection includes street scenes that in their own way show how we have this great mix of change and continuity. One of our favourites is the local bus (even then a Number 5) starting its journey from Chestfield down towards Canterbury. Among other things, look at the width of Chestfield Rd.

If you want to join Chestfield History Society look at the website www.chestfield.weebly.com , where there is a contact form at the bottom of the Home Page. You can also phone Councilor Ellis on 792788 or get a form from Swalecliffe Library.

Cllr's son cycling solo 240 miles to Nottingham to raise funds

This is a heart-warming article about Cllr Tricia Chapman's niece Georgia and son, David. Georgia has a twin Freya and they were born in August last year.

Georgia was born with a large brown birthmark on her body, known as Congenital Melanocytic Naevus. It is similar to a mole but covers a much larger percentage of her body capacity and doctors say it can lead to complications such as an increased risk of malignancy and involvement of the brain and spinal cord (neurocutaneous melanosis).



Caring Matters Now was set up by a CMN sufferer in 1998 to help support other sufferers and their families to raise awareness of the condition and raise funds for the CMN research. It costs £30,000 a year to fund research at the Great Ormond Street hospital in London. Money for research comes solely from donations and fundraisers of families of those affected by CMN. Dave Chapman, Georgia's cousin, says, "I was privileged to take part in a fundraising day last July which helped to raise funds to assist with the vital research required to learn more about this condition. Three years ago, I was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis (UC), a long term bowel disease which can cause me severe abdominal pain and low energy levels. The support and ongoing research into this condition by the National Association of Crohns and Colitis (NACC) has enabled me to live a relatively normal, healthy life by calming my symptoms through medication. I want to help promote a similar level of understanding and awareness into CMN and raise more funds for this worthy charity by doing the sponsored cycle ride in October 2014, cycling solo, 240 miles over four days, to Nottingham travelling through Kent, Essex, Cambridge, Northampton, Loughborough and Nottingham. All monies raised from this ride will be donated to CMN, and so far David has raised over £1,400.

If you would like to make a donation to this small charity to allow more research into this condition to help Georgia and children like her to lead normal healthy lives visit <https://www.justgiving.com/georgiasride/>

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Rotary Club of Chestfield
CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CLOTHING COLLECTIONS
SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2014



Father Christmas has advised us that he has a gap in his busy work schedule on 14th December 2014, 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 14th December 2014.

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

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 14th December 2014 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. Any remaining food will go to Porchlight / Catching Lives in Canterbury 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 Porchlight / Catching Lives.

For more details on roads we are collecting from please go to

www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk

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.

Elaine Young, Community & Vocational Chairman, Rotary Club of Chestfield

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Dennis finally arrives!



Chestfield Cricket Club were pleased to take delivery of a brand new Dennis Ultra mower following a difficult start to the 2014 season when their existing ageing mowers decided to give up. The club embarked on major fund raising activities to secure the funds needed to replace the ageing equipment to ensure that they could produce the best possibly wickets.

Special thanks goes to Chestfield Parish Council and the support and backing provided by Chairman Steve Bailey, who together with Kent County Council members Mark Dance and Mike Harrison were instrumental in making a massive contribution to our fund.

Pictured with Dennis above are Parish Councillors Steve Bailey and Chris Brealy and Kent County Councillor Mike Harrison, together with John Burgess and his son from Space Saver Storage who made a significant donation and was representing other club

members/parents who also made much needed contributions along with Andy Whittington on behalf of Grasmere Park Cricket Club. They are accompanied by Brian Jelfs the Club's secretary and our two groundsmen Patrick Knowles and Paul Gibson.

Chestfield Cricket Club are extremely grateful for all those who helped in raising the funds required without which producing the 90 plus pitches may have proved near on impossible and would have put at risk a valuable community facility currently enjoyed by over 200 members and the wider East Kent community that we entertain throughout the Cricket season.

Thank you, Paul Jordan - Chairman Chestfield Cricket Club

Chestfield Cricket Club – venue for hire

The club is available for hire for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, children's parties and of course cricket matches should a resident, company, charity or organisation wish to hire the club. Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary for more information - Mr Brian Jelfs on 01227 751020 or by email at brian.jelfs3@btinternet.com

Chestfield Cricket Club – welcome any new members

The club welcomes new and future members, playing and social. If there is anyone in the village that would like to play competitive cricket, then they can contact the Club Secretary for more information - Mr Brian Jelfs on 01227 751020 or by email at brian.jelfs3@btinternet.com

The Club has a well attended Junior section, they always welcome new members at any time during the year. They have winter indoor teams for both Junior and Senior players along with an ongoing training/coaching calendar.

For more information take a look at the club online at [**www.chestfieldcc.co.uk**](http://www.chestfieldcc.co.uk)

Chestfield Youth Club

Open to young people aged 10-18, the club runs every first and third Thursday of each month, at the WI hall Chestfield Road. Winter sessions run 6.30pm-8pm and summer sessions 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All welcome!

There will be a Christmas break with the last session 4 December and the Club resuming in the new year from 15 January 2015.

A small subscription of £1 per child per session applies.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help run sessions - you need to be over 18 and enthusiastic about young people - for more details contact the youth club leaders by email **chestfield.youthclub@gmail.com** or via the parish council Clerk.

The boring bit: Please note a Registration form with your details and emergency contact details, signed by a parent/guardian will be required.

These will be available at the sessions or contact the Clerk, Amanda Sparkes, on 01227 773121 or clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Pavements in Shepherds Walk, Old Ford and Woodvale Avenue

In November 2012 the council explored with residents, Kent Highways' offer to add the old slabbed pavements in these roads to a rolling programme for tarmac replacements. Most residents were happy with the suggestion and it went on the 'wish list'.

However we have been advised that the scheme idea will not go ahead now, due to budget cuts and changes in priorities and criteria.

However, the Clerk undertook a site visit with a highways officer on 19 September 2014 and some small sections with problematic paving have been reported by the Clerk, and the weeds between slabs in Mymms Close and Woodvale Avenue also reported.



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Volunteers are needed urgently in this area – could you spare just 3 hours per week during term time? Children's lives can be changed forever by helping them become confident readers.

If you would like more information please telephone Beanstalk on 01233 637645 or email kent@beanstalkcharity.org.uk. To see more information go to www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk



Police Contact Points - Discuss any policing issues with a local neighbourhood officer; Get expert crime prevention advice; Have your say on local policing; or pick up a free crime prevention item (subject to availability). Police contact points are available fortnightly on Thursdays at B&Q car park, Chestfield. From 5pm-6pm. Further details on the initiative, locations, dates and timings are available online at

http://www.kent.police.uk/contact_us/police_contact_points/police_contact_points.html If anyone is unable to access the internet and would like more details contact the Clerk.

Contact Kent Police on the website **www.kent.police.uk** On twitter **@kentpolicecbury** . Call **999** in an emergency, or if you are deaf or speech-impaired, text 'Police' and your message to **60066**, or call **101** to report a non-urgent crime or contact your local officer

Letters to the council

Is the seagull as guilty as painted? (A response to the letter in September 2014 edition) - I can understand the distress it may cause some people to have large birds nearby but we are very fortunate to live close to the sea and must expect to see them. To be able to see Gulls effortlessly gliding across the sky is magic but in some people's eyes the Gulls have taken on the mantle of villains in our gardens from the Magpies because of their natural behaviour.

Nesting locally is all down to us humans who are squeezing them out of their natural nesting places. We then provide them with alternative nesting sites in the form of ledges and valleys on the roofs of our houses. When young birds first leave the nest it is imperative that they fly immediately or they become easy prey for larger birds, cats and foxes. Gulls nesting away from the sea, which gives them some protection, have to be encouraged to fly by their parents in a way that to the onlooker appears to be aggressive.

Any truly aggressive behaviour by the birds is natural in all animal species, including humans, to protect the young from any perceived threat.

If people choose to feed BIRDS, they can't feed just one species and it is because they love to see the birds (including a Gull or two) to make an actually appearance in their garden.

Bird mess, if any, is likewise not the sole responsibility of the Gulls as they are not the only birds that happen to fly over.

Nobody ever complains about the early morning disturbance of the 'Dawn Chorus' because it is also both a delight and a naturally expected thing in the springtime.

Our wildlife is being squeezed enough from all sides so we should be thankful that we still have some, so 'Live & Let Live' and enjoy it while we can.

Name and address supplied

Illegal parking on Chestfield Road

What can we do about the inconsiderate people who park on the double yellow lines on the Chestfield Road?

Often when the WI Hall is in use, there are several cars who ignore the parking restrictions making exiting from The Leas onto the main road an absolute hazard! We worked hard to have the yellow lines put in place for everyone's safety; but they are being ignored. Apart from the yellow lines it is illegal to park either side or opposite a junction anyway!!!

This really is an accident waiting to happen!! On behalf of the residents of Green Leas, Fairlawn and The Leas how do we make people realise their responsibilities? .

Name and address supplied

Burglars mess with your head not just your home

Don't let them in. Samantha's story...

“A few weeks ago I arrived home from work and instantly knew something was wrong. Then I saw the mess. I must have gone into shock because I felt like I was living in a bubble for a few days. Now I may never see what was taken again. Some of my mother's jewellery, my laptop, my designer bag.

But it's what those items mean to me which makes it worse and knowing I could've helped prevent it. The expensive items I'd saved up so long to buy. All of my family photos. Things that held so much sentimental value. Whoever it was got in round the back. My curtains were still drawn so it was obvious I'd left in a hurry. The side gate was left open after putting the bins out too. They even used my garden tools to break the back door.

They knew what they were doing, it was daylight. They saw an easy opportunity and took it.”

Kent Police is asking residents to take simple measures to protect themselves from becoming a victim of burglary.

Overall the force has seen a positive decrease in this type of crime, but statistics show the number of reports can increase during autumn months.

Most burglaries happen during daylight hours, with offences often peaking at about 11am, so while you're hard at work, burglars are too. Most burglars are opportunists, so it is important to ensure the security measures taken at night are also taken before you leave home in the morning.

From experience, the police know burglary can leave victims feeling scared and anxious long after the crime has been committed.

To help reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim officers are asking residents to work with them by following these key principles:

Light it

- Light dark or hidden entrances with low wattage security lighting
- Use timer switches to turn on lights/radio – invest in a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb

Lock it

- Keep your front and back windows and doors locked (double lock uPVC)
- Keep side gates locked – burglars often break into homes from the garden where they have less chance of being seen
- If bins are emptied before you leave for work return them to your garden – they can be used as climbing aids if left on display - Instead use bins as obstructions in side entrances
- Trim high hedging/plant growth – they could provide cover for a burglar
- Secure your garage and shed – items inside can be just as tempting and can even be used to break in
- If you get the train ensure your car is locked, windows are closed and keys are not left on display through windows
- Don't keep large amounts of money or jewellery at home. If you have to, use a safe that is stored out of sight and fixed to a solid floor

List it

All valuable items should be registered for free on

www.immobilise.com – logging details helps police to return them to you if they are found or seized. These include:

- Expensive jewellery and antiques
- Bicycles
- Laptops, desktop computers and tablets
- Mobile phones and MP3 players
- Home entertainment systems including TVs and games consoles

If you would like to find out more about protecting your property, visit **www.kent.police.uk/burglary**

Parish Council Precept Budget for 2015-2016

Administration	
WI Hall rental	490
Office rental	2950
Office supplies	1600
4-Yearly Elections - to be paid from ear marked reserve	0
Insurance	825
Councillor's training and mileage	500
Chairman's allowance (This is not paid to the Chairman and covers thank you buffet to volunteers etc)	1500
Communications	
Telephone	650
Postage	850
Broadband and domain name renewal	360
Donations	
Donations to local organisations	500
Subscriptions	
Paid to Kent Association of local councils, Society of local council clerks, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Action with Communities in Rural Kent, and Navigus Planning	1585
Projects	
Magazine Production (cost offset by advertisers income)	1200
Christmas Activities: Tree / Lights, Carol Service, Christmas Lights competition	400
Bulbs/Rose replacements	70
Speedwatch - for new handheld gun	1800
Youth Club	600
Noticeboards (New and maintenance)	500
Outdoor Gym maintenance	600
Grass cutting of PROWs and circular walk	3250
NEW PROJECTS	2278

Community Quiz	1000
Servicing	
Computer/Office equipment and PAT testing	310
Administrative, Services and Staffing	
Audit Commission, Internal Audit, Clerk salary, PAYE tax, National insurance (employee and employer) contributions, PAYE calculations, Pension scheme employee and employer contributions	35682
Staffing contingency	500
Total budget - just under a 1 % increase	60000

What to do in an Emergency - Heavy Snow and Extreme Cold

Be Prepared - Make sure you've enough insulation around your water tank(s), loft and external water pipes

Check you have de-icer, salt/grit and the necessary tools to keep your home safe and clear of snow

Keep your heating to the right temperature e.g. 18 Degrees or 65 Fahrenheit bedroom and 21 Degrees or 70 Fahrenheit dayroom

Register for cold weather alerts – email cold_weather_alerts@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Walking Outdoors

- Wear several layers to avoid losing heat – and cover your head
- Keep moving your arms and legs to help blood circulate
- Wear practical footwear that's warm and has a good grip
- Consider using a walking stick to help you balance

Travelling

Consider whether you really need to make the journey. If snow or ice is forecast, make sure you and your car are fully prepared for the trip: Take warm clothes, food, water, fully charged mobile phone, torch, spade and possibly a reflective jacket. Tell somebody when you expect to arrive and the route you plan to take. Make sure there's enough screenwash in the washers. Try to wait for the roads to be treated/gritted before setting off (remember, not all roads will be treated)

Check the Highway Code for advice on driving on ice and snow. The main points are: Slow down. Allow extra room – it can take 10 times longer to stop in these conditions. If you start to skid, ease gently off the accelerator and avoid braking. If braking is necessary, pump the breaks, don't slam them on. If you get stuck, stay with your car and tie something brightly coloured to the aerial

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Should the membership increase to over 250 then the prizes will go up accordingly

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Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

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A happy and blessed CHRISTMAS from St John the Baptist Church, Swalecliffe with Chestfield

Advent and Christmas events at St John the Baptist Church

Sunday 30 Nov – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – Advent Craft and Bake for all ages in the St John the Baptist Church Centre. Contact 794500 (daytime) or 276725 (evenings and weekends).

Sunday 7 Dec – 4.00pm – Christingle Service

Sunday 14 Dec – 4.30pm – Carols by Candlelight at Swalecliffe Free Church, followed by refreshments (joint service)

Wednesday 17 Dec – 8.00pm – Community Carols Round the Christmas Tree outside St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Chestfield Road (organised by Chestfield Parish Council), followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the WI Hall, Chestfield Road. All welcome.

Sunday 21 Dec – 6.30pm – Service of lessons & carols, WI Hall Chestfield Rd

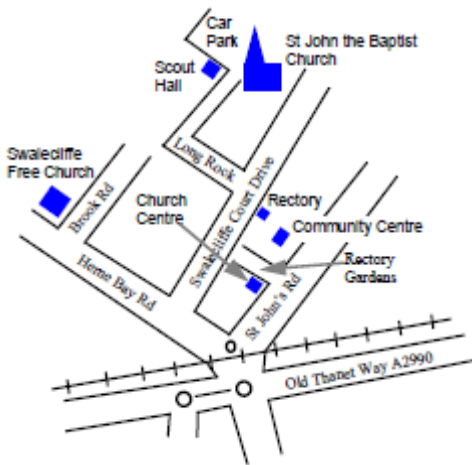
Tuesday 23 Dec- 10.00am – Christmas Coffee Break in St John the Baptist Centre – until 12.00 noon.

Christmas Eve – 3.00pm – Crib Service; 4.30pm Crib Service;

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day – 10.30am – Family Communion for Christmas Day

Where to find us



A new Vicar, The Rev. David Vannerley, has just been appointed to St. John's, and will be working alongside a yet to be appointed Children and Families Minister, and we hope these appointments will help meet the needs of the those of all ages living within the District. David, who was formerly working at St. Laurence Church Ramsgate can be reached on 07510838123 until he moves into the Rectory, which is currently not quite ready. The churchwardens, Stewart and Amanda can also be used as points of contact on 01227 792965 or 01227 264898

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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

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Swalecliffe Court Drive. Rev. David Vannerley - Tel 07510 838 123

SUNDAYS

8.00am Traditional language (1st and 3rd Sundays)

10.30am The **main service** Parish Eucharist (except the first Sunday of the month when we join with the Swalecliffe Free (Baptist) Church, Herne Bay Rd

6.30pm Evening Prayer

The **fourth Sunday** of the month is Village Praise, a special service in Chestfield at 6.30pm in the WI Hall, Chestfield Road.

WEDNESDAYS

10.00AM Communion at the Church Centre, 11 St. John's Road
Swalecliffe (next to the Barbers and Chemist on the corner with Rectory Gardens)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

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Further details of event can be found on our website:
www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI

President: Mrs P Joseph	01227 791878
Secretary: Mrs H Torrison	01795 531456
Bookings: Mrs R Medlock	01227 792447

Neighbourhood Watch

Information: Cllr L. Claisse	Tel: 01227 793740
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Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

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

Maydowns Road Residents Association

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

DIARY DATES

Amanda Sparkes – Clerk to the Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are open to all residents of the parish.

There is an opportunity to ask questions with Parish Councillors, or make comments on current issues. Minutes of the previous meetings can be found on www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, and have a specific query, please telephone the Clerk on 01227 773121.

Please note that the full minutes and most appendices are available at each meeting for members of the public

Meetings are held at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and commence at 7:30pm. The Hall is open from 7:00pm when current planning applications are available to view.

The next meetings are: 8 December 2014, 12 January, 09 February, 09 March 2015, 13 April, 27 April 2015 – the elector's meeting / Annual Parish Meeting, 11 May, 8 June, 29 June – extra meeting due to changes in July: No meeting in July – summer recess, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 09 November and 14 December 2015.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are usually held on the **second** Monday in the month. Notices are posted on the village notice boards, and dates are included on the website www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk and in the village magazine
All parishioners are welcome to attend Meetings which are held in the WI Hall, Chestfield Road from **7:30pm**. Doors open at **7:00pm** when planning applications are viewable.

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Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate
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LEN CLAISSE 17 Chestfield Road Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3LJ T: 01227 793740 ljclaisse@tiscali.co.uk (Planning, Magazine Distribution, Bus and Train services, horticulture/ bulbs and KALC Representative	EILEEN WATKINS 28 Richmond Road Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3EW Eileen.jay@talktalk.net (Tree Warden, bulbs, planning and KALC Area Committee Representative)	ADRIAN YOUNG 22 Plantation Road Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3LJ Adrianyoung180@gmail.com T. 01227 657532 (Policing, and Emergency Plan)
JOE HUNTER 11 Dukeswood Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3EN T. 01227 794909 Drjoe.hunter@hotmail.co.uk (Highways, Footpaths and Cycle Paths)	CHRISTOPHER ELLIS South Tythe Barn The Drive, Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3NS Mailforcje@gmail.com (Planning, Circular walk, & Website/IT)	ALEX CANDY 107 Chestfield Road Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3LT 07738 165130 alexcandy@me.com Planning, speedwatch, environment

If you have any difficulty contacting a Cllr contact the Clerk.

City Councillors

Cllr Jennifer Samper – Smeeds Farm, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PJ

Tel: 01227 272666

Cllr Ian Thomas – 37 Elmwood Close, Whitstable, CT5 2QR. 01227 793057

Cllr Pat Todd – 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH. 01227 276396

County Councillors

KCC Cllr Mark Dance – Santa Cristina, 76 St Mary's Grove, Whitstable

CT5 4AB Tel: 01227 770837

KCC Cllr Mike Harrison – 4 Tower Hill, Whitstable, CT5 2BW

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Chestfield Cricket Club	Tel: 01227 793 260	
Chestfield Golf Club	General Manager, Alan Briggs	Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560
Whitstable Rugby Club	Mr Bob Tomlinson	Tel: 01227 793329
Whitstable Junior Football Club	Boys from 7-13,	Mr R Parr Tel: 01227 265471
6th Whitstable Scout Group	Long Rock, Swalecliffe	
	Group Scout Leader Tessa Dale	Tel: 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, Swalecliffe, Rachel Shulver	01227 280444
	enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk	
Whitstable Volunteer Centre		Tel: 01227 772248
Canterbury City Council Local Planning Authority		Tel: 01227 862178
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Canterbury City Council		
	For reporting problems and making comments on services	Tel: 0800 031 9091
	To report broken stiles	Tel: 0845 345 0210
Southern Water Services		
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Victim Support	– Bridget Blackford-Reed	Tel: 0845 389 9527
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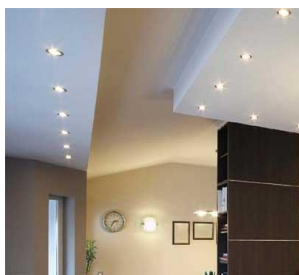
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