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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

As you are aware, this year celebrates the 25th anniversary of Chestfield Parish Council – there have been many differing council members throughout this time including 12 Chairmen and over 60 councillors, but for 17 of those years one man has been an integral part of our Council.

Cllr. Len Claisse needs little or no introduction to anyone in the village such is the respect that his efforts and services have commanded through the years. With this in mind, we thought that we should show our thanks to Len on behalf of the community with the presentation of an engraved vase depicting the Council logo – a true one-off for a true one-off gentleman !

And what use is a vase without flowers to go in it? Well, we thought of that too – and a large bouquet was promptly delivered for his dear wife Pam the next morning !

I am honoured to report that I have accepted my re-election into the post of Parish Council Chairman for a further year of office – it is a pleasure to serve on the council with so many good friends and colleagues, and I can assure you that I will endeavor to keep the community spirit alive and well.

Being the start of a new term, this issue of the magazine includes a full synopsis of the past year, and therefore is pretty much one big report – an interesting one...even if I am a little biased !!!

Apologies for the lack of puzzles this time around – there just wasn't the space – hopefully we're forgiven this once?

Since the last issue, we have received a few comments regarding inaccurate information being printed particularly with regard to local contact groups. This was not our fault, as we rely on the relevant organizers to keep us informed of any changes Oh ... and by the way – typo's sometimes happen !!

Regards,
Steve Bailey

Happy 25th Birthday to Chestfield parish council

Chestfield parish council held its inaugural meeting on 19 April 1988. Crispin Davies, the Director of the then Kent Rural Community Council (now renamed as Action with Communities in Rural Kent) presented a Declaration of Acceptance Office record book to the parish council to commemorate the foundation of the council. This holds a record of all the councillors, Chairmen and Clerks to the Council.

In 25 years there have been two clerks, 61 parish councillors (some for multiple terms) and 12 different Chairmen.

The following is the Chairman's report of 2012-2013, read to the electors at the annual parish meeting held on 29 April 2013.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

I would like to start by saying that this has been another productive year, and to thank my fellow Councillors and our clerk, Amanda Sparkes, for all their hard work.

Our year started in **May 2012** with a new noticeboard installed on the WI hall and with a front page article in the Whitstable Times about speeding through the village. Unfortunately, I had to write to the reporter about certain inaccuracies in the article, as text that we had provided to the news desk over a bank holiday weekend to meet their deadline was not used at all. The article as originally printed served to dishearten our highly valued team of Speedwatch volunteers, and I therefore felt very strongly that we should contact the Times so as to provide a more balanced and accurate report. Fortunately, speedwatch statistics are now collated 'cross border' which is proving very much more effective at detecting offenders with double the number of cautionary letters being sent out to offenders.

In **June 2012** we welcomed the village's new PCSO – Jade Hoyle, who has transferred to the village from Sittingbourne.

We also gave financial support to three residents associations who held successful and well attended street parties to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cllrs resolved to plant an oak tree to commemorate this year. Canterbury City Council gave permission for a sapling to be planted at the Chestfield Play Park, provided that the parish council meet the costs of future maintenance and care. The sapling should grow about 6 inches per year and slightly faster in later years, until it reaches 50-60 foot tall, but this will take some decades to achieve.

Cllrs attended a separate meeting in June 2012, with the Community Resilience officer from Kent County Council. There is no legal responsibility to provide an emergency plan, but it is a useful exercise to undertake and think about how the council could help in an emergency and it is a document that we obviously hope we will never have to use. In a major emergency there would be a multi-agency response led by KCC and Kent Police, but it is the time before help arrives that the parish council can make a particular difference to, and the help they can give the leading agencies during a crisis. We ran an article in the magazine asking for residents with skills, equipment,

accommodation and resources to volunteer themselves in an emergency and also for vulnerable residents who would want to be accounted for to also contact us. I am pleased to advise that our Clerk has now drafted an emergency plan document for the village, although this is an ever evolving document.

I will mention our Speedwatch team again – our volunteers attended health and safety training in June. The speedwatch liaison ran through the safety measures and there was general discussion around speedwatch practices. Site risk assessments were undertaken by the Police and a previously used site at the bottom of Radfall Road was disallowed – but this worked to our advantage as it turned out – more later. Just a further reiteration that we take our Speedwatch Scheme very seriously.

In **July 2012** we welcomed David Kincaid, the then senior conservation officer at Canterbury City Council to the meeting. David gave a power point presentation around conservation areas and permitted development rights. He explained most of Chestfield is in a conservation area. To prevent the planning system from getting clogged up there are a number of permitted development rights for householders and companies like Network Rail where planning permission is not required. Controls are stricter however in conservation areas. The planning portal website with the interactive house is a good tool for telling people when permission must be sought or not. Visit <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/house/>)

August 2012 saw the resignation of long serving councillor Mick Shorter, who had been a vital stalwart on the committee, particularly in developing our website. Mick has kindly agreed to stay on as Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for Church Wood Park.

I would like to record my personal thanks to Mick for his efforts.

You will recall South East Water's scheme to lay new water mains, and the closure of the Thanet Way access Chestfield Road. This saw our village once again in the newspapers, this time at National level, with the strapline that the contractors' employees would rather work in Brixton. Again I felt it necessary to contact the newspapers over what I (and many other residents) felt was a rather sensation-seeking article biased against Chestfield and its residents. The parish council did all it could to ease the chaos. The Police were prominent at Grasmere Road to stop motorists using Grasmere Road as a rat run during this road closure and we thank them for their attendance.

We are one of a few lucky parishes in the Canterbury district to have a CiLCA qualified Clerk. Our Clerk attended training for a new module - The General Power of Competence. This new power of competence enables councils to act in the interest of the community and in the council's own financial interest to generate efficiencies, run services and secure value for money outcomes. Our Clerk passed the module and Cllrs confirmed a resolution to adopt the power at the **September 2012** meeting. Eligible councils may use the GPC as a "power to do anything that individuals may do", anywhere, for anyone, even with any overlapping Local Government Act 1972 powers. This will give the council greater freedoms to undertake projects or take on services. It will even allow grants to individuals for the first time. Congratulations Amanda !!!

September also saw a new style magazine. The council had resolved to bring the production in-house, which has proven very successful, and has received great feedback and content from many - please be assured that we will continue to produce the magazine, and welcome any articles or suggestions that any residents may bring forward.

October 2012 saw the inaugural walk of the newly developed circular walk around the village.. This walk was 'road-tested' by local school teachers and school children. All the children gave comments for improvements such as clearance of brambles, etc. The Chestfield Barn have kindly sponsored a perch seat and KCC Explore Kent agreed to provide way marker posts free of charge. Cllr Chris Ellis offers an accompanied walk every first Saturday in the month to anyone wishing to do so. The parish council finalised leaflets advertising the walk and these are stocked at the Medical Centre and Swalecliffe library, who have reported a high demand for brochures. This has included requests from people who have come from outside the Parish. We have also had a request from the London Institute for Education, and are working on connecting it with local children.

Also in October we welcomed and co-opted Cllr Wendy Lockton-Goddard to the parish council. Cllr Lockton-Goddard has 18 years' experience of working with local authorities and third sector organisations in the South East and London.

******Every wondered how many bins can fit in a Ford Mondeo? Following the successful Local Boards application form for £1,000 funding from our Kent County Councillor, Cllr Harrison, the Clerk and I installed six new liveried bins along Chestfield Road and a novelty Tidy Bear bin for the play park.

The 'old' replaced bins have now been relocated elsewhere within the Canterbury area – so even the bins have been recycled !! (**And the answer is two by the way !!).

At the **November 2012** meeting we welcomed guest speaker David Brazier, County Cabinet Member for the Environment, Highways & Waste. Mr Brazier gave a very interesting presentation on waste management and the work of the Kent Waste Partnership for the winter of 2012/2013. The presentation contained some history of waste management from the first strategy of 1751, but ultimately majored on the work done in Kent to reduce landfill, with only 10% of waste planned to be directed to holes in the ground by 2015/16. The county of Kent is very much one of the leading environmental champions in the country.

The planting of the Oak tree to mark the Diamond Jubilee on 3 November went very well. I would like to record thanks to Cllrs who attended, and the Rowe family, winners of the "I Love My Village" competition who also helped dig the hole and plant the tree !!! The press were invited, and it was nice to receive some positive coverage for once !!!

The parish council has sought and achieved many highways improvements for the village including part funding of a series of dropped kerbs, and scheduling in replacement pavements for the Shepherds Walk area. KHS have this work scheduled, but please be mindful that this is very much a long term strategy...but nevertheless one that we will continue to monitor the progress of.

November 2012 also saw the write-up of the consultation with residents of Radfall Ride, Radfall Hill, Broomfield Gate and Dukeswood. Thanks to Cllr Hunter and resident Bob Brown for facilitating this. This added weight to the parish council's desire and request to cut out the short 40mph stretch at the bottom of Radfall Hill to South Street and have the entire length at a standard 30mph. This request was further endorsed as the Kent Police Community Speed Watch team deemed that there was no safe area to undertake checks due to the close proximity of the 30-mph limit end (40-mph limit start). Kent Highways have endorsed the request for this stretch to be removed and the length to be 30mph, as the council has agreed to pay the costs of amending the Traffic Regulation Order and for the additional signage and repeater signs required.

December 2012 saw us with a full complement of councillors, when Cllr Adrian Young was co-opted to the last vacancy. Cllr Young is retired from

the Metropolitan Police and the British Transport Police, having achieving rank of Superintendent in charge of Neighbourhood Policing.

We also welcomed guest speaker, Helen Bennington, Canterbury City Council's Environmental Promotions Officer to the meeting. Helen had been invited to update Cllrs and residents on the new waste and recycling scheme to be implemented in the district from April 2013. She brought some samples of the new bins to be used. Details were published in the March magazine.

We also held another very successful Carol Service, with a good turnout of residents undeterred by the wet weather. My thanks go to the Reverend Ann Gilibrand and Father Kevin for leading the service, and also to all those that helped to make the evening a success. The new artificial tree and base proved popular, and a more cost effective long-term solution.

Using my Chairman's allowance, my Clerk and I organised a "Thank You" event to thank all the volunteers and their partners in the village at a Christmas get together. Parish councillors, village magazine distributors, speedwatch volunteers and neighbourhood watch co-ordinators were all invited, and offered a buffet and first drink at The Barn. This proved very successful, and is an event that we will definitely be repeating in future.

We also continued with the now-traditional Christmas Lights competition, and this year presented a food hamper from the Whitstable Hamper Company to the winners. Again – this will continue.

January 2013 saw the council setting its budget for the forthcoming financial year. Despite the parish council items being reduced by 0.2% the net overall increase is 4.8% due to central government changing the tax base calculations as a result of abolishing council tax benefit and replacing it with a locally designed Council Tax Reduction Scheme. Your Cllrs felt that the parish council need to allow for future projects and the need to avoid a referendum. Chestfield Parish Council, like most of the district's parish councils is following advice to set a higher precept this year as there is no guarantee of the central government cushioning grant to offset the lower tax base in future years and also incase a capping regime is implemented next year. (For your information, council tax increases of 2% or more require a referendum – CCC's was 1.9%)

In **February 2013** I attended the inaugural Kent Police Commissioners meeting. Having raised advance concerns regarding future policing support within our village, I was asked to raise this particular issue to the Commissioner directly, and to the open floor (those of you that know me will know how shy I am at public speaking !). I was assured by Commissioner

Ann Barnes and Deputy Chief Constable Alan Pughsley that the village will not suffer from recent changes, and I can confirm that I have since received a call from our local Police Inspector with regards future policing support, particularly in supporting our ongoing Speedwatch initiatives. I found Ann to be very receptive to my questions, and my personal impression is that she has the interests of the people at heart.

You may recall that I have been concerned as to the apparent lack of response from Sainsburys regarding certain issues. With this in mind, in **March 2013**, your parish council installed another new rubbish bin to place at the top of the steps leading from the Primrose Way footpath. We have made the relevant arrangements with Serco to empty this on a regular basis. We also installed a new 'doggie bin' further along the footpath, and likewise Serco will also be emptying this on a regular basis also.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Wendy Lockton Goddard who resigned on 11 March due to family commitments and thank her for her service during her time of office. If anyone is interested in filling the vacancy they may speak to either me or the Clerk.

I am pleased to report that in **April 2013** we finally received comment back from Sainsburys with regards certain issues raised via their Head Office. Suffice to say that we have received assurances from their local management that general tidiness around their store (including the footpath maintenance) will be improved – whilst we will be keeping a watching brief – we would welcome your comments.

And finally, we come full circle.... At last year's Annual Parish Meeting, our guest speakers were the Community First Responders .. After that the Parish Council and the Rotary Club committed themselves to jointly purchasing a community defibrillator with a heated cabinet for community use. I am very pleased to confirm that we have now finalised a location at the rear of Chestfield Golf Club, easily accessible from Chestfield Road and The Barn. This defibrillator is for community use, and is there for such use for all (although we hope that the need for this is minimal). The Golf Club kindly agreed to arrange and meet the cost of the installation of the bespoke heated cabinet.

I am looking forward to another busy year for the parish council. We are already planning improvements to benefit residents. I am proud to be your elected Chairman, and proud of the efforts of our committee, and please rest

assured that we will continue to serve the village in the best capacity possible.

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chestfield Parish Council Chairman 2012-2013

In compiling the Annual report I have been assisted by each Councillor writing a small description of their duties and responsibilities, as follows:

Councillor Chris Brealy (Vice Chairman) – I am principally responsible for the Environment. I have dealt with flytipping in Molehill Road and put up a sign to act as a deterrent. I have investigated some nuisance bonfires following complaints. I liaise with Sainsburys concerning environmental issues and the footpath alongside the Rugby pitch. This had been neglected and I did the first strim to tidy up. It is now in hand with Sainsburys help.

Councillor Len Claisse

Planning - With two other Cllrs, we appraise planning applications and visit the sites, drawing neighbours attention to the plans and their possible impact on the environment. The Parish Council is then in a position to make comments and recommendations to the City Council.

Magazine Distribution - The bulk print run is broken down into packages for delivery to our dedicated volunteers, for distribution.

Neighbourhood Watch - Besides passing information to neighbours, re crime and messages concerning trading standards, an annual meeting is organised for the co-ordinators to liaise and share information within Chestfield. We are still endeavouring to enlarge the NHW schemes to cover all Chestfield areas.

Councillor Eileen Watkins - I was co-opted in February 2012 a year now and I have been involved in assisting Cllr Claisse with planning applications where we visit sites for development proposals. I also accompany Councillor Claisse to the KALC meetings. I enjoy very much working with Councillor Claisse.

I am also involved with the environment as Tree Warden with Councillor Chapman, which I enjoy very much also getting to know the village residents. We visit all properties within the conservation area where applications have been submitted to reduce or fell trees then a recommendation is referred back to the Parish Council. I look forward very much to the future and attending the relevant Training courses so I can gain more information and experience so as to carry out my duties more effectively.

Councillor Tricia Chapman - I have enjoyed another busy year as Tree Warden and have had the pleasure of being joined by Cllr Eileen Watkins

who now shares this responsibility with me. As well as visiting residents who request tree works in the conservation area we have also been involved in monitoring the effects of Ash Dieback Disease - Charlara and cascading the information we receive to the Parish Council Meetings and the Parish Magazine. A highlight of the year for me was witnessing the planting of the Oak sapling in the play park which was the Parish Council's gift to the village and which formed part the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It will, I am sure, remain as a legacy for future generations to enjoy. I look forward to the coming year and meeting more people who take a pride in the village by responsibly managing their trees so that the area continues to be well maintained and ordered and a delightful place to live.

Councillor Joe Hunter - Due to the poor spring weather followed by an unusually wet summer I have not been able to make much progress with footpaths and cycle routes over the past year.

In early 2012 I instigated and lead the organisation of the Dukeswood / Broomfield Gate Diamond Jubilee Street Party, held in Dukeswood on 5 June. I was helped by a "committee" of residents who attended informal meetings running up to the event. The ladies, of course, did an excellent job of organising the catering. The Party was a great success, with around 90 residents, family members and friends taking part. Thanks to all who contributed in helping with the organisation, food preparation and provision of equipment.

The increasing level of speeding traffic along Radfall Road between Gypsy Corner and South Street is steadily diminishing the quality of life in this rural area of Chestfield, as access to leisure facilities (woodlands, cycle paths and Public Rights of Way) and also to neighbouring houses is steadily becoming more dangerous. In an effort to address this, I organised a questionnaire, which, with local assistance, was distributed to residents of Broomfield Gate, Dukeswood, Radfall Road and Radfall Ride. The response, at 51%, was good for this type of survey. A summary of the results, including suggestions for improvements, together with a covering letter was sent to Canterbury City Council and Kent Highway Services, and future improvements agreed.

I have identified a cycle /walking path through Broomfield Gate, crossing to Radfall Gate (Bridleway CW26), following this to the junction with Radfall Ride and then cutting through woodland to connect with the Crab & Winkle Way. Copies of title deeds of the woodland sections have been obtained and the path is clearly marked on all of these. Although it appears to be heavily used its legal status is not clear, with much of it passing through privately owned land. This requires further investigation.

Councillor Chris Ellis -I had responsibilities for the development of the Parish Circular Walk and assisting in Planning Application Inspections. The walk was designed with support from Swalecliffe Primary School and is sponsored by KCC, Whitstable Health Centre and The Barn Public House. It is now operational and well used although further signage and a perch-rest are to be added. Publicity provided by the local press and sponsors has led to a distribution of a large number of leaflets, with the Swalecliffe Library reporting demand from other parts of Kent as well as locally. I have also attended about 25 Planning Application Inspections. I am trained in Web Site Management, added Circular Walk information to the site and will be working with the Clerk to further improve the PC web site.

Councillor Adrian Young - Cllr Young is our newest parish cllr, having been co-opted at the 10 December 2012 meeting. Married with three children, Adrian has lived in Chestfield since June 2012. Retired from the Metropolitan Police and then British Transport Police, achieving rank of Superintendent in charge of Neighbourhood Policing, Adrian has extensive experience working in partnership with local authority, rail companies, and other Crime and Disorder agencies, and Leadership and Personal Development training experience in UK, Australia, Cyprus and Turkey, covering Human Rights training.

CENSUS 2011 STATISTICS

Kent County Council has placed 2011 Census Summary profiles for parishes and wards on the KCC website at http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/kent_facts_and_figures/are_a_profiles.aspx. On accessing the website it will ask for your password - hit the cancel button. The same password message will re-appear and you should press the cancel button again. The Summary Profiles will then download. You will see 2 tabs – one for Wards and one for Parishes. These don't appear to work, so go to the bottom of the Excel spreadsheet where you can open up either the Parish or Ward spreadsheet there. Once you open up the Parish spreadsheet you can then select your area and then your parish.

KCC has also produced a Facts & Figures page on their website covering: Population & Census; The economy and labour market; Deprivation; Land Use monitoring – housing and commercial land; Equalities and Diversity; and Energy and Emissions. Access at http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/kent_facts_and_figures.aspx

Chestfield Parish Council Grants

Chestfield Parish Council sets aside budget each year to allow donations to local organisations. The contribution made by organisations to the wellbeing of the community is recognised by the Parish Council as important to our society.

The purpose of any grant or subsidy given by the Council is to support initiatives in the local community and to help create opportunities for residents of Chestfield that are not, as a matter of course, funded by the Council.

Eligibility criteria

Grants cannot be made retrospectively and applications must be made in advance of the project commencing. Awards may be for start-up initiatives for new organisations/projects as well as grants for existing organisations. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses and individual projects.

Grants awarded must be:

- To benefit Chestfield and its residents – the application should demonstrate how the grant will help and for how many people
- For a specific purpose and which is not directly controlled or administered by the council.
- Not for an individual, nor for religious or political purposes
- Not for businesses or profit making organisations

The organisation will normally be expected to have clearly written aims and objectives, a written constitution and membership rules. Any organisation working or in contact with children should also enclose a copy of their Child Protection Policy. The organisation is required to have a bank account in its own name with a minimum of two authorised and unrelated representatives as signatories.

Whilst ad-hoc requests can be made at any time, the parish council consider the amount to allocate towards donations at their preparation to their annual budget in November. Ideally, organisations would write/apply in time for that – and monies would become

available for payment in April the following year.

Applications should be made in writing. Please apply to the Clerk for a standard application form or download one from the website at **<http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk>** where you can also find the full details of the Parish Council's Grant Giving Policy.

Other external support

Newsletters - KCC's External Funding unit produce a regular free electronic newsletter – “Inside Track”, as well as a series of factsheets. Keep up-to-date with the latest funding intelligence with “Inside Track”. It features articles and the latest news from all major funders. KCC's fact sheets give useful advice and information on how to prepare and write bids for funding to the government and other agencies is contained in KCC factsheets.

To receive a free copy of Inside Track join the mailing list by contacting Martyn Riley at KCC, External funding, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ, by emailing to **martyn.riley@kent.gov.uk** or calling 01622 694384.

Web-based Grant search facility

A new FREE web-based grant search facility was set up in January 2006 – detailing over 2000 funding schemes in Kent, including Government funding, Lottery funding, Local support and Charitable trust funding. Search at: **www.open4community.info/kent/** - For further details contact KCC's External funding team at the address above or telephone 01622 694055.

Activities within 2 miles of the centre of Chestfield

The NHS fun generator website at **www.nhs.uk/Changed4Life** lists 96 activities within 5 miles of Chestfield and 17 within 2 miles. Visit their website or visit ours and see the 17 listed at

<http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=8532>

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE

Your parish council is delighted to say that there is now a new defibrillator, available 24/7 for community use, located at the rear of the Chestfield Golf Course club house, in an unlocked heated cabinet to keep it in optimum condition. The defibrillator was provided for the Parish of Chestfield by Chestfield Parish Council and the Rotary Club of Chestfield, with assistance from Community First Responders and Chestfield Golf Club. We hope it is never needed, but if it is, anyone is welcome to borrow it and try and save a life. The defibrillator is fully automatic, gives complete voice prompts on use, and will not administer a shock to anyone not needing one.

We are still actively seeking a volunteer over 18 years of age to become a Community First Responder for the parish (see the article below from a first responder to learn more).

Heart attack signs and symptoms – *simple skills saves lives*

- Central chest pain; a dull pain, ache or 'heavy' feeling in the chest; or a mild chest discomfort that makes the person feel generally unwell. This may feel like bad indigestion.
- This may spread to arms, neck, jaw, back or stomach.
- They may also feel light-headed, dizzy and short of breath, feel nauseous or vomit.

If you think a person is having a heart attack: Call 999 or 112 for an ambulance. Get the person to sit down. Keep them calm. Don't give them any food or drink. **CHECK:**

Danger	Approach with care
Response	Is the casualty conscious? Gently shake their shoulders and ask loudly "Are you alright?" If there's no response, shout for help.
Airway	Open their airway by tilting their head back and lifting their chin.
Breathing	Look, listen and feel for signs of normal breathing for up to 10 seconds.

If the patient is barely breathing, or taking infrequent, noisy gasps, this is **not** normal breathing. If any doubt act as if it is **not** normal.

If they're breathing normally: place the casualty in the recovery position and call 999 or 112 for an ambulance.

If they're not breathing normally: Ask someone to call 999 for an emergency ambulance. If you're alone, call 999. Turn the casualty on to their back and start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR):

CPR step 1; Give 30 chest compressions

- Place the heel of one hand in the centre of the casualty's chest and the heel of the other on top. Interlock your fingers.
- Press down on the sternum, 5 to 6 cms (2 to 2 1/2 inches) **30 times**. After each compression release pressure but don't remove your hands. Do this about 100 to 120 times per minute (around **2 per second**)

CPR step 2: If you have a face mask, or know the person and are happy to - Give 2 rescue breaths (continue compressions if you can't do rescue breaths)

- Open their airway.
- Pinch their nose closed, breathe in, cover their mouth with yours and breathe steadily into their mouth. Two rescue breaths should only take 5 seconds.
- Make sure their chest rises and falls.

CPR step 3: Repeat 30 compressions and then 2 rescue breaths until:

- Professional help takes over
- The patient coughs, moves and breathes normally, or
- You become exhausted.

The Role of Community First Responders

Amanda Sparkes, the Clerk talked with Community First Responder, Ryan Truelove. Community First Responders are volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb). They respond to 999 calls of breathing difficulties or heart problems such as cardiac arrest, strokes, and minor injuries, pending the arrival of an ambulance – this early intervention saves lives.

Why did you do this voluntary role? Ryan replied “I get satisfaction from knowing that I might be going out to save someone’s life. I responded to 238 calls in the last 12 months, in the sixteen hours a week plus that I volunteer. I have been doing this role for four years and feel it is an achievement that I can play a part and reassure people in emergency situations.”

What is your most memorable event? Ryan replied “There are so many incidents. This week, someone in a nearby road was having a panic attack and shortness of breath – I received the text alert with the details and I attended rapidly – and the caller was still on the phone to control. I sat her down and reassured and assessed her condition. She was very panicked about her breathing difficulties. Some minutes later the crew turned up and I handed over to them. The patient was put in the ambulance. A daughter, who was about 12 years of age, was very teary and repeatedly said aloud that she thought mum was going to die. So I explained to the little girl what the next steps and tests would be and reassured her that mum would be fine. The next day my doorbell went and the daughter was there with some brownies, baked by her mum as a thank you. Small things like that bring a smile to my face and a tear to my eye thinking that someone who might have been going into cardiac arrest was able to thank me in such a personal way also.”

Ryan went on, “Another example was just before Christmas. I went to another case of a wife experiencing shortness of breath. Her husband was present but her neighbour was administering required CPR. I attended and asked permission from the husband to cut down her nightie to place the defibrillator pads on. I rang control and confirmed it was a cardiac arrest. The defibrillator continually assessed the patient’s rhythm and advised me to continue with CPR. After 10 minutes in to CPR, two crews came in and administered drugs and relieved me.”

How can you become a Community First Responder? Anyone over 18, with a full, clean, UK driving licence (held for over one year) and with access to their own vehicle to be able to respond to emergencies, can volunteer. Responders would not be sent to incidents involving violence or aggression, traffic accidents, child birth, drugs, alcohol or mental health or potential life threatening calls.

Volunteers need to be fit and healthy and be able to commit 4 hours or more per week. Whilst a Community Responder is on call they can continue with their normal day to day activities, but must be ready and able to attend an incident when dispatched. Volunteers would cover a 3-4 mile radius from where they live. All mileage is paid. Volunteers receive full training, a phone and hi-viz jacket, and equipment to manage a patient’s condition.

Where is there further information? Visit **www.secamb.nhs.uk** or email **kent.cfr@secamb.nhs.uk** or contact the parish council Clerk on 01227 773121.

SECamb cannot provide indefinite funding so the Responders rely on charitable donations and sponsorship to continue to provide a vital service to the community.

Home Improvement Agency for East Kent – “In Touch”

KCC’s Supporting People program have awarded “In Touch” the tender for the Home Improvement Agency service for the district of Canterbury (formerly provided by Canterbury Homestay).

Services offered predominantly assist older, vulnerable and disabled people:

- The Disabled Facilities Grants program (in Canterbury this service is still being delivered by the Homestay team at Canterbury City Council). In Touch however offers the same advice, support and technical service for a fee to any clients who wish to pay privately to fund an adaptation to their home rather than take the grant route.
- In Touch also offer advice and guidance generally on a wide range of issues which affect people to remain living independently, and could cover for example, welfare benefits, energy saving measures, advice on damp and heating etc
- In Touch run a handyperson service to carry out minor odd jobs and repairs and this service is open to anyone, and regardless of tenure. The labour charge is £15.00 per hour (£12.50 + VAT); the first hour is always charged in full to cover the cost of time and travel, but after the first hour blocks of 15 minutes are charged at £3.75 per 15 minutes. All clients are responsible for the cost of any materials required for repairs. The service is fully insured and handymen are vetted and CRB checked.
- In Touch also offer a supply and fit keysafe service for £55.00, a gardening service @ £15.00 per hour, a decorating service (offered by quotation only) and a galvanized hand rails service also by quotation.

Contact In Touch on **0800 028 3172** or e-mail **eastkenthia@familymosaic.co.uk**

The Department of Health “Winter Warmth program”

In Touch are partnered with the NHS in Kent to deliver this scheme for 2013.

The scheme aims to help people over the age of 70 who suffer from an underlying heart or lung condition that is exacerbated by cold weather.

In Touch can complete a home visit and assess how to help, it may be something as simple as advice on best use of heating, assistance with energy efficiency measures, benefit checks or provide much needed **FREE** equipment such as; oil filled heaters, thermostats, blankets, renewal of electric blankets, gas fire and boiler checks, night lights, draught excluders, warm packs etc to help combat the cold weather.

If you know anyone who fits the eligibility criteria and needs assistance, then with their permission, forward their details to In Touch at 0800 028 3172 .

SAINSBURYS FOOD WASTE

Ever wondered what Sainsburys do with left over food?

For information: The parish council made enquiries about Sainsbury's food waste procedures. All their food waste goes to various different places. All the fruit and vegetables go to Wildwood wildlife park to be used for animal feed. Any floral goes to a nursing home, and any other waste they send back to depot which then gets converted into bio fuel.

MAGAZINE CONTENT

We welcome contributions for inclusion in future editions of the magazine – do contact the Clerk with any material. We are also thinking of introducing a Letters from residents page – let us have your thoughts!

Dog fouling



If your dog fouls in a public area, you can be fined up to £1,000.

Problems with dog fouling and owners of dogs who allow their pets to foul public areas are covered by **Dog Control Orders**.

A lack of signage or dog waste bins is no excuse for not clearing up after your dog - plastic carrier bags from your local supermarket can be used as emergency 'poop scoops'. Specially designed poop scoops can be purchased from your local vets' surgery or pet shop. If you can't find a red dog waste bin, litter bins can be used if the mess is bagged and sealed.

Dog mess is a breeding ground for bacteria and germs. A single dog mess can contain over a million worms. The eggs from these worms can cause blindness which cannot be cured. Children are particularly at risk from coming into contact with dog mess in play areas.

Fixed penalty notices of £80 can be served by council inspectors on people who fail to clear up after their dogs. If offenders are taken to the Magistrates Court, they could face a maximum fine of £1,000.

The law applies to:

- Footpaths and footways
- Highways and beaches
- parks and public gardens
- amenity land and council land

The only areas not covered by the act are agricultural and forestry land. Further information on **care of dogs and laws affecting dog owners** is available – or for more information on dog fouling incidents contact Canterbury City Council on 01227 862211.

If you have seen someone letting their dog foul and they haven't removed it, or if you know of a regular offender at a regular time and place, report this to 01227 862 211

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Canterbury & District Neighbourhood Watch Association works hard to promote and support Neighbourhood Watch where households benefit from daily notifications and warnings issued by the Police and Trading Standards Department.

Two new schemes opened in Chestfield in the past 12 months to cover Grasmere Road, Boundary Chase and Grasmere Park. We now have 16 schemes, covering 27 roads and 826 households. Despite a reduction in headline crime rates across the Canterbury district, the number of burglaries and thefts in Chestfield increased by 30% according to figures from Neighbourhood Watch reports and published Police statistics. Last year there were 20 such crimes reported – this year 26. Also this year, unusually, a higher than expected percentage occurred in areas covered by existing Neighbourhood Watch schemes – which goes to show how vigilant we must all remain if we are going to combat crime. One area targeted by thieves has been Molehill Road and the residential developments accessed from it. Although some are covered by Neighbourhood Watch, Monkton Close, Birkdale Close, Carnoustie Close, Little Paddocks and much the Polo Way estate are not. We would like this to change, so if anyone from those areas would like to help protect their community by becoming a coordinator, we are ready to assist. For information, please do not hesitate to contact Neal Fowler, Vice Chairman of C&DNHWA on 01227 639257 or [**neal.fowler@talktalk.net**](mailto:neal.fowler@talktalk.net)

At the Chestfield Annual Parish meeting on Monday 29 April 2013 we were very pleased to welcome Guy Rollinson, the Kent Police Speed Watch Support Team Leader.

Guy spoke about the history of speedwatch, the improvements in the last year, and developments for 2013. View the full presentation at <http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=9440>

Any two detections for speeding anywhere in the county in a 12 month period generate a letter then a further letter on any detection thereafter. The information enables the Police to focus their resources in areas of multiple detections.

Guy explained it had been 17 months since his team took over the support of speedwatch from Kent Police as a result of changes in support from central government and the roll out of the new Kent Police Model giving different priorities. The schemes are now far improved with County wide cover and statistics collation. This County wide cover has produced tremendous results with many more letters being sent out. In 2012, 6774 vehicles were reported speeding and

- 558 warning letters were sent (8.2% of all detections.)
- 263 letters for second detections and 22 letters for third detections and
- 273 letters for excessive speed (letters are sent for every incident of this). There were no letters sent for any fourth detection which suggests the strong educational effect speedwatch activity has.

Chestfield's speedwatch team is in the top five in the County for the number of vehicle detections – a credit to all of our volunteers. For Chestfield, 2012 saw ten first detection letters, 18 excessive speed letters and 442 total detections.

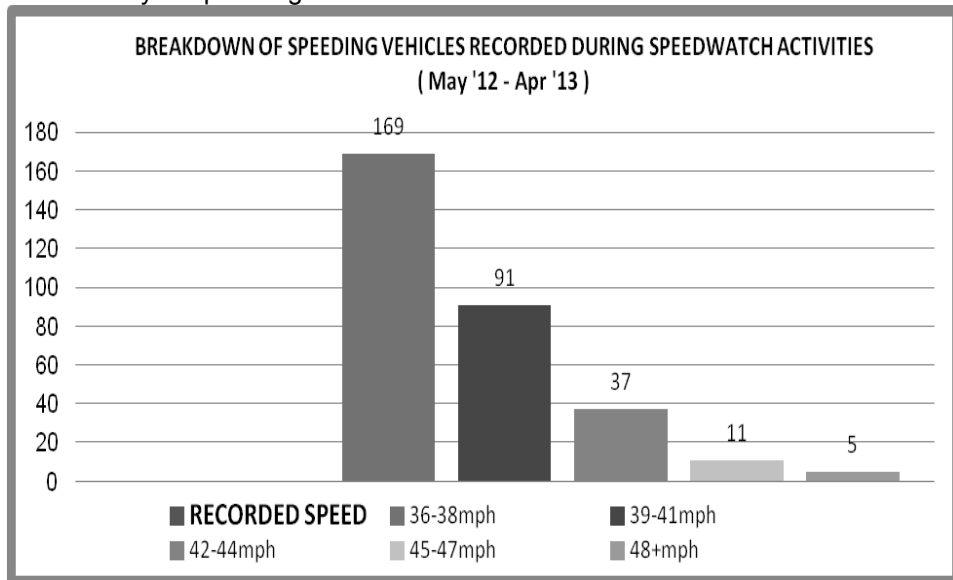
The Kent Police Community speedwatch team has more information on the website at www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch

The presentation was followed by short reports from the Parish Cllrs and the local organisations – find out what's happening in your village by checking out the full Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting at <http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/UserFiles/file/Minutes/Minutes%202013/ANNUAL%20PARISH%20MEETING%20MINUTES%202013.pdf>

SPEEDWATCH

Below is a graph based on data recorded throughout the past year by our speedwatch volunteers logging speeding vehicles– this has shown up some rather surprising results, and shows that there is still a long way to go in our war on speeding drivers !

Maybe these statistics, combined with Mr. Rollinsons' comments and support may lead to us actually seeing some police attendance in the future? We can only keep asking can't we?



**(DEFINITELY NO PRIZES – BUT THE HIGHEST RECORDED SPEED
WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE 58mph !!**

On a similar vein, we have had several reports of inconsiderate driving and parking within residential roads and estates – many of these areas have blind corners, so please be more mindful and cautious.

As for instances of inconsiderate parking, it is worth reporting a recent and very inconsiderate example where two cars actually parked directly opposite each other in Primrose Way – effectively blocking vehicle access into the estate – emergency vehicles would have had no chance, so the potential for disastrous consequences were increased even further ! The original intention was to actually print a photo of this mindless piece of parking in this magazine, but it is probably best left to conscience isn't it ?

The Chairman welcomed **Mrs Ann Barnes, the first elected Police Commissioner for Kent** to the 13 May council meeting. He had met her on a “Meet the Commissioner” night shortly after her appointment in November 2012, when 170 parish representatives attended. Mrs Barnes stated she is not a politician and the people of Kent voted for her as an independent. She explained the best way to get peoples’ views is to talk to them, and she spends a lot of time in the community travelling in a second hand camper van that the press has called Ann Force One – this also doubles as an office.

So, for all the talking to people, what do residents want? The answer is visible community policing. Mrs Barnes explained this is difficult to achieve with both workforce and budget cuts of 20% (£53m). The workforce has been restructured with core priorities at its heart; if further cuts go ahead there will be an impact on visible community policing. To put more police on the streets Mrs Barnes increased the precept by £2.71 per year per household to provide 60 new PCSOs and 18 custody officers. This was the first investment in many years, and virtually nobody has complained about the small increase. Mrs Barnes explained that the list of PCSOs powers is quite extensive - the powers of PCSOs are under the jurisdiction of the Chief Constable and he does keep this under constant consideration. Some Chief Constables elsewhere have given their PCSOs different powers. This can require different training and different uniforms. For example, nationally they can detain someone for up to 30 minutes, however Kent’s Chief Constable has not given Kent’s PCSOs this power.

There have been 300 applicants for the 60 PCSO positions. It is an enjoyable job – the only complaint Mrs Barnes gets is when they are moved on. The police force has recruited another 20 police constables through the specials and PCSO ranks to save money on their initial training. Specials are warranted officers with the same powers as police constables. Kent is the only force actively recruiting currently and they hope to be able to recruit more from the general public.

Mrs Barnes explained about Police Pods – a new initiative copying pods being used in Rotterdam in banks and supermarkets – using Voice Over Internet Protocol) – where the pods have screens in them, so residents can talk and interact with a police spokesperson..

Mrs Barnes is in charge of the force’s £370m annual budget and whilst 86%

goes on salaries there is some flexibility to allocate funding. Funding for community safety (such as domestic violence, drug intervention programmes) was given directly to Mrs Barnes from central government but with 11% less than last year. She has been able to make up the shortfall for this year only.

Technology means doing things smarter, such as police officers completing reports on handhelds, negating the need to return to stations. Also, a predictive policing system using technology to predict the next crime is starting to work.

Plans for the future:

- Mobile stations in rural areas - There are no police stations now in villages but Mobile Police Stations from 1 July 2013 will visit 3 venues per day (160 visits per month) – to include evenings and weekends. The schedule of visits will be published on her website.
- Expansion of the constabulary using Special Constables – it costs thousands to train specials, and 25% of them leave every year.
- Neighbourhood Watch – Mrs Barnes is holding a neighbourhood watch conference soon and will ask the coordinators for ideas for improvements.
- Crime Rural Advisory Group – All kinds of people sit on this group from farmers to neighbourhood watch – Mrs Barnes is to start another group around business and retail crime.
- For victims – Mrs Barnes has victims at the centre in her Police and Crime Plan. She is working on “track a crime” – a web based tracking system, and which may incorporate the CPS in future.

Mrs Barnes has a duty to hold the Chief Constable to account – through a weekly meeting, demanding reports and public governance meetings once a month. Mrs Barnes concluded by saying that she is here for residents, she will listen, she may not always be able to do anything, but she will do her best. In answer to a question she explained she doesn't answer to anyone – like MPs are elected members she is in post for the four year term.

BE KIND TO THE NEIGHBOURS !

As previously advised, Canterbury City Council will shortly be issuing the new refuge bins to all households. More bins means more storage – so bear this in mind when putting them out for collection ... please try not to block your neighbours driveways or parking spaces (a mute point maybe, but trust me – it really does happen!)..

Fly tipping – *protect yourself!*

The law states that if you have any rubbish removed and it ends up fly-tipped, you could be held responsible and fined. **Protect yourself:**

- Ask the waste removal service/tradesperson for their waste carrier licence number and a waste transfer note.
- Check their waste carrier licence number or their company name at The Clean Kent website **www.cleankent.com** and following the link to the Environment Agency
- Or call the Environment Agency on 0870 850 6506
- Or visit **www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk**
- Keep a note of all information you receive from any tradesperson and a receipt. If your trader offers to carry your waste and is not registered don't use them. Inform KCC Clean Kent of the trader immediately on 0845 345 0210.

Fly tipping – *stop it!*

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence; if you see a person fly-tipping call 999.

Fly-tipping reporting line 0800 031 90 91

This is the telephone number of the Canterbury City Council contractor Serco. Give as much information as you can, including:

- Exact location and post code
- Date/time incident was noticed
- The quantity and description of what has been fly-tipped
- Details of the offender if known , and their routine if it is a repeated problem.
- Registration plate, make and colour of any vehicle involved.

Fly-tipping on public land - Serco will arrange for its collection.

Fly-tipping on private land - Serco is not able to remove fly-tipping from private land however they can provide a removal quote.

Bulky waste, including furniture, white goods and electrical appliances can be collected by Serco. There is a charge of £13 (under review) per item for collection. Fridges and freezers cost £25.

Furniture - If you have usable furniture to dispose of, contact Necessary Furniture, who may be able to collect it for free – call 01227 712 680 for more information

Signature, Miramar, Beltinge - Open Invitation

Signature, Miramar offers active community living, where residents can have assistance to hand 24 hours a day if needed for fulltime, respite or convalescent stays, in accommodation with their own front door. Studio, one or two-bedroom apartments provide a home from home atmosphere, where residents can enjoy catered meals, interesting activities, opportunity to make friends and socialise in a choice of lounges or in the Miramar garden. A full catering team offers breakfast, lunch and evening meal where residents can dine in our restaurant occasionally inviting family members and friends to join them.

There are a number of activities available for residents to take part and **we invite willing community participants to come along and interact with them** in this lively, buzzing atmosphere at any time. Events include Tai Chi, Knitting and Sewing Circle, Puzzles, Scrabble, Musical entertainment, a monthly Tea Club for the over 60s on the first Tuesday of every month where a formal high tea is served, and a number of events for charity.

We have regular seminars, ran by solicitors and professionals which offer guidance and assistance for today's complicated living, helping to easily explain technical aspects - such as 'Understanding Power of Attorney'; as well as different talks on health and wellness, dental care and nutrition.

Some of Miramar Activities:

Monthly dinner with live entertainment - An opportunity to dress up and socialise with visitors, family and friends.

Movement to music and Tai Chi - To promote fitness, physical wellbeing and most importantly fun and laughter.

Cookery/baking classes - For those who have always enjoyed spending time in the kitchen.

Gardening club and flower arranging - Enjoy the opportunity to grow their own plants and vegetables and cut fresh flowers to arrange or press.

Arts and crafts - An opportunity for residents to embrace their creative side, whilst giving a sense of pride in the finished articles.

Musical entertainment - A selection of different music and entertainers.

Friday afternoon social with tea and cake - A chance to meet and chat with residents, friends and/or family members over a cup of tea and homemade scones and cakes.

Fundraising/fancy dress events - An opportunity to interact with the local community, raise money for charity, dress up and have a bit of fun.

Brainteasers, puzzles and quizzes - To help keep minds active.

If you want to know more, and join in with our Members at an event, call 01227 374488 to speak to Becca or Carol in the Sales and Marketing office.

Chestfield Barn

14TH CENTURY PUB RESTAURANT

Celebrate with friends and loved ones in traditional style in the delightful setting of our 14th Century barn. If you are looking for some entertainment during your lunch hour or just want to get away for a while, on the last Thursday of every month we have live jazz with Richard's Rascals from 12.30 - 3.00 pm.

We have a good selection of wines and award winning Shepherd Neame ales or, if you prefer, tea and speciality coffee are also available. We hope to see you soon.

Daytime 12-3pm, evening 6-9pm. Bar & Light Lunch menu only on Mondays
Traditional roast served every Sunday 12.00 – 6.00 pm

Enquiries and bookings call 01227 793086. Email chestfieldbarn@hotmail.com
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Health Centre: 0844 477 2566 (Main Number)

District Nurses, Health Visitors and Chiropody: 01227 594400

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For **Out of Hours** medical advice please call: **NHS direct 0845 46 47**

For **Emergencies out of hours** please ring **South East Health on 0844 800 1234**

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

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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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Swalecliffe Court Drive

(Church of England) Rev. Ann Gillibrand – Tel 01227 792826

Regular Sunday Services:

8:00am Holy Communion – CW order 2 (1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:00am Breakfast Club in the Church Centre (5th Sunday)

10:30am Parish Eucharist (ex 1st Sunday)

10:30am Sunday Special in Swalecliffe Free Church, Herne Bay Rd (1st Sun)

6:30pm Evening Prayer (except 4th Sunday)

6:30pm Village Praise at Chestfield WI Hall (4th Sunday)

Regular Weekday Services:

The Eucharist is celebrated each Wednesday at 10:00am (Healing Ministry 1st and 3rd Wednesdays) in the Church Centre.

Evening Prayer – Wednesdays in Church at 5:30pm

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 a 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 event can be found on our website:

www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI

President: Mrs P Cobb	01227 273035
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 (Tuesdays or Wednesdays).

Please note that the full minutes and 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: *10 June (with guest speaker Community Officer Rachel Spencer from Kent Fire and Rescue), 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November (with guest speaker Andrew Pearce, the Environment Agency Area Manager - Kent & South London), 9 December 2013.*

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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JOE HUNTER 11 Dukeswood Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3EN T. 01227 794909 Drjoe.hunter@hotmail.co.uk (Highways, Cycle Paths)	CHRISTOPHER ELLIS South Tythe Barn The Drive, Chestfield Whitstable CT5 3NS Mailforcje@gmail.com (Planning, Website/IT)	VACANCY There is currently a vacancy on the parish council. For further information about it, please contact the Clerk.

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

Tel: 01227 793057

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

Tel: 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

Tel: 01227 273570

Chestfield Youth Club

Every first and third Thursday of the month

6.30 – 8.30 in the WI Hall – for children aged 10 plus.

Entry is £1 and Tuck Shop

New to the village?

Or know someone who is?

Ring the parish council clerk on 01227 773121 or email

clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for a free 'welcome pack' with information about your local councillors, churches, tree works and so on.

Not sure if you need planning permission?

Check out Canterbury City Council's residential self-assessment forms at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=58>

www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

CLUB AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Chestfield Youth Club	Linda or John Wickings	Tel: 01227 794511
Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club	Linda or John Wickings	Tel: 01227 794511
Chestfield Cricket Club	Secretary - Brian Jeffs email: chestfield@tiscali.co.uk	
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 Ann Vousden		Tel: 01227 262892
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
Contact Centre 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday		
Planning Officers for specific enquires before 10:00am and after 3:00pm		
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		
Customer Help Desk (24 Hour Help Line)		Tel: 01634 830655
Please call the number above if you know or see a problem with a public sewer or drain		
Serco Ring for syringes in the play park, vandalism, the state of public lavatories, dog fouling and graffiti		Tel: 0800 031 9091
Fly Tipping		Tel: 0845 345 0210
Passenger Transport Information Free Phone		Tel: 0345 696 969
The Environment Agency (Formerly the National River Authority)		
Daytime Office Number	Tel: 0870 850 6506	
Hot Line for Out of Hours	Tel: 0800 807 060	
Flooding	Tel: 0845 988 1188	
Email: enquirers@environment-agency.gov.uk Website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk		
Victim Support – Bridget Blackford-Reed		Tel: 0845 389 9527
Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects		Tel: 0845 824 7800
Emergency Out of Hours CCC		Tel: 01227 781879
Consumer Direct www.consumerdirect.gov.uk		Tel: 0845 404 0506
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Ideally you will supply your artwork in Microsoft Word format. If you want help with the artwork just ask.

Publication of any advertisement, including loose inserts, in this magazine does not imply endorsement by Chestfield Parish Council.

SWALECLIFFE BROOKE

You cannot have failed to notice that the parcel of land between The Ridgeway and Reeves Way has now sprouted a rather large metal fence straddling Swalecliffe Brooke.

We can confirm that this fencing has been erected by the landowners Sainsburys following our requests for them to tend to what was fast becoming an unsightly fly tipping area. The area has also encouraged anti-social behaviour in the past. The fencing was not our idea !

We have written to Sainsburys in an effort to find out what their proposals for this land is so as to be able to inform you of the future plans for this area, but despite our letters and calls to their offices, sadly we cannot answer the question that many of you have asked.

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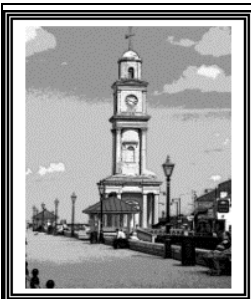
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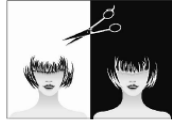
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