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Message from your Chairman

In March we held our Annual Parish Meeting at which I gave a précis of our year, and to hear from local groups or organisations as to their particular highlights over the past year. This year however, attendance was very disappointing, for which the truly awful weather that evening was certainly a factor, although it has got us thinking as to how you the parishioners view our performance and service. Was the low attendance due to a sense of confidence in how we are performing, or was it an opposing view ? We at the parish council would certainly like to think the former, although we do greatly appreciate your views on how we are doing. For now though, we are happy to take this as ‘no news is good news’.

Each year we like to adopt a special project, and last year was no different. As planned, we replaced the existing bus shelter with a more aesthetically pleasing one, and we also took the opportunity to move the positioning of this to ‘blend in’ with surroundings a little more than previously. Following requests from parishioners we also installed raised kerbs for improved DDA access - we are pleased to report that we have received very favourable comments regarding this, which I suppose in the cold light of day answers my original question at the beginning of this message ?!

As we enter a new year for the parish council I am honoured to once again have been elected into the post of Chairman for another year, and in this regard I resolve to give my best efforts towards ensuring that your parish council serves you all in the best possible way. In saying this we cannot achieve success without a strong team, and I am confident that we have a hard working dedicated group of councillors to strengthen this resolve - supported of course with the expert advice and guidance of our clerk, Amanda. I am pleased to report that we once again have a full quota of councillors with Lorraine East joining the parish council. I would like to welcome Lorraine into ‘the fold’ so to speak, and look forward to working with her.

You will notice that this months’ magazine is slightly thicker than normal - as is customary following our APM we include brief notes from each of our

serving councillors. Please take time to read them as each one of these individuals represents you.

Finally, and fully mindful of the changes in data protection we will no longer publish councillors' private contact details either within your magazine or on the various notice boards around the village. Please do not for one minute think that we will be less accessible - however certainly for the meantime we would encourage all enquiries to be routed through the parish clerk. Thank You, Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

p.s. On 12th April the installation of the replacement bus shelter was completed. Unfortunately on the morning of 14th April it was noticed that this had been fallen foul of graffiti.

Although Wikipedia describe graffiti as "a rapidly developing art form", we see it as wanton vandalism and something that is not welcome in our village – particularly on something that has not only cost us all monies through precept funding, but took months of time and planning.

The offending 'artwork' has now been cleaned off, as have other areas that required attention, although we have taken the step to photograph all such work and pass this to the police – we have 'pleasure' in printing this below, as we feel that this may help identify those responsible...we do not necessarily need to know the identity of the offenders, we just need this unsavoury and unwanted practice to cease.



Should you discover any graffiti around the village, please let us know.

For those of you that missed the Annual Parish Meeting for residents held on 19 March 2018, here is the Annual Report of the Chairman for 2017-2018:

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

One of the first items recorded in the minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting highlighted the distinct possibility of new housing being built within the immediate area – although neither of the potential sites were within the village, one particular site (namely that formally known as 'the land South of the John Wilson estate' (or as we all know it Grasmere Pastures) has very much been subject to debate and conversations throughout the past. As has been pointed out on several occasions Grasmere Pastures is not within the village boundary, and therefore we are limited as to our involvement at this stage, we did formally raise our objections to the proposed scheme with our particular concern being shown towards the issues of the access and egress to the development, and the potential impact that this would have on our village. More than one year on, and although the planning application has been tabled by the developers, this has yet to be formally discussed at City Council, so in that respect it most definitely is a case of the old adage 'no news is good news' for the time being. It remains to be seen however what impact (if any) recent statements from central Government have.

In 2016 we worked with Kent County Council on the tree replacement programme at the front of the play park. This time around, focus was afforded to the replacement of the diseased trees at the rear of the play park. As this particular row of trees was directly in front of the houses in Fern Close, we also consulted the residents, who were fully supportive of the decision to remove the diseased trees and replace them with Cyprus Fir trees – they have taken very well, and in fact the residents of Fern Close decorated them at Christmas!!

It is pleasing to see that the Share and Coulter site has remained clear after its much-publicised clear up, but the topic of fly tipping remains very much at the forefront of our minds, and we look forward to assisting local City and County councillors in this ongoing battle. We believe that the recent changes to the allowed trailer size at the council tip is a positive move, although I still think that the issue of the voucher system needs to be addressed.

In February of last year, we reached agreement with Whitstable Rugby Club as to how the ball court could be accessed by the children and youth of the village. Sadly one year on, we must report that despite our efforts, this agreement remains both un-returned and un-signed by Rugby Club, and as a consequence the ball court remains unavailable for the general use of the children and youth of this village.

In March of last year, I was contacted by the City Council Monitoring Officer

who formally advised me of an anonymous complaint being recorded against me by a member of the public for alleged breach of conduct. I am pleased to advise you all that following a very thorough seven week investigation, I was completely exonerated of any misdoings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our clerk Amanda, all members of the parish council and my wife for their unstinting support throughout this extremely testing and stressful time. We as a Parish Council do have our own internal complaints procedure, although on this occasion the complaint was made directly to the City Council.

The complainant did identify himself upon the conclusion of the monitoring officer's findings, and was afforded the opportunity to read out their reasoning statement under special dispensation at the June meeting. This matter has been formally recorded on file.

During this particular meeting, the individual concerned exercised their right to record proceedings for record purposes. Whilst we would fully concur that recording of proceedings is fully lawful, we did seek legal advice from the Kent Association of Local Councils. From this advice, we did designate a specific area from which individuals may record so that other attending members of the public remained unaffected. This has now been formally adopted for all meetings, the frequency of which many of you will have noted has changed to a bi-monthly schedule. This extended period between meetings has allowed us to better action our ongoing projects and individual responsibilities.

One issue that we have discussed at length on many occasions is the continued practice of HGV's parking overnight at the end of Reeves Way at the entrance to the John Wilson Estate. Many nearby residents have raised complaint in this regard, and we have formally brought this matter to the attention of Kent County Council as the responsible body. Whilst agreement has been reached for the introduction of yellow lines to discourage such parking, we hope to see this followed up with better policing and enforcement in the future.

In June of last year, we were advised the City Council were to carry out an upgrade of the play park this year. I am pleased to advise you all that I was invited to sit on the CCC panel for this, and it was pleasing to see that CCC also asked the children of Swalecliffe Primary School for their thoughts on the two shortlisted designs. It was very pleasing to receive their comments and thoughts for the area, and indeed to note that that evening's presentation at the WI Hall (on 14 March 2018) was extremely well attended and engaging. I will be involved in a further consultative meeting prior to the final award, and I would like to thank CCC on behalf of the village for involving us in this process. I am confident that whatever design is chosen will prove a valuable new addition for the children of Chestfield. The play

park will be closed for a period to allow the new works to take place, although the scheduled completion will be well in time for the summer holidays. You will also see the addition of two new benches in the play park, and we thank former Kent County Councillor Mike Harrison for his input into this particular project. We are also looking to add a historic timeline of the village, although the creation of this will follow the planned works.

Following comment from one elderly resident, we investigated the installation of improved DDA access at certain bus stops, and hopefully our planning of this will soon come to fruition. On the subject of bus stops we are pleased to inform you that we will shortly be installing a replacement for the existing bus shelter in Chestfield Road. The positioning of this will be slightly altered, and we would thank the nearby residents for their agreement to do so – oh – and it will be the right way round this time! These projects could not have taken place without the agreement of Stagecoach and Kent Highways, and believe me this has taken great efforts on Amanda's part to liaise with all parties and pull these projects together – efforts for which we acknowledge whole heartedly. The new bus shelter is currently en-route from Sweden, although we have been assured that it isn't flatpack!

In December we held the traditional Carol Concert outside of St. Joseph's Church. At the suggestion of residents we not only erected a banner to advertise the event, but also brought the timing forward in an effort to have more family involvement. Without doubt the combination of both led to the resultant record attendance, with well over 50 people in attendance. Once again we held the now traditional Christmas lights competition, the standard of which never ceases to amaze us !

In January we held our events to thank our team of volunteers – their efforts are truly appreciated by the parish council, and these events are our way of showing that appreciation. Although I say it every year, we really wouldn't have such an effective parish council without each and every one of our volunteers. We would also thank Chestfield Cricket Club for their kind facilitation of these event in offering the use of their facility free of charge...The success of the parish council isn't just down to the individuals that sit on it – it's about the community around it !

The issue of dog fouling is unfortunately never far away, and is something that we see as somewhat of a blight on our village. We have provided additional bins, posted signage and have even tried to spray fluorescent paint on the offending deposits in an effort to hopefully prick some consciences!

Sadly though, and as much as we can try to stamp this out, we are forced to rely on improving the behaviours of those that actually cause the mess in the first place – no – not the dogs, their handlers!! Remember, there is no such thing as a bad dog.....just bad owners! We will continue to try to help

eradicate this issue in whatever way we can – maybe the City Councils' dog wardens may be able to help ?!!

Before closing, can we just go back to the start, and that whole housing/planning thing?? Recently there was a series on TV called 'The New Builds Are Coming' (it's still available on 'catch up by the way) – it follows the planning process from all perspectives, and is a great insight into how much effort and thought is afforded by all sides...however, one thing that it does show is the importance of having a voice – we are proud to be your voice and your representatives.

Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council, 2017-2018

Chestfield Parish Council – 2018 Yearly Update from Your Councillors:

This year, once again, each Councillor has written a small description of their duties and responsibilities from 2017-2018 too, as follows:

Cllr Chris Brealy – Vice Chairman : I have helped with environmental issues again this year principally in relation to planning applications and flytipping. I continue to be involved with supporting City Council Enforcement Officers in identification of flytipping hotspots and prevention in these areas with new camera initiatives. I was also involved in the clearance of flytipping from the Swalecliffe Brook next to the Ridgeway.

I also helped our Clerk with the issue of the untidy area around the Telephone Exchange in Molehill Road. And, I attended when a bin lorry hit a tree in Grasmere Road and dislodged a large branch.

I supported our Clerk in the design and siting of the new bus shelter in Chestfield Road. And I help at Christmas with the installation of the Tree and the lights competition.

Cllr Tricia Chapman : It has been another busy year for tree works in the village. One of the main emphasis is for trees to be protected and preserved however, there are circumstances where this requirement is not always an option. The Parish Council, after consultation with the residents of Fern Close and other interested parties it was decided to remove a row of old fir trees which had become diseased and overgrown! I am pleased to note that the area has now been transformed, introducing light to the houses which faced the trees and successful replanting has also enhanced the area. The bird nesting season is officially from March until August and tree and hedge cutting should be done outside this period.

Cllr Chris Ellis : During the last year I continued my responsibilities organising Village History projects and being a support on assessing Planning Applications. The successful bids to the County Council and the Allen Grove Trust as well as the Parish allowed production and publication of

a new illustrated History of Chestfield and a number of events including a Wedding Dresses exhibition organised jointly with Chestfield Women's Institute.

While I am a reserve member of the planning applications group I contributed to investigating, and have supported, a prospective development of a Forest School in the Parish's woodlands.

I also hope to follow through earlier work with unadopted road residents reported last year and encourage more Road Associations events, developing a Parish Council policy to support them. Meanwhile Chestfield's History initiatives are going from strength to strength and we are working on our fourth annual calendar, also enlarging our collection of old photos with digitised local amateur cine film, and contributing to the Golf Club's forthcoming Centenary with a well-researched history of the origins of the Club.

Cllr Patricia Gibson : This is my second year as a Parish councillor and I have found the range of issues addressed by the Council impressive, from planning issues to maintaining and improving the circular walk, new trees, planned improvements to the children's play park, and provision of a new bus shelter, to name just a few. The results of the Parish questionnaire continue to be worked on and updated and action taken to address the issues raised. This year I helped with catering for the quiz night, which was a very successful evening and fully attended; with Steve, our Chairman, doing an excellent job as MC. I look forward to helping out again.

An on-going issue is that of fly-tipping, litter dropping and dog fouling. With regards to the latter, efforts are being made to remind dog walkers of their responsibilities and the council intends to offer to provide more bins. I look forward to working with colleagues in the coming year.

Cllr Anne Loder : I have now had a full year as a Parish Councillor and am realising how much the Council does for and with the Parish and its residents. My main areas of interest are public footpaths, rights of way, etc., and traffic concerns through and around the village. I am pleased that Parishioners have approached me about various issues such as overgrown foliage obstructing pathways and areas where access, sometimes by mobility vehicles, has been limited by obstructions such as parked cars. It has been, personally, a very interesting year, and I hope to continue with greater involvement for the next twelve months.

I would also like to say how much I appreciate the help Amanda, our Clerk, and my fellow Councillors have given me, and their dedication is an inspiration.

Cllr Bob Todd : I have now been on the council for almost a year and have been shadowing many of the other counsellors to get a feel of the various activities this Parish Council undertakes. They are many and varied! More specifically I have been involved with analysing all the comments that came in from you in The Questionnaire and creating an action list. The Council regularly review this and hopefully you have seen articles in the Parish Magazine addressing some of the survey issues. I have started updating the Emergency Action Plan and associated Flood Plan, both of which we hope to never have to use but one never knows. I and others are working with a local parishioner on trying to develop a cycle path between Chestfield and the Crab and Winkle Way. There have also been a number of smaller projects from painting benches, to putting up leaflet holders, to delivering the Parish Magazine that have got me to most parts of the Parish.

I look forward to further developing my local knowledge and supporting you all in the best way I can as part of the Parish Council.

Cllr David Fitzpatrick : I am a Structural / Civil Engineer and I was co-opted at the December 2017 meeting. My interests are Highways, Drainage and Planning; at present I have very little to report on. I have reviewed some recent planning applications and assisted in the siting of the new bus shelter at the end of Chestfield Road.

I am currently working with my colleagues on public footpaths and cycle routes joining Chestfield with neighbouring towns, schools, shopping areas and the Crab and Winkle line.

And a warm welcome to our newest parish councillor Lorraine East.

Lorraine was co-opted at our meeting on 14 May 2018. Lorraine says, “I have been married for 27 years to Ian and have 3 daughters Jade 24, Megan 20 and Freya 16. I have lived in Chestfield 11 years since moving from Twyford just outside Henley-on-Thames. I started at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School as a member of their PFA team fundraising for the school. Not long after, I became their ICT Technician and have been doing this for 10 years now. I love yoga, it’s great for the mind, body and soul. My other hobbies include gardening and walking. Chestfield is a beautiful place to live and I take pride as do others in the way it looks and feel very passionate about changing things for the better.

A recent project I got involved in with Amanda were the trees on Fern Close. Although I felt very sad to lose these lovely longstanding trees, they were not looking their best and change was needed. The new trees and hedges are looking good and have tidied up the look of the park.”

COFFEE MORNING

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THURSDAY AUGUST 16th

10.30 – 12pm

IN AID OF “PORCHLIGHT”



Admission £2 – includes coffee/tea, cake or biscuits
Bring friends, family – All are welcome

Help for the disabled – overseas

Rotary Club of Chestfield is collecting walking aids, even if not in working condition, in support of PhysioNet (www.physionet.org.uk registered charity 1175932) an organization set up to collect, refurbish, distribute and train recipients in the use of mobility aids in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

If you, or a relative, have equipment you no longer need please get in touch with us through Dr Spyros Zintilis on 07584 795046 so we can arrange delivery / collection in the Chestfield area. We are always greatly surprised by the generosity of Chestfield residents in support of our various activities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, thank you.

Thank you from the Rotary for Tools with a Mission (TWAM) Collections

The Rotary Club of Chestfield and TWAM thank people for support in donating tools etc to this year's collection in April, which was the largest to date. Stocks in Whitstable allowed use of their forecourt for the collection as well as took in tools delivered earlier to them. All the items you donated will now be checked, repaired if required, used to make working items and finally provided as a "Craftsman" tool kit to individuals in Africa to enable them to learn a trade and start their own businesses to become self sufficient.

The Over 60s Community Service

This voluntary organisation has received a grant from KCC Councillor John Simmonds to work in Chestfield. The Over60s Service works with older people to maintain their independence in their own home. This free service offers Advocacy, Benefit Advice and help to apply for benefits entitled to, Debt Management, Arrears, dealing with Utility Companies and signposting to other organisations that can help too. Operating in the Canterbury area for 18 years, the Over60s charity's Mission Statement is: *"To carry out a domiciliary home visiting support service for people aged 60 or over, particularly for those who are in poor health, frail, disabled, lonely or otherwise vulnerable in order to help them maintain their independence in their own home for as long as possible."*

Upon referral a home assessment is carried out within one week, and a support plan compiled and agreed with the client – usually within 6 weeks. They also refer to other agencies, signpost to activities and services available and help and advise friends, family and neighbours. KCC Cllr Simmonds has given a grant to carry out a pilot project in Chestfield. We hope that residents will refer themselves, family, friends or neighbours – if help is required to help older residents maintain their independence in their own home. The Organisation's "Service Brochure" outlines the different help available, but contact the Service even if a particular problem is not listed – this Service has many good contacts to draw upon and may be able to resolve most queries. For more information - Please call 01227 456616 or email over60cs@gmail.com for a Service Brochure or to ask for a home visit by a support worker to call to discuss needs and deal with issues.

Countryside Access Wardens

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

You may be aware that.... There is a KCC Order to temporarily close Public Footpaths

In order to install a water main, some paths in Blean and Chestfield are to be closed from 23 April 2018 – for a maximum of six months – although it is expected that the paths will be available when work schedules permit their access. For Chestfield paths affected are:

- PROW CB20A and CW24 – will have a reduction in available width to 1.5 metres from approx. NGR TR 126 625 to Gypsy Corner, Radfall Road.
- PROW CW24 will be closed from Gypsy Corner, Radfall Road heading north west for approximately 35 metres – the alternative route is via CW24, CB22, CW25 and CW24.

For further details contact the KCC officer Louise Adams in the Public Rights of Way and Access Service on 03000 417171

Important information about bin collections

From Tuesday 1 May 2018, bin collections will start at 6am on every weekday. Please ensure you have your bins or boxes out by this time. Some routes may also change as a result of this, so the time of your collection may be different. It could be much earlier or later than normal - CCC (Serco) can collect up to 6pm, so don't assume your collection isn't happening and take your bins or boxes in.

There will be no return to properties where bins or boxes are not out.

Litter Pick in Autumn 2018

A resident has suggested that the parish council organise a community litter pick and we are pleased to advise that we intend to organise this for the Autumn – but we need you to help!

- i) We need volunteers on the day for the task – we would love you to take part – including children too! All litter picking equipment and bags and rubbish collection etc will be organised and provided. We will advertise the date and time and start location in the September magazine so please do look out for that.
- ii) We would also welcome you telling us where you think rubbish is particularly bad and where you would like volunteers to pick! Please bear in mind that insurance restrictions mean that high speed roads and roads without pavements cannot be done by volunteers.

If you can give information, or want any more information, please contact the Clerk.

New benches at Fern Close



We hope you like our new benches installed at the play park alongside the Fern Close perimeter. One was provided through a grant from our then KCC Cllr Mike Harrison. They are made by adults with learning disabilities at The Fifth Trust (Elham Valley Vineyards) and the wood comes from windblown trees.

Our next small improvement for this location is to change the dog bin only bin on the corner of Fern Close with The Ridgeway to a dual bin to take both rubbish and dog waste.

Shrub bed project Autumn 2018 – an early heads up and call for volunteers

Following on from our 'shrub bed project' at the play park in 2017 which we ran in partnership with CCC and Serco, we intend to run another similar project this Autumn. Full details will run in the September magazine but if you would like more information or to register your interest early to get involved please contact the Clerk. The project will include some vegetation clearance, weeding, general tidying, possibly some staining or painting of picnic benches etc – the final details will be agreed with relevant CCC officers in June or July.

Fill your water bottle for free

People can refill a water bottle for free at a whole host of Canterbury City Council venues. Those with a thirst can visit The Marlowe, The Beaney, Whitefriars, the King's Hall, the Whitstable Harbour office and community centres. These have signed up to an innovative scheme aimed at helping people reduce their reliance on single-use or disposable plastic bottles.

Chairman of CCC's Community Committee, Cllr Neil Baker, said:

"The beauty of allowing people to refill their bottles is that we instantly reduce the amount of plastic people need to dispose of. You also reduce the need for recycling which can be really complicated when it comes to plastic, and fewer plastic bottles will inevitably lead to less litter. On top of all that, this is another way of encouraging people to visit some of the public buildings we're most proud of."

Being part of the Refill scheme means an organisation signs up to be featured on an [app that shows people where they can refill](http://www.refill.org.uk/get-the-refill-app/). Visit <http://www.refill.org.uk/get-the-refill-app/>

Single-use plastic bottles are expensive to produce, use up valuable natural resources to make and transport and create mountains of waste. Recycling's not the answer either. In the UK, an estimated 800 plastic bottles a minute are either ending up in landfill or as litter which will too often make its way into our waterways and out to sea. Buying a reusable water bottle will also save a small fortune – it will soon pay for itself and go on to save you money with every free Refill from then on!

Businesses throughout the district can get involved in the Refill scheme by signing themselves up to the app. Refill is a plastics reduction campaign run by City to Sea.

Canterbury City Council Community Governance Review

CCC's Governance Review looks at current parish boundaries, the number of parish councillors and the possibility to merge, abolish or create new parish councils. In July 2017 Chestfield Parish Council resolved to make a request that CCC change the Chestfield boundary to include Grasmere Pasture in future *whether built on or not* (with effect from the May 2019 parish council elections). The second round of CCC consultation which ran until 18 March 2018 had the recommendation for Chestfield that Grasmere Pasture be incorporated into a revised Chestfield parish boundary. We will give you updates on this as we have them. Any boundary changes will take effect from May 2019.

Chestfield Play Park, Chestfield Road - Play Area Upgrade

Ourcover pictorial is the mock up of the winning design!

HAGS:SMP is the winning play manufacturer. And Canterbury City Council will now undertake the Chestfield Road play park upgrade/makeover before the summer holidays.

CCC tendered to play companies in January and their submissions were assessed against certain criteria to whittle the selection to a shortlist of two. Cllr Bailey attended as a parish council representative on the criteria committee. The two companies then went out to public consultation to Chestfield residents living near the playpark and also school children locally. Thank you to those of you who went to look and give comments.

Based on the public consultation some tweaks to the designs were made by the two companies and the CCC panel then met again to assess the winner.

The 'shut period' will last about a month – one week to remove old equipment and dig out the old wetpour - and three weeks to refurbish.

CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste_and_enforcement/31/report_flytipping. CCC's reporting tool to report fly-tipping enables you to drop a pin on a map. It can also take the location from a phone if reporting is done in situ. And there's the facility to upload pictures of the waste.

Reporting items such as overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins

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

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean

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

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

Report dog fouling - Dog fouling can be reported to CCC to be cleared up. This online form can also be used to tell CCC about repeat offenders. If CCC catch them they will be given a fine of £80.

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean/2

A reminder – did you know? dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too – not necessarily just the red dog-bin only bins. Please bag it and bin it!

Here is another article from our gardening resident – we hope you enjoy this:

‘Summer is a cumin in
Loude sing cuccu
Cuccu cuccu’

The joy of these medieval lyrics jumps off the page. Children chuckle over this song – they love the misspellings! They love the silliness of the lambs and bullocks and cows, and the daft singer. For them, it’s a very humorous experience. (It all depends how it’s read of course) But generally, the ancient ones – or rather those who went a long time before us, they touch upon the realities of the natural world with sweetness and simplicity, and earthy matter of factness.

Their lives were fraught; if you think about it, starvation was a bad summer away, recurrent plague was a seasonal fact. And working the earth, or tanning leather, making tiles, killing the pig, bearing a child, was unremitting effort and bodily strain. Yet there it is. Cuccu! Long preserved, handed down in the oral tradition, preserved as lyrics and song in manuscript form. A preservation of joyfulness. We see that same simplicity, and close observation, in the old names for wild flowers. We still have the flowers - love in a mist, gillyflower, daisy, buttercup, love-lies-bleeding, travellers joy, speedwell, feverfew, eyebright, forget-me-not, snapdragon, granny’s bonnet, cow parsley, creeping jenny, herb Robert, Sweet William, hare bell, blue bell, yellow flag, - heavens, I could take up all of the space mentioning them. And imagining them; Daeges eage, the day’s eye, bright yellow and white – tiny and perfect; nigella - piercing blue amidst a haze of delicate spiked leaflets; the frilled pink cap of aquilegia – caps which shaded old ladies from the sun and declared their status and withdrawal from the male gaze. Probably hid a few bald patches too, as they cleared their ditches, pulled up herbs or remedies for headache or ague, gleaned the fields, harvested their beans or wild fruits. Cereals and beans, fruit from brambles and crabapple trees, a bit of bacon if they were lucky, kept them alive and singing.

You can get almost any wild flower from a specialist seed merchant. They grow tenaciously, amazingly. They will abundantly colonise any bit of earth, which is out of the way, perhaps over worked, with a bit of sun. Their gift is colour, glow, the slightest fragrance, texture, contrast, pleasure.

A lot of plants for very little. Mark where you have seeded, then you won’t remove them crossly, by accident.

At the other end of the scale, in the 21st century, we are in the business of massive long flowering blooms, of timely pruning and luscious fruiting, of rolling lawns and green shade, iced lemonade and apple tart at the garden

table, the somewhat ungentle sound of mechanised but highly efficient garden machinery. Of sophisticated fertilizers. But never say there is no heartfelt delight in these times. Dad is admired, mum a proud hostess to family and friends – the garden room resounds with clinking glasses and children's yells. Plums picked from the tree with that fine haze on them, is magic for the toddler and Grandpa alike. The spires of runner beans with their scarlet flowers utterly beautiful; the scent of freshly picked sweet peas a thrilling, if elusive, memory. A Chestfield garden with its old water well and heaps of petunias are gifts we relish – just the sight of them.

How fortunate we are, in Summer.

Living in the village in the 1930s: A Chesfield History Society article

There are several oral history recordings of life here before the War, and many photos that show what the village looked like. We also know a good deal about the location of shops and what they sold, and have some tantalising stories of how social life was very different from now. Fred and Maisie Keen describe a walk up from Molehill Road via The Drive and the Leas all the way to Maydowns Road and the new Railway Station. The Keens' story of continual meetings with other villagers on the roadside as they walked included regrets at how these were made more and more rare, as growing use of car travel cut out this important opportunity for social contact.

The recording of them in their old age in 1981 confirmed what the photos of the time showed, that there were often wide spaces between houses, and gardens were not enclosed and made private as they are today, but open and frequently included little allotments. Sharing and exchanging local produce would have been commonplace.

As the primary school was next to the Railway Station children walked up Chestfield Rd and back. They passed local shops that met most home needs and may have collected newspapers or loaves for their parents. Or they may not, as home delivery was common.

In addition to regular events organised by clubs and societies, including the WI and the Cricket Club, we have stories of small groups getting together for reasons that have now largely disappeared. Ian Bower Smith has described the origins and ending of a Spiritualist Ouija board group that met in a house in The Drive.

In the dozen or so years after building started Chestfield had succeeded in becoming a village in the classic Agatha Christie tradition, but at a time when when such places were about to fade away.

Local Residents, we need you! At Macmillan Crossroads Care Kent & Medway Volunteer Service, we support people affected by cancer, and their carers. Our team provide quality information and guidance, along with a helpful assessment process to understand what support is needed. Volunteering can be wonderful and fulfilling, it can provide help and support to those who need it the most. Currently volunteers provide: companionship, emotional support, light housework or gardening, social outings, shopping, and escorting to medical appointments.

One of our valued volunteers Isabel says; *"I became aware of the Macmillan Crossroads volunteer opportunity whilst volunteering for Pilgrims Hospice and they asked me to come in for an interview. I visit people in their homes, do bits of light gardening, light housework, shopping trips, health appointment visits and cups of tea and chats. I even get to work once again with students as I am lucky enough to be part of training and supporting 6th form students in this type of care work. The rewards are immense; I have learnt so much from these people about lives led, challenges faced and to still be faced; all is put into perspective. Life is for living and sharing even when time maybe in short supply. Give it a go Every visit is different and being part of a team is very enjoyable."*

Can you spare some time each week? Do you have a good listening ear, the first and most important part of helping? Do you have a special interest or skill that someone could benefit from? There is in-house training available for all volunteers and volunteering expenses can be reimbursed in line with our volunteering policy. Local volunteers are required to help local people. At the moment, volunteers travel from all over the west Kent area to help local residents. If you feel you'd like to make a difference when someone needs a helping hand, contact Sam, Phil or Chloe on 01227 743703, email enquiries.macmillan@crossroadskent.org or find us on Facebook **Macmillan Crossroads Volunteer Service**

Emergency Plan / Flood Plan review

Back in 2012 Chestfield Parish Council compiled an Emergency Plan to feed in to the city and county councils' emergency plan response capabilities. Nearly all emergencies will be dealt with routinely by the 'blue light services' and often an integrated multi-agency response, such as city, county council and Kent Police who would take the lead, and who have well-rehearsed plans to deal with situations. However, a situation could occur (such as extensive flooding, storm damage, deep snow, power outage or major incident), where the arrival of emergency services could be delayed or overwhelmed, when our community will need to help itself.

In these circumstances it is helpful if we have a plan and if we have a list of volunteers who would be willing to assist should an emergency occur. We are particularly keen to hear from members of our community who have resources, equipment or skills – such as 4x4 vehicles, tractors, chain saws, trained medical staff – but any assistance you can offer would be gratefully received.

A crucial element of the plan too – is to have a network of Community Liaison Volunteers to cover the area – each being responsible for a road or other small area. The liaison volunteer role involves receiving information from, and passing it on to, residents/business in their 'patch' – they would not be involved in rescues but in communicating between the emergency plan coordinators and local residents in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to volunteer please get in touch..... Cllr Bob Todd or the Clerk will do a personal visit to you to discuss any help you can give and to help you complete the KCC short form with your details and offers of help and assistance.

One of the priorities in an emergency is also to provide support where possible to our members of the community who may be more vulnerable than others and who may need extra help in an emergency. For your details to be included on a list of Vulnerable Persons please get in touch too. Please note there is no need to disclose any sensitive personal information and the information will be handled in the strictest confidence and only used in an emergency situation by the volunteer response team, the emergency services or other key responders.

Feature Interview Please email us with any ideas for local people or local organisations to interview.



Our congratulations to John Wickings of the Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club – John was recently voted by Table Tennis England in their Pride of Table Tennis Award as *the South East winner for Contribution to TT 2017* (Opp.photo of John (centre) with the presentation.)

Letters, jokes and puzzles page

Please email us your jokes and humorous stories, and crosswords, puzzles (with answers!) – we may print them in a future edition!

March magazine: As a Chestfield resident I have recently received my copy of the magazine. I ALWAYS look forward to reading it . It is packed with interesting information covering a wide range of subjects and interests. This month , the magazine has really brought home to me JUST HOW MUCH work goes into it!! In reality ,I can only imagine the hours, blood sweat and possibly tears that goes into providing us with such a fantastic magazine!

Reading through the magazine it is obviously that you listen to local residents and respond to our needs. You all give so much of your time and commitment to us. I would like you all to know that as local residents for the past 2 years, we really do appreciate ALL that you do for us , you are all truly amazing, each with your own skills and knowledge. **BRAVO EVERYONE!!!**

THANK YOU !! (Resident of Chestfield, name and address supplied)

GRAFFITI ARTIST, To whom it may concern... thanks to our graffiti artist for your latest creation on the new bus shelter at Maydown Rd end, Chestfield Road; it's only been about a week since it was put up and I guess your signature is rather like a trophy status to you (bit like a dog scenting a tree.) I note that you have also left your markings throughout the Chestfield Rd area and can only hope that you swiftly grow out of this disgusting, childless vandalism... either that or hopefully you have been videoed by a resident's outside camera and you get caught and fined. Your parents must be proud of you(not). You should be ashamed of yourself. Dave, Chestfield

Reporting crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website

Report crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk .

Post Office Near Me.

There is a web site to make it easier for people to find local post offices and the services they offer. Visit:

<https://www.postofficesnearme.com/>

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

CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land off The Ridgeway: Outline application for 300 dwellings, employment space; a community hub to include shops, financial services, food & drink outlets; non-residential institutions (clinics, health centre, crèche, nursery and day centre); a cafe/restaurant/bar; 7.16ha of open space, play facilities, car parking and landscaping.

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

The decision, by Canterbury City Council on whether to approve it or not, is still awaited. We will of course let you know. The Canterbury District Local Plan, adopted on 13 July 2017, does include Grasmere Pasture as a strategic site for some of the housing required for the Canterbury District to 2030. The Local Plan and Maps, etc can be viewed at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/localplan>

Viewing planning applications – nowadays residents need to view plans online. CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. Residents may then view applications on the city council's Planning Portal themselves (either at home or CCC has computers in their reception area for public use).

You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/18/00001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 18 is the year the application is registered, the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year, and then the last three letters are an abbreviation for the type of application, for example FUL is a Full application, OUT is Outline and LB is a listed building type application.

To view online: visit the city council home page at www.canterbury.gov.uk Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications' . Then click on the blue box in the middle "search planning applications". In the search box at the bottom you need to enter the planning application reference number. As explained above each application has a unique reference – but for viewing purposes you need to input just the year and application number in the search box – so in our example input 18/00001 only not the full reference of CA/18/00001/FUL. (CCC's planning call centre should be able to assist with any difficulties – call 01227 862178 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.)

Update on Actions from our Community 2016 Survey

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

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

Contact the Clerk for any questions and more information where this is available.

Community Right to bid on village assets

CRTB legislation means that the parish council may look to get assets of community value in the village added to a register of assets, held by Canterbury City Council, whereby if there is any notice of their disposal or sale, the parish council be notified and the parish council/community then have a limited amount of time to raise finance and have a **right to bid** to buy the asset before it can be sold on the open market. If any assets are successfully added to the register, this gives a right to bid on an asset – but not a right to buy.

Chestfield Parish Council consider that the CRTB legislation links to the result of the village survey – where residents value the village assets and would probably rather have the various assets retained as a community assets than be sold off for development. We are pleased to update you that applications to nominate the Radfall Recreation Ground, the Chestfield Road play area (without the Serco shed and without the front KCC highways verge) and the Whitstable Rugby Football Club at Reeves Way have all been accepted by CCC onto the register.

New raised kerbs and new bus shelter for Chestfield Road

Well we hope you have seen and like our raised kerbs and new bus shelter for the bus stops at the Maydowns Road end of Chestfield Road.

We would welcome your feedback on this project – which if appreciated could be just Phase 1? Let us have your views as we may progress to a further Phase further along Chestfield Road – for any non-compliant stops (Note 1) along the No 5 route through Chestfield from Maydowns Road to Dukeswood.

(Note 1): Although Kent County Council Highways is responsible for bus infrastructure on the highway, their current programme and limited funding to improve accessibility at bus stops does not include Chestfield. Some bus stops where the kerb height is at least 125mm are deemed compliant with the accessibility regulations without the need for a raised kerb, as this allows the on-bus wheelchair ramp to be deployed at an acceptable gradient.

Transport to Estuary View Medical Centre from Chestfield

One of the questions raised in the replies to last year's questionnaire to you all was about transport to Estuary View Medical Centre. I "volunteered" to investigate and started by looking at the buses. I should say from the outset that this information only comes from my personal research and is in no way authoritative nor comprehensive.

I would be very grateful to those who may have additional information to let me know so I can include it in future editions of the magazine.

With that out the way, the only bus that goes through Chestfield is the No 5 bus (Canterbury – Seasalter). On only its first trip of the day, leaving Canterbury at 0835, it goes to Estuary View Medical Centre arriving 0926. This is the only direct bus to Estuary View Medical Centre and there does not appear to be a direct return bus.

The local bus that makes regular stops at Estuary View Medical Centre is the No 4 Bus but this does not go through Chestfield! This means taking the No 5 Bus into Whitstable (eg Harbour Street) then changing onto a No 4 Bus to Estuary View Medical Centre. The waiting time at Harbour Street between a number 5 and 4 bus is variable but in the order of 20 mins. Total one way journey time is in the order of 50 mins.

At the risk of confusing things, you can take the No 5 Bus into Canterbury and catch the No 4 Bus from Canterbury to Estuary View Medical Centre and this trip only takes 51 minutes.

If you are at the end of Chestfield where you can walk under the railway bridge into Swalecliffe and catch a bus from there, journey times can be down to just over half an hour.

The No 4 and 5 buses do have wheelchair access though this may be dependent on the bus stop.

In compiling this I researched the following web sites:

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/maps#tab2>

I understand that there may be charities or local groups that operate minibuses and the like – and offer volunteer transport? If you know of any locally, please let me know and I will publish details in a future edition.

Cllr Bob Todd, Chestfield Parish Council – please reply via the Clerk

Footway repairs – Chestfield Road

Kent County Council Highways plan to surface treat sections of the footways in Chestfield Road. The footway is beginning to show signs of wear and tear so KCC will apply a new surface which will protect it and extend its life. This treatment is known as ‘slurry sealing’.

It may be necessary to prepare the existing surface by carrying out some patching or kerbing works as well as a weed spray, in some cases this work may have already taken place. Immediately before the works the surface will be power washed, kerbs and entrances to properties taped over and any necessary adjustments to the height of covers and ironwork in the footway are made, this is all to ensure a uniform line on the new layer is achieved. As works begin it may be necessary for the surface to receive an initial levelling layer to achieve a nice uniform base for the new slurry sealing to be applied.

After application the material sets fairly quickly and once finished all the tape will be removed allowing the footway to be re-opened, this is usually within an hour or so of ‘slurry sealing’ being applied. If you have any doubts whether the surface is ready to be walked on please ask the crew on site, they will be happy to assist.

On completion the surface will be very dark in colour and course in texture, this is normal for this type of material but its appearance will become more like you would expect over the following weeks.

Where and when will the works take place?

Work should start work on the 4th of June 2018 for an expected period of 2 days. Works will usually take place between 8.00am and 5.00pm each day and unfortunately it will be necessary to use Stop & Go or 2 way traffic signals. It is possible that the programme will be disrupted by bad weather, if this does happen and KCC is not able to start the work within a few days of the date specified then affected residents and the parish clerk will be updated again with the new proposed start date.

To serve as a reminder signs will be placed on the road in advance of the work.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Medical Practice (Harbour Street) : 01227 284320

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For Out of Hours medical advice please call: NHS 111

Emergencies that are out of hours (other than 999) ring NHS 111

For Commuters: Whitstable Medical Practice offer early morning and late evening appointments for patients who cannot attend during the day, starting at 7.00 a.m. and evening appointments until 7.30 p.m. Appointments are available on various days at all of the Practice sites, Chestfield Medical Centre, Whitstable Health Centre and Estuary View Medical Centre and should be booked by calling the surgery where you are registered.

NHS Patient transport service - for people who cannot get to hospital or clinic appointment because of their medical or physical condition - bookings number 0800 096 0211 (open 24/7) For further information about patient transport, including alternatives for people who are not eligible for patient transport, visit www.km-pts.co.uk

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

There is a FREE BUS SERVICE to Estuary View – this runs from Tesco, Whitstable / The Plough at Swalecliffe / Priest & Sow Corner, Tankerton / Tankerton Circus / Town Centre Horsebridge / Top of Borstal Hill. Starts at 9.30am

ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise in this magazine? The Magazine goes out quarterly, four times per year to all households in Chestfield (over 1380 properties). Each advertiser also receives a copy (if they require one). Annual rates depend on the size of advert, and space permitting, and start from £50 per year for four editions. If you would like to advertise please contact the Clerk, Amanda Sparkes by email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone 01227 773121. Ideally you will supply your artwork in Microsoft Word format. If you want help with the artwork just ask. **Publication of any advertisement magazine does not imply endorsement by Chestfield Parish Council. The Parish Council recommends you seek more than one quotation for works to be undertaken in or around your home.**

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

SATURDAY (First Mass of Sunday) :

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Northwood Road, Whitstable

SUNDAY :

8:30am Mass at St Joseph's, Chestfield

10:30am Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable

Note: Above details are for usual times, etc but may, of course be subject to change due to funerals, holidays, etc.... details for each week can be found on: www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk

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

SUNDAYS:

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

5.30 Evening Prayer in Church

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

SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)

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

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

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

Further details of events at: www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

RIVERSIDE CHURCH Thanet Way (next to Amphenol) CT5 3JQ

Pastors Simon & Keely Bateson

Sunday morning services start at 10:30

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

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI

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

Neighbourhood Watch: Neal Fowler Tel: 01227 639257

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

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

Maydowns Road Residents Association

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

The Drive, The Drove, & Meadow Drive Residents Road Association

For any matters concerning these private roads contact Chairman Chris Brealy, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are held bi-monthly at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and are open to all. The formal meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is an adjournment early on to ask questions, or comment on current issues. Minutes are at www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk. Full minutes of the previous meeting are available at each meeting for members of the public. To receive an electronic version of the Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address.

The parish council holds bi-monthly formal meetings but has informal residents' surgeries for those same date and for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 9 July, 10 September, 12 November 2018.*

Councillor surgeries for residents - want to speak informally to a parish councillor? Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm to 7.30pm - 11 June, 09 July, (none in August - summer recess), 10 September, 08 October, 12 November, 10 December 2018*

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are held bimonthly on the **second** Monday in a month but surgeries for residents are monthly. Look for Notices on the village notice boards and on the website www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

All parishioners are welcome to attend meetings which are held in the WI Hall, Chestfield Road from **7:30pm**.

Clerk to the Council

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

Telephone: 01227 773121

E: clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

STEVE BAILEY (Responsibilities: Chairman, Highways, Bus and Train services, Social events co-ordinator)	CHRIS BREALY (Vice-Chairman, Highways, Environ- ment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling, Play Park & Rec Grnd)	TRICIA CHAPMAN (Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training)
ANNE LODER (Traffic, Footpaths/ Public rights of way)	CHRIS ELLIS (Planning, Village walks, Village Calendar)	PAT GIBSON Parish Plan, footpaths
BOB TODD Emergency Plan, Parish Plan, planning applications back up	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	NEW COUNCILLOR LORRAINE EAST Details and responsibilities being finalised

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

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

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

City Councillors

Cllr Jennifer Samper: Smeeds Farm, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PJ. Tel: 01227 272666

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

County Councillor

KCC Cllr John Simmonds: 43 Downs Avenue Whitstable Kent CT5 1RR. Phone: 01227 275349. Mobile: 07753 682755.
Email:john.simmonds@kent.gov.uk. Bus. phone: 03000 416684

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring Kent Police on 101 any time of the day or night, seven days a week.
Chestfield is supported by **PCSO Jade Hoyle** - Jade is the Kent Police's Police Community Support Officer for Chestfield and Swalecliffe but she is on maternity leave currently. While she is away ring Kent Police on 101. This 101 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There can be a wait until your call is answered – continue to use 999 in any emergency situation.

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 local councillors, churches, tree works and so on.

Partially sighted? Want this magazine in a larger format?

Contact the Clerk and she will arrange this – call 01227 773121 and don't forget to leave your name, address and phone number.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club Linda or John Wickings Tel: 01227 794511
Chestfield Cricket Club Tel: 01227 793 260
Chestfield Golf Club Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560
Whitstable Rugby Club Mr Bob Tomlinson Tel: 01227 793329
6th Whitstable Scout Group Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Leader Tessa Dale 01227 792325
Chestfield Rotary Club David Mann Mob: 07736 463921
1st Swalecliffe Brownies Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Sarah Marshall Tel: 01227 261391
1st Swalecliffe Rainbow Guides Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Jessica Cleary Tel: 01227 793964
ABC Pre-School Long Rock, Rachel 01227 280444 enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk.
Whitstable Volunteer Centre Tel: 01227 772248

Passenger Transport Information 0800 0960211

Canterbury City Council

- o **Main switchboard** 01227 862000 www.canterbury.gov.uk
- o **CCC Planning Call Centre** Tel: 01227 862178
- o **Canterbury City Council**
- o Recycling Information – 01227 862247
- o Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections – 0800 031 9091
- o Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- o **Environment issues: Serco** Ring for syringes in the play park, vandalism, public lavatories, dog fouling and graffiti Tel: 0800 031 9091
- o **Fly Tipping on public land - Serco** Tel: 0800 031 9091 or report online at www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-recycling/flytipping-vandalism-and-public-bins/flytipping-flyposting/
- o **Emergency Out of Hours CCC** Tel: 01227 781879

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects - web link for the KCC fault reporting tool – for reporting things like potholes, faulty lights, overgrown vegetation etc. : <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

To report a potential emergency situation, please call KCC immediately on 03000 418181 between 8am and 6pm Mon – Fri or on 03000 419191 at all other times

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

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

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

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

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

Junk Mail/ Mail Preference Service 0845 703 4599 www.mpsonline.org.uk
KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – www.kent.gov.uk/environment
Engine Oil 08708 506506 – www.oilbankonline.org.uk
Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling
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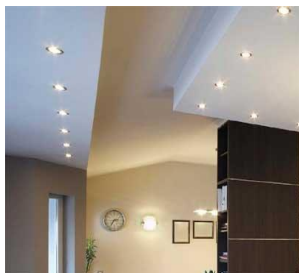
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