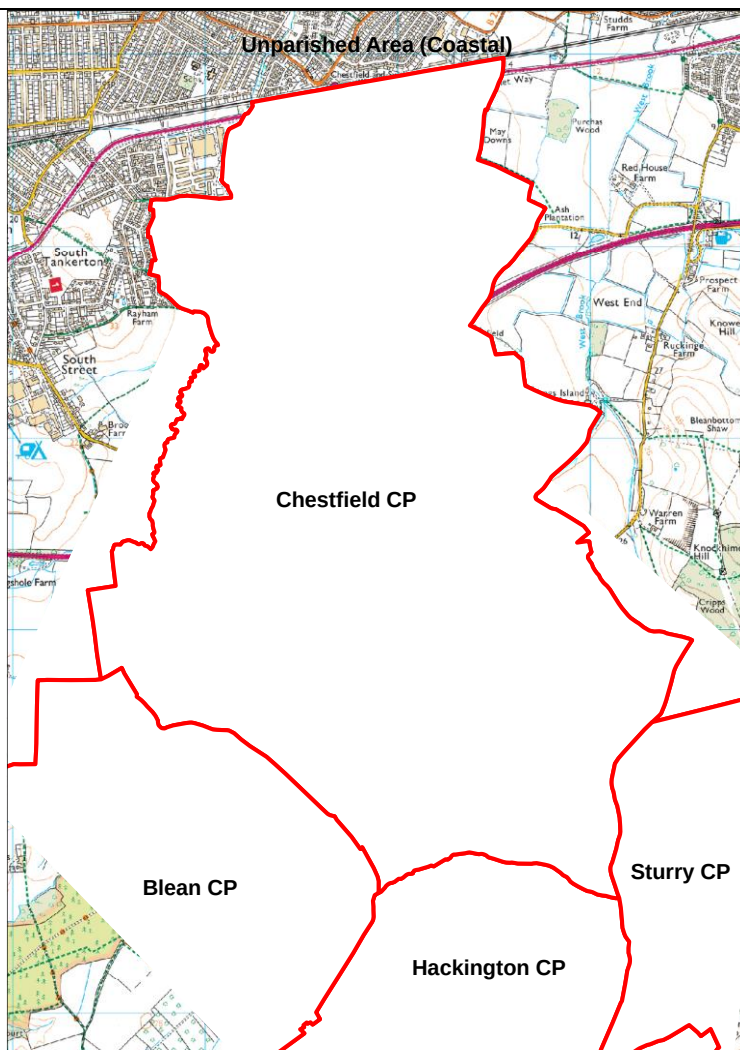


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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It has been another successful (and dare I say enjoyable) year for your Parish Council – and throughout the year there has been one constant on our meeting agenda that of a certain planning issue concerning the land South of John Wilson Business Park – otherwise known as Grasmere Pastures but more of that later !

In May of last year, I was again honoured to be asked to be Parish Council Chairman for another year – but I would state that although it is my name at the top of the page, every member of your parish council is as important as the other.

As you are all aware, the parish council took the decision to trial moving our formal parish meetings to bi-monthly. Following this successful trial, in May of this year we formally adopted this into our procedures, and this has given us all so much more time behind the scenes to achieve our goals – the main one being to serve the residents of this parish in the best way possible. We do however still meet informally to discuss progress and we use these meetings to welcome residents to discuss any planning or other issues.

In May we welcomed Lorraine East onto the parish council which again brought us up to a full council. Lorraine has proved a most welcome and vital addition to the team.

Also in May we were alerted to the planning of a “Love, Peace & Reggae” weekend concert to be held on the Rugby Club field – in fact tickets were then being advertised and sold at several outlets. Many residents raised their concerns over this possibility as this could have attracted up to 499 people under licensing current laws. Our clerk Amanda did a lot of searching and groundwork on this, and we would also like to thank Cllr Samper for her advice along the way. Needless to say, the concert never really transpired, and indeed later became the focal point in the local press.

I was also invited to represent the Parish Council on the tender group for the new children’s playpark, which I think just exemplifies how highly our opinion as a Parish Council is both valued and respected by the City Council, and

shows that we do have a close working relationship with not just our elected councillors but the whole council itself.

One of the projects that we had long thought of concerned the possible replacement of damaged or tatty road signs. We raised this issue with the City Council, and they were more than happy for us to progress this issue. As you can well imagine, it is quite a task to survey all of the village, and therefore we agreed to address this in phases – many of you will note that the Primrose Way estate now not only has new road signs, but for the first time these are numbered. Sadly though - and despite our requests - we have received no specific suggestions regarding the need for replacement signage from any resident and therefore we will carry on in our own time. My thanks to both Amanda and Tricia for their hard work and efforts – efforts which ironically have since been favourably commented upon by many residents of the area.

One of the ongoing issues and concerns that we encounter is the condition of our public footpaths. One particular area in this category concerned a small stretch of pathway at the top of the Sainsburys steps as this was becoming both muddy and hazardous. We were happy to not only fund this repair, but also to play a great part in the actual design and specification of this – thanks to Councillor Fitzpatrick !

We are looking at other footpaths within the village but as you may well appreciate, it isn't just a case of filling in with a bit of gravel – it's a bit more complicated – and dare I say costly - than that !

Remember the play park? It had been originally hoped that this would have all been done and dusted in time for the summer holidays, but due to a combination of delivery and procurement problems, the City Council took the decision in July to postpone works until after the summer break.

We saw this as a good time to look into refurbishing the adult outdoor gym, and we duly obtained the required quotations and designs, inviting both Canterbury City Council and the Medical Centre for comment. The new gym was installed in October and has proved a very popular addition to the area.

We continue to work with all local associations and groups in the village, and have assisted with funding where rules permit – however unfortunately the Rugby Club formally advised us in July that (and I quote) “that they wish to no longer have any dealings with us”. Sadly, this still remains the case to date, but we would welcome the re-introduction of dialogue as, like we said, we look to assist and help ALL local groups and associations.

In September we learnt of the sad passing of Kent County Councillor John Simmons after a short illness. John was a true gentleman and extremely knowledgeable with regards the workings of councils, particularly regarding financial or budgetary matters. I speak for many when I say that John will be greatly missed.

Believe it or not, Chestfield Parish Council celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2018. We thought it would be a nice tribute to recreate the first ever meeting Minutes, and we therefore printed these in our magazine, which made interesting reading indeed. Many of the older residents will remember being asked to pay the princely sum of £1 per year to help with the first magazine – how things change....but like they say “from little acorns”? Since the creation of the Parish Council we have only ever had two Clerks. The duties and responsibilities of Parish Clerks is often misunderstood and underestimated – but let me tell you...we would be lost without them ! The first clerk Linda Livingstone, was in post for 22 years – and we commemorated this by presenting her with an engraved vase emblazoned with the Parish logo – and of course our thanks !

On Sunday 30th September, we held our inaugural village clean-up session, where several residents assisted in the collection of litter (and the odd garden chair!) around the village. Some of the team even helped tidy up flower beds and hedgerows.

This proved very successful – so successful in fact that we are holding another session in a couple of weeks’ time on Sunday, 7th April. For anyone who would like to give up a just a couple of hours on that morning please just turn up at the playpark at 10.30am – your help would be much appreciated. All relevant equipment and PPE will be supplied, including a very eye catching vi-viz vest complete with our own logo !

Many of you will have noticed that a mixture of spring flowers are beginning to appear on the grass verges along Chestfield Road. In past years former

Parish Councillors Len Claisse and Eileen Watkins planted the bulbs – this year this has been carried out by Councillor Pat Gibson and my wife Karen ... strangely it proved quite difficult this time around, as the ground was incredibly hard due to the wonderful weather that we had experienced last year (you can't really water grass verges can you?). Thanks to Pat and of course Karen.

In October, we also continued our shrub bed project which entailed the tidying up of the beds and surrounding bushes. I would like to thank Chestfield Rotary Club for their help.

All this just goes to show the immense pride that we share for our village and the community spirit that runs throughout.

In November the works on the children's play park was finally completed, and this was officially opened by Sheriff of Canterbury, Councillor Jeanette Stockley. A few issues have been highlighted since, and we are assured by the City Council that these are being duly actioned.

On Remembrance Sunday, I attended the service held at St. Johns and laid a wreath on behalf of the village. With this being the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, all churches around the country were to ring their bells in unison as a mark of additional respect. Unfortunately, St. Johns were unable to do this due to the church bell being damaged awaiting repair. However, the church did manage to expel the sounds of bells that evening by way of recordings of the Canterbury Bells being played through their public address system – credit to everyone involved for their planning and ingenuity!

Following discussions with Father David, he explained the problem with the bell in further detail, and that the church were trying to raise funds for its refurbishment. The church put forward the relevant grant application, which culminated in us agreeing at council to award the sum of £500 towards restoration costs. I know that the church are continuing to raise funds for this, and hopefully they will soon reach their ultimate target.

As with every year we erected the Christmas Tree and banner at the beginning of December, however - unlike every other year, it was neither windy, raining or muddy !! My thanks as always to Councillors Chris Breal, Bob Todd and Chris Ellis for their help on this.

The carol concert itself turned out to be quite a turn of events from all other years, as due to a combination of rather unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, yours truly led the proceedings, although I would thank the various representatives from both churches for their help on the night. That night we also had two young girls from the village help out by giving a

reading and by singing a carol, which made the evening even more unique as we have wanted to involve the children of the village in our carol concert for a long while now – it was disappointing (if not somewhat ironic) that neither Father Kevin or Father David were there to see it !

We actually had a record attendance, and hopefully this has indeed set a trend for the future concerts. There is no doubt that the earlier start time has helped !

In February of this year we received official notice that the application hearing regarding the proposed Grasmere Pastures had been tabled.

Both Amanda and I met with representatives from the Grasmere Village Residents Association, SPACE, and the Richmond Road Residents Association. The groups have long been opposed to the development of the site and produced excellent, well informed argument against the scheme which culminated in them making the relevant deputations to the City Council members along with our own.

I think it only correct and proper that we do at this stage recognise the efforts of Dr. Robert Jackson from GVRA, Mark Boardman from SPACE and Gerard Jakimavicius of the RRRA throughout this whole saga – and may I just thank Councillor Pat Todd for also contributing on the night, and also for his compliments paid towards the Parish Council.

By the way, for those that don't know, the application WAS UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED !

Which brings us back around to another year – we do have a few exciting projects in mind, and hopefully you will enjoy them also ?!

In closing, I would ask all present to thanks the members of the Parish Council – and of course our very knowledgeable and hardworking clerk Amanda – and also to our army of volunteers in various spheres for their efforts on behalf of the village this year, and for making this the special village that is Chestfield !

Chestfield Parish Council – Yearly Update from Your Councillors:

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

CLlr Chris Brealy – Vice Chairman

I have been involved with environmental issues again this year. We held a very productive litter pick in September with a lot of new equipment supplied

by CCC and I look forward to the one this year in April. I also had success with contacting the Telephone exchange manager who arranged for the verge to be cut outside the exchange at this prominent part of Chestfield Road.

We have also liaised with CCC Environmental enforcement officers to help with flytipping: signs have been put up in Molehill Road and covert cameras installed to deter this antisocial behaviour. We also arranged another day for the shrub bed clear up project at Chestfield Recreation Ground and it was a good day and with the support of Chestfield Rotary Club.

I helped with the Christmas tree and banner installation and we had the biggest turnout yet for Carols on the Green.

Cllr Tricia Chapman

I have enjoyed another busy year as Tree Warden. In the Autumn of last year I joined my fellow councillors and parishioners tidying up the shrubs and commemorative Oak sapling in the play park and we've had many positive comments from those who enjoy this space!

It is so important to continue to manage trees responsibly and I am pleased to observe that many trees in the Village are trimmed and pruned in readiness for the Spring. The bird nesting season is officially from March until August and it is recommended that tree and hedge cutting should be done outside this period.

Cllr Chris Ellis

I have continued to work on the history of Chestfield and its changing views of what we find most important in terms of housing, education and recreation. This has influenced my contributions on planning applications, on the redevelopment of the existing housing and on efforts to construct new estates. Also I have supported the idea of a Forest School because it has proved valuable for my own grandchildren in other villages (although the application for one in Chestfield was withdrawn). My main focus for the coming year is encouraging more opportunities for vulnerable residents, for example improved information on telephone scams.

Cllr Patricia Gibson

I have now served on the Parish Council for three years and I am very pleased to be part of a group that achieves so much for the Parish. CCC's new children's playground is up and running and proving very popular. The new outdoor gym has also been commissioned by us. I have been involved with litter picking, bulb planting and helping with catering for the very popular Quiz night. Dog fouling remains an issue but new bins are being provided with the hope that dog owners will use them! Fly tipping remains a concern. Planning issues are very much at the forefront of the Council's mind and every effort is made to safeguard the quality of life for the residents of Chestfield.

Cllr Anne Loder

Having been on the Parish Council for 2 years, I understand more and more the work the Council has done and is doing for the Village and its residents.

My main areas of involvement are Traffic, particularly speeding, Public Footpaths and Rights of Way.

I am looking forward to another year of involvement in various projects in the village, such as a Herb Planter at the front of the W.I. Hall.

I would also like to add that I am very appreciative of all the hard work and support of our Parish Clerk Amanda and Chairman Steve .

Cllr Robert (Bob) Todd

I have now been on the council for almost two interesting years. I am still learning much about how a Parish Council works. This year I have attended a workshop on Planning, investigated public transport to Harbour View Medical Centre and published a related article in the Parish Magazine. I continue to be part of the progress review team working on the action list from the 2017 Parish questionnaire which we, the Parish Council continue to address. My work on The Emergency Plan I am pleased to say has now reached the review stage. My involvement in the long term plan for a cycle path between Chestfield and the Crab and Winkle Way has led me down

some previously unexplored “roads” in the Parish as has my delivery of Parish magazines.

Along with many of the other Parish councillors I was involved in the tender evaluation for the adult gym equipment. I hope you are all enjoying using them! We also, with your support had a very successful litter pick.

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 have now been on the Parish Council for just over a year now and I have spent most of my time reviewing and commenting on many planning applications. There have been 67 applications between April 2018 and March 2019.

I am currently working with the other counsellors sorting out specifications and costing for repairing the public footpaths and rights of way through and around the village.

Cllr Lorraine East

I am new to the parish council and took up the role of Fire Hydrant inspections in Chestfield. There are 64 in total and all have been checked and my findings sent to the Kent Fire Service who are accounting on them. I am also investigating the possibility of a mural on the Radfall Road Underpass which has a lot of graffiti on it at the moment. I helped with the carol service which was very well attended this year, and provided the final list with another colleague for the Christmas lights competition. There are many tasks to undertake on the parish council and your eyes are really opened to the amount of work behind the scenes. I look forward to more challenges and working with fellow colleagues this year.

Save the date for a Fun Day at The Faversham Showground in aid of the Dogs Trust:



Dogs Trust Canterbury

Save the Date!

Fun Day!

14 July 2019

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PLANNING LATEST on CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Pasture:
Up to 300 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment floorspace comprising: Detailed proposals for the erection of 140 residential dwellings, 1 no. Local Area of Play (LAP), vehicular access from Reeves Way and emergency access from Richmond Road, associated internal roads, footpaths and cycleways, open space, associated car park and overspill car park from Reeves Way, pumping station and landscaping. Outline proposal for up to 160 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment (Use Class B1 (a)) with associated parking, allotments, MUGA and open space with all matters reserved except access (excluding internal circulation).

Since the summer of 2017, Chestfield Parish Council has objected repeatedly to this outline application. The application went to the 5 March 2019 CCC Planning Meeting for determination and the city councillors voted 12 : 0 to REFUSE it.

The parish council Chairman was one of the speakers who spoke to the meeting: His speech was as follows:

**CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL SPEECH AT THE
GRASMERE PASTURES PLANNING APPLICATION HEARING
05th MARCH 2019**

We thank you for affording Chestfield Parish Council the opportunity to speak before you, particularly as Grasmere Gardens does not fall within our current boundaries, but lies directly on the peripheral.

Therefore - and although we remain well versed in all matters concerning this application – we have focused on issues that would have a detrimental impact on the village of Chestfield itself.

The key point here is that the application is for all matters except those concerning vehicle access into the proposed development.

The officer has clearly demonstrated that access into the proposed development is non-deliverable - and in this regard has in our considered opinion – only one possible option available – that of refusal.

There are many issues raised within this application that may be considered as contentious, least of all those surrounding foul drainage capacity, surface water and the increased potential of flooding, as well as the other more obvious concerns around the unsustainability of traffic management and the

enforced reliance on personal transport - further exacerbated due to the lack of public transport provision.

Under new boundary changes taking effect on 2nd May, Grasmere Pastures will fall within the Parish, and therefore we would state that development of this site – given the logistical problems that it presents – would without doubt have a detrimental effect on the rest of the Parish.

We would also state that the Parish Council has remained opposed to this site being allocated for housing since before the adoption of the Local Plan, and therefore our protestations put before you this evening should not in any way be considered as ‘knee-jerk’ or indeed fuelled with ‘NIMBYism’.

The decision to include this site in the Local Plan was, we feel, made in haste, when there were other more sustainable sites such as The Old Colliery suggested.

The Old Colliery along with Hoplands Farm (not chosen as strategic sites), have of course, along with other new developments, received planning permission for several hundred homes since the Local Plan was agreed.

Further, and with respect, we would point out that with over a six-year housing land supply, the City Council does not in fact need this site for housing, and when the Local Plan is reviewed later this year, we urge members to remove this site as a strategic allocation.

But that is indeed the future – tonight is about the application before you.

THE APPLICATION WHICH IN OUR OPINION IS NEITHER DELIVERABLE, SUSTAINABLE - NOR - TO BE PERFECTLY DIRECT – NEEDED !

Therefore, and with respect, and having heard the varying arguments from others surrounding its viability, we would strongly urge Members to refuse this application.

The Community Safety Unit at Canterbury City Council is aware of many people being scammed in Thanet and that scammers are moving towards the Canterbury District. Scams can be people knocking at doors saying they are from the local council or police, stating residents are owed money, then getting bank and personal details. The other big issue is rogue driveway and roofing companies charging people very large amounts of money to repair a roof (which is usually not damaged) or putting in a driveway and doing a very bad job with the result being worse than before they started.

For further advice and information please see Trading Standards
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/consumer-protection/doorstep-criminals>

Trading Standards has also just created an awareness film highlighting how to spot the signs of financial abuse
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYvsuynSJQs>

Historically the other issue in rural areas is shed and garage break-ins - this tends to be an issue in the summer, with tools and garden furniture being the main items stolen. The Rural Forum on the 11 March 2019 awarded funding for crime prevention/safety packs which aim to prevent door step and other crimes that can occur in rural areas.

CCC has worked with Solon Security to create **packs to help raise awareness of these issues as well as including items which may prevent some of these crimes . The packs include:-**

- A Security Squirrel tin - these look like a tin can but have a twist lock at the bottom in which you can hide valuable items and put them to the back of the cupboard to keep them safe.
- Property marking kit
- Shed padlock kits
- No doorstep callers window stickers
- Awareness flyers and information about Neighbourhood Watch.

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Free Artwork Outreach sessions

Kent Arts and Well Being have received funding from Canterbury City Council to run two free Art sessions for residents aged over 50 in Chestfield. No previous experience is necessary! Come and have a go, meet new people and do something simple but different. The sessions will be a fun, 'tea and creativity' social experience.

Book to attend a session at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road on either Wednesday 19th June 10am-12pm or Wednesday 26th June 10am-12pm

Maximum 12 delegates per session - Book early to avoid disappointment. Book via the Clerk on 01227 773121 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

If anybody has mobility or transport issues the parish council may be able to help with getting you there!

You can learn more about a similar project "Our Work of Art" that ran in 2018 at kentartsandwellbeing.org.uk

The parish council is supporting this, by paying for the hall hire for the sessions. We hope you will support this project.

Interested in Gardening/Horticulture or Art?

Would you like to get outside, learn more about gardening, nature, enjoy the Arts and get some exercise at the same time?

If one or more of these things speak to you, you might be interested to volunteer a couple of hours a term on some local projects.

No experience required, you will work with an experienced gardener. It's a chance to be outside, enjoy nature and get a bit arty... Volunteer and get some gardening advice for free!

Leave a message for Anemone Jones on 01227-464449

The pine with recline

As a resident you cannot have failed to notice the tree in front of the Chestfield Road play park fencing that is growing on an almost unbelievable slant. This pine has been like this for many years.

The Senior Contracts Officer at Canterbury City Council has explained that it was just not rooted in well as some stage and either blew over in a gale or was helped over by a passer by. He told the Clerk, "Either way it is long past the point that it can be shoved back up. It is not such a big tree to be a great risk and so its been left. If this was on a windy hill in Devon it would be a local attraction. We have had ROSPA comment on it, the old thing about children climbing it but the needles seem to put most mountaineers off. Putting it upright may well kill it.

"I will of course respond to any real local demand to do something, but removal is probably the only option at this stage. I am inclined (what better word is there) to leave it unless it collapses right to the ground or grows into the paths."

From a parish council perspective we like our feature tree and we would not support its removal!

Could you be our Countryside Access Warden volunteer?

Kent County Council is looking for a Countryside Access Warden volunteer for the Chestfield parish area. The position would suit someone who is passionate about the countryside and can volunteer at least ten times a year at times suited to them. Training and kit will be supplied.

Duties include walking and inspecting local footpaths and working in conjunction with Chestfield parish council and taking action where necessary to ensure that Public Rights of Way are accessible to all.

More information and an application form can be found online here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/volunteering/countryside-volunteering/countryside-access-wardens>

Alternatively contact Jennie Scott at Kent County Council by email at Jennie.Scott@kent.gov.uk or by phone on 03000 413453.

Cricket at Radfall

Many Chestfield residents enjoy a walk in Radfall Recreation Ground which is a great favourite with dog walkers. When out walking residents may have seen a hive of activity on the cricket square, normally in the spring and summer months.

A team of volunteers prepare and maintain the cricket square whilst Serco, under a City Council contract, cut the outfield and the remainder of the recreation ground. The 'square' is the overall flat area of grass that is cut and rolled and on which the batting and bowling takes place. At Radfall the square can accommodate ten pitches each of 22 yards in length and 8 feet 6 inches wide. That gives an approximate dimension of 225 square yards - quite a lot of grass to maintain.

The cricket season runs from May to September with three clubs using the ground - Whitstable Labour Cricket Club, Herne Bay Cricket Club and Whitstable Cricket Club Under 18's - with most matches played at weekends and an occasional weekday evening. So Radfall hosts both league and recreational cricket, colts cricket and cricket for some fairly elderly players too!

Maintenance fall into three general periods during the year:

February to April - depending on the weather this is the time to make a first cut (not too low) and use the heavy sit-on roller twice a week to cross roll the whole square. This compacts the soil and irons out any ridges that may have formed during the winter. Moss, worm casts and weeds are also removed.

May to September - during the playing season the pitches are 'marked-up' with white liner to exact measurements and the pitches are heavily rolled this time in the direction of play. Each pitch is cut using a specialist pitch mower to achieve a short height of grass suitable for the game. The pitches at Radfall are always well received by visiting teams since the even bounce gives a fair balance between bat and ball.

Pitches are used in sequence with each pitch usually playable for about three matches. After this time the pitches are usually heavily worn and any further use would make play dangerous. Friday morning is the main day for the volunteer team to work on the square but this is reinforced by one or two further work sessions depending on the weather and upcoming matches. A further task is to mark and maintain the boundary line surrounding the playing area. Although rare, because of our inclement weather, the pitches are sometimes watered if there is a particularly dry spell when cracks appear that, if left, would make play dangerous.

October to January - at the end of the season the square is cut, rolled and scarified enabling the whole area to be re-seeded in preparation for the following season. During this time the square continues to be roped off with signs on each side inviting people to 'please keep off the square' and most people respect this request. Over the years many dog walkers have kept a watchful eye on the square and sheds and let us know if there might be a problem. We are very grateful indeed for such watchfulness.

The volunteer team always welcomes a chat with walkers passing through so please do stop and say hello, we might even persuade you to join in!

Eddie, Pete, Paul, Chris and Peter
The Volunteer Ground Staff Team



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Why I became a Speedwatch Volunteer.

I joined the speed watch group about 5 years ago. The reason I joined was as follows:

Just before I joined I was observed by a speed enforcement camera on a rural road in Suffolk travelling at 38mph.

I must have had a lack of concentration; because I missed seeing the 30mph sign designating the speed limit on that road.

A few days later I was sent a photograph of my car along with the speed I was travelling at the time.

I was duly given the option of a £60 fine and 3 penalty points on my licence or taking a "Speed Awareness Course".

Having had a clean licence for over 40 years I decided to take the latter option.

I was offered the course at a location in Ipswich for a cost of £100 if I remember correctly. I eventually managed to take the course nearer home in Kent, but the cost rose to £160. It was to be an all day affair starting at 0900hrs and finishing at approximately 1600hrs and included an on road driving examination with an advanced driving instructor.

I turned up at Canterbury High School at the designated time and was introduced to various people who I was sure were going to tell me I was a "naughty boy", but far from it.

The first thing that happens is that they want to see your current valid driving licence. If you forget to bring it with you they send you away and you have to accept the 3 penalty points and the fine, no excuses. This did happen to one of the group.

There were about 18 of us, a mixture of about 50/50 male and female.

There was a lot of discussion about why people exceed the speed limit and excuses they made for doing so. There was also a couple of questions and answer papers to complete. It was extremely interesting and enlightening to learn what you didn't know, or what you had forgotten about what was in the "Highway Code".

Then came the section of the course which really made me take notice.

"The Scene" was an urban road with a 30mph speed restriction, not unlike Chestfield Road by the play park. A couple of cars were parked on the road. A child, in its excitement to get to the other side of the road, ran out between two of the cars.

A motorist some 30 metres away and travelling at approximately 40mph sees the child, but unfortunately there is an impact and the child does not survive the injuries.

The question from the instructors was: What would have happened to the child if the motorist had been travelling at the 30mph limit?

We all sat in discussion and our reply was that the child would have probably had a few cut and scratches or perhaps a broken limb.

His reply came as a bit of a surprise, he said nothing would have happened to the child as the motorist travelling at 30mph would have been able to stop in time.

And that's why I joined the speedwatch volunteers.

We are just trying to educate the need for concentration in complying with the speed limits, especially in our village.

The speed restrictions are there for a good reason, not to just annoy you if you are in a hurry.

Resident Speedwatch Volunteer

Day in the life of a PCSO

As a ward Police Community Support Officer that covers Chestfield Parish, my primary role is to be a highly visible and approachable representative for Kent Police within the local community. I have responsibility for Chestfield, Swalecliffe and Whitstable wards so I try to achieve this aim in all of those wards.

Each working day I will review any crime and anti-social behaviour that has been reported on my wards and I will aim to visit appropriate victims and be pro-active in providing reassurance and taking positive action on any issues that are happening or emerging.

I work in partnership with many other agencies to be as effective as possible in dealing with issues and these include housing providers, KCC wardens, social services, mental health workers, youth workers, the Local Authority, and Trading Standards.

This also gives me the opportunity to create valuable contacts within the community and gather valuable intelligence from them.

The demands in policing are very high and as part of the Kent Police organisation I also have to assist with dealing with appropriate calls, assisting with local enquiries regarding crime including CCTV and house to house enquiries. I have to help when needed with preservation of a crime scene, helping with road closure at traffic collisions, serving witness summons, and dealing with various other tasks.

Unfortunately this can take me away from my daily ward business on occasions but I will always try to be out and about on my wards as much as possible.

PCSO Jade Hoyle. Contact number: 101

Feature Interview

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

Council Tax letters are landing on doormats across the district and so it seems like a timely opportunity to remind you where your money goes. The name at the top of your council tax bill is Canterbury City Council but there are in fact four other organisations which receive funding from your council tax. They are Kent County Council, The Police & Crime Commissioner for Kent, Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority and the parish council. So let's consider a council tax bill received by someone living in a Band C property in the village (as part of the Canterbury district).

The amount charged by each of the five authorities is broken down:

Kent County Council:	£1,153.04
Canterbury City Council:	£187.84
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent:	£171.69
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority:	£69.12
Chestfield Parish Council	£34.83
Total	£1,616.52

It might surprise some people that of the £1.6k due only £187.84 is kept by the city council as its share which equates to approximately 11% of the over-all council tax bill. It's often misconstrued that all you pay for is to have your bins emptied. At KCC you are funding education, adult social care, libraries, highways to name but a few. At the city council you fund household rubbish collection, housing, leisure, parks and open spaces, planning, licencing, as well as dealing with fly-tipping and graffiti etc. Hopefully we all have an idea as to what the police and fire authorities do and of course you get support in the village from your local parish council.

When you break down the cost of your Canterbury City Council tax it's approximately £3.60-a-week for a Band C household. Only you can judge if that's value for money but how much would it cost you to go to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (or "the tip" in old money) to just get rid of your rubbish if you had to do it yourself let alone all the other services? It's important we pay tax to collectively enjoy the services we all want and cherish. Of course, we'd all like to keep our contributions down but next time you see the Canterbury City Council direct debit leaving your bank account just remind yourself of all the different organisations and services you're funding. You may also not know that there various reliefs that apply such as disability council tax relief or council tax support. For more on council tax you should visit https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20006/council_tax or to claim council tax support visit https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20022/benefit_payments_and_claims/80/housing_benefit_and_council_tax_support/3. Do get in touch if you have any questions.

Robert Thomas, Canterbury City Councillor. Email:

Robert.thomas@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk Telephone: 0774034719

Chestfield wi

“Summer fair”

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2PM - 4PM at

W.I. HALL CHESTFIELD ROAD

CAKES, BRIC A BRAC, CRAFT, TOMBOLA,
RAFFLE VARIOUS

OTHER STALLS TEA AND COFFEE

ADMISSION FREE

COFFEE MORNING

W.I. HALL CHESTFIELD ROAD

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16th 10.30 – 12pm

IN AID OF

“THE FIFTH TRUST” (Adults with Learning Difficulties)

COFFEE/TEA CAKE & BISCUITS

ALL WELCOME Admission £3.00

Swalecliffe Library

Everyone is welcome at Swalecliffe Library which is open on six days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm; Wednesday and Saturday 9am to 1pm).

It is free to join the library and with your library card you can borrow up to 30 items at a time (books, DVDs, spoken word CDs) and any item not available on the shelves can be reserved on payment of a small fee (80 pence in most cases; with reservations for anyone under 18 being free of charge).

Did you know there are many other free services which can be accessed with your library card?

There are two public access computers in the library which can be used for an hour per day for study or leisure, word processing or looking for information. A small charge is made for any printouts. We also have access in the library to free Wi-Fi, so you can go online using your smartphone or tablet.

Your library card also gives you free access to a wide range of online resources, most of which can be accessed from home as well as in the library. For example, you can look up information on Britannica Online, search the digital archives of The Times from 1785-2007, listen to music on Naxos Music Library or practice for your driving theory test using Theory Test Pro. There is more information on the online resources on the Kent County Council website –

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries>

If you prefer to read books and magazines online rather than in a paper copy you can download free e-books and e-audio books via the website; or read e-newspapers and e-magazines using two more of our online services, PressReader or RBDigital

If you are unable to visit the library due to health or other reasons, you may be eligible for our Home Library Service where one of our friendly volunteers can deliver library books to your home. We also have a service called Touch a New World where we can lend you an iPad for a number of weeks and one of our volunteers will visit you at home at show you how to use it, for example to send emails to family abroad, shop online or just use the internet to look up information.

The Library runs a thriving Talk Time group every Thursday mornings, which is great if you would like to meet other people over a cuppa and cake. Visiting speakers are arranged as well as outings in the summer months.

So Swalecliffe Library has something for everyone! Please do drop in and if you have any queries just ask one of the library staff, email swalecliffelibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 413131. We look forward to meeting you.

Hello!

Is it us you're looking for?

Age UK Herne Bay and Whitstable

Now that we've grabbed your attention, we just want to let you know that we're still here at our Centre in Reculver Road. We continue to provide a wide range of services both in our centre and within the local Whitstable / Herne Bay community offering practical help and support to older people. Our social opportunities Day Centre is open 7 days per week and our Dementia Day centre 6 days per week. Our hot meal delivery service runs 365 days per year for those that need it.

In both our day centres clients enjoy a range of activities whether it's having a freshly prepared hot meal or getting their hair done, listening to musical entertainment or participating in chair based tai chi, they are amongst lots of friendly people with opportunities to make new friends. There's so much going on, including Arts and Crafts, Games, Quizzes and Puzzles. And by the way, don't worry if you can't get here under your own steam, we can arrange to collect you and take you home again.

We are also looking for some new **Volunteers**. So, if you know someone who has some time to spare, ask if they would like to come along and give us a hand. Whether it's assisting as a befriender, helping to deliver hot meals, assisting with dementia events, or filling out Attendance Allowance forms why not come and join our friendly team? Please contact Gill Ball gill.ball@ageukhernebay.org.uk or phone 07735556811 to find out more. If you would like to find out more about the services listed above please contact us on 01227 749570.

We might just be what you're looking for.



History Society news: a new publication available

The 2018 History Society's book on life in Chestfield, that traced it back over 5000 years, proved to be a sell out. People liked the large A4 format using lots of colour illustrations, and enjoyed the mix of personal stories and factual information illustrated with documents and maps from the past.

We now have a new book, **a Portrait of Swalecliffe**, that uses the same approach and reveals the parallel development of Chestfield and Swalecliffe with some surprising new materials. Although the little hamlet of Swalecliffe was around long before Chestfield became unified, the importance of each to the other has shown itself in ways we have forgotten. For example Swalecliffe families attempted to create a Golf Club, the Grasmere Links, some 20 years before the Chestfield Club was established. It petered out during the First World War. But the experience must have influenced the plans for the new Club which became central to Chestfield and was actually set up in 1924 well before the new housing was begun in 1929. We also do not realise that the growth of the population on each side of the railway occurred during exactly the same decades around the middle of the 20th century, although in very different ways.

Before then, in the 19th century, the farming communities of Chestfield were powerfully influenced by the rival sources of employment a mile or two north - a big brick works and copras production drew many local labourers away while bringing money back into the farming families who lived around farms like Highgate Farm (the modern Care Home) or Chestfield Farm itself (along the Drive and Drove).

Perhaps the most interesting illustrations in the new book are beautifully reproduced maps, dating from 1769, although the connections between local people and national figures, like the painting of Lord Kitchener by local artist Dudley Pout, are worth mentioning.

"A Historical Portrait of Swalecliffe" by Peter Yarlett, published by Chestfield History Society, costs £10.

If you would like to find out more contact us on chestfieldhistory@gmail.com.

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!

Report graffiti at

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20044/vandalism_and_graffiti/55/request_graffiti_removal

Note: Canterbury City Council will remove graffiti from a residential home or property CCC own, such as play areas and public toilets BUT can't remove it from locations like phone boxes or bridges that don't belong to CCC. If the graffiti is on someone's property, there is no charge for the first two hours work or a maximum area of 5m²

Reporting crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website

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

Post Office Near Me: For a web site for people to find local post offices and the services they offer. Visit: <https://www.postofficesnearme.com/>

Chestfield History Society: If you want to contribute any information about Chestfield's past or ask the History Society any questions go to the Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chestfield history/

Viewing planning applications – residents need to view plans online, although CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/19/00001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 19 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 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 19/00001 only, not the full reference. CCC's planning call centre may assist with any difficulties: call 01227 862178 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

In May 2018 we put together a **Guide to Planning and Planning Applications** – which we include as part of our welcome pack documents for new residents. The full document may be found on our website.

Update on Actions from our Community 2016 Survey

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

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

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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Medical Practice (Harbour Street) : 01227 284320

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For **Out of Hours** medical advice please call: **NHS 111**

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

For Commuters: Whitstable Medical Practice offer early morning and late evening appointments starting at 7am and evening appointments until 7.30pm. Appointments are available on various days at all of the Practice's sites (Chestfield Medical Centre, Whitstable Health Centre, Estuary View Medical Centre) – book by calling the surgery where you are registered.

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

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

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

Transport by bus

The following web sites may be useful to you:

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

Mini bus service and local volunteer transport schemes

1. Red Zebra volunteer car service – Red Zebra based in Whitstable, has been set up in Whitstable through the city council. See <http://www.redzebra.org.uk/volunteer-car-scheme/>

The scheme is for people who find it difficult to use public transport either through age or a need for special assistance. It is aimed at helping people get to essential health appointments and where resources permit, shopping and social trips may also be possible. The scheme offers a return journey and you will not be charged for waiting time, which is up to a maximum of two hours. A longer wait e.g. a drop-off in the morning and collection in the afternoon, will mean a double charge.

There are charges to cover the cost of running the scheme and petrol mileage, these are:

- annual subscription of £10 (or £15 for a couple)
- £2 administration charge per trip
- 45p per mile

All volunteer drivers are DBS checked and insured, and a driver who is able to carry and assist with a wheelchair etc can be arranged. To arrange your journey telephone Red Zebra in advance on: 01227 271111 - volunteers are available to take your calls Monday – Friday between 10am–12.30pm.

2. Kent Karrier dial-a-ride service - will take you from your home to set locations, such as the nearest town centre or supermarket. Group bookings, airport runs and a shopping service are also available. All services are operated with wheelchair accessible vehicles and our experienced drivers will give you all the help you need. You are eligible to join if:

- you have a medical condition that makes travelling on public transport difficult OR you live in a rural area more than 500 metres from a bus route or railway station
- you are aged 85+.

You must join the scheme to be able to use it. It costs £5 per year and a small fare for each journey.

Concessionary fare passes are not valid for travel on Kent Karrier services. Carers or companions can also travel. They don't need to be members but companions will need to pay the journey fare and carers can travel for free.

Download the Kent Karrier application form at

https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/4761/Kent-Karrier-membership-Form.pdf , complete it and post back to: Kent Karrier

Membership, Public Transport, Kent County Council, PO Box 441, Aylesford, ME6 9HJ. If you have any questions please call 03000 413567.

The information leaflets by district at the following weblink show you a timetable for your area, where you can travel and who to contact to book a journey: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport/kent-karrier#tab-4>

3. Thanet Community Transport DIAL-A-RIDE - A door to door service for the disabled and elderly for individuals, typically used for medical appointments, shopping trips, days out and holidays. TELEPHONE: 01843 602030 or EMAIL: transport@transportinthanet.co.uk. ADDRESS: Thanet Community Transport Association, Unit 2, The Lead Centre, Dane Valley Road, St Peters, Broadstairs, CT10 3JJ. More information on their website: <http://transportinthanet.co.uk/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.
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; 3rd Sunday family friendly Morning Praise

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.

Communion is served on the fourth Sunday each month.

On any fifth Sunday of any month we have a joint service with St John's Parish Church, alternating venues.

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

Chestfield WI: President: Mrs J Silk 01227 634642 ;Secretary: Mrs J Saunders 01227 793210 ; and Bookings: Mrs M Champion 01227 792971 or Mrs J Papaspyrou 01227 792257.

Neighbourhood Watch: Neal Fowler Tel: 01227 639257

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

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

Maydowns Road Residents Association

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

The Drive, The Drove, Meadow Drive and The Leas Residents Road Association

- For any matters concerning these private roads contact

Chairman Chris Brealy, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

Pre Schools in Whitstable

- Townsend Montessori @ Whitstable
4, Makerstudy Business park, Thanet Way · 01227 274444
- All Saints Nursery School, Shirley Hall, Church St · 01227 282628
- Choochoos Day Nursery
Whitsable Station, Railway Avenue · 01227 280077
- Daisy Chain Nursery School Within Community College Whitstable
Whitstable 07947 819348
- Jo Jo's Day Care Nursery, Herne Bay 01227 361377
- Kindergarten Kids Within St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Primary Schools in Whitstable

- St Marys Catholic Primary School
Primary School, Northwood Rd · 01227 272692
- Joy Lane Primary School 01227 261430
- Swalecliffe Community Primary School
- Primary School, Bridgefield Rd · 01227 272101

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

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Telephone: 01227 773121 **Email:** clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are held bi-monthly at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and are open to all. The formal meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is an adjournment early on to ask questions, or comment on current issues.

Look for Notices on the village notice boards and on the website

www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk. Minutes are published on the website and available from November 2007. Full minutes of the previous meeting are available at each meeting for members of the public. To receive an electronic version of the Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address.

The parish council holds bi-monthly formal meetings but has informal residents' surgeries for those same date and for the months in between.

Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 08 July, No meeting in August, 09 September 2019 and 11 November 2019

Councillor surgeries for residents - want to speak informally to a parish councillor? Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm - 7.30pm - 10 June, 08 July, No meeting in August, 09 September, 14 October, 11 November and 09 December 2019*

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

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

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

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

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

City Councillors

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

County Councillor

Cllr Robert Thomas, 11 Hollow Lane Canterbury CT1 3SB. Telephone: Mobile 07740347419. Email: Robert.Thomas@kent.gov.uk

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. Call Kent Police on 101. This 101 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There can be a wait until your call is answered – continue to use 999 in any emergency..

New to the village? Or know someone who is?

Ring the parish council clerk on 01227 773121 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk 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

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

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

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