



Local Schooling in Chestfield 200 years ago

- Chestfield and Swalecliffe children had a "Dame School" in a house close to Highgate Farm - the building which is now the Care Home in The Ridgeway. Dame Schools met the needs of children who came from working families. They were not free and taught reading, writing and arithmetic. But by the early 1800s many pupils would learn enough to read newspapers and even novels - Charles Dickens books, published from the 1830s, were read by many Dame School educated youngsters. Children normally left before they were 12, but in times when schooling was limited, personal self improvement was probably much more common than today. The picture shows that even then the notions of visual aids, differentiated learning and internal exclusion were well established.

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Message from your Chairman

You may recall that towards the end of last year (was it really that long ago?), that the parish council continued to work towards certain enhancements throughout the village, mainly driven by initial suggestions or requests emanating from the village survey.

We are therefore delighted to advise you that you will shortly be seeing a few additions and changes around the village for your comfort. Together with 'Stagecoach' we investigated your residents' comments surrounding improving DDA access at bus stops and we are pleased to report that these works are very much in hand. Whilst on the subject of bus stops, we have worked with all parties - local residents included - to procure the renewal of the bus shelter at the beginning of Chestfield Road. Not only is this being renewed and upgraded, we have also reached agreement to re-position this, a move that has been welcomed by the immediate residents.

We have continued in our work to enhance the playpark area, and we will shortly be installing two new bespoke benches for your comfort. The new benches are made of natural wood from wind-blown trees, and I hope that you will agree that the wait for these will have been worth it once seen.

Speaking of the playpark, Canterbury City Council are planning to refurbish the play area itself, and I am delighted to have been invited to represent the parish council to sit on the planning committee for this, although I would stress that these discussions are very much at an early stage at the time of writing. Although we may not have a direct influence on the type of equipment to be installed, we do hope to incorporate a timeline of village history, which we feel will give the area that added touch of unique feel.

We remain resolved in our efforts to encourage dog walkers to 'tidy up' after their dogs, and many of you may have noted the appearance

of some new signage around the village, although to a certain extent we are limited to where we can post new signage, as this can only be done with the approval of the particular landowner – as an example of this, even we had to obtain the permission of the church to install our banner for the Carol concert (yet another resident suggestion that we took note of and implemented – to much success I hasten to add!).

It was so nice to meet up with so many of our volunteers at the recent buffets, and one thing that became quite clear is the desire to hold more community evenings, and therefore our aim is to hold a few more quiz nights or similar functions. We are looking to hold the first of these in early April, and therefore would suggest that your interest is registered with either myself or Amanda so that we can contact you once we have a firm date arranged.

Finally, the eagle-eyed amongst you may have noted a slight change to the magazine – we would love to receive your feedback, and of course any suggestions for future publications – as you may have noted – we do listen !

Cllr Steve Bailey

Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

p.s. hopefully by the time you receive your magazine the Village sign at the play park will be fully reinstated again. A panel on one side was removed by recent high winds but we were fortunate that a near by resident (and ex-parish councillor) retrieved the actual sign for us to collect and effect the repair.

Chestfield Play Park, Chestfield Road - *Play Area Upgrade*

Canterbury City Council are to do a £80k play park upgrade/makeover in 2018 (using developer contributions). CCC tendered to play companies in January and their submission will be assessed against certain criteria - and Cllr Bailey may be a parish council representative on the criteria committee. This will then whittle down the selection to two for public consultation.

The aim is to install the new park in time for summer holidays in 2018. The 'shut period' will last about a month – one week to remove the old equipment and dig out the old wetpour - and three weeks to refurbish. The new equipment will have a new type of safety surface – bonded rubber mulch, made from shredded tyres bonded together – which acts better than old style wetpour.

The public consultation stage will take place between 5th and 23rd March. CCC will consult with the local primary school; hold a residents consultation evening, and feedback the key points to the play manufacturers who may resubmit their design.

There will be an open evening drop-in public consultation held at a local venue, for local nearby residents - to invite their views and comments on the shortlisted designs, usually two designs. The council will only invite, by letter, those living within 400 metres of the play area.

Of course others are welcome to attend - once we have a date and venue advised to us we can promote it - Keep an eye out on our noticeboards when we will advertise the consultation event to Chestfield residents in due course when details are known. CCC will also be going into a local primary school to consult separately with school children.

The final decision by CCC on the winning design will take place by the end of April. We look forward to being able to tell you more in our next edition of the magazine.

The Chestfield History Society History Book and 2018 Calendar

These proved a great success and thank you to everyone who supported this initiative and placed orders – we hope that you are enjoying them. Calendar sales totalled approximately 80 copies plus another 14 distributed to free to selected individuals. Book sales total 155 to date with further copies held for sale in Whitstable Museum and Whitstable Improvement Trust and display copies in Swalecliffe Library and Whitstable Library.

Just a quick note to say sorry to the Steve with a mobile starting 07503 who left a message on 20 December to place an order, but the quality of the message/mobile phone reception meant that half the mobile digits were not captured... sorry we could not followup with you. If you're still interested please get in touch again.

In addition to the 2019 calendar we are assembling more material for a second addition to the book. This includes offers of further historical maps from a Laxton Close resident, access to more Tony Blake photographs recently donated to Whitstable Museum and a small number of detailed corrections to the first edition text. There has been significant interest from outside the village, including contributions for a second edition from interested individuals in Swalecliffe, Tankerton and Whitstable (and from further afield at Herne Bay, Herne and Broomfield). We have not yet decided on when the second edition will be published as it may be helpful to accumulate substantially more materials before producing it.

Chestfield History News - 2018 will bring more events like the wedding dresses show with refreshments that proved so popular last summer, and publications to follow our illustrated History of Chestfield, which has been bought by almost two hundred families. We also want to exploit the internet much more, and are investigating the ways in which we can join local networks using the experiences of other history societies. Following the collaboration with the W.I. on the historical wedding dresses we would like to have a 1930s to 50s show with clothes and recepies from the time. If you think you have anything to contribute either phone 01227 792788 or 01227 794936 and leave a message or email chestfieldhistory@gmail.com.

We have several research projects starting up, including extending our work to Swalecliffe, investigating the history of the Golf Club, and work with Whitstable museum studying old photographs of the area. Another is finding old film. Many people who knew the late Tony Blake, will know that Tony made films and collected them as well. Much of his collection is now held by Tim Jones, Senior Lecturer in the School of Media, Art and Design at Canterbury Christ Church University. Tim would be pleased to hear from anyone who has old cine films, and would make free digital copies for you to keep if they were of communal interest and you would be ready to let them be used for educational purposes. Tim holds regular showings of the films from his archive at the Powell Lecture Theatre, Canterbury Campus, and you can find out more by emailing him at tim.jones@canterbury.ac.uk.

A reminder – did you know? that 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 – there is no excuse not to!

Want to join a Pub Quiz competition?

Canterbury and District Quiz League is inviting teams to join a pub quiz cup competition in April and May.

The League, currently in its second season, hopes to see locals support their village pubs by entering teams in the end-of-season competition, which takes place in a knockout format on Monday evenings.

The quizzes take place over ten rounds, with two teams of four playing against each other. The winners will go into the next round, the losers into a plate competition.

You don't need a team as individual players can register an interest and be found a team to join!

The standard of questions isn't going to be too high but it'll be a challenge for the little grey cells. The League runs so well because it prides itself on being a fun evening's quizzing while meeting new people and enjoying different pubs, although if you want to win the cup, you'll have to be pretty good at general knowledge...

Come and support your local pubs and have some fun quizzing with friends. Anyone who's interested should contact David Hatton on dhatton42@hotmail.com or 07875 233617 as soon as possible so that numbers can be confirmed well before the contest begins.

Please attend your Annual Electors' Meeting on 19 March 2018

CRUSE are speakers for the Annual Electors meeting - to explain their work in the community. CRUSE Bereavement Care, East Kent with Swale, at Whitstable, is a self-supporting branch of the national charity Cruse Bereavement Care. Volunteers change the lives of people who have been bereaved, supporting them, providing reassurance, information, advice and helping people develop coping strategies and find the resilience to continue with their family and work responsibilities. The demand from the local community to provide bereavement support continues to rise. In 2016, trained volunteers supported over 500 adults and children. Currently, they have 25 children from local schools on their waiting list so the demand for the service is forever increasing. **The meeting is on 19 March 2018, in the WI hall from 7.30pm. Come and hear local organisations reports too and your Chairman's annual message. All are welcome!**

The Over 60s Community Service

This voluntary organisation has received a grant from Kent County Councillor John Simmonds to work in Chestfield. The Over60s Service has worked since 1999 with older people to maintain their independence in their own home for as long as possible. This free service for people aged 60 years or over – offers Advocacy, Benefit Advice – 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 and with core funding from Kent County Council, the Over60s charity has the following Mission Statement: *“To carry out a domiciliary home visiting support service for people aged 60 years 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.”*

Research in the mid-1990s in Canterbury with residents aged over 60, resulted in a Report on the needs of the over 60's. Needs included transport (26% would need transport to an appointment, centre or club, if it were over a quarter of a mile from their home), health issues, heating, benefits advice, befriending and a range of practical help tasks, including shopping. Upon referral a home assessment is carried out within one week and a support plan is compiled and agreed with the client. The aim is to complete the support plan within 6 weeks from referral. They also refer to other agencies and sign post residents to other activities and

services available and help and advise friends, family and neighbours. For Chestfield - In 2016 KCC Cllr John Simmonds asked the service to work in Chestfield, as he had been asked to recommend help and support services for older Chestfield residents with Age UK Whitstable reducing their services. He went one better and has given The Over 60's Community Service a grant to carry out a pilot project in Chestfield only. 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 Over 60's Community Service "Service Brochure" outlines the different help available, but contact The Over 60's Community Service even if a particular problem is not listed – as this Service has many good contacts to draw upon and therefore will 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 one of the support workers to call to discuss needs and deal with issues. ***We hope the project manager of the Over60s Community Service will also attend our Annual Electors meeting on 19 March 2018***

Would you like to be more involved with your local community?

....Come and join us....

I am sure you are aware of some of the many good works Rotary does, locally, nationally & internationally with 33,000 clubs, in over 200 countries and 1.2 million members

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Canterbury City Council Community Governance Review

CCC's Community Governance Review looks at current parish boundaries, the number of parish councillors and the possibility to merge, abolish or create new parish or town councils. We reported to you in our December 2017 magazine that Chestfield Parish Council formally resolved at their 10 July 2017 parish council meeting 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 CCC Policy and Resources Committee met on 13 December 2017 and considered a report from the first stage of consultation. Councillors there resolved (voting 9 in favour and 2 abstaining) that:

- with a very low 450 total responses from the whole district there was insufficient desire from residents nor a mandate to proceed or pursue the creation of Town Councils for the unparished areas of Whitstable, Herne Bay and Canterbury.

- further improved Area Member Panel arrangements should be explored, and possibly extending the powers of the AMPs. (The AMPs are advisory committees – not decision making bodies and this is not likely to change.)

- the recommendations and options for individual parished areas go out to further public consultation. Not all parishes are being recommended for any changes.

For Chestfield it is being recommended that Grasmere Pasture be incorporated into a revised Chestfield parish boundary.

The next step is for a second round of public consultation by Canterbury City Council. This second stage of consultation on the Community Governance Review started on 22 January and will close on Sunday 18 March.

Chestfield Parish Council encourage residents to make their own representations to CCC – and hopefully support us in our desire to incorporate Grasmere Pasture within our parish boundary. The city council consultation may be completed through the online survey (at <https://www2.canterbury.gov.uk/cgr>) but you can also email CCC at **consultations@canterbury.gov.uk** with your comments.

CHESTFIELD PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Your parish council resolved to keep the budget for 2018-2019 at the same level as last year's. There are slight differences to the amount on your council tax due to the reducing 'council support grant' element and changes to the household tax base. Last year's (2017-18) was made up of £61,182.34 precept plus £682.66 support grant. For 2018-2019 the request is made up of £61,605.59 precept plus £259.41 support grant.

For example, the effect on Band D payments:

In 2017-2018 Band D properties paid £39.41

The number of Band D properties in the village has risen a little and the tax base has changed and the Band D payment for 2018-2019 will actually decrease by 1% (down by 48 pence) to £38.93.

The following summary gives you an indication of where the money goes:

Chestfield Parish Council Budget / Precept requirement 2017-2018	
WI or other venue rental	576
Office rental	2226
Office supplies	1250
Insurance	650
Councillor's training and mileage	400
Chairman's allowance (this is not paid to the Chairman)	1500
Donations to local organisations	1275
Subscriptions to : Kent Association of Local Council, Society of Local Council Clerks, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Action with Communities in Rural Kent	1488
Magazine Production (cost offset by advertisers)	500
Christmas Tree and Lights, Carol Service, Lights hamper	300
Noticeboards and Outdoor Gym maintenance	1375
Grass cutting of some of the Public Rights of Ways	4000
Community Quiz / Social events	500
New projects and More trees, flowers etc as requested in village survey of 2016	3000
Administration; Annual return; Internal audits, Clerk salary, Employee/employer national insurance; pay roll; pension contributions, clerk mileage, office equipment, PAT testing; Telephone; Postage, Broadband; Domain name	42825
Total precept for 2016-2017	61865

Bus Passes Bulk Renewals March 2018

The English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS - also known as the older persons bus pass) is a statutory national scheme providing free bus travel for individuals of a pensionable age or some eligible disabled people. Kent has 290,000 pass holders. The scheme is managed by Kent County Council through their Contact Centre and Libraries who complete much of the day to day customer service and administration.

KCC inherited responsibility for the scheme from the District Councils in 2008. Passes are issued with a 5 year expiry and as a consequence, every 5 years the Council experiences a significant peak in renewals which needs to be managed. In March 2018, 195,000 passes currently in circulation expire.

Approach to renewals :

To manage this process efficiently with the minimum disruption on pass holders, it has been agreed that KCC will adopt an approach of 'intelligent auto-renewals' whereby the majority of existing pass holders, if using their pass recently, will automatically be sent a new pass in advance of their current one expiring i.e. the pass holder does not need to reapply.

However, it has been identified that a significant proportion of passes have not been used in the last year and so these will not be automatically renewed. It should be clearly understood that this is in no way the removal of a right to hold a pass but KCC will be seeking confirmation from the pass holder that they still wish to be issued with one. Instead therefore, these pass holders will be written to and advised of their continued right to hold a pass together with instructions as to how to renew.

What happens next ? KCC are already promoting their approach and advising pass holders and bus passengers through various means including notices on buses from December. KCC is also "cleaning the data" by checking it with Royal Mail and National Mortar records to try to ensure that all of the detail that they hold is up to date and accurate.

Letters will be sent out throughout January, February and the first week of March and all automatically renewed or renewals applied for on time will be sent to pass holders before the expiry of current passes on 31st March.

CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste_and_enforcement/31/report_flytipping

CCC has upgraded their reporting tool for reporting fly-tipping - you can now drop a pin on a map. It can also take the location from a phone if the person reporting does it in situ. And there's the facility to upload pictures too of the waste/incident.

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

For reporting issues to Serco – for litter, dog fouling problems with litter bins and 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

Two recent updates made to the Kent Police website

The public can now **report crimes and incidents** as well as **non-injury road traffic collisions** ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk . Once a report is made online, the user will receive a unique reference number and a return email confirming receipt. Kent Police are promoting both as a **test/pilot** at this stage. At the end of each form is the opportunity for the public making a report to give feedback on using the forms.

The overall aim is to provide another choice for how the public can report crime or incidents, and try to reduce the number of people calling 101 on non-urgent issues that could easily be dealt with through digital contact (which increasingly prefer and have asked Kent Police to provide).

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.

As reported in the June 2017 magazine, 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, after being found “sound” by an Inspector, 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 - Canterbury City Council no longer send out paper plans, nor hold paper copies in their offices either – but computers in their reception area are available for public use with access to the internet, and any resident may use these to view plans online. CCC has assured us that they will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. Residents may then view applications on the city council's Planning Portal themselves (at home or at CCC reception computers). 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 Canterbury 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 Survey for Chestfield

We continue to progress actions from your comments from our 2016 Village Survey for the parish.

An initial “**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 street 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 came in as part of the Localism Act. It 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 an application to nominate the Radfall Recreation Ground has been accepted by CCC (although we are sure there are no plans by CCC to dispose of it!). The parish council then resolved to progress an application for the Chestfield Road play area (without the Serco shed) and the Rugby Club. Applications were submitted in December 2017.

Further assets (such as the WI Hall) may follow depending on lessons learned from these applications.

Improvements and built up kerbs at bus stop(s) through Chestfield

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.

Chestfield Parish Council has looked at all the stops along the No 5 route through Chestfield from Maydowns Road to Dukeswood and by the time you receive this magazine we hope that our efforts for raised kerbs and a new bus shelter at the two stops at Maydowns Road end of Chestfield Road, where there is a known need for a disabled resident struggling to access the buses here, will be completed.

The parish council thanks both Canterbury City Council and our KCC Cllr John Simmonds who offered funding to top our own funds for the balance needed. And, future maintenance of the shelter is to be met by Canterbury City Council.

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!

Seagull controversy again!?

We have previously run articles about seagulls and a plea from some residents not to feed them... then we have counter arguments from others saying that they are part of nature and its enjoyable to watch and feed them.... But we have had another request to raise this issue again and ask people not to feed Seagulls – and especially not bread:

Nesting birds can be a private nuisance – because of their tendency to swoop aggressively when protecting their chicks - and for the mess that they cause – remember they are likely to choose to nest near to where people are feeding them. It is not generally illegal to feed the gulls but it is never advisable and it is best for their health if they follow their natural instincts. Some food businesses in seaside towns have 'Please don't feed the seagulls' posters, stating: It affects the birds' health; It encourages them to steal food and waste; It makes gulls aggressive towards humans and It causes nuisance....

POROUS MATERIALS FOR DRIVES, PATHS, ROADS AND CAR PARKS

PLANNING - Permitted development rights that allowed property owners to re-surface their front gardens and driveways changed in October 2008. Now the laying of traditional hard surfaces of tarmac, concrete, block paving etc. of more than five square metres now needs planning consent. [Planning laws change regularly so this point is worth checking with the local Planning authority]

CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES - Porous asphalt used with a modified binder and open aggregate structure permits effective surface water drainage and avoids ponding of surface water, and complies with the Code for Sustainable Homes. Although more expensive to install, the need for additional drainage provision is avoided.

There are numerous companies that can supply products which are permeable. Some specifications allow for a high level of acoustic absorption.

There is a significant difference between Resin Bound and Resin Bonded aggregate finishes used for drives and paths:

- Resin Bound [trowelled] paving consists of mixed aggregates coated with a clear polyurethane resin. The mixture is cold poured and hand trowelled to a stable and level finish to a depth of 18mm for a driveway laid on an open surface asphalt resulting in a water permeable finish which is UV stable.
- A Resin Bonded surface is non-permeable and may result in the need to construct channel drains and soakaways.

Commercial supplies are numerous and listed on the internet.

In future, when planning applications are submitted for developments involving roads, paths, driveways and car parks, the Parish Council may want to consider requesting permeable materials be considered by the Planning Authority as a condition of planning.

Feature Interview We did not get any contributions for this edition. Please email us with any ideas for local people or local organisations to interview.

Lovely garden!

They used to be popular - the only type to have. Lots of colourful, regimented lines, no pests. Definitely no pests. Rote gardening. You pruned at the latest in November, tidied up, 'put the garden to bed'. Lawn mowed, edged, bushes trimmed, dead-heading completed in all areas, leaves burned, and dead wood out. Now spring is on the way. Fertilizer in April, the first insecticide spray soon after, and then systematically onwards. Foliar feeding, if treatment for mildew and blackspot allow; fertilizer on the lawn; slug pellets.

Oh yes - bird food containers. But damned cats - birds seemed to be getting less this year, and last. That tree looks very big. And untidy; the neighbours are uneasy. Chop its branches. Might get rid of it altogether. While I'm about it, pressure-spray the paving stones with bleach and water. Look, I'll give the soil a good dig. Fluff it up. My, I've worked hard.

Better. See my garden? Absolutely under the thumb; marvellous.

Lovely garden! Dead as a doornail.

As you know, farmers are doing their bit. Neonicotinoids have reduced the bee population amazingly, wiped out some species altogether. The same and similar cocktails of death have reduced the insect population to a fraction of what it was. No need to panic. There's still enough to go round, surely.

What a mess....

The truth as it emerges, is amazing. Undreamed of. Sensate, seeking, supportive networks of roots, and root structures just below the soil surface. A kingdom of architecture and its workers. Pipe lines of sustenance and aeration, plus the soil's purifiers, clearers, recyclers, enrichers, and rescue workers. Don't dig. Mulch and mulch, and the workers, for example the worms, will do the rest - and you will destroy nothing. And by mulch, the meaning is not to strip the earth of peat. Use organic if you can - good old manure, or non chemical enriching alternatives.

Don't spray life-destroying, food-destroying pesticides on your bushes, flowers and spindly, long suffering roses. Mulch. Give them that food. You can use an organic fertilizer, very carefully applied.

Pests? Tough it out. Mulch, to feed your bushes through it. And use fairy liquid!! Brush them off manually. 2 seasons and your garden balance will be restored. Ladybirds, spiders, hoverflies, beautiful bees, night moths, - pollinators of all descriptions, will come to feast safely in your garden. Birds will come to feast in your garden. Sparrows need insects for their young, (that's why we don't see or hear much of them now of course). And perhaps we'll hear again the sweet true call of the slightly ruffianly looking startling again, in joyful gangs as it used to be. Leave the tree alone - let it riot against the sky, filled with insect grubbing birds, the occasional night owl. Have it checked for safety, re-assure your neighbour. Silver Birch, Oak, Willow, they are magic hosts. The last two can be hedges too, among other natives. Share your apple and cherry trees with the birds.

Let your garden have a pile of logs for hard working rightfully nervous insects. A patch of weeds for caterpillars and their heirs - the butterflies. Your boundaries need a 6 inch square exit at regular intervals. There's nothing like a hedgehog for reducing the slug population. Nothing like the thrush for eating snails, with side orders in lovely song. The blackbird heralds the seasons. If he's happy, his late September song is filled with the excitement of Autumn, the lushness still to come of the rich earth, and of a garden not tidied, but offered generously as a final treat before the harshness of winter.

Give, as we are given.

In Spring and Summer, what a beautiful garden. Filled with life.

Our thanks to resident JE for this wonderful feature.

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10:30am Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable

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

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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)

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

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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

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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 Jackson, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES- Parish Council meetings are held 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.

Cllrs resolved at the September 2017 parish council meeting to trial a move to bi-monthly formal meetings until May 2018 - but to retain the informal residents surgeries for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 12 March 2018 (no meeting in April); 14 May 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 - 12 March, 9 April and 14 May 2018*

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and/or surgeries are usually held on the **second** Monday in a month.

Notices are posted on the village notice boards and on the website www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk and in the village magazine

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

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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

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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.

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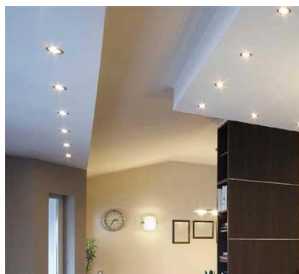
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