

# Keeping Chestfield Tidy!



Chestfield Parish Council is organising a

**Litter Pick on Sunday 08 March 2020.**

If you are able to help, please come to the play park on Chestfield Road at 10.30am. (weather permitting).

The council will arrange for high-viz jackets and litter picking equipment etc. to be available.

The pick will last no more than a couple of hours. Please do come along and lend a hand to help us keep our village in the condition we all want to see.

## **Chestfield Parish Magazine**

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## Chairman's Message

Many of you will have attended our (now customary) volunteer buffets held in January, and my personal sentiments towards you all for what you do for the village. I would like to extend those thoughts to all Chestfield residents for helping to keep the village one to be part of. It won't be long before the some colour comes back, and we're booking our summer holidays.

Talking of colour, I must say that the amount of lights on show over the festive period was indeed very impressive - it's things like that that make this particular village quite the envy of many believe me! This is exemplified in the popularity of our annual carol concert, at which I met folk from both Whitstable and Herne Bay who had come over just for the occasion. Whilst extending my thanks to all involved in organising such a wonderful evening, I think I should mention how lovely it was to welcome back Father Kevin after a long bout of illness and also to Father Malachi and Father David for their assistance.

In mentioning Father David, I feel that I should mention his impending retirement and in doing so thank him for what he has contributed to the overall community. Hopefully the repairs to the church bell will be completed by the time he retires, so that he can really well and truly be sent off in style!

Your parish council are busy putting together our schedules and plans for the new year, which most certainly involve the planned Grasmere Pasture development - in fact, we have already met with the developers by way of introduction, and to ensure that our village remains involved in all processes along the way. One thing that we have made perfectly clear to both the developers and the City Council is that this village deserves the best - and that is what we will get - so watch this space. It is our intention to keep all residents fully appraised and up to date whenever possible - the developer has agreed that they will provide regular updates, including the posting of notices on our various notice boards around the village, and also through our quarterly magazine.

You will all by now have seen that the village is faced with an ongoing issue concerning anti-social behaviour. There have been varying types and levels of this experienced recently, and unfortunately this almost certainly causes damage to property and equipment that is paid for out of public funding, and therefore in some way or another you could indirectly consider that damage caused to such properties and equipment is against yourselves. We are working with the City Council in efforts to combat such mindless vandalism, so please be in no doubt that should any perpetrators be found, we will press for criminal charges to be brought.

We recently held another very successful and enjoyable quiz night, raising £367, which we decided to donate to Chestfield Cricket Club in thanks for allowing us to use their facilities for various events totally free of charge. The monies raised will go in small part towards their fund raising efforts for their plans to extend and upgrade their club house. (Their planning application for this is being worked on and is anticipated imminently).

We will be holding another quiz night in October, where monies raised from this will go towards funding another free art outreach session in November - details of the event held last November are covered further within this magazine.

On a more sober thought, the village lost a true stalwart in the sad passing of Joan Saunders. Joan was an extremely active member of the community, in particular with the Chestfield WI. It was my great honour to be able to pay a eulogy at her funeral service on behalf of not just myself and her nearest friends, but also on behalf of the village that I know she so dearly loved. Joan will be greatly missed by all that knew and remember her.

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman Chestfield Parish Council

## **A date for your diary!**

**The Annual Electors meeting for residents:  
Monday 20 April 2020 from 7.30pm  
at the WI hall in Chestfield Road**

**Come and hear the annual reports from your local societies and local organisations – together with the parish council Chairman's annual report.**

**We also hope to have a guest speaker – a resident and retired teacher who has been researching a project on how schooling experiences differ today from 50 years ago!**

**All residents welcome!**

## **Keep Kent Clean**

**A reminder that rogue traders are fly-tipping across Kent.**

If your waste is fly-tipped by a fake waste disposal service  
you'll face a £400 fine.

Before you hire a waste disposal service ask for the:

- Waste Carrier Licence
- Where they dispose of their waste
- A receipt or invoice

## **Overgrown Hedges and Overhanging Branches near Highways**

Please may we remind residents to cut back overgrown vegetation when and where required. May we also remind householders of their responsibilities for keeping roadside verges tidy. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that any trees and hedges that are bordering the Highway are maintained and cut back to your boundary to benefit all Highway users. This will prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation.

Your requirements are:

**If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:**

- The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians.
- As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres / 7 feet for any vegetation.

**If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then please be aware that:**

- For vegetation over-hanging the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres / 16 feet, to accommodate any buses and HGV's using the road.
- If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres / 1'6" feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage for at least 20 metres.

If Kent County Council needs to arrange clearance of residents' overgrown hedges, overhanging branches or private verge clearance which are causing inconvenience to pedestrians and other road users the householder will be invoiced for any expenses incurred.

**Please note:** The bird nesting season is officially from 01 March until 31 August and tree and hedge cutting should be done outside this period.

## Christmas Decorations Art Outreach Session

With a grant from our city councillor Pat Todd we booked Espression Arts to run a free workshop for the community in November. 22 items were decorated – the following picture does not do them justice in black and white – and their colours really popped once they'd been through the kiln.



All those who attended had a great time and enjoyed the experience. One who attended the session commented: "I cannot in any way be considered as an 'arty' type, but thought that I would attend the outreach session as it sounded interesting.

How right I was – it was not just interesting, but extremely enjoyable from start to finish. It was lovely to meet people from Chestfield that I might not otherwise have crossed paths with. There was very much a community feel around the whole morning – just a shame that there weren't more attendees. Hopefully there will be another session planned in the future where more people (and children) from the village can attend – if there is, please put my name at the top of the list !

Thank you to the Parish Council and Councillor Todd for arranging such a lovely day!"

***NB. The parish council is to fund raise in order to hold another free event in November 2020 – we will advertise the date and details in our June magazine – book early this time to avoid disappointment!***

**Grasmere Pasture Appeal Ref W/19/3229319 for application ref: CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land South of The Ridgeway, Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 300 residential dwellings and 3,500 sqm of employment floorspace**  
The Government Inspector's decision on the Public Inquiry dated 3 October 2019 was TO ALLOW the Appeal and GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION.

**Latest update from the parish council:**

The Parish Council felt that a meeting with Kitewood (the developer) would be beneficial if they would agree to do so, which they did, and a meeting was held on 10 December 2019 with Kitewood's CEO and another Kitewood employee, and facilitated by the CCC Head of Planning and the Planning Case officer.

Key Notes from that meeting are:

- **The aim of the meeting is to work together going forward, bring local knowledge and address residents' concerns, in order to get the best scheme possible for the village.**
- **For the maintenance of the verges, open spaces and communal areas there is a condition that a Management Company with resident contributions must be set up and maintained.**
- **Kitewood are now working on the planning conditions and minutia detail.**
- **Kitewood have highways and drainage consultants talking together.**
- **Concern about the sewage pipe not being big enough was raised. Kitewood confirmed they will find technical solutions to contain and manage foul and surface water drainage.**
- **Kitewood are talking to various housing associations to find the right partner. However, the parish council desire to have a local connection criteria for the social housing was not agreed – and Simon Thomas confirmed that CCC would not support it.**
- **Going forward information and regular updates will be given to the parish council to onwardly disseminate to residents via the quarterly magazine and noticeboards as most appropriate. CCC will also be included in the information circulation.**

- Questions were raised at the meeting in respect of the detail of the improvement works to The Ridgeway bridleway CW40. £44,000 was secured through S.106 and this will be given to KCC (Public Right of a Way), who will be responsible for carrying out works. For the query around what the £44k developer contribution will actually provide there is a need to speak to the KCC case officer who requested this amount without providing thinking or finer detail on what and where this upgrade will include. The Clerk will do this.
- The planning officers thought that the planning approval for the expansion at Chestfield Medical Centre may be about to be implemented. They will ask the CCG about the funding allocation. Contributions paid by the developer may go towards an extension to the Clinic. These contributions were secured through s.106 and funds will be directed to CCG. The developer would not liaise directly with the Clinic and the money would be provided to the Clinic from CCG.
- Kitewood have other schemes in the Canterbury district currently – 40 units at Puffin Road, Herne Bay and 180 homes at Hilborough.
- Kitewood are not going to ‘sell on’ with planning permission, but intend to build the three sites themselves.
- The timescale for build starting is difficult to forecast but anticipated as the end of 2020 with highways works being undertaken first.
- Once build starts, the site manager will interface with the parish council, the store managers and the business park owner, etc.
- For a Construction Logistics Plan – Kitewood will have highlighted instruction on how to get to site and what kind of lorry/vehicle is suitable. Signage for construction traffic not to use the Ridgeway may be provided. Operating hours will be adhered to.

We will continue to keep you informed going forward.

## **CHESTFIELD PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021**

The main source of income for the parish council is through its precept – this is collected by Canterbury City Council from each household through your council tax and paid to us in April each year. We do also try to raise money from other sources and we are very lucky to be supported by both our city and county councillors who offer us funding from their Member grants.

Chestfield Parish Council has considered its budget requirement for 2020-2021 and this year resolved a budget of £64,673, an increase of just under 5%. This will enable us to undertake new projects in the forthcoming year.

Nearly half the budget is for administration – the Clerk salary, payroll provider, employer's national insurance contributions and the employer pension contributions, along with internal and external audit fees. There are also utilities and office rent, website hosting fees and office stationary items. The budget also has a small training and elections contingency, together with a Chairman's Allowance of £1,600 (which is not given to the Chairman) and which allows the Chairman to offer things like the thank you buffets for all our volunteers. If anybody would like a full breakdown of our budget forecast please contact the Clerk.

Councillors have also discussed new projects for 2020-2021. Ideas include more trees by The Barn in the highways verge; more seating at the play park or elsewhere and costs to cover a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit along the stretch of the old Thanet Way by the Oyster Bed from 60mph to 40mph- this has been a long held aspiration of the parish council.

**Could you be our Countryside Access Warden volunteer?** Kent County Council (KCC) is looking for a Countryside Access Warden for Chestfield. Are you passionate about the countryside and can volunteer at least ten times a year at times to suit yourself? Training and kit will be supplied. Duties include walking and inspecting local footpaths, 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 is at : <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/volunteering/countryside-volunteering/countryside-access-wardens> . Or contact Jennie Scott at KCC - email [Jennie.Scott@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Jennie.Scott@kent.gov.uk) or phone 03000 413453.

### Community Herb Boxes

With the kind permission of the Women's Institute your parish council has provided a community herb garden in front of the WI Hall. This appears to be very successful with people helping themselves to herbs they wish to use or try for the first time. Any recipes incorporating herbs are invited for a future magazine.

NB. Do not use herbs for medicinal purposes unless on professional advice.

*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.*



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Did you know that there is an assisted collection for dustbins if you are unable to put your bins out for collection yourself? Call 0800 0319 091 and you will be sent a sticker to put on your bins that says an assisted collection is required.

### Letters page

Please do feel free to write to us for your contribution to be added to a future magazine!

# Chestfield WI

Invite you to join them at the

WI Hall Chestfield Road

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10am – 12pm

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## St John's Parish Church events

### Explore Easter!

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in St John's Church,  
Swalecliffe Court Drive

A family Easter activity morning for families and children of all ages! We'll be making Easter gardens as well as other crafts. There'll be refreshments with Hot Cross buns and of course an Easter egg hunt. All welcome to come along and join us. No charge. See contact details below for more information.

### Easter Morning Communion service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 a.m. at St John's Church, Swalecliffe  
Court Drive

All welcome.

### Café Church:

Come along and spend an hour with us and with God. We share tea, cake and company as well as providing some activities to help us explore more about our faith and how we can live as a Christian today. Activities include prayer stations, a craft or two, toys – it's simply a chance to spend an hour with God, relaxed and informal with no pressure to participate in anything you don't want to. Why not come along and give it a try?

Café Church takes place on the third Sunday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in St John's Centre, 11 St John's Road, Swalecliffe:  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>

For more information contact Jane, St John's Children and Families Minister on 07761 963971  
or [jane.myhill@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.myhill@btinternet.com)

## Swalecliffe Library

Everyone is welcome at Swalecliffe Library which is open four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday's 9.30am-1pm, 2-5pm, and Saturday 9.30-1pm, and closed Wednesday, Friday Sunday).

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>

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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](mailto:swalecliffelibrary@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 413131. We look forward to meeting you.

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Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4AD

## **Making Net Zero a Reality**

In July 2019, Canterbury City Council declared a climate emergency and set itself the ambitious target of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. Shortly after, we appointed Councillor Dan Watkins as the Chair of our Climate Change Working Group, a newly-formed cross-party body with the remit to tackle CO2 emissions across all council functions, as well as a budget of £500,000 to invest in mitigation strategies such as fuel and energy efficiency.

While our primary target is to reduce the Council's direct emissions, our secondary one is to help and inspire local residents and businesses to take the actions needed to cut their carbon footprints. I hope that this will allow our District as a whole to be carbon net-zero by 2050, in line with the Government's national pledge.

We have been very clear that climate action is about actions, not words, so we are prioritising a number of ambitious policy and operational changes to help make immediate reductions in our carbon output. We have only just begun but a number of tangible initiatives are already underway:

- Planning for a new Council office, constructed to be highly energy efficient from day one and with the ability to be carbon-neutral within a few years <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/council-to-discuss-proposed-new-offices/>
- Consultation underway for our new parking strategy, which for the first time will establish the principle of electric vehicles paying less for parking <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/council-proposes-major-parking-shake-up/>
- Expansion and electrification of our existing Park & Ride facilities, reducing car usage in Canterbury city centre, while switching our buses to low-emission models <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/first-electric-bus-to-be-trialled-at-park-and-ride-211592/>
- Roll-out of solar panels across the Council's estate – e.g. panels have been installed on Herne Bay Pier and a budget of £300,000 approved for the roll-out of panels across Whitstable Harbour <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/herne-bay/news/5m-pier-extension-bid-revealed-205193/>
- In-principle consent given to allow a hydrogen plant to be built on a council site in Herne Bay – this will take power from the offshore wind farm and generate enough hydrogen to fuel the equivalent of 300 double-decker buses <https://rysehydrogencanterbury.co.uk/>
- This year we will launch our new Taxi Licensing Policy, which will provide incentives for our District's taxi fleet to change to hybrid and fully-electric vehicles

Taking the first steps towards a low-emissions vehicle fleet for the Council – whether it be replacement of regular cars and maintenance vans, or heavy-duty vehicles such as street cleaners and rubbish trucks, officers are evaluating electric and hydrogen options in their decisions on fleet replacement.

We have also agreed to appoint a new Climate Change Officer to take a lead on policy and training issues across the council and working with external organisation.

In addition to these concrete measures the council officers have embraced the climate change agenda and are creating a culture that seeks to cut down on waste and reduce energy consumption across all activities. For example, the office canteen is removing single-use plastic from its offering and staff are engaging in discussions on how they can switch to sustainable transport methods for their commute.

As mentioned previously, we are also keen to help other organisations reduce their carbon footprints. As such, we will create a Climate Change Partnership Board that will include groups who produce a lot of our district's emissions, e.g. our universities, the local NHS, schools and representatives from business, as well as Canterbury and Kent councils. By working together – and holding each other to account – we hope that this will further accelerate the program of action needed to swiftly move to net-zero. I'm delighted that we now have official status for Plastic-Free Herne Bay and Plastic-Free Herne Bay who will be of enormous help to protect our beaches.

Looking to the future, it is crucial that new homes be built to much tighter energy consumption standards. This is something which will be reviewed as part of our next Local Plan.

This is only the beginning, and 2020 will be a crucial one for our council as we set out a comprehensive plan towards net-zero, one that joins up the initiatives announced so far into an over-arching strategy to eliminate our carbon footprint over the next 10 years. It won't be easy, but we are confident that by harnessing the energy of our councillors, officer team, and the considerable public goodwill that exists on this topic, we can be one of many councils to achieve carbon net-zero.

*Article provided by KCC and CCC Cllr Robert Thomas*

**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/20/10001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 20 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](http://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 20/10001 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](http://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](http://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](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](mailto: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](http://www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk)**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH** Swalecliffe Court Drive.

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SUNDAYS:

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

10am Children's Brunch Club (starts in the Church Centre) 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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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](http://www.swalecliffe-free-church.com)

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Pastors Simon & Keely Bateson

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Further details, including other meetings at [www.riversideuk.org](http://www.riversideuk.org)

## **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

**Chestfield WI:** President: Mrs R. McGill 01227 793277; Secretary: Mrs J Jewiss 01227 792502 ; and Bookings: Mrs M Champion 07919260596 or Mrs J Papaspyrou 07941935761

**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  
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Whitsable Station, Railway Avenue · 01227 280077
- Daisy Chain Nursery School Within Community College Whitstable  
Whitstable 07947 819348
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- Kindergarten Kids Within St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## **Primary Schools in Whitstable**

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- Swalecliffe Community Primary School
- Primary School, Bridgefield Rd · 01227 272101

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## **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](mailto: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](http://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: 09 March, 11 May, 13 July, 14 September, 9 November 2020. Additionally our Annual Parish Meeting for residents will be held on Monday 20 April 2020.*

**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 - 09 March, 20 April (one week later than usual because of Easter and Annual Electors Meeting to follow afterwards), 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, No meeting in August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December 2020 (and Carols evening 2020 to be held on Wednesday 23 December 2020.).*

We would remind all persons present at a meeting that whilst it remains your right to speak, this must be done through the Chair.

Please note that Chestfield Parish Council has a zero tolerance policy with regard to the poor behaviour of any individual towards any member of the Parish Council, Clerk, or other member of the public, and that any such transgression that is deemed either threatening or otherwise, the individual will be asked to leave the meeting.

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:

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| STEVE BAILEY<br>Responsibilities:<br>Chairman, Highways,<br>Bus/Train services,<br>Social events | CHRIS BREALY<br>Vice-Chairman, Play<br>Park and Rec Grnd,<br>Highways, Environ-<br>ment & Street scene,<br>litter, dog fouling. | TRICIA CHAPMAN<br>Tree Warden, Open<br>spaces, and Training.<br>Community events support |
| ANNE LODER<br>Traffic, Footpaths/<br>Public rights of way                                        | CHRIS ELLIS<br>Planning, Village walks,<br>Village Calendar                                                                     | PAT GIBSON<br>Parish Plan, footpaths.<br>Community events support                        |
| BOB TODD – Parish<br>Plan, Emergency<br>Plan, Planning reserve                                   | DAVID FITZPATRICK<br>Planning, Highways and<br>Drainage                                                                         | LORRAINE EAST<br>Fire Hydrant inspection and<br>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 Pat Todd: 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH.  
Tel. 01227 276396
- ii) Cllr Ben Fitter-Harding, Email: ben.fitter-  
harding@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk ; Mobile 07973826678.

### **County Councillor**

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

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**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

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**Chestfield Cricket Club** Paul Gibson 07723308040 or email [Chestfieldcc@outlook.com](mailto:Chestfieldcc@outlook.com)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk)
- **CCC Planning Call Centre** Tel: 01227 862178
- **Recycling Information** – 01227 862247
- **Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections** – 0800 031 9091
- **Street Charity Collections** – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- **Emergency Out of Hours CCC team** - Tel: 01227 781879

### CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste\\_and\\_enforcement/31/report\\_flytipping](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 to Serco - such as litter, dog fouling, problems or overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins - telephone or ideally do online:

Please call Serco on 0800 031 9091. Or report at

[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental\\_problems/119/keeping\\_the\\_district\\_clean](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](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](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 5m<sup>2</sup>

## **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](http://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:** 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/](http://www.facebook.com/chestfield_history/) or email [chestfieldhistory@gmail.com](mailto:chestfieldhistory@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk) Website: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

**Consumer Direct** [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.blood.co.uk)

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

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

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KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – [www.kent.gov.uk/environment](http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment)

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Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 [www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling](http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling)

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Recycling for Kent 0845 345 0210

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Toner recycling and refill – 0207 2781114 [www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling](http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling)

Check-A-Trade: **[www.checkatrade.com/](http://www.checkatrade.com/)** A directory of recommended/trusted tradesmen who have been vetted and monitored and meet standards of trading

**Trading standards** – for information and to report a problem:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards>

**Fire safety advice** visit [www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking) or call 0800 9237000.

*Keep your family safe – test your smoke alarm weekly!*

**Talking Newspapers** – The Whitstable Echo supply talking newspapers for the blind – they come in a resealable pack – please send back once finished. Call 01227 763366.

**Talking Books** – Books for the blind for a payable subscription – call Calibre on 01296 432 339.

**Not sure if you need planning permission?** CCC's residential self-assessment forms at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=58>

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## **Parish Archives to become available at Whitstable Museum**

Chestfield Parish Council was created in 1988. Some old documents were gifted to the Canterbury Cathedral Archives and were then subsequently transferred to the KCC Archives Library in Maidstone around 2010.

Documents include Minutes, Magazines and some historic documents, newspaper articles and maps.

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).

There have been a number of visits to Maidstone now undertaken by the Chestfield History Society residents. It is hoped that key documents will then be digitalised along with electronic versions of old maps.

We will keep you updated on this project.

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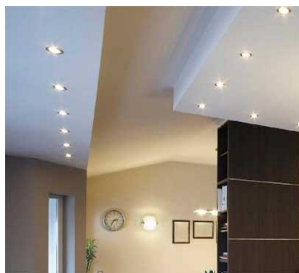
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