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Sunday 30 August 2015

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Chairman's message

Despite it being the holiday period, it has still proved a busy one for your parish council, with the impending Bodkin Farm public inquiry and planning for our first village fun day on 30th August – hence the reasons why you are receiving this edition a little earlier than normal.

You may have noted from local press that we are experiencing a very acute fly tipping problem in Molehill Road. Both Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council are very mindful of this situation, and are considering what further measures can be taken to eliminate this anti-social, unsightly and illegal practice. It goes without saying that there is a firm intention to prosecute offenders. I would therefore ask you all to inform us and/or Canterbury City Council of any fly tipping problems within the village, as quite often such behaviours sadly tend to repeat themselves in other areas – therefore it is in every one's interest to report issues big or small ... please don't assume that something may have been reported previously... it's better to have repeat information than none at all !

Many of you will recall that Karen and I were married last December. Well, we are delighted to report that we have a new addition to the family.....yes-we've got a dog ! This in itself has proved quite an eye opener, but has sadly allowed me to see for myself how irresponsible some dog owners can actually be. There really is no reason for not picking up after your dog....and there are plenty of 'doggie bins' around to dispose of the little parcels. I need not remind you of the dangers of the infectious diseases – sometimes life threatening- that can be caused through not picking up your dogs mess. So remember ... bag it!....bin it!

We are pleased to announce that we have organised our first ever Fun Day, which we hope will be a great afternoon out for many we have planned this in conjunction with the rugby club, and are looking to raise monies for local charities and organisations. Being the first

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one, we have ventured into this with a tentative foot in the water so to speak, so although we are confident, we hope that there is something for everyone and items and activities to cover all ages. We hope that this will be the first of what may become an annual event, and which in turn could get bigger and better year on year. But this can't happen without your support, and therefore we look forward to seeing you all at the rugby club fields on Sunday 30th August from 12pm onwards. We are still seeking volunteers to help out on the day (even only for the odd half hour), so if you care to put yourself forward, please don't hesitate in calling me. We may even still be able to squeeze in a few more stalls, so again, if you'd like to participate and raise some money for your own organisation, please don't be shy !

Look Forward To Seeing You All There....

Steve Bailey 01227 794289, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

All properties in the Canterbury district are in the process of receiving a household enquiry form from the city council as the annual electoral registration process kicks off again.

The form will list everybody at the property who is currently registered to vote. People need to confirm the details are correct or let the council know about any changes. This can be done online at www.registerbyinternet.com/canterbury.

Anyone at the property who is not already registered will then be sent an invitation to register form. Alternatively, people who know they are not currently registered can do so online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Electoral Registration Officer for Canterbury, Colin Carmichael, said the next election scheduled in the district was the Police and Crime Commissioner election in 2016. He added: "If you're not on the register, you're not able to vote and it could put your credit rating at risk, which means you may find it difficult to get a loan or mortgage. Keep an eye out for the household enquiry form, make sure you check it carefully and take any action you need to."



Whitstable Rugby Club

On Sunday 28th June, over 50 hardy volunteers ably assisted by England World Cup winner Richard Hill attended the Club for the “NatWest Rugby Force Action Day”, an initiative organised by the bank and the Daily Telegraph for participating clubs throughout the country. Out of 350 clubs supported by this programme, our club was one of only 6 chosen for the ultimate prize, which has allowed us to carry out much needed interior alterations and decorating.

We have also now installed an HD quality movie system which will serve us well in showing all important Rugby World Cup matches for the upcoming tournament (the parish council have kindly agreed to let us advertise details of matches and broadcasts on their notice boards nearer the time) to which all residents are welcome to attend.

Many of you will have noticed that we have carried out necessary repairs to some areas of broken fencing in an effort to prevent individuals causing damage to our pitches, particularly as we have invested in excess of £3,000 on advance seeding for both pitches. We realise that this may prove inconvenient to many, but we hope that you will all understand the reasons for us wanting to protect our pitches. We have however cut back the access route from Primrose Way so that residents may still be able to cut between our pitches to Sainsburys. All Rights of Way remain unaffected.

Peter Hudson
Chairman, Whitstable Rugby Club

New church and community centre to open early in the New Year



A new lease of life is being given to a disused factory site next to Amphenol on the Thanet Way slip road in Chestfield.

Riverside Church, who were established in Northwood Road, Tankerton in 1925 and whose pastor is a Chestfield resident, have purchased the building with ambitious plans to renovate and rebuild it into a modern and friendly amenity.

The design includes the creation of a new cafe, three hundred seater auditorium, several large halls, meeting rooms, offices and storage spaces. Work is scheduled to start within the month and will bring valuable new facilities to the Chestfield Parish.

Riverside currently employ a full-time youth worker and two part-time children's workers. They have a strong history of running well attended weekly clubs and special events for young people.

The church has been at the forefront of providing staff and volunteers to local improvement projects such as the beach pastors, who work with the police and local authorities to reduce crime and disorder. They also regularly host the NHS and other care services at their premises as well as providing room for entertainment and social activities.

Several like-minded organisations have agreed to work with the church, including Canterbury Food Bank, CXK (supporting young

people and families) and Charity Bank to bring about positive change in the lives of the disadvantaged or lonely in our community.



Artists impression of how the building may look

Pastor Chris Izzard said, “Our vision is to bless the community with the resources we have. We hope to continue to be the heart and centre of the community at our new site”

You can follow the progress of the redevelopment work, which will include time lapse camera footage, by 'Liking' the churches Facebook page 'Riverside Church Whitstable'.

Would you like to receive electronic agendas and minutes each month?

If any resident would like to receive an electronic version of the parish council Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address, and she will add you to the circulation list.

New tree pest in the UK

Cllr Chapman advised that there is a new tree pest in the UK. The oriental Chestnut gall wasp arrived in Farningham, Kent. It is a new pest for the UK – the Forestry Commission are concerned and ask residents to keep an eye out. More information is found at www.forestry.gov.uk/gallwasp. Its lava can cause abnormal growths, called galls to form on sweet Chestnut leaves and twigs. These green or rose coloured galls inhibit the function of the leaves, weakening the trees and making them more susceptible to other pest or diseases which can reduce nut production and timber production. The wasp does not sting or pose a risk to human health or animals however.

CATS PROTECTION - CANTERBURY & DISTRICT BRANCH

Can you help us? For various reasons cats and kittens are brought into care and whilst Cats Protection seek the right/permanent home for the cat we require fosterers to care for them in their home.

Therefore we are looking for new volunteers in the Chestfield and Whitstable area who have some spare space in their home and can provide a loving environment for a short period of time. Cats Protection will provide everything you need to look after the cat - all you need to provide is space and time.

You would find this a very rewarding and worthwhile experience and to find out more contact Rosemary Prisley on 01227 793936

Help Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in Your Local Community

Whitstable resident Jack Kendall is inviting local animal lovers to join a new volunteer fundraising group which will raise funds for Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in and around Whitstable, Herne Bay, Faversham and Canterbury.

The group will organise local fundraising activities like fete stalls, quiz nights and coffee mornings to benefit the dogs and cats at Battersea, including those in their Kent centre in Brands Hatch. This is a great way to meet people, have fun and contribute to a worthwhile cause.

Battersea receives no government funding and needs to raise £18.4 million every year through donations. This wouldn't be possible without the support of local people, so if you are sociable, enthusiastic and have some spare time, please contact Jack on 07534 847610 to find out more

Don't Get Scammed – Get Savvy

Individuals are at as much risk now of being targeted by scammers, intent on committing financial fraud, as they are of being robbed by conventional thieves. During the year to March 2015 more than 32,000 UK citizens fell victim to theft of their identity and/or savings as a result of scams – a figure which was worryingly 31% higher than that of the previous year! It goes to show that scams are BIG business for organised criminal syndicates, generating enormous sums of ill-gotten gain which are then used to fund other serious criminal activity in countries across the world. Scammers use every available form of communication network to ply their evil trade – the internet, telephone and conventional mail systems. The scammer might reside in any land on the planet but his (or her) reach is world-wide. Some scams seem innocuous at first glance, with no obvious means of extracting benefit from their target, but rest assured they don't do it for fun – it always ends up with someone paying the price. And once caught for the first time a victim's details are flashed around the globe to others in the scamming game – added to a sinister list of those 'who are worth pursuing again, and again, and again'. Simple precautions, such as maintaining up-to-date anti-virus and firewall programs, can help to keep you safe, but they can't protect you from your own actions, so the best way of avoiding the scammers is to know their game and remain vigilant at all times. To assist you in this we have compiled a fact sheet which explains how the 10 most common types of scam operate see

www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=1277 You can also keep abreast of the latest developments and warnings via 'Hoax Slayer' – see www.hoax-slayer.com and www.actionfraud.police.uk/ the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre. There are also ways in which you can check to see if you are at risk of attack as a result of detail about you being put up for sale on the 'dark web' (an 'underworld' area of the internet used by criminals to ply illicit trade). A company, C6 Intelligence, operates a webpage which offers facilities to see if your personal identity details are for sale on the dark web. Since criminals often start by gathering information from email accounts the company offer a free service to check the security of your email address, see www.hasmyidentitybeenstolen.com/ Regularly checking your credit rating with one of the recognised credit report agencies can also be a good way of alerting you to fraudulent activity in your name.

Home and garden security – If anybody would like any advice on home security or garden security feel free to get in touch with our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Jade Hoyle. Jade can be contacted on 0797 200 4405

Chestfield History Society

The Society first met on 21 September 2014, and meet every month, on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month in members' homes.

Their aim is to promote an interest in the history of Chestfield.

Their first project, aided by a grant from Chestfield Parish Council, is to produce a calendar for 2016 featuring photographs of local properties of interest. This calendar will be offered to other local societies and groups at cost price for them to sell on, possibly at additional cost to raise funds for their own societies.

The Society has other subjects in mind for future research; these may include researching the origins of the village featuring the known oldest properties and farm land, the growth of the village from the 1920's with the development of the Golf Club and the properties by local developer George Reeves when he purchased the land materials from the demolition of the Abbey at Hales Place in Canterbury, materials which were incorporated into several local houses.

The Society is also interested in the history of the demolished Abbey as several houses have doors, windows, staircases and timber built in as architectural features.

The Society would be pleased to welcome new members and would like to appeal to anyone possessing interesting photos, artefacts or souvenirs of local connection to donate or lend them for the members to copy and register in their growing archive of material.

The Cinnamon Trust

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity for the terminally ill and people in their later years and their much loved, much needed companion animals. They urgently need dog walking volunteers in Chestfield for a cute 13 year old Westie who would love to go for a good walk.

What happens if illness, injury or old age affects our ability to look after our four legged companions? Elderly or ill pet owners become very worried about their ability to care for their pets feeling that their only option is to rehome them, this is where the charity's network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together. They walk dogs for housebound owners, foster pets when owners need hospital care, fetch cat food, even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more, even if you can only spare an hour a week, call during office hours 01736 758707 or via email volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk Please also check out our website for more details www.cinnamon.org.uk

Registered charity number 1134680

How the parish council will deal with future planning applications

Previously the parish council has always gone the extra mile and undertaken site visits and neighbour liaisons whenever a new planning application has been submitted. Canterbury City Council, as the planning authority, however notifies affected parties. The parish councillors do not have the daytime availability to carry on as before. Additionally, door knocking is essentially cold-calling which is now frowned upon.

In future, the parish council will keep a watching brief on emerging applications; anyone can view details of the applications on Canterbury City Council's planning portal website; any resident with any objection should let the parish council know (via the Clerk); and the parish council will still have the actual plans available from 7pm at each parish council meeting for members of the public and/or councillors to take a look.

Cllr Fowler and Watkins will remain named councillors though for planning, and similarly, tree works are no longer advertised and the information for planned works is not given to the parish council, but Cllrs Chapman and Watkins will remain named contacts.

Exercise for the feint hearted!

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at this level, put a potato in each bag.

Know the code when driving abroad

New changes to car hire when driving abroad

To hire a car abroad you will need to show a code from 8 June, as the paper counterpart of photocard driving licences is being replaced with a new online system. At present, anyone who passed their driving test after 1998 has a photocard driving licence and a paper counterpart. The paper part shows any points you may have received for breaking the rules – for example, being caught driving faster than the speed limit. Drivers can already check their record on <https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>, but from 8 June points will be stored online and not added to the paper licence, rendering it useless.

So, if you're hiring a car you may be asked for a code, which enables car hire companies (or employers here in the UK) to check your history. If you passed your driving test before 1998, you'll have only have a paper driving licence, unless you've renewed after this date and now have a photocard licence plus a paper counterpart.

However if you're one of 7 million drivers who have a traditional paper driving licence only, don't throw this away, as it's different from the photocard paper counterpart and is still valid as your driving licence. In this scenario, points will also be recorded online instead of on paper from 8 June, so you're still caught by this new code rule.

How do I request this code?

After 8 June, the paper part of your licence will no longer be valid, and the traditional paper-only licences may not have your latest points and fines recorded, so you must request an access code for the company from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

Do this at <https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence> or by calling the DVLA on 0300 790 6801. You can also download a PDF of your licence.

You will need your driving licence number found on your photocard (or on your paper driving licence for paper-only motorists), National Insurance number and the postcode on your driving licence.

The code will be valid for 21 days only, meaning those travelling abroad will have to be mindful of journey times and holiday duration.

What should I do with my paper counterpart? The DVLA is advising drivers to destroy the paper part of their photocard licence, although some driving organisations such as the AA are advising motorists to adopt a "belt and braces" approach and keep hold of their paper counterpart for now in case there are any problems with the online service. However, DON'T destroy the traditional paper licences that were issued before 1998.

CHARITY GOLF DAY AUCTION OF HELICOPTER FLYING LESSON IN SUPPORT OF TEAM JO EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

Chestfield Rotary Club is auctioning a helicopter flying lesson at their Charity Golf Day on 18th September 2015. Donated by Club member Sue Hollamby this will entitle the winner to a 40min Trial Lesson in a R22 2 seater Helicopter based at Manston Airport.

The prize can be taken at any mutually convenient time up to 31st December 2015.

Sealed bids are being accepted ahead of the draw which will take place at the presentation dinner after the Charity Golf Day on Friday 18th September 2015 for those not taking part in the Golf Day.

The Auction is open to anyone to take part so please circulate the detail to family and friends.

Please address your sealed bids (do not enclose any money), and it must be for one specific amount only or your bid will be refused, to David Mann, RC of Chestfield, Charity Auction.

Oast View, The Drove, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent. CT5 3NY
to arrive no later than Thursday 17th September 2015

Please ensure your full contact details are included with email and telephone number.

Conditions

Please note there is a weight limit of 17stone per occupant in the Helicopter and you should be physically fit and well enough to undertake the flight.

There may be options to extend the flight / alter the prize subject to the agreement of Polar Helicopters, Manstone Airport.

There is no cash alternative in part or in whole.

The winner will be notified by telephone / email on the day of the Auction if not present and asked to make full payment within 5 days.

The Voucher will be forwarded to the winner on payment of the agreed winning amount in full to RC of Chestfield Charity Account.

If the winner does not pay within the agreed time the prize will be offered to the next highest bid until purchased.

**Please bin your litter – or take your litter home with you –
make our village a cleaner nicer place to live and work.
If you have a dog, please be a responsible dog owner –
please pick up after your dog – he would if he could.
Make our fields and paths safe for use by all by doing so,
and don't rely on someone else picking up your mess.**

Blue Sky Thinking

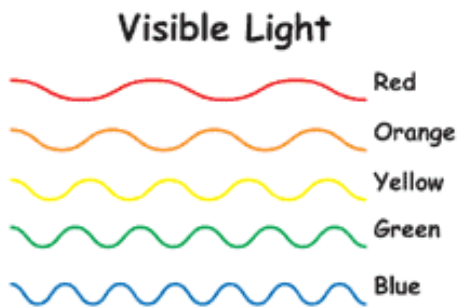
Have you ever wondered why, on a bright day, the sky above you is blue and yet near the horizon it appears to have less colour? And why sunsets and sunrises can appear orange or red when earlier the sun appeared yellow? To answer this, you first have to know a few things about sunlight;

Light from our sun is in fact white and travels in a straight line, unless bent, distorted or scattered by hitting something.

White light is made up of all of the colours of the rainbow (and more besides which are invisible to the naked eye).

Each colour making up white light has a different wave length. Blue light, at one end of the spectrum, has a short wave length, while red at the other has a longer one.

Sunlight that reaches Earth is scattered in all directions by all the gases and particles in the air. Blue light is scattered more in the atmosphere than other colours, because its shorter wave length causes it to 'collide' with more atoms and molecules in the air. The scattering of blue light makes the sky appear blue above us. Nearer to the horizon the sunlight that reaches our eyes has passed through even more air than the sunlight reaching us from overhead. The air molecules have scattered and rescattered the blue light many times, in many directions. Also, the surface of the Earth has reflected and scattered the light as well. This mixes the colours together again, so the sky appears whiter near the horizon. As the Sun gets lower in the sky the light that you see directly from it is passing through more of the atmosphere to reach you than it did during the middle of the day. Even more of the blue light is scattered, allowing the reds and yellows to pass straight through to your eyes, making the sun appear a different colour than during the day.



Source – <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/blue-sky/en/>

Vehicle crime

The majority of vehicle crime is carried out by opportunistic thieves.

- Just over 1 in 4 of all vehicles stolen are motorcycles/mopeds
- The most common vehicles stolen in Kent are: Ford Focus, Ford Transit, Ford Fiesta, Land Rover Defender, Vauxhall Corsa and Vauxhall Astra
- The recovery rate for lower value vehicles is high but much lower on higher value vehicles.

Protecting your vehicle

- Photograph your vehicle and make a note of any identifiable marks.
- Etch windows and other areas with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Autoglass Repairs offers an etching service at service centres nationwide. The police, the AA and leading insurance companies all recommend Autoglass etching system. www.autoglass.co.uk
- Lock all doors and windows every time you leave your vehicle. Use the alarm or immobiliser if fitted. Consider locks for the fuel cap and steering wheel (available at retailers such as Halfords and Argos).
- Make sure your vehicle and contents are insured and up to date.
- For large vehicles or 4x4 ensure that the catalytic converter is security marked and securely fitted – these are often stolen for their scrap value.
- Don't advertise to thieves; remove all valuables and documents from the vehicle. It's not enough to simply cover something over with a coat.
- Don't hide valuables in the boot or glove compartment as these are the first places a thief will look.
- Even a window opened just an inch could be enough for a car thief to either use a device to open the door from inside or pull a non-electric window off its track.
- Put Notices to say 'no tools left in van overnight' in the back window.
- If you have a Sat Nav, take it with you when you leave the vehicle, remove the suction holder and wipe away marks on the windscreen.
- Never leave the vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition and/or engine running, even for a few minutes – that's all it can take for a thief to strike.
- Be aware of where you park your vehicle when you are out, for example: secure car parks, note where the CCTV cameras are and where they are facing, and main roads rather than quiet side streets.

Signal Jamming – A device transmitting on the same radio frequency as the remote key fobs is used to jam the signal that locks the car. To avoid this trick make sure the indicators flash when you press the lock button and listen for the clunk of locks.

Summer Heatwaves - When the temperature is high

During long periods of hot weather, people and animals are at risk from the effects of high temperatures. Here are some of the ways to reduce the risk:

- Apply high-factor sun-screen regularly during the day
- Try to keep your house cool. Closing the blinds and curtains can help
- Keep your bedrooms well ventilated
- Take cool (not cold) showers or baths or sprinkle yourself with water throughout the day
- Wear lightweight, loose, light-coloured clothing and a wide-brimmed hat
- Drink plenty of cold fluids, but not alcohol or caffeine, which dehydrate the body
- If you're driving, keep your vehicle ventilated to avoid drowsiness
- Take regular breaks and keep plenty of water in the vehicle
- Try to avoid going out during the hottest part of the day (11am to 3pm)
- Avoid being in the sun for long periods
- Check on elderly neighbours daily. The elderly and very young are most at risk
- Avoid excessive physical activity (it can cause heat stroke or heat exhaustion)
- Restrict physical activity to the cooler periods at the start and end of the day
- Make sure that babies, children, elderly and animals are not left alone in stationary cars
- Be alert and call the health services if someone is unwell or further help is needed
- Register for heatwave alerts by emailing **Summer_Heatwave_Alerts@dh.gov.uk**

The “Nile” virus is coming...

A resident contributed the following:

Not even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee can take care of this email virus. It appears to target those who were born prior to 1950... The viral symptoms cause you to

- Send the same email twice (done that)
- Send a blank email (that too)
- Send an email to the wrong person (yup)
- Send it back to the person who sent it to you (Ah ha)
- Forget to attach the attachment (done that)
- Hit “Send” before you’ve finished (oh no, not again)
- Hit “Delete” instead of “Send” (hate that)
- Hit “Send” when you should “Delete”.

This is called the “C-Nile virus”....

And

Wife texts husband on a cold winter’s morning:

“Windows frozen, won’t open”

Husband texts back

“Pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap the edges with something solid.”

Wife texts back five minutes later:

“Computer really messed up now”.

Spooked rookie

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, then the driver said:

“Please, don’t ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me”.

The passenger who was also frightened, apologised and said he didn’t realise that a tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied:

“I’m sorry, it’s not really your fault at all. Today is my first day driving a cab. For the last 25 years, I’ve been driving a hearse.”

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Letters to the council

Firstly and above all else a big thank you for the considerable efforts the individuals in the Parish Council make to better our community.

I want to mediate somewhat in regard to the "diametrically opposed views" of feeding seagulls and other birds, Edition 99 June 2015. I note a significant difference of opinion in the most recent additions of the magazine, the last one contained a reply to the suggestion that feeding seagulls is anti social.

May I suggest an alternative. Seagulls frequent all coastal areas, as of course do all sorts of other birds. Bread is not a very natural food for birds to eat. Throwing an old loaf or slices of bread into the garden creates a feeding frenzy with the obvious results (bird droppings over neighbouring cars, washing, gardens, noise, bird fights etc). You can indeed feed birds which contain things they should eat. Purchasing the nut balls and hanging them in a tree or a fence is ideal, as it not only feeds the small birds **but does not entice seagulls**. Nature can then be observed in a pleasant form by all.

Feeding birds doesn't need to be antisocial, feeding the right food in the right way is also conducive with living on an estate. Seagulls will survive perfectly happily finding food on their own, the suggestion that you cannot target the type of birds you feed is in fact wrong if you follow the suggestion above.

Seagulls are part of our local wildlife but can become aggressive, their droppings can ruin a cars paintwork and encouraging them in the local area exacerbates the problem, this should, I suggest, be avoided.

As always there is an intelligent compromise, I am however left with no answer in relation to squirrels. Our squirrel (Sid) is a rather naughty fellow, he is very bold, seemingly unflustered when I shout "stop digging up my seedlings". As a joke I wrote a small letter to him and pinned it to the fence where he enters our garden, I am not quite sure if he fully understood my request to behave in my garden but to my absolute surprise he did stop creating chaos for about a month. I would love to know if this was as a result of Sid being an exceptionally intelligent and literate squirrel..... or a simple coincidence? Answers on a postcard please!!

Name and address supplied.

Cardboard and refuse collection

I was reading the article about 'cutting up your Cardboard' in the June copy of the magazine, while for the second time this month, looking out at the full Wheelie bins out in the road that should have been emptied yesterday, and wondering whether other people agree that we have a poor refuse service.

I have lost count of the number of times I have complained to the local SERCO helpdesk about bins not being emptied or not returned, and listened to their assertions that that they will 'investigate', but never hearing anything back. And when I have complained repeatedly, being told each day that they will come tomorrow, and how I usually end up losing the energy to continue to complain, which is no doubt what SERCO wants.

I recently wrote direct to the Chief Executive of Canterbury Council about the very issue you highlighted, my red top bin was full and I left a piece of cardboard resting against the side of it. After the bins were emptied the cardboard was just left lying in the road by the SERCO Operatives; there was no explanation given, and certainly no sticker left. At the time I didn't know about the '60 cm rule, and I think one side of the cardboard might have been slightly more 60 cm, though it was smaller enough to fit easily into the bin where I eventually ended up putting it.

After reading your article I was left thinking that one option would have been for the refuse operator to simply fold the piece of cardboard and put in the truck. However it appears that rather than do that, they prefer to measure it, and if it's deemed too be large, go to the front of the truck and collect and apply a 'sticker', and then leave it for householder to deal with. The SERCO operative probably has to pick up the piece of cardboard several times during this process, what a crazy arrangement!

I suspect that there is a cosy relationship between SERCO and Canterbury Council and until this changes Serco will not be properly held to account for their services. Also we will continue to be issued with more petty rules that favour SERCO rather than the local residents, who actually have to pay for this service.

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Secretary: Mrs J Saunders	01227 793210
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Full minutes are available at each meeting for members of the public. If any resident would like to receive an electronic version of the parish council Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address, and she will add you to the circulation list.

Meetings are held at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and commence at 7:30pm. The Hall is open from 7:00pm when current planning applications are available to view.

The next meetings are: 14 September, 12 October, 09 November and 14 December 2015.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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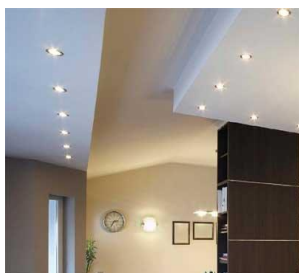
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