

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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The Duke's Head Photo by Freda England

In our latest edition, we have lots of information about services and activities for the community that have been reinstated after the lockdowns or are brand new for 2021, as well as our regular updates and items. We hope you enjoy!



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**Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green**

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# Chair's Update

Welcome to our latest newsletter which we hope, for the first time in over a year, will see DG News revert to a more regular schedule. Life is gradually returning to pre-Covid normality, although who knows when masks will not be needed, or we can book a foreign holiday without the threat of quarantine and testing.

The Parish Council was finally able to meet in the Pavilion, but the 'pingdemic' meant some were unable to attend. It was the first non-virtual meeting for our newest Parish councillor Debbie Parker, and for our Bookings and Facilities Assistant Wendy Jackson.

Many of our hirers and other events have restarted both in the Pavilion and on the recreation ground.

Our popular Pop in Café run by Sue Larken made a welcome return, and it was lovely to see our regulars. The Pop In event is run in conjunction with Age UK and we hope



to have the lunches up and running soon. We were so glad to see that Gillian Shepherd-Coates, who was the Chief Officer for Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge receive an MBE in the birthday honours.

Gill has since retired but we have been grateful for all her help in establishing our services in Dunton Green for our older residents.

Talking of older residents, I'm sure most of you received a mail shot from McCarthy and Stone, outlining their proposals to build over 30 retirement flats on the site of the old Vauxhall garage. They are currently going through the planning process. The Parish Council will campaign for sufficient parking on this site and appropriate sight lines at that difficult junction.

For our younger parishioners we are now working with partner organisations, and are providing Kent Panther Basketball sessions on Mondays, and tennis coaching on Thursdays. As always, full details are on our website where you can sign up for updates ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)). Netball continues for the Over 14s on Thursday evenings.

We've continued our programme of regular maintenance of our facilities, concentrating on the Village Green where the village sign and the noticeboard have been stripped back, repaired and repainted.



*Cont...*

# ...Chair's Update

We also had the bus shelter fully refurbished but we were extremely disappointed



Newly refurbished village sign

and angry that within a week of its completion, the bus shelter was damaged, not once, but twice with offensive graffiti and stickers. I wish this had been the only incident of antisocial behaviour since the end of lockdown but it wasn't. There have been several incidents of graffiti, broken glass and littering.

New litter bins have been installed on the shopping parade and we continue to fund regular emptying of our rubbish and dog bins throughout the village, however some people just leave



New bins

litter scattered for other to manage.

Two of our bins were also damaged. The one on Longford Meadow was ripped out of the ground, which took some doing as it was concreted in, and one on the recreation ground was kicked to bits. I realise that those responsible for such behaviour are unlikely to be reading this, but can I ask that if you see antisocial behaviour in the village please phone 101. Our local PCSOs have been very supportive and helpful in tracking down the culprits and when possible, action has been taken.



Latest village noticeboard:  
please contact  
[bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk) if you have  
information to display

Have you seen our brand new noticeboard at the Rose and Crown end of London Road? The old one had got very shabby and was disappearing under the overgrown hedge!

We all need something to look forward to so we have booked our fireworks display and have fingers crossed that this will be able to go ahead on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. It's free and it would be lovely so see as many of you as possible.

Keep safe.

*Freda England*

*Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council*



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DUNTON GREEN



Pop-up



DGPC is proud to support the work of Sevenoaks Larder in helping families in the community.

If you would like to apply please contact them direct.

And if you would like to donate please also contact the team for details of how you can help - there is a drop off point at Tesco Riverhead!

# How to apply?



Visit our website and fill out our simple application form!



Hope Church,  
The Mill Lane Centre, Mill Lane,  
Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 5BX

[www.sevenoakslarder.co.uk](http://www.sevenoakslarder.co.uk)  
[sevenoakslarder@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoakslarder@gmail.com)

# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

## Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, London Road

{Bookings: [bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk) 07305 814694}

Age UK Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	2nd Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Streetdance	<a href="mailto:duntongreenstreetdance@gmail.com">duntongreenstreetdance@gmail.com</a>
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988: <a href="mailto:info@oaksmartialarts.com">info@oaksmartialarts.com</a>

## Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, London Road

Easy Netball	01732 227000; <a href="mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk">communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk</a>
Community Basketball	Kent Panthers - just turn up Mondays 5.30pm
Mini Tennis	Text Keir 07593 820 295 to book a place
Backyard Bootcamp	07803 050 431 <a href="mailto:enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk">enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk</a>

## DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

### Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429; [www.donningtonhall.co.uk](http://www.donningtonhall.co.uk)}

Dance Academy of Sevenoaks	Emily Teale 07840 109 052
Darenth Table Tennis Club	David & Janet Field 01732 462429
Gauge One Model Railway Assoc	Jeff Brazier 01732 454890
Hartbeeps	Jamie Blackburn 07795 103 197
Little Learners	Helen Bakie 07889 825 727
National Kick Boxing & Karate Assoc	Hilary King 07796 858 194
Sevenoaks Table Tennis League	Janet Field 01732 462429
Thursday Badminton	Olwen Bond 01732 865938
Tuesday Badminton	Gillian John 01883 722948

### Taking place in Village Hall, London Road

{Bookings: Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; [www.dgvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.dgvillagehall.co.uk)}

Coffee Morning	3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen, 07808 540 315
Holy Communion	1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays (see St Mary's info)

### Taking place in Dunton Green Primary School, London Road

{Bookings: School Office 01732 462221; [office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk)}

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	07963 338 544; <a href="http://www.kswsevenoaks.com">www.kswsevenoaks.com</a>
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**PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF WE CAN UPDATE THIS LIST WITH THE DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE**

# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

## OTHER Organisations and activities

Bessels Green Baptist Church	01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk
St Mary's Church Riverhead & DG	01732 455736; stmaryriverhead@gmail.com
Citizens Advice Bureau (Sevenoaks)	01732 440488; info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk
Dial-A-Ride (Compaid)	01892 832447
Dunton Green Primary School	01732 462221 office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk
Gymboree	07827 910 978; sevenoaks@gymboree-uk.com
Kent County Council	03000 41 41 41; www.kent.gov.uk
Kent Fire & Rescue	01622 692121; 999 emergency; www.kent.fire-uk.org
Kent Police	101; 999 emergencies; www.kent.police.uk
Kent Sheds	www.shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com

Dunton Green Pavilion



Donnington Hall

Donnington Hall is currently closed due to a new floor needing to be laid. When it re-opens (hopefully in September) activities will be as detailed in the list opposite.

Dunton Green Village Hall



To help encourage the village's young people to get outside and enjoy some fresh air after the lockdowns, the Parish Council is fully funding weekly basketball sessions for 11-14s and mini tennis sessions for 5-11s.

They are FREE for participants! Please just turn up on a Monday to join the basketball; register your child for the mini tennis by texting Keir as per the poster.

**FREE WEEKLY BASKETBALL CLUB**

**EVERY MONDAY 5.30PM - 6.30PM @  
DUNTON GREEN  
STARTS JUNE 7TH**

MUGA (MULTI USE GAMES AREA)  
RECREATION GROUND  
LONDON ROAD  
DUNTON GREEN  
KENT  
TN15 2UR

**AGES 11-14**

*Ryan Richards*

Club founded by NBA draft pick Ryan Richards

**KENT  
PANTHERS**

DUNTON GREEN  
PARISH COUNCIL

Funded by



# Dunton Green Mini Tennis sessions

Every Thursday afternoon  
BETWEEN 4-6pm  
5-7yr olds 8-11yr olds

Free- Funded  
by Dunton  
green parish  
council

Dunton green recreation  
ground  
TN13 2UP

To book a space please  
TXT KEIR ON 07593820295

**If you have suggestions for any other activities that might be of interest to young people in the village, please contact us and let us know.**

Contact details are on page 2

## Dunton Green Allotments

Well, what a strange year at the allotment this year! Cold, cold Spring, then very dry and warm, then extremely hot (albeit brief!!) and now rain, rain and more rain.

Mind you, the runner beans, courgettes and squashes are loving it. I have masses of these coming but unfortunately, I planted about fifty kale, purple sprouting broccoli, Brussels sprouts and pointy cabbage plants and the slugs have had the lot. I could have cried!! Corn on the cob doing well too. All the Parish Council plots are taken and tended but there are some of the Dunton Green Social Club ones vacant.



Courgettes!



Sweetcorn

Here's a few photos of progress.

Trish Maddock  
Plot holder!



Squash

*Things are going great guns at the DGPC plots! Well done to Trish and all of our plot holders!*

**Runner beans doing really well!**



**The plot looks fantastic - despite the best efforts of those pesky slugs!!**



**And all the effort is worth it - just look at this produce!**

## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...



- \* The first face to face meeting of the Council took place in July after 16 months of virtual meetings.
- \* Refurbishment works have been completed on the village green with the timber bus shelter, the noticeboard and village sign all getting some TLC. The wall at the Rose Garden has been repaired and the 'Eckersley' bench there has also had a makeover.
- \* At time of print, we are still waiting for the installation of a barrier gate at the Lusted Road entrance to Longford Meadow. We hope that this will deter some of the ASB in that area by reducing access to the area by cars.
- \* We have had a good deal of tree work completed over recent months - emergency work to a fallen tree on our small open space in Mill Road; maintenance & management works within Price's Wood; and most recently dealing with trees in the recreation ground tackling Ash Dieback.
- \* New 'chat' benches will be installed around the village over the coming months providing more safe spaces for you to meet and chat with friends & neighbours.
- \* We have been working with partners to reinstate and provide new services. Details of basketball, tennis and the Age UK sessions can be found in the newsletter. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards for updates.
- \* The Annual Fireworks Display is now scheduled - details on the back page.
- \* We are planning for Remembrance Sunday and looking ahead towards, dare we say it, Christmas - watch this space!!
- \* Climbing Rox Project - Longford Meadow: Thank you to everyone who did submit feedback on the proposals outlined in the last edition. The overwhelming majority were very supportive of the proposals. We have taken onboard comments about the need for more litter bins and seating areas to really capitalise on the benefits of the project and these will be incorporated into the overall scheme. We will also review ongoing any need for lighting or CCTV in the area.
- \* Price's Wood Bike Trail: we are looking at what can be done to encourage more use of the bike trail by families with younger children. We are also considering setting up a 'Friends of Price's Wood' group to help us ensure that the area is clear of litter, the trail is passable and to help inform of us of any works that might be needed. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards for updates.

## DUNTON GREEN NOSTALGIA

Look at these flyers from 1995, when a musical review was organised by the school. Were you a pupil at the time or a proud parent?! Have you got photos that you'd like to share?

We'd love to see them.



With thanks to Mrs Kitty Bailey, who has kindly let us copy these items from 1995.

We know many of you have stories, photos and information about Dunton Green's Past. We would like to have a regular feature to help to document some of the social history of the village. Please get in touch if you would like to share your memories or keepsakes. Email to [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk) or leave a message on the office phone 01732 462966 & we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

# Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent



I've never seen a timber clad burger van before!! Very smart...

That's a shame. We wait years for the road to be resurfaced and then someone drops a tin of paint!!



Newly painted disabled parking zones at the station. Good to see.



**Knocked down bollards by the village green, again. Pity drivers aren't a bit more aware of their surroundings!**



**I'm pretty sure the fish at Longford Bridge have no idea what a No Waiting bollard means!**

**Perhaps the fish needed that sign after all... Heron Alert!!**



# SATURDAY FREIGHTER GUIDANCE

The Freighter cannot accept **white goods, washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, large parts of engines or vehicles or hazardous waste.**

Hazardous waste now includes items like **fluorescent tubes, televisions & computer monitors, batteries, oil tins and filters, paint and paint tins and chemical containers.** These items **cannot** be accepted on the Saturday Freighter service and must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

**Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted.**



## FREIGHTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

**SERVICE FULLY FUNDED BY DUNTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

ARRANGED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL



### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**START OF THE NEW BI-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2021\***

13<sup>th</sup> November 2021

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2022\***

9<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**LUSTED ROAD 11.45AM TO 12.15PM**

**MILL ROAD 12.30PM TO 1.00PM**

**\* EARLIER STOP TIMES OF 8.30am - 9.00am & 9.15am - 9.45am**

**PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR EXCESS  
REFUSE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS  
ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

**NON-RECYCLABLE REFUSE (EXCLUDING METAL)**

## DUNTON GREEN WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE!

Hopefully, you will recall from the Summer 2021 edition that we had been contacted by David Spicer about his grandad Alf's brother, Frederick Collison, who died in WW2 and is one of the fallen commemorated on the War Memorial.

A short time after we had started to deliver the newsletter around the village we were contacted by Jennifer Smith, whose neighbour had been reading the article about the Dunton Green War Memorial. Her neighbour, Yvonne Masterson, had confirmed that the Frederick Collison that Dave had referred to is her father. Jennifer told us that Yvonne would love to learn more about her father's brother and his family as she was only 2 years old when her father died. With Yvonne still living in Dunton Green, they wondered if there was any way she could contact David. Would he be willing to contact her?



We were thrilled to help and immediately asked Dave if we could pass



on his contact details. He was over the moon that the article might have found some living relatives and he was eager to be put in touch with Yvonne, via Jennifer.

It is really fantastic to report that Yvonne has been in touch with her family & has now met up in Dunton Green with her first cousin, Margaret (Dave's mum and Alf's daughter), Dave and his sister Debbie.

## DUNTON GREEN WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE!



**COLLISON FAMILY REUNION  
In Dunton Green**

Dave & his family have been able to share photos with Yvonne that she's never seen before. And it has been really lovely for everyone to reconnect.

We are pleased that in a small way we have been able to help reunite this family. Who could have known that Dave sending us that photo would lead to a story like this?!

Everyone at the War Memorial on London Road, Dunton Green

Thank you to Dave and to Jennifer & Yvonne for updating us. We're delighted for you all!



**Memorial plaque at the rear of St. John's Church**

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If you have any information or pictures relating to those listed on the memorials please do contact us. You never know, you might end up having a reunion too?!

Please contact the Clerk (details on page 2).



## Pop Up Sue is Back in Dunton Green !

Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, London Road, TN13 2UR

**Join Sue every month (2nd Wednesday)  
for the Pop In Café!**

**Dates for the diary:**

Weds 8th Sept

Weds 13th Oct

Weds 10th Nov

Weds 8th Dec

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Improve your mobility, strength & balance

Meet others, in a friendly, covid-safe, class with a qualified  
instructor and a cup of tea/coffee



PROUD TO SUPPORT AGE UK

For more information, call **Sue 07867 648 667**

or email

[suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk](mailto:suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk)

Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge registered charity number 1088213. 05/18

# Let's Lunch



Join us at the **Dunton Green Lunch Club** on the first Wednesday of each month (except August)

**11.45am to 2pm**

At Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Road, TN13 2UR

To book transport please call Age UK on

**01732 454108**

For more information, please see  
[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or  
[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)

 Sevenoaks & Tonbridge  
**ageUK**



## **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tuesday Sept 14th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Sept 18th 2021 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)

**Saturday 25th September - Annual Fireworks Display 6.45pm**

Tuesday Oct 12th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Nov 9th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Nov 13th 2021 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)

Sunday Nov 14th 2021 - Annual Remembrance Sunday Service, 10.45am TBC

Tuesday Dec 14th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Dec 2021 - Annual Christmas Singalong TBC

Tuesday Jan 11th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jan 19th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)

Tuesday Feb 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Mar 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Mar 12th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)

Tuesday Apr 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday May 10th 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday May 14th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)

Tuesday Jun 14th 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jul 9th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 17)



DGPC will be considering the viability of its events for 2021. We remain optimistic that they will be reinstated this year and that we can all gather together again as a community. More details will be made available nearer the time.

### **Visit [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) and sign up to Email Alerts**

to keep up to date and informed about all the latest news, meetings and events information as it is published. Meeting agendas are published in the week prior to the meeting and are available on the website.

If you have events that you would like publicised please contact the Clerk and we can consider publishing your activities on our Parish Council website events listing page - we're keen to let everyone know just what is on in Dunton Green and it starts with you!



**[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)**

The Parish Council's website provides information on all sorts of activities and news in the village. Please check the website regularly for page updates and sign up for Email Alerts for things like events, news and planning.

*Contact us by email if you have community events and activities that you would like to advertise.*

**NEWS ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES AS LOCKDOWN IS FURTHER EASED WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS WEBSITE - SIGN UP TO STAY INFORMED!**

**The Parish Council is also on Facebook and Twitter!**



**Dunton Green Parish Council**  
Please follow us / give us a like!



**@PcDunton Dunton Green PC Clerk**

## **DUNTON GREEN NEWS**

**All back copies of Dunton Green News can be found on the Parish Council's website - [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) - on the DUNTON GREEN NEWS tab.**

**If you could help us deliver newsletters in your road / area please contact the Parish Council - the more volunteers we have the better!  
Thank you.**

# Update from Dunton Green Primary School PTA



Throughout the recent summer term, it has been wonderful to witness the start of what we all hope can be a return to “normal” school life for our teachers and children. The staff at the school have worked tirelessly to enable more special celebrations and activities to take place as they would have previously, and this last term parents and carers have been able to attend sports days for each year group, open days to share children’s learning progress, a Reception class “graduation” ceremony and of course a bittersweet farewell to our resilient Year 6s as they head off to secondary school.

However, like so many others, we continue to feel the lasting impact of the pandemic. The school has been educating the children of this community for over 100 years, but now more than ever, we are facing significant financial difficulties.

We are therefore delighted to introduce the “**Friends of Dunton Green School**” initiative. This is a local community and business partnership that we’re setting up in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which aims to do good in our village community, promote local businesses - but most of all will help to improve the education and prospects for the children of the village...

A higher-than-average proportion of our pupils are from disadvantaged backgrounds compared to other local schools (over 30% are eligible for Free School Meals, compared to the Kent average of 17.2%). Throughout Covid we have gone to significant lengths to support all pupils, but particularly our vulnerable children. We had approximately 25% of our students in school for the duration of lockdown which was much higher than the average for primary schools, alongside remote learning support for all pupils. In addition, due to the age and historical nature of our buildings, our classrooms and facilities urgently need modernising to make them safe and fit for purpose.

**For example, in March this year our Breakfast & Afterschool Club**

**was confirmed as unusable by Kent County Council!**

Many of our working parents rely heavily on this facility. It provides a safe space for children before and after school, and the building is regularly used by our vulnerable pupils to complete their homework.

**Plus, it might surprise you to know that we have just 15 old, inefficient laptops to share between 180 pupils!**

One of our Year 4 children says: *“Lots of our laptops have black dots on the screen and are really slow. If we got new ones we would be able to see the whole screen and they would be faster”.*

Despite these challenges, our school is a happy school, and we’ve seen great improvements in recent years – both academically and regarding extra-curricular activities. We are now striving for our students to have the same opportunities as those attending other local primary schools.

Our Ofsted rating has rapidly gone from “Requires Improvement” to “Good”. In June 2019, we were delighted that our pupils won the annual District Sports Inter-School Competition in the medium-sized school category, and in 2020 we were the overall Primary School Champions in the Kent Literacy Award.

By becoming a **“Friend of Dunton Green School”**, you can help us to provide essential education and extra-curricular support for our children. There are multiple ways to get involved, and we have a number of exciting projects that are currently in development – including the urgent replacement of our breakfast and after-school club building, a new minibus, and the renovation of our Key Stage 2 playground. We would be extremely grateful for any financial support, expertise or advice villagers or companies could offer.

For example, do you or someone you know work for a company with objectives around supporting local communities, with a charity “pot” for local giving? Do you have any contacts in the building/landscaping industry that could advise us “pro bono”, or offer discounts? Or do you own a shop or business in the village that we could promote to our school families in return for a regular gift? Or donate a new laptop or iPad so fewer children have to share during lessons?



In return, we would of course recognise and promote supporters wherever possible. We are also able to offer volunteering opportunities such as reading to pupils, or improving the school grounds through teambuilding days.

**We are very happy to discuss ideas for support and would be delighted to personally show you around our lovely school. If you have any questions, please contact the Headteacher, Tracy Boanas, at [ht@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ht@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk) or via the school office on 01732 462221. Alternatively you can reach me at [teamdgschool@gmail.com](mailto:teamdgschool@gmail.com).**

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. I do hope you will consider helping our wonderful little village school, and the local children who deserve the very best education we can give them.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Norburn  
Chair – Team DG



DGPC cannot understand why KCC continues to withhold in excess of £236,000, which was allocated for Education in the Ryewood development Section 106 Agreement. Berkeley Homes paid this money to KCC several years ago. The money was, *incorrectly in the Parish Council's opinion*, allocated for "provision of additional pupil places at primary schools within a two mile radius with priority consideration being given by KCC to the most local schools were appropriate". The Parish Council has asked repeatedly for details on when and where this money will be spent and to date has not had an adequate response to that. This funding could be put to good use NOW by DG primary school. The Parish Council argues that having fit for purpose buildings can only enhance the environment of the school, its ongoing successes and ensure that there is always a full roll from the village. The school should not be forced to close essential services when funds are withheld because KCC interprets the wording of the Agreement to mean only additional forms of entry (classes). DGPC continues to seek a resolution that sees DGPS allocated the funding ASAP.



## What you need to know about E-Scooters

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) are been seen increasingly in our communities and have raised concerns about safety and the law So what are they....

E-Scooters come under the category of “powered transporters”. This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. “Powered transporters” fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters. As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- driving with a licence
- driving/riding with insurance
- driving/riding other than on a road need to be taxed

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

### Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner. In areas where a trial rental scheme is running, it is legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane.

### Enforcement

The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points

### Rider behaviour

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone: £100 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment
- If you are using an e-scooter in public in an anti-social manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

We would always recommend to wear safety protection such as a helmet when riding these vehicles, and to keep to the speed limit.





# Keeping yourself and others safe: From 19 July

While many restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 has not gone away so it's important we remain cautious.

By practising key behaviours we can continue to protect ourselves and others and help stop the virus spreading.

## Fresh air

Try to meet others outdoors where COVID-19 particles are blown away. If you are meeting people indoors, open windows to let fresh air in.



## Face coverings

It is expected and recommended that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.



## Handwashing

Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.



## Testing and self-isolation

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should get a test and must self-isolate if you test positive or if you are told to by NHS Test & Trace.



## NHS COVID-19 app

Keep Bluetooth contact tracing enabled on your NHS COVID-19 app and use the app to report symptoms, get a test and check in to venues.



## Close contact

Consider limiting close contact with people you do not live with.



For more information, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

# Opposition unites against Clydach Marine application

**PLAN TO TURN FORMER SHOP INTO SEVEN FLATS RAISES CONCERNS**

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RESIDENTS are fighting plans to turn a former sailing shop into flats. Developers want to turn the building, the former site of Clydach Marine in Duntoun Green, into seven apartments, but the development would mean vehicles using the privately-owned Barretts Road.

Barretts Road Residents' Association has written to Sevenoaks District Council planners to say the scheme would mean them footing "accelerated repair costs through increased use" and this would be unacceptable.

Plans to turn the former boating shop Clydach Marine into flats have met with opposition  
BROADARD ARCHITECTS



Their opposition is echoed by Duntoun Green Parish Council, which said councillors also have concerns over pedestrian safety. It is urging planners to turn down the application.

"The parish council also remains very concerned about the safety of pedestrians in relation to the crossing on London Road, which is positioned in close proximity to this site and to the Barretts Road junction,

and close to the village school," councillors said. "While this section of road has a 30mph limit on it, there is a perception that speeds are often significantly in excess of this and that even with the provision of a zebra crossing, crossing London Road is difficult."

But architects, Broadard Architects, has written to the district council on behalf of developers, Locksbottom Properties Limited and BBL Property Development, to say the new design would "complement the street scene and give a positive contribution to the character of the area."

They added: "The width of the proposed building matches the width of the existing building, leaving an at least 1.2m-wide access route on either side. The height of the proposed building does not exceed the typical height of the adjacent residential properties."

Many of you will not have seen this article in the Chronicle. It details objections to a planning application for a development of 7 flats, for which there will be only 7 parking spaces (and where there is already high demand for on road parking). But the article misses completely the point that access to the site is not just via Barretts Road but also

across Donnington Hall land, neither of which the applicant has access rights across. There is NO ACCESS to the rear by car. This was the main thrust of the DGPC objection (along with DGPC's support of Barretts Road residents). The pedestrian impact was more in relation to concerns *if* the site is demolished/constructed and how that will adversely impact London Road but the reporter has cut some of the DGPC comments out of the full context of its response.

## Bee Friendly!

Bees are big news at the moment, and rightly so, as we all know how vital they are for giving us the food we eat and the beauty of the flowers that we all enjoy. The world would be a very different place without bees and other pollinators and there are many initiatives going on, such as the recent Radio 2 Big Bee Challenge, to help increase bee numbers and provide the essential nectar, pollen and shelter which bees need to survive. There is such a wealth of information around which bee friendly plants we can plant to help the bees that it can be a bit overwhelming to decide which are good for our own green spaces, whether that be garden, patio or a window box.

Following on from my earlier attempts in Spring to identify the bees in my garden, I thought that for this edition, I would share with you the flowers that the bees seem to go for most in my own garden. I am lucky enough to have a small front garden, which is mainly gravel with a patch of earth, and have an equally small back garden, which is mainly paved with a small patch of scratchy grass. To increase the area for planting, I use lots of troughs and pots, and even my windowsills, to grow vegetables and flowers, including those specifically that I hope the bees will like.

To survive, bees need food, access to water so they don't dehydrate (but also don't drown, so put a stone, piece of wood/cork or something in the water so they can crawl out!) and a place to shelter and nest (such as a bee hotel). Food for bees

comes in the form of nectar, which provides sugar for energy and is used to make honey to feed their young brood, and pollen, which is a source of essential fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals. Over the years, I have tried to gather those plants which will help pollinators



all year round and have actively cultivated the plants that I see the bees like to visit most in my garden. Sometimes, and at some consternation for my long-suffering neighbours, this has led to the cultivation of some flowers which others may call 'weeds' and would happily pull up at the first sign!

So here is my take on what I see the bees like to visit most in my garden throughout the year:

In Spring and as we emerge from winter, the first Snowdrops and Crocuses appear in troughs which have been planted as bulbs the previous Autumn.

These are great sources of nectar for any emerging bees if we have an early warm spell. This year I also grew Primroses; not the brightly coloured varieties which aren't useful for bees, but the smaller, subtle pale yellow native wild variety. This autumn, I am going to plant more Snowdrops, Crocuses and

**Primroses** in my patchy lawn ready to help the bees next Spring. Having shared in my previous article the surprise of seeing blue pollen sacs on honeybees, another important food source are Bluebells. I am hoping to purchase some **English bluebells** this autumn to replace the invasive Spanish bluebells which readily pop up in my garden and tend to flower later than the native variety.





Other nectar-rich spring flowering plants are the small, sweet smelling **Grape Hyacinths** which, together with the tiny piercing-blue flowers of **Green Alkanet** and Forget-me-nots, provide a sea of blue in my front garden each year and are a buzz with bees. Be warned that, however pretty, Green Alkanet is a

bit of a thug and will readily self-seed everywhere in the most unexpected places. It's stem and leaves are covered in small hairs which are very irritating to human skin, as I have found out to my cost, so best wear gloves and long sleeves when pulling them up!

If you have a wall or fence in your garden, then a useful shrub for bees is a Cotoneaster. The mass of tiny bright red-pink flowers featured in my last article providing sustenance for a Tree bumblebee, and the flowers are a great favourite for all types of bees and the red berries a feast for blackbirds in the Autumn. Mauve Granny Bonnets and Honesty, a small Cranes-bill Geranium with tiny pink flowers (possibly Herb Robert), and blue Love-in-the-mist, all self-sown in the gravel this year, flowered freely with Feverfew and



Wild Garlic, and all of them appeared to be great bee favourites. As the Green Alkanet fades and summer begins, the lilac flowers of **Comfrey**, a close cousin with equally itchy leaves, takes over the mantle and provides a fantastic food source for all types of bees. Another relation is Borage, which I have grown before and bees

love, but is equally invasive and very itchy!

As the Comfrey wanes, the lavender bush provides another very popular food source for bees, together with a later-flowering purple **Wild Geranium**, and self-sown Teasel and Wild Marjoram. Also self-sown in the gravel, the large soft, velvet, donkey-ear leaves of Great Mullein has sprouted long spires of yellow flowers, which are currently attracting lots of bee attention.



In the back garden, the Passionflower, Sweet Peas, Honeysuckle, Clematis and Summer Jasmine are climbing across the fence enticing the bees to pollenate my tomatoes, cucumbers, peas and peppers. I'm hoping that the Foxgloves planted this year will over-winter and flower next year along with the Ox-Eye Daisies and Hollyhocks. As I've been writing this, I have noticed that many of the flowers I have described that are attracting the bees the most have flowers that are coloured blue or purple.



Although at first this seemed unintentional, I now realise it is because I have actively sought and cultivated those flowers that I see bees like. I always purchase plants in Garden centres that are surrounded by bees. Therefore,



instead of showy multi-coloured Pelargoniums, Begonias, Pansies and Petunias, I come away with the blue/purple flowered Marjoram, Thyme, Chives, Alliums and Violets.

It is not without co-incidence that many of the flowers I cultivate are blue or purple, as I have discovered that bees are attracted most to flowers that are in the violet-blue spectrum because they produce the highest volumes of nectar.

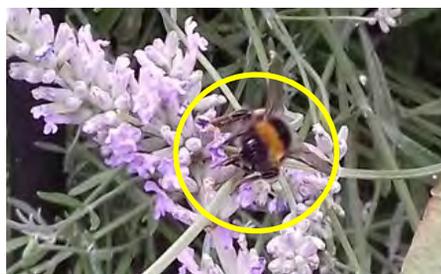
Simple, open flowers are also better for bees than the showier double types, and scent also attracts bees, so those plants high in essential oils are tops, which is why herbs, lavender and violets are so popular with bees.

So, as we go forward to full Summer and Autumn, I am hoping that the plants in my garden will keep the bees going. I will allow the ivy to flower as that is the last great source of nectar for bees, continue to keep the dandelions (sorry neighbours!) and even tolerate the occasional flowering Ground elder (but definitely pull it up before the seeds set!) and just hope that the Winter Jasmine comes good this year!

Happy planting!

**CIlr Dr Debbie Parker**

**Honeybee camouflaged on a Passionflower and another buried bottom's up in a Sweet Pea.**



## **COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE**

**Any items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to Dunton Green Parish Council, Parish Council Office, Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Dunton Green, Kent TN13 2UR**

**1st November 2021**

**Let us share news about the village & your organisations with all residents in Dunton Green**

**Please forward articles & photos:  
clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk**

**We have received some great photos and information from residents and we would love to be able to share more in future newsletters!**

## **DUNTON GREEN PAVILION**

**Recreation Ground, London Road, Dunton Green TN13 2UR**



**Dunton Green Pavilion is a fantastic community facility owned and managed by Dunton Green Parish Council.**

**The Pavilion is located in the Recreation Ground in Dunton Green and offers excellent facilities for community activities, commercial organisations and private hire.**

**Please see the Parish Council's website for more details about the venue, including pricing.**

**bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk / 07305 814694**



# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

In our last edition we showed you photos of Rye Lane before the construction of Ryewood began. In this instalment, we look at what happened in 2012:



The site was cleared - lorry loads of rubble was removed.

The access road was constructed by February.

Site security and offices arrived.





The vets surgery (which is now in the old St Johns church) was demolished at the corner of Station Road and London Road, to enable construction of the mini roundabout. The first Berkeley Homes hoardings appeared in the village.



The first homes in Campion Square began to emerge.

The showroom and landscaping were completed at the front of the site by July.



## **PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS**

In Dunton Green the Parish Council has (to date) funded the provision of **FOUR** Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). The Parish Council maintains these with the assistance of the Sevenoaks Community First Responders, who keep a check on them and make sure that we know when batteries and pads need replacing. The defibrillators are also registered with Southeast Coast Ambulance Service, so if you are a 999 caller they can direct you, if needed, to the nearest defibrillator.

All these defibrillators are located outside and are in unlocked heated cabinets which are easily publicly accessible (24/7). They are placed in the following locations:

- Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground. The defib cabinet is on the wall of the Pavilion, opposite the tennis court.
- Dunton Green Village Hall, London Road (next to the War Memorial). The defib cabinet is located on the front wall of the hall.
- The Bed Shop, Broadway Parade, London Road. The defib cabinet is located on the outside wall of The Bed Shop (next to Bojangles).
- The Gym, Champion Square, Ryewood. The defib cabinet is located on an outside wall (facing Rye Lane).

### **Myths dispelled!**

**YOU MIGHT HURT SOMEONE WHEN USING THE DEFIB.** You **CANNOT** cause someone harm by using a defibrillator. These remarkable pieces of kit know whether someone needs defibrillation. If they do, the machine will discharge a current. If they do not need defibrillating, the defib will not shock them.

**YOU NEED TRAINING TO USE ONE.** No, these machines will guide you through what you need to do. There are instructions on the pads regarding placement of them and there is a voice that will guide you through what needs doing. Understandably, you may be nervous about using the defibrillator, but it is better to try than not. If you can, use basic CPR techniques until you can use the defibrillator.



More information on CPR can be found on the British Heart Foundation's website: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr>

The Parish Council has provided free defibrillator and CPR training sessions previously and will look to do this again, in conjunction with Sevenoaks Community First Responders. We will advertise when this been organised - look out for details on our social media and noticeboards.

We hope that you never need to these PADs, but they are provided by Dunton Green Parish Council for the health & safety of the community. Thank you to the Sevenoaks CFR team for their continued support and assistance.

# Your local officers



**PCSO Sue Harwood**

**We currently have one PCSO but she has been very busy around Dunton Green and the Sevenoaks District in 2021. If you need her help or assistance please contact Kent Police as per the details below.**

We are on hand to deal with your concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour where you live. We can also give you advice to help you protect yourself, your home and your property from crime.

## Contact us:



Call **101** to speak to a member of your local policing team or to be put through to the officer best placed to deal with your enquiry.



Email: **[csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk)**

We have increased the number of officers in our communities to provide continuity in local crime investigation, give victims of crime a single point of contact and enhance visibility in the community. The officers named above are subject to change depending on operational need.

For advice, news and details of local engagement meetings in your area, visit **[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)**



**Kent  
Police**

Call **101** for non-urgent issues.

Call **999** in an emergency.

If deaf or speech impaired text '**police**' and your message to **60066**.



## Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU based at SDC consists of Police, Council and other agencies and addresses local concerns that are brought to their attention. Residents may not always see Police out on their streets, but there are active police patrols in the area due to reports from concerned parties. **Residents should always report any issues whether its drugs, anti-social behaviour or crime to 999 if an emergency or 101 for a non emergency.** You can also report any concerns to the CSU by calling on 01732 227000 or via [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

**Crime can also be reported online by going to <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>** This is a convenient way to report many concerns and is an alternative to calling 101.



## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF...

### ...I NEED THE POLICE?

Dial **999** if there is threat to life or a crime is in progress.

Call **101** for all non-emergency matters.

**PCSO Sue Harwood** - Telephone **101** or Email:

[csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk)

### ...I NEED TO REPORT A STREET LIGHTING ISSUE?

If the street light in question belongs to the Parish Council then report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	Hillfield Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Ivy House Lane	Lusted Road
Kingswood Road	Milton Road	Rye Lane
Lennard Road	Pounsley Road	Vicarage Lane
London Road Footpath to Station		

All other street light issues must be reported to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81**.

**PLEASE NOTE** that whenever you report a lighting fault you will be asked for the **column number** (which is on the street light) and the location. Please ensure that you have these details to enable a prompt response.

### ...I NEED TO REPORT A HIGHWAYS ISSUE?

If you identify a problem with roads or pavements such as potholes, broken kerbs or missing signs you should report these to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81** or via KCC's online reporting tool [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

### ...I WANT TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN DUNTON GREEN?

Graffiti can be reported via SDC's **online graffiti reporting form** ([www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal).) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.





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Could this be you?!!

If you are interested in joining us at DGPC please contact the Clerk (details on page 2)

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### Dunton Green Moth!

We were contacted by Andy Weekes who captured these amazing shots of a truly spectacular moth. He spotted it at the bottom of his garden and

Andy says that, according to Google, it is a lime hawk-moth.

It's rather attractive and camouflaged when viewed from above but almost alien looking from the side!

Thanks Andy - we're pleased to share! And if you have observed any interesting things lurking in your garden or when out and about the village, please do let us know. We'd all like to discover more!

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**NHS**

**We must keep on protecting each other.**

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