

HEALTH CENTRE – HAVE YOUR SAY

Come to the Health Centre at 7.00 for 7.15 on Monday 23rd October

Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss practice issues and patient experience.

Its purpose is to help improve the service our surgery provides.

Our PPG was set up some 10 years ago at about the time the new Health Centre was opened, and about four meetings have been held every year ever since. These meetings are open to all residents on the surgery's books but, unfortunately, those who attend are all 'of an age' – so only age-related issues tend to be raised.

Surely young mothers-to-be (for example) – who are possibly working right up to their great event, might wish their pregnancy (antenatal) care services were available at more convenient times. Or, with hindsight after their child is born, they feel that different and better advice could have been provided. Come and tell us.

Residents involved with sport might need support in some way – particularly if they are in their 30s and are finding they are 'getting a bit too old for it' but recognise the need to keep the joints moving when they stop. Do they need guidance? Is there some way our surgery could help? There must be all sorts of ways residents wish they were better advised and treated. Please come and tell us about your ideas at the meeting - our new Manager, Lucy Page will be there.

So please come along. There is no need and no obligation, to attend a second meeting; but it is important that all residents understand that our Health Centre is there for them. If the way the surgery operates, along with the services it provides need to be changed, then please come and tell us.

PARTIALLY SIGHTED – CROSSING SAFELY

Pedestrians who have poor sight may have difficulty with seeing the 'green man' on the opposite side of the road at traffic light crossings. There is no audible signal, but there is a physically revolving cone. By feeling to the right, under the push-button box, fingers can feel the ridges on the cone. When the 'green man' light is shown, the cone revolves and is detected by the fingers.

The cone stops as the light is extinguished. Our 'green man' signal is shown for about seven seconds, but the green signal to traffic is further delayed.



SUMMER 2023 EVENTS - a roaring success!

The Family Funday, despite being postponed due to adverse weather conditions, was a huge success. Over 1,000 people attended and enjoyed the various stalls and activities. A big thanks to Rob Yorke, the Youth Services Team and volunteers for all their hard work.

Skate Jam – held at Jubilee Field with over 30 youngsters receiving tutoring in the skills and tricks of Skate boarding. May be a budding Olympian in the making! Thanks to “Rubicon” for arranging the sessions and the Girl Guides for putting on refreshments.

Theatre in Park another roaring success with Treasure Island being the attraction to around 100 people. Thank you to the Hazlitt Theatre for making a splash.

Summer Playscheme – this annual event has proved popular with plenty of positive feedback. Thanks to all at Play Place for all their hard work.

MEDWAY VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE AUGUST BIOBLITZ AT WIMPEY FIELD

It was a busy and well-attended wildlife event on 16th August 2023 for toddlers to teens! The local Play-scheme brought along around 65 children throughout the day and we were also joined by at least another 25 local families who were keen on bug hunting. Each group was split in half and one lot had the chance to give sweep netting a go in the grass around our stand and the other went on a wildlife walk around Wimpey Field to find reptiles.



JUBILEE FIELD 3G MULTISPORTS PITCH QUESTIONNAIRE

The project is supported by Kent County FA, the Football Foundation, Maidstone Borough Council and Staplehurst Parish Council. In addition the Staplehurst Neighbourhood Development Plan policy c5 states “maintain and enhance the Jubilee Field sports and recreation site, including the development of new and improved facilities at the site”

This following survey is designed to capture your views on the current facilities and the proposed new facilities. Please look at information on the Parish Council website www.staplehurst-pc.uk or hard copies in the Staplehurst Library or Parish Office. The survey will take approximately 5- 10 minutes to complete, and the closing date is **midnight on the 16th October 2023**.

The responses provided will be used to help develop the project to ensure it reflects the needs of the local population. We ask for your post code only to clarify which responses are from residents and which are from those further afield. There is an option to provide your email address at the end of the survey, which we will use to answer your questions, keep you informed on the progress of the development and provide details of any activities you have expressed interest in. We will also update the Frequently Asked Questions and produce a Consultation Feedback Report to the Council, both will be available on the Parish Council website.

Section 2 includes an equality and diversity monitoring form designed to ensure we are consulting with a wide range of individuals reflective of the local community. The answers to this section will be separated from the answers in section 1, used anonymously and collated to provide overall statistics of all responses. There is a ‘prefer not to say’ option for each area should you not want to disclose any specific information.

All information will be held in line with the General Data Protection Regulations Policy of Continuum Sport and Leisure Ltd who are acting on behalf of Staplehurst Parish Council. This means any report will be anonymised, the data will only be used for this project and then destroyed after 18 months, or once the project is complete (if sooner). To request a copy of the policy please email caroline@continuumleisure.co.uk

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