

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

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Light at the end of the 'tunnel' ...?

As 2020 draws to a close, we look back at what has been going on since the summer and look forward to 2021



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# Chair's Update

As we go to press, we are all locked down again, and the weather is certainly not as glorious as we had in Lockdown 1, and masks are everywhere!

I know that many of you have had, and continue to have, a very difficult year. The news shows that as the Covid cases and deaths increase, the mental health of many decreases and there is loneliness in all age groups. If you're out and about on a walk, say hello or give someone a wave. It might be the only acknowledgement that they've



CLLR. FREDA ENGLAND



had in days. Kent Community Foundation has launched a 'Knock and Check' initiative, encouraging us all to look out for our elderly or vulnerable neighbours.

If you're struggling please see our website or Sevenoaks District Council's for links and advice from organisations who are waiting to help you.



As a Parish Council we have continued to provide some financial assistance to organisations including Lockdown Larder and Age Concern.



Cont...

# ...Chair's Update



Our village school is open again for all pupils and Halloween has been and gone. Remembrance



Sunday passed without our usual service but hopefully next year we will be able to commemorate together again.

Despite lockdowns DGPC has continued to meet via Zoom and despite the difficulties this presents, we have been very fortunate to welcome a new Parish Councillor, Debbie Parker, who many of you will know. We still have vacancies and maybe now many of us are spending more of our days in the village, you might fancy getting involved. Why not come to a virtual meeting and see what it's all about? I guarantee you will know more about DG at the end.

I was sad to hear that after many years working with parishioners, that Faithworks will no longer be in the village. I'd like to thank all of their team of enthusiastic volunteers who have helped and entertained many over the years.

We are all waiting to find out what restriction there will be over Christmas. We have obviously cancelled our popular Christmas singalong, which is a great shame and yet another event casualty of the Covid pandemic this year. The Parish Council would like to encourage everyone to 'shine a light for Dunton Green' over the Christmas period. If you can, light up your front window so that we make the village attractive and bright - great for all of us walking about the village and bringing a smile to our faces!



As part of our 'Making Dunton Green greener' campaign we have decided that rather than buying a big Christmas tree every year, that we are going to grow our own.

It does look a little small at the moment, but as it flourishes it will provide enjoyment for years to come. We've also been planting some trees on The Crescent, to provide year long interest and discourage unwanted incursions.



Despite the fact that we had no service this year, Tommy still stood guard at the War Memorial, the Rose Garden was tended and wreaths were laid (the photo shows Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Paul Lockey, placing wreaths on behalf of DGPC and the Scouts).

I wish you all a happy and healthy festive season. Here's hoping for better times in 2021.



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***Freda England***  
***Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council***

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# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

**Dunton Green Parish Council**      01732 462966; clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

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

Age UK Lunch Club	01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	01732 454108; suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk
Over 55s Social Club	Dot Carpenter 07818 081 003
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Pilates (Olivia Lerner)	07434 678100
Stay & Play (KCC)	03000 421 137
Street Dance (Youth)	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988; info@oaksmartialarts.com

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

Kick Kent	keir@nkcc.org.uk
Easy Netball	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Backyard Bootcamp	07803 050 431; enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk
Sevenoaks Suns Basketball	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

## Taking Place in DUNTON GREEN VENUES (other)

**DONNINGTON HALL  
Barretts Road**      Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk

Tuesday Badminton Club      Gill - 01883 722948 or 077909 12741

Tamz Tai Chi      07792 479 772; tamztaichi@gmail.com

**VILLAGE HALL, London Road**      Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; www.dgvilleagehall.co.uk

Coffee Morning      Third Thursday of each month, 10.30am

DG School of Ballroom Dancing      David & Sandra Coppen; 07808 540 315

Knitting Group      01959 525569

Holy Communion      1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays (see St. Mary's contact details)

# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

DG PRIMARY SCHOOL, London Road	School Office 01732 462221 office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk
Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	Korean Martial Arts in the garden of England: 07963 338 544 www.kswsevenoaks.com
<b>OTHER Organisations and activities</b>	
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
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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	https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000 / information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
SDC Community Development	01732 22700 / communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dunton Green Pavilion



Donnington Hall



Dunton Green Village Hall

**MANY ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN**  
**PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT ACTIVITIES, IF LISTED HERE, HAVE RESUMED AS THAT MAY WELL NOT BE THE CASE**  
**PLEASE CONTACT ORGANISERS FOR DETAILS**

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY    DEFIBRILLATORS IN DUNTON GREEN**



RECREATION GROUND – OUTSIDE OF THE PAVILION  
LONDON ROAD SHOPS – OUTSIDE 'THE BED SHOP'  
LONDON ROAD – OUTSIDE WALL OF VILLAGE HALL  
**NEW: CAMPION SQUARE – OUTSIDE WALL OF GYM**  
Provided for the health and wellbeing of Dunton Green



We hope that no-one in the village ever needs to make use of our defibrillators but the Parish Council is proud to have now installed **FOUR** to date in the village.

**The newest defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the gym building at Campion Square on the Ryewood development.**

The defibrillator and the cabinet are the property of Dunton Green Parish Council and will be maintained by DGPC. We would like to thank Berkeley Homes for their generous financing of this (and a new Parish Council noticeboard which was installed in September at Ryewood).

### **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 February 2021**

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

Please forward articles & photos:  
[clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

# Light Up Dunton Green 2020

It is very likely that Christmas this year will be, well, different. Let us all try to spread some Christmas cheer and put some smiles on all our faces. If you can please light up your front window to show your support for all those who have worked tirelessly this year to keep us safe and well and to create some well-deserved festive relief.

Put up a string of lights, pop some lights in a lantern or a jar and let us illuminate the whole village!



If you don't have lights why not put a picture of a star instead?

This will create lovely attractions for us all to view as we continue to take our exercise walking around the village through December.



And when you have put up your beautifully decorated Christmas Tree why not share a photo of it with St. Mary's who are running a Virtual Christmas Tree Festival this year! More details available on the Parish Council's website page.

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS OF THE VIRTUALCHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL!**

## PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the DGPC website - [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk))



### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DGPC has commented on many applications since the Autumn edition and all the responses are recorded in the minutes of DGPC meetings. Minutes can be accessed via Dunton Green Parish Council's website ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)) once they have been approved.

**20/01463/HOUSE [AMENDED] Challacot 17 Rye Lane** Proposed porch to front elevation. Double and single storey extension to the rear. *DGPC - No response submitted for revised application [Object to original application]*

**20/02232/FUL Welcome Advertising 114 London Road** Change of use of existing ground floor from A1 retail (Printing shop) to A5 takeaway shop and new flue to rear *DGPC - Object The Parish Council is broadly supportive of an application that seeks to retain a retail use of this property on the Broadway Parade and welcomes this. However, there are some areas of concern that the Parish Council has with regard to the introduction of a takeaway establishment which need to be addressed:*

- *Litter: as a takeaway establishment what provision will there be to ensure that there is not an increase in the already significant volume of litter to be found on or in the vicinity of the parade (largely as a result of customers of another takeaway business on the parade)? Is it possible for there to be a condition of permission that a litter bin must be installed at the front of the property which the owner must then manage?*
  - *Hours of trading: there are concerns about the impact on neighbouring properties and those dwellings above the retail units should the trading hours not be restricted. It is understood that the business is likely to be a kebab shop which generally operate late into the evening.*
  - *Deliveries: similar concerns to hours of trading if deliveries are permitted at any time of day or night.*
- ◆ *Traffic & parking: parking is relatively limited and the impact of a new takeaway establishment on traffic on London Road & parking in this area should not be underestimated.*

**20/02335/FUL 155 London Road** The erection of a single storey rear extension, roof extension with Juliet balcony and conversion of the house into two, one-bedroom self-contained flats. A new front door in the London Road façade. Two parking spaces at rear. *DGPC - Objection The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that there are no attributable or accessible parking spaces for this application. The Parish Council has been informed that there is no wayleaves agreement in place which would permit vehicle access to the property. Without accessible parking this application is not valid.*

**20/02219/FUL Land South of 25 Hillfield Road** Erection of a new dwelling with cycle shed and associated landscaping [This application purports to be a resubmission of an application already approved - 17/02015/FUL - but delays have resulted in work being unable to start on site before the expiration of the original permission] *DGPC - Support The Parish Council supports this application on the basis that there are NO changes to the original application/permission and asks that SDC confirms that there are no differences between the applications.*

**20/02664/HOUSE 29 Bankside** Proposed first floor front, side extension, garage conversion, floor plan redesign with associated works to include Juliet balcony and alterations to fenestration *DGPC - Support*

**20/02548/HOUSE 75 Lennard Road** Replacement of roof and frames of existing conservatory *DGPC - Support*

**20/02771/PAC 136 London Road** Prior notification of a change of use from offices B1 (a) current use to 2x dwellinghouses (flats) (C3) use. This application is made under Class O of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 *DGPC - Object The Parish Council was not consulted in relation to this application but feels that it is necessary to refute some of the claims being made within this*

application and to indicate why such an application is problematic. The Parish Council is aware that this is not an application on which it is a consultee but as a neighbour of the property there are some serious concerns with the application and with some of the claims within it. For this reason, the Parish Council is submitting comments. The use class for the area proposed for conversion is not all B1 (offices). In fact, a substantial part of the property falls within use class A1 - shop/retail - as the current occupants have a bric a brac style shop operating from there and prior to that it was a retail outfit selling solar energy solutions (for a period of not less than a decade). To claim that this is all an office area and all class B1 is simply untrue.

**Parking.** There is absolutely no parking provision associated with the property. In an area already suffering from an excess demand for on road parking spaces it is misleading to claim that conversion to dwellings would not require provision of dedicated parking. The three spaces indicated as already being available and used by the property are, in fact, in Glyn Davies Close which is a private unadopted road and which 136 London Road cannot claim to have the exclusive use of. Indeed, these spaces are already used by other residents, especially overnight when, of course, the current occupiers of 136 London Road are not there. Any other application to create dwellings would have to provide for parking.

There is also a designated Public Right Way of Way demarcated in the access road to the recreation ground which runs adjacent to the property. The Parish Council has already had cause to contact the owners of 136 London Road to request that they do not park in the access road and that they do not block the PROW, the former causing considerable inconvenience and potential danger to anyone using the recreation ground facilities or trying to access parking at the rear of 136 London Road (an area that is within the boundaries of 138 London Road).

This is not a simple case of changing the use class. The impact of the change of use in terms of adding to an already high demand for off road parking cannot and should not be underestimated.

**20/02885/HOUSE Ivydene London Road** Formation of vehicular access DGPC - Support

**20/02948/HOUSE 20 Station Road** Proposed demolition existing conservatory; proposed ground floor side extension with rooflight; proposed dormer at rear and new rooflight at front DGPC - Support

#### **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

**GRANTED - 20/01463/HOUSE [AMENDED] Challacot 17 Rye Lane** Original: Proposed porch to front elevation. Double and single storey extension to the rear. Loft conversion with cottage dormers to the front elevation and a flat roof dormer to the rear. Amended: Proposed porch to front elevation. Double and single storey extension to the rear. Grant of amended application; not original application DGPC - No response submitted for revised application [Object to original application]

**GRANTED - 20/00485/FUL [AMENDED] Taj Tandoori 110 London Road** Single storey rear extension to the WC/toilet area DGPC - Support

**GRANTED - 20/01519/HOUSE 83 Lennard Road** Single storey rear extension and rear dormer to form room in roof space DGPC - Support

**GRANTED - 20/01522/FUL Garages Rear Of Donnington Hall Barretts Road** Replacing a prefab garage in a state of disrepair with a more secure and sturdy prefab concrete garage DGPC - Comments Only: Duntun Green Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of Donnington Hall. There are some concerns about the legitimacy of the proposal in terms of ownership of the garage and these will be investigated further. However, strictly in terms of the planning application, without regard to the ownership issue, the Parish Council has no comments to make.

**INVALID APPLICATION 20/01699/HOUSE 36 London Road** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension with erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration Invalid on the grounds that Certificate B has not been returned to confirm that no.34 and no.38 have been notified in writing of the works to the party wall

**GRANTED - 20/01699/HOUSE 36 London Road** Demolition of existing single store rear extension with erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. DGPC - Support

**GRANTED - 20/02805/MMA 30 Kingswood Road** Minor material amendment to 19/0221/HOUSE No comment submitted

**GRANTED - 20/02548/HOUSE 75 Lennard Road** Replacement of roof and frames of existing conservatory *DGPC - Support*

**GRANTED - 20/02219/FUL Land South of 25 Hillfield Road** Erection of a new dwelling with cycle shed and associated landscaping. *DGPC - Support*

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Sevenoaks District is the local Planning Authority. All queries relating to planning should be made direct to SDC on 01732 227000 or [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...

- \* As it does every year, DGPC has made donations to some well deserving charities & organisations this year. Recipients included (but were not limited to) AGE UK who we continue to support even though they are currently prevented from running sessions from the Pavilion due to the pandemic; SEVENOAKS VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT GROUP who offer transport assistance to those who need to get to hospital appointments; DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA who work tirelessly to fund raise for our village school; KENT COMMUNITY DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAMME who provide help & support to anyone suffering domestic abuse; SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS who volunteer their time to attend emergency call outs, provide CPR and Defibrillator training and also keep a watchful eye on our defibrillator units and HOLDING ON LETTING GO (see pages 24 & 25) for information about the charity and how you can support it).
- \* The new sports fence has been erected at the southern end of Longford Meadow. And very smart it looks too.
- \* The new Parish Council noticeboard has been installed at the entrance to the Ryewood estate. Please feel free to add community notices.



## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...



- \* Existing hirers did return to the Pavilion but Lockdown 2 meant that we had to close again in November. Private party bookings are unlikely to be possible until April 2021. New regular hirer bookings are also not being taken at the present time.
- \* Our traditional Remembrance Day Service was cancelled, as was the Christmas Singalong this year. Fingers crossed for 2021.
- \* As previously reported, the quarterly Saturday Freighter (funded by DGPC) was cancelled for the rest of 2021. Sevenoaks District Council provide this service for us but are unable to confirm dates for 2021 as yet. Keep an eye on the website for updates (the first collection is usually in February).
- \* We have been working on an Infrastructure Aspirations list this year and have developed quite a detailed document. Items range from pavements that need resurfacing to proposals to help reduce the speed on London Road. The list is a working document and will be updated and added to as we make progress or as new things come on board. There is no expectation that all of these issues will be fixed quickly but having such a document means that we are ready to negotiate if there is new development (be that in DG or at Fort Halstead) and to argue effectively the case for improvements in the village. We have included suggestions submitted by residents in relation to improving things for cyclists; if you have suggestions of infrastructure improvements that would benefit the village please submit them to the Clerk for consideration.
- \* A small Christmas Tree has been planted and this year we are trying something new so that we continue to have some lights on the village green - keep a look out!!

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



That was quick. One day there were cars, the next nothing! I wonder what it will be. Let's hope they improve the visibility coming out of Mill Road.



I hope the new fencing and signage on Mill road will deter any future summer invasion of Chipstead Lake.



With the completion of the one by the Duke's Head, I see that all our zebra crossings now have new beacon lights. Great as the days shorten.



And this new fencing on Longford Meadow should stop the footballs rolling down Mill Road



Another fire. This time on Pounsley Road.



You don't see that every day. A digger on the railway line or a master thatcher at work.



More building work at the Taj. I don't know about you but I can't see the join where they added the last extension. Bet they're glad of the extra seats during social distancing.

Looks a bit like a cardboard cut-out but here's one of the wildlife reserve's herons having a trip to DG.



I couldn't smell any burning. Hope it wasn't serious and they were just stopping for a break.



Looks like the team who look after the Parish Council's green spaces have invented a new sport. Synchronized lawn mowing!



Nice new noticeboard on Ryewood. I wonder what happened to the one on the corner by The Miner's?



DGPC Comment: The old noticeboard had fallen into disrepair and, with the development of flats at this site now expected, it was removed. It all looks much better now though as someone has painted the wall...

**Anthony Carrol** ▶ Dunton Green Village "Chitter chatter" 40 m · 📷

It goes without saying.  
 If you're going to sit on a bench right next to a litter bin on London Road - then at least please have the courtesy to tear and place your pizza box in the bin right next to you!

**Well said Anthony. We are still seeing far too much litter around our lovely village!**



**These fungus mounds in the Rose Garden seem to get bigger and more alien looking every year. I do miss the big tree that stood there for decades.**

**I think it's lovely that some of the planting on Ryewood is beginning to flourish and soften the landscape of this large development which has so few front gardens.**



**New bollards on The Crescent. It was getting very muddy with the bin lorries mounting the kerb.**

DGPC Comment: the original sign was obliterated back in July (allegedly hit by a Mini) and the new sign was installed in November. The PC has contacted SDC and a T plate is being ordered to be attached to the sign.



Nice new sign. Shame it doesn't say 'no through road.'



It's been a good year for gazebo and awning suppliers! Every cloud! Let's hope we soon see a breakthrough and that local businesses can open up once again.

DGPC Comment: We first started reporting this leak back in June/July. At the time of going to press, there had finally been some work completed BUT the leak seems not to have stopped. We will continue to try to get this resolved.



Remembrance Sunday wasn't quite the same this year but everyone paid their respects in their own way and wreaths have still been placed at the War Memorial. Good to see.



I've been wondering where the water has been coming from.



## Faithworks - Next Steps

Over a decade and a half ago BGBC commissioned a small team of people work in Dunton Green. Their aim was to be a blessing

to that community and 'Faithworks' was born. During that time Faithworks has had a number of different homes and the team has changed several times, but it has faithfully served and blessed Dunton Green. From fun days, to informal gatherings in Bojangles. Detached youthwork to card making. Schools work and Sunday gatherings. Not only has Faithworks changed, but the village of Dunton Green has changed. Ryewood and the new pavilion have been built, new community workers have been appointed. Dunton Green is a different place to a decade ago and Faithworks has been an integral part of this change.

We would like to thank everyone who has served as a part of Faithworks over the years – sincerely – thank you! Especially we'd like to thank Judy Collins who has been an integral part of Faithworks from the start and has led the team for the last few years. In July, Judy felt it was the right time for her to step down from leading Faithworks, so we would like to acknowledge you Judy and thank you – you and your whole team have given so much. However, not only Judy, but also John, Tim and Falcon, supported by Ted and Sue, by David, Oliver and



Daphne, and by Sally, Gemma and your families – and so many others, all of you thank you. We appreciate each one of you.

And in discussion with the church leadership, the Elders and Deaconate, we have decided that now is the right time to celebrate all that God has done to bless and transform Dunton Green through Faithworks and bring the project to a close. We

want this to be a good ending with a strong feeling that Faithworks has served its purpose and now is the right time to wrap it up. Sadly, lockdown and social distancing have prevented us from doing this in the way we would have liked. Ideally, we would have thrown one last fun-day, a summer celebration, and a chance to invite all those who have been a part of the journey to celebrate with us. This has not been possible.

Faithworks is ending but our commitment to Dunton Green is not. Working with St Mary's we intend to continue to hold services in Hamlyn Court as soon as we are allowed. The Education in Full trust set up by Faithworks and BGBC, with help from the school PTA and St Mary's, to support Dunton Green school is continuing.



Also, John, Falcon and Tim continue to meet on a Saturday morning to pray for Dunton Green. Faithworks, Judy and Team – thank you from all of us.

**Bessels Green Baptist Church**

# Autumn

As our “Funny Old Year” rolls slowly from a long summer to a crisp



autumn, it’s easy to see this as an ending: Summer is over, winter is coming...

However, autumn holds its own fascination and life makes the most of what is available.

While the summer migrant birds have now left and the bird song of May/June is a distant memory, there’s still plenty going on: the abundance of acorns brings with it Jays (a colourful and clever relative of the crow and jackdaw), squirrels of course, mice, deer and badgers. Small mammals keep the raptors busy in turn, and we have buzzards and

kestrels locally taking advantage. I’m pleased to say that our summer visitor, the red kite, has not only stayed nearby, but has found a friend – 2 red kites have now been seen (flying together by a local resident Grant, and individually by me).

There are also chestnuts, cobnuts, and horse chestnuts (conkers – do kids still play conkers?) all of which feed the local wildlife too. And the colours! The greens giving in to yellows, oranges, and reds, like dozens of miniature earthbound sunsets!



Something else common to autumn is fungus.

Fungus is weird. Fungi form a completely separate 'kingdom' of life forms, which means they are distinct from plants or animals. Like animals, they absorb their food via a digestive enzyme, and like



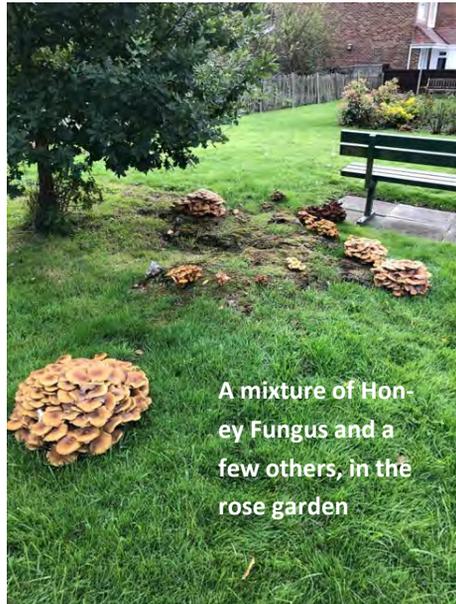
Possibly a porcelain fungus



Giant polypore

plants their mobility is via growth, but that's pretty much where the similarities end. Some fungi are poisonous to plants, some to

animals (including people); some are beneficial to plants and animals (antibiotic drugs are made from fungi); some are edible and some are not (some insects actually farm fungi to eat!); some are microscopic, and one (a type of honey fungus, similar to what we have growing in the rose garden as I write this), in Oregon, USA, is possibly the largest organic life form in the world at 2.4 miles across! And don't forget, without the fungus yeast, we wouldn't have wine, bread, or beer!



A mixture of Honey Fungus and a few others, in the rose garden



King Alfred's cakes



A type of *Hypholoma*, apparently, in the rose garden.



Small brown mushrooms on a tree stump

Printed ink cap



*Crepidotus* (oysterling)?



Some kind of Artist's Bracket fungus

What we see of a fungus typically is the fruiting part of the organism, with the rest growing underground (or inside the tree stump/bark/cowpat/ whatever it's growing within). Some are quick growing a fleeting, sometimes dried up and withered by the end of a day or 2, others last weeks once they've bloomed and years underground (the huge honey fungus in America mentioned above could be 1500 years old!). The 'fairy rings' of dark grass that we sometimes see are signs that there is a type of fungus growing there (one of 60 types that produce this ring formation). Autumn is fungi time.

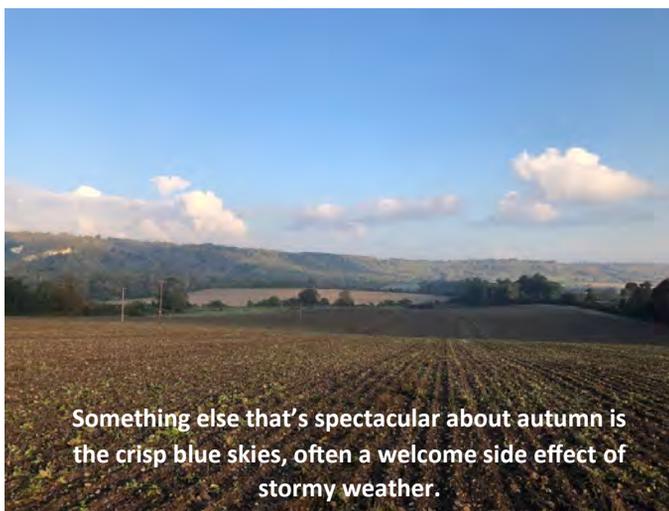
Possibly Angel's Bonnet mushrooms



We're lucky enough to have many types of cool looking fungi growing in and around the village. Some grow sideways out of tree trunks (these are types of bracket fungus), others form little black lumps on trees called King Alfred's Cakes. Some grow in colonies, other singly, but they're all pretty striking, interesting, and weird!

**WARNING:  
DO NOT EAT ANY  
FUNGI YOU FIND  
UNLESS YOU  
KNOW 100% IT IS  
SAFE TO EAT**

Cllr Andy Lapham



Something else that's spectacular about autumn is the crisp blue skies, often a welcome side effect of stormy weather.

All photos in this article taken by Andy Lapham, in and around Dunton Green



Dunton Green Parish Council supports a number of charities every year. In this edition we hear from a charity that is close to the hearts of a number of families in the village.

**Holding On Letting Go is the charity that provides bereavement support to children in Kent after the death of a parent, sibling, or other close relative or friend. Like many charities and businesses, this whole period has been challenging. We've had to adapt our ways of supporting grieving children, as our normal 2-day, non-residential weekend support, with the children working one-to-one with a trained volunteer, was not appropriate. So, we've offered lots of 1-2-1 support, either by telephone or video call, socially distanced in gardens or at school. We're still adapting as the guidance changes – feels a bit like an amoeba, constantly changing the shape of our support to suit current guidance!**



It probably not surprising to know that we have experienced a spike in referrals, not just due to Covid deaths, but more due to the difficult circumstances in which people are experiencing bereavement: probably not having seen the loved one to say goodbye, not being able to attend the funeral and not being able to come together with family and friends for support. It can all have the most profound effect.

Our fundraising streams have been affected by so many cancellations and restrictions. We've tried to come up with different ways to fundraise:

**Make us charity of the year for any businesses or groups and take part in/run fundraising activities throughout the year**

**Make a regular or one-off donation Holding On Letting Go**

**Take part in the new HOLG Draw – buy numbers for £2.00 each per month for a chance to win £50/£15/£10 prizes each month**

**Purchase a HOLG calendar: A3, full colour, 15-month calendar up to December 2021, for £10 each plus post and packaging**

**Take part in our online events: Speed Quizzes (dates: 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March) or Virtual Race Night: 27<sup>th</sup> November)**



If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact [caroline.gaskin@holg.org.uk](mailto:caroline.gaskin@holg.org.uk) or call 07759 616990.



Would you like the opportunity to support Kent's charity for grieving children whilst having the opportunity to win £50 in our monthly draw?

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Numbers for the draw cost just **£2.00 per month** (12-month initial commitment). There's no minimum limit – you can buy just one number per month or as many as you would like.

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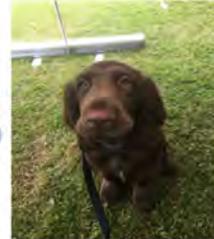


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**NEWS ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES AS LOCKDOWN IS FURTHER EASED WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS WEBSITE - SIGN UP TO STAY INFORMED!**

**If you'd like to let us know what you are doing in Dunton Green, if you take part in something that you think others would enjoy or would like to contribute to the content of Dunton Green News please do get in touch.**

**We know there is so much more we could share.  
See Page 2 for contact details - we'd love to hear from you!**

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## Dunton Green Primary School

What a challenging year it has been so far for everyone in the school and the local community. From the beginning of the first lockdown in March the school has remained open to children of key workers and those from vulnerable families. All the staff and the Governors have worked hard to ensure that the children at school have had felt safe and secure and the school have kept in line with the Government Guidelines.

After the first extended lockdown we were pleased to welcome back Reception and Year 1 to school whilst still remaining open for the children of key workers and those from vulnerable families.

Those children still at home continued with their home schooling. Lessons were uploaded via an online platform called Padlet from the class teachers and in turn the children could upload their completed work either via this platform or direct to the class teacher. We are proud to be one of the only schools



in the area that arranged regular Zoom meetings and phone calls with the children whilst they were at home.

The school closed to all pupils 2 days early in July to enable our Year 6 pupils to return for some fun and interaction and as a good bye to their primary school. It was lovely to be able to give them a good

'send-off' as they had missed out on so many of the usual Year 6 activities. They enjoyed a lovely picnic and an online party organised by Captain Fantastic!

September saw the return of all the children to school. We have all been so excited to have the children back and day to day life is much the same as before within our 'bubbles'. We continue to work within the Government Guidelines and school remains a safe place for children to be.

The children have responded so well to being back at school and returning to lessons and of course their friends.



Lots of lovely work has been produced already this term, which is proudly displayed. We have been pleased to have a wonderful uptake of our on-line Open Events for our Reception Class 2021 in place of our normal open days and are in the process of producing a video which will be on the website to give those parents that cannot visit a flavour of our wonderful school community.

Lots of the normal events held at this time of year have been postponed but we have still been able to organise an Intra House Basketball competition, a Pumpkin Carving Competition and assemblies by Zoom!



We are pleased to announce we have just won a Kent Literacy Award.

If you are interested in keeping up with our daily news and activities please see our twitter page @DGprimary

From all the staff at  
Dunton Green Primary School



Like other schools in the area, Dunton Green Primary has risen to the unique challenges of this year and in September we were delighted to welcome all of our year groups back to school. All staff, together with the Board of Governors, worked relentlessly throughout both term time and school holidays to ensure that the school could continue to operate in a Covid-safe way, and the children have impressed us all with how they have adapted to their new educational environment. We have been impacted very little so far by families self-isolating and we have no confirmed cases of any children or adults linked to the school to date. As we face another period of national lockdown and more uncertainty, we hope that this continues to be the case.

But school life carries on despite lockdown, and we are forging ahead with planning for next year. Applications for September 2021 intake of Reception-age children are underway, and we firmly believe that Dunton Green Primary, with its rating of "Good" awarded by Ofsted in 2018 remains a fantastic choice for all



local children. If you or someone you know is currently considering primary school options please remember that we have virtual Open Day events running throughout December and January - you can see details and book a place by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/dunton-green-primary-school-31390799137>

Obviously we have been unable to hold many of our

usual fundraising events such as school discos, but that doesn't mean that we haven't still been having fun! Local residents may have spotted the spooky decorations adorning the school gates on the last day of term before Halloween, which accompanied our first ever Pumpkin



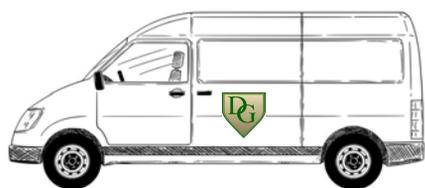
Decorating competition! All year groups took part, and the children absolutely blew us away with their engagement, creativity and commitment. We really hope you enjoy these pictures showing all the talented entries.

With the new term come the annual challenges of wet & windy weather, and - being a somewhat "vintage" construction - our school is now in need of some TLC. The PTA storage hut in the school grounds is leaking and rotting in places, and makes storing items for fundraising events, spare uniform etc a real issue for us. If anyone reading this could advise on the provision of a new shed, or would be willing to get involved in helping us source or construct one, we would be incredibly grateful to hear from you on [teamdgschool@gmail.com](mailto:teamdgschool@gmail.com)



In addition, our school grounds are beautiful but extensive and it is difficult for our premises manager to maintain the site to look its best. We are looking to build a team of volunteers who would be willing to come into school at a weekend on a regular basis to support the school with this. Please contact the school office if you feel this is something that you be willing to get involved in.

Our fundraising campaign to eventually provide a minibus to transport our pupils to swimming lessons, performances and sport tournaments has gone from strength to strength, and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and local residents. We were delighted to see new donations come in



after launching the campaign in the last issue of this newsletter and would like to thank Dunton Green residents for their continued support. All amounts, large or small, will make a difference and are very deeply appreciated. You can find out more and donate at [https://](https://www.gofundme.com/f/get-dunton-green-school-moving)

[www.gofundme.com/f/get-dunton-green-school-moving](https://www.gofundme.com/f/get-dunton-green-school-moving), by contacting the school

office on 01732 462221, or alternatively by sending or taking donations (please mark "School Minibus Fund") to Dunton Green Primary School, London Road, TN13 2UR

### Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Raffle is now underway, with tickets available to purchase at £1 per ticket or £5 for a book of five.

The raffle is open to everyone, and it would be wonderful if as many people in the village as possible would consider buying a ticket - or a book! - to support the school's fundraising. Team DG is extremely grateful to have received a generous donation from the Parish Council towards the raffle, meaning that we have some wonderful cash prizes available...just in time for Christmas!

Tickets are available from the school office or by emailing [teamdgschool@gmail.com](mailto:teamdgschool@gmail.com).





### Auction

On the 12th day of Christmas, Team DG gave to me...some fabulous auction prizes!

This year we will be moving our very popular "Silent Auction" online, and it is open to all. We are extremely grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who have donated such generous gifts as:

- ◆ A 3-course meal for four provided by Emma's Kitchen
- ◆ 2 x Personal Training Sessions with the Better Body Group
- ◆ A Virtual Sleep Package with the Daddy Sleep Consultant (worth £245!)
- ◆ A Family Movie Night In chocolate and dvd hamper

and many many more!

The auction goes live on Tuesday 1st December with auction brochures available from the PTA at [teamdgschool@gmail.com](mailto:teamdgschool@gmail.com) or via the school office.



If you'd like to contact Team DG, the school's PTA, you can get in touch by emailing us at [teamdgschool@gmail.com](mailto:teamdgschool@gmail.com) – we'd love to hear from you, especially with regard to any suggestions you may have or support you feel you could offer the school.

As we head into another national lockdown, on behalf of Dunton Green Primary and Team DG I wish you and your families a very safe, happy and healthy Christmas, and a more hopeful 2021 for us all.

Rebecca Norburn (Chair) & Team DG  
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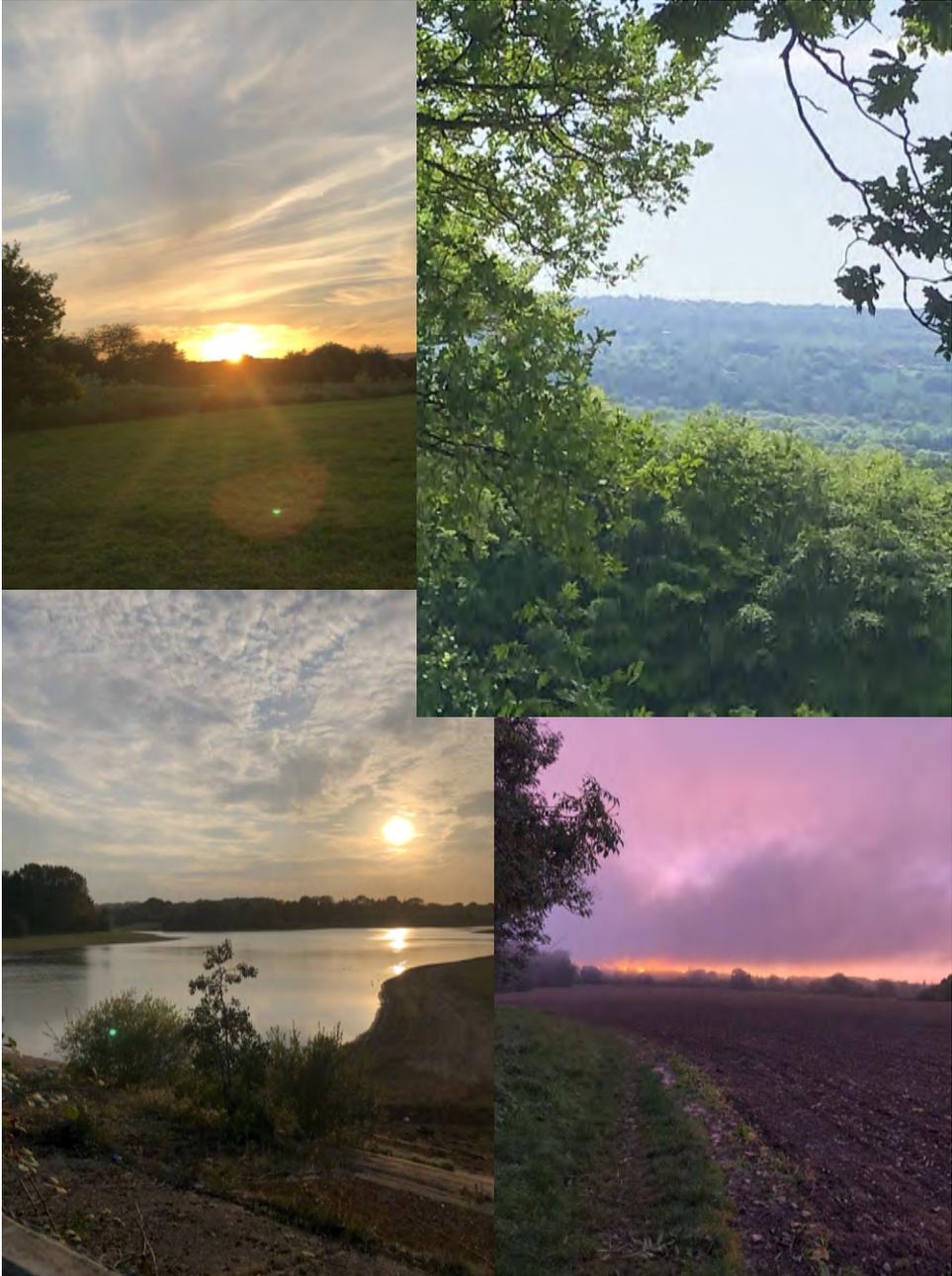


Dunton Green Pavilion is a fantastic community facility owned and managed by Dunton Green Parish Council.

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

There are no bookings being taken currently due to the Covid 19 restrictions but if you have an enquiry please contact the Clerk via email:  
[clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)





Some lovely photos taken through Lockdown and submitted by Natalie Smith. If you have photos taken around the village and you would be happy for us to publish them, please send them to us via [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)



More fascinating photos of fungus! All on our doorstep... Taken when walking & litter picking around Dunton Green by Cllr James Copeland

Moss and a slippery little fella! The slow worm was found under a discarded coffee cup lid when litter picking. Isn't he fabulous.



All taken in Dunton Green by  
Cllr James Copeland

## DISGUSTED OF DG:

'I spotted this on Friday night. It's approximately 6 metres from a bin. I see this quite a lot. People too lazy, selfish and ignorant to drag themselves a short distance to deal with their own mess properly. It makes me sad and angry, but I don't know what to do about it. Unfortunately it was late and I didn't have any gloves with me.'



DGPC Comment: Unfortunately a small minority spoil things for everyone - inconsiderate littering, graffiti, fly tipping and dog mess left for others to deal with. Most of us Love Where We Live and wouldn't dream of acting in such a selfish way. We wish we had an answer...



Such a shame...

We really aren't sure what happened with the tennis court net but we have now addressed this issue. When tennis is permitted again, the court can be used once again!



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

Tuesday December 8th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm via ZOOM

Tuesday January 12th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm via ZOOM

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

Saturday February 13th 2021 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection) **UNCONFIRMED**

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

TBC March 2021 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING/Parish Reception **UNCONFIRMED**

Tuesday April 13th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion TBC

Tuesday May 11th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion TBC

Tuesday June 8th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion TBC

DGPC will be looking at the viability of events such as the Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Reception, the Annual Fireworks Display, Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Singalong for 2021. We hope that these events will be permitted and that we can all gather together again as a community.



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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!

**AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC MANY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD. AS THINGS ARE REINTRODUCED WE WILL KEEP THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE UPDATED WITH DETAILS**

## **DUNTON GREEN NEWS**

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**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.**

## Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud!

For several years now a team of friends from Dunton Green have taken part in Tough Mudder, a gruelling 8-10 mile long obstacle course (although a shorter version is also available) involving mud, water, ice, electric shocks, mud, barbed wire, climbing, swinging, and mud. As awful as this may sound, it is great fun. The camaraderie, sense of achievement and general hilarity and ridiculousness of it all is hugely fun and addictive. It's not a race, but a challenge, and the emphasis is on helping your fellow 'Mudders' to get round. An ethos of helping

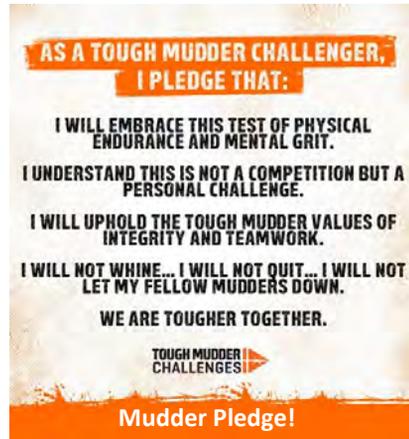
each other, supporting where needed, pulling, pushing, encouraging, cajoling, lifting and sometimes dragging those around you to help them over, under or through the various obstacles. You're never short of someone to help you in return.



Block Ness Monster

scramble net. I've seen people in wheelchairs pulled and pushed round. Other Mudders walking round on a prosthetic leg, and lots and lots of normal people challenging themselves beyond what is remotely normal. There are no medals, only a coveted headband and a finisher's shirt, worn as a badge of honour.

We've jumped into huge containers full of ice, scrambled over trenches of thigh deep mud, crawled through tunnels only to drop 6ft into cold muddy water, we've clambered over piled up hay bales 30 feet high, and under cargo nets and through dark tunnels. We were planning to do the same again this year. And then Covid happened and every Tough Mudder event (along with everything else) was cancelled.



So far so gloomy. We'd been looking forward (albeit with a sense of nervous dread) to pushing ourselves through another challenge.

Then I noticed that Tough Mudder was organising a series of 'At Home Challenges', and immediately nagged my fellow mudders into joining me in the October Challenge – Marvel Mania. Inspired by Marvel Superheroes, we were challenged to a series of tasks, which had to be

completed in 3 weeks: cover 81 miles by walking/running/swimming, cycling or kayaking; climb 1495 metres of elevation; complete 6 'obstacles,' some physical, some daft (balancing something on your head while you walk for 200m and if it falls off, start again / draw a superhero and shoot hoops while blindfolded / complete a 32 minute high intensity interval training session for example); complete 1400 reps (divided between push-ups, crunches, dips, step ups, and kettle bell swings) and search for 'Infinity Stones' (bobbing for different fruit in a bowl of water which you then had to tip over your head!).



Where there's a will there's a way!

Why did we bother? Because working from home in a pandemic can mean it's easy to just sit all day. Because it's easy to dwell on what you can't do than it is to find things you can do. Because being active is good for our physical and mental health. Because actually, it was fun and nice to get out and about. And because I really wanted a 2020 finisher shirt and headband! And we need to find motivation where we can!

There are Tough Mudder Challenges every month, visit their website for more information:

[www.toughmudder.co.uk](http://www.toughmudder.co.uk)

Maybe you too could join the Mudder Nation!

Andy Lapham



This obstacle is called Shawshank

So, we did. Sure, the effort happened individually which was different, and the encouragement happened on line as part of a digital community, but it was still there.



Last year's Team photo!



## **Debbie Parker is Dunton Green's newest councillor - let's meet her!**

Hi, I'm Debbie.

I have lived in Dunton Green since 1983 and have seen a lot of changes in the village over that time!! When I first moved here with my husband, Terry, the road between Dunton Green and Riverhead was straight and there was an Elf garage on one side and Hodder & Stoughton and Marley Tiles on the other and no roundabout or Tesco. There

was a Transport café where the Indian restaurant is, a hardware store on the corner of Mill road selling chicken feed and a busy Bus garage opposite the school. Some of you may recognise me from years of walking our various dogs around the village, or from our time as running the Miners Arms, and it is during this time that I have come to love the surrounding countryside, the green spaces, the people and the community here. Although there have been many changes since we first moved in which have had a huge impact on the fabric on the village, I feel that the fundamental spirit and friendliness of the village has remained. This was never more in evidence than during this tough and challenging year, when neighbours looked out for their more vulnerable neighbours and by the numbers of us villagers who gathered outside our houses throughout the summer on Thursday evenings at 8pm to clap for key workers and NHS staff. When even car and train drivers slowed down to sound their horns and join in, that made it even more special and the display of united compassion made me feel very proud to live here.



I have always loved nature, wildlife and gardening and most weekends, you can find me at the allotments where I have varying success and failure growing vegetable and flowers. I also love music and as a child I could play the piano reasonably well. I haven't played for many years so am attempting to re-learn, so I take this opportunity now to apologise to my neighbours! I also enjoy taking part in the local village classes of Pilates, Ball Room dancing and Tai Chi, some of which, happily, are slowly returning to the village.

I feel very lucky to have chosen to settle in Dunton Green, see it evolve and overcome the various challenges thrown at it over the years. I still feel very privileged to be part of the community and will do my best to help the village in any way I can.

**CLlr Debbie Parker**



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and our Facebook page about places to get help and advice.

**There is exciting news for 2021 as Lockdown Larder are hoping to set up a Dunton Green Pop In Larder. Look out for updates on our social media!**

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**Knock on the door** to deliver Christmas cards, rather than just posting through the letterbox

**Bake** a cake or make up an extra plate of food



**Simply knock** on a door to show a familiar face

**Offer** to pick up some shopping or drop off a frozen meal

**Pass on** magazines or books

**Pop a note** through their door with your contact number or details of other local support, activities and helplines\*

<https://kentcf.org.uk/>



HM Government

**NHS**

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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

# Your local officers

**LATEST UPDATE -  
CHANGES ARE  
COMING!!**



**Tim Darling   Sue Harwood   George Wildless**

**Dunton Green is to be part of a much smaller patch from February 2021. We are lucky to be keeping PCSO Harwood who will be joined by new PCSO Hannah Rainbow. More information in the next edition.**

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 Sevenoaks District Council consisting of Police, Council and other agencies have been addressing local concerns that are brought to their attention.

Residents may not always see Police out on their street, but there have been active police patrols in the area due to reports from concerned residents. **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.**

This can also be reported on line by going to <https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/kent-police-online-reporting/>



You can also report any concerns to the CSU via [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or by calling us on 01732 227000

## 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 Amy Hardy** or **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?

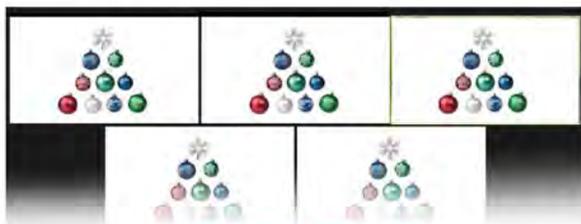
If you identify a problem with roads or pavements such as potholes, broken kerbs or missing signs you should report these to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81** or via KCC's online reporting tool [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

### ...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**.



St. Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green



# 2020

## Christmas Tree Festival goes online

View the Festival via the church website:

[www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk](http://www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Share YOUR tree! Everyone - individuals, local organisations and businesses – is invited to exhibit a photograph of their Christmas Tree to produce a fantastic online display of trees, of all shapes and sizes, for all to see, share and enjoy.

Send YOUR tree photograph this December to:

[christmas-tree-fest@stmaryriverhead.co.uk](mailto:christmas-tree-fest@stmaryriverhead.co.uk)

Donations for local Age UK and St. Mary's Church