

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Summer at the Pavilion Event - shopping bags courtesy of DGPC!

As summer draws to a close, there is still an array of activities and events to enjoy throughout the autumn.

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Dunton Green Parish Council
Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green

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Chair's Update

When we selected the date for Dunton Green's community day ('Summer at the Pavilion') and then discovered that it was the same weekend



as Glastonbury we were a bit worried what the weather would be like. It turned out that we got the hottest day of the year so



far, and many of you joined us for fun, music and food in the recreation ground.

Thanks to all who visited our stall and picked up our new bags, pens and fridge magnets.



Congratulations to Nicola Styles who won the football tickets in our prize draw- we hope you have a great time at Wembley!



Congratulations, too, for our PCSO Amy who recently got married and is now PCSO Best. We really appreciate the work our local PCSOs and Police do in the village.



Get one of our popular limited-edition shopper bags at our future events.

Cont...

...Chair's Update



Plans for work on our bike trail in Price's Wood continue. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with the build in the October half term. See page 15 for details about how to volunteer for the build.

I'm sorry to say there's also going to be more roadworks in the next couple of months!! Station Road will be getting a new surface and the 'invisible' chicanes will be removed - at long last! The gas works will return. This time at the Miner's Arms end of the village and heading into Riverhead.



On a brighter note a lot of work has been done to repair the damage done on the village green over recent years during all roadworks that we have seen. We hope to have new hanging baskets up soon and wooden posts to prevent parking are being installed as we go to press.

Don't forget to join us for the Annual Fireworks Display on Saturday 28th September. Full details on the back page.



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Freda England
Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council

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Youth Club

Ages 8-13

SEE WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK (EVENTS) FOR UP TO DATE INFO ON DATES

Every Friday @ Dunton Green Pavilion

6:30pm-8:30pm

**Activities On Offer - Sports, Arts & Crafts,
Cooking, Film Nights and many more**

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

For more information please contact us - yicz_club@hotmail.com

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Lisa Doran

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Part of the solution, or part of the problem?

Another newsletter, and another litter pick. I thought it would be interesting to monitor what types of litter we're collecting every time, and this is what I found to be the most common items:

Cigarette ends:

Loads of these. Mostly outside the shops and interestingly outside houses – where presumably people extinguish their cigarettes before they enter their own house. Lots around bins where they have been stubbed out and then dropped on the floor too. If you don't think this is damaging to the environment, here's a picture of a bird trying to feed its chick a cigarette (taken from the BBC).

If you're a smoker, there are portable ashtrays you can use to keep your dog ends in while you're out, so you don't litter. Google it, they're about 35p. If you're outside your own house – take it inside and put it in the bin!



Cigarette packets and filters:

Again, a lot of these, and the cellophane that covers them. There are litter bins all around the village – hold on to yours until you get to one. Or take it home.

Energy Drink, alcohol and soft drinks cans:

A recent study linked the consumption of energy drinks with a 500% increase in the risk of suffering a stroke – even in otherwise healthy people:



In the study released by the European Society of Cardiology, Professor Milou-Daniel Drici said that energy drinks can lead to “a number of adverse conditions including angina, cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) and even sudden death.” Irregular heart rhythm that is left untreated increases your risk of a stroke by five times, according to the British Heart Foundation.

So not only are you spoiling the environment by stuffing these cans into bushes, but you may

be damaging your health too.

All cans can currently be recycled with your weekly waste collection. All you have to do is put it in the recycling bag (provided by the council). That doesn't sound like too much of a stretch.

Glass bottles:

On top of the environmental impact of the discarded bottle, the risk from broken glass, especially to children and animals, is significant. Take it home and recycle it instead, there are recycling points at Sainsbury's, Tesco, and the council recycling centre in Sundridge.

Fast food wrappers, Snack food wrappers – crisps, ready to eat foods, sandwiches, coffee cups, burger wrappers, chip papers:

We don't have a McDonalds in Dunton Green, so people are buying their takeaway food in Otford, driving to our recreation ground to eat it, and dumping their rubbish on the ground, approximately 10 metres from a litter bin. Surely you could stagger 10 metres to a bin and put it in there, instead of dumping it on the ground? The same can be said about chip papers and coffee cups etc. The bins are there...



Plastic bottles:

Thanks to David Attenborough and the team at the BBC's Blue Planet II, the awareness of the staggering impact of single use plastics on the environment worldwide is well known, and the drive to help solve this enormous problem is sweeping the planet. Or so you'd think. But we're still finding large quantities of plastic bottles carelessly dropped on the ground or stuffed into bushes.

Remember that what you drop on the ground often gets washed into the rivers, which empty into the sea...

Plastic bottles are easily recycled, like cans and paper/card, via your weekly waste collection. The council even provide the bags.

All of this led me to think about why people drop litter at all. I think it comes down to this list:

1: accident: things fall out of bags, pockets, buggies etc. OK, maybe. But they don't magically float into bushes and trees, someone puts them there. And yes, foxes do rip open rubbish bags while they're waiting for collection, but if that happens outside your house – please sweep it up.

2: thoughtlessness: that we are somehow not responsible for what we do and what we leave behind is ridiculous. By all means enjoy the countryside and eat a picnic in the rec, but the idea that 'someone else will pick up the rubbish' has to stop. You are someone, pick up your own rubbish. And if you do, but the bag won't fit in the litter bin – take it home with you.

3: carelessness: We've all thrown something towards a litter bin, only for the wind to catch it, or for it to bounce off the rim and fall to the ground. So, have another go - pick it up and put it in the bin.

4: 'kids': This really doesn't hold much water as an excuse. If a child is too young to know about the environment and litter, then they are with someone old enough to know better – pick up after the children you're looking after, teach them. If a child is old enough to be aware of the environment, there's no excuse to not dispose of their litter responsibly – other than...

5: peer pressure: nobody else is clearing up so why should I? Well if not you, then who? Someone has to step up, why not you? Do you really want the world to end up looking like this?



But here we are, not a week since the last litter pick, and we're already seeing rubbish in the rec, along the pavements and footpaths, in the bushes etc. It's frustrating and disheartening.

What now?

There are currently teams of scientists working of various ways to safely destroy/digest/recycle plastic through various fungi, bacteria, insects etc., and others are working on products to replace plastic. Which is all great, but what about the rest of us? Waiting for 'science' to solve the problem for us is

not enough. This issue takes concerted effort from all of us. The answer is clear: be a part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Use less plastic and non-recycled material and pressurise the supermarkets and producers into using responsible packaging (this is already gaining traction): **Reduce**

Take your own bags to the shops, and use reusable drinks bottles (easily available): **Reuse**

Dispose of our waste more responsibly: **Recycle**

Cllr. Andy Lapham



NEXT LITTER PICK IS SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER - PLEASE JOIN US!

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

...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

...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.) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.



Dunton Green – Pop In Café

Dunton Green Pavilion, London Road, TN13 2UR



Pop in and see us for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Meet others, get help to stay independent at home, learn balance & seated strength exercises or just chat with us.

2nd Wednesday of each month

1.30pm to 3.30pm

For more information, call **01732 454 108** & ask for **Sue Larken**
or email

suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk



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



Pop In Café - Speakers & Visitors

The lovely Sue Larken who runs the hugely popular Pop In Café in Dunton Green has already arranged various speakers and visitors to come along to the Café. These have included the Kent Fire & Rescue Service (who we know have since visited people's homes to assist with installation of smoke alarms as a result of information shared at the Pop In), a chair yoga instructor and The Take Root Project who talked briefly about their mindfulness walks at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, promoting walking amongst wildlife and people coming to meet each other.

In **October**, the **Friends for Scams** team at NatWest will be coming along to share advice and information about how to avoid increasingly more complex and believable Scams. Pop In and see just what advice they have to offer, talk with Sue and generally spend an afternoon in good company!



PLEASE JOIN US!

**FRIENDLY MONTHLY
COFFEE MORNING
(Over 50s)**

on

**THIRD THURSDAY
EACH MONTH**

at 10.30 am in

**DUNTON GREEN
VILLAGE HALL**

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**We look forward
to seeing you**



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

1st November 2019

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

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

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Third Sunday of every month, 2pm - 4pm

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and biscuit / cake**

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playing bingo, board games
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For more information please
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PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday September 10th -2019 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday 28th September 2019- Annual Fireworks Display 6.30pm

Tuesday October 8th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Sunday 20th October 2019 - Litter Pick, 10.30am Pavilion

Sunday November 10th 2019 - Remembrance Sunday Service 10.45am

Tuesday November 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday November 16th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday December 10th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Friday 20th December 2019 - Christmas Singalong, 7.00pm Village Green*

Tuesday January 14th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday February 11th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday February 15th 2020 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

** More details will follow in the Winter edition*

**Didn't hear about something that the Parish Council
advertised or heard about it late in the day?**

Then why not visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk and sign up to Email Alerts to keep up to date & 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!

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

All back copies of Dunton Green News can be found on the Parish Council's website - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk - on the DUNTON GREEN NEWS tab.

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Net yourself a new opportunity

We are looking for a netball enthusiast to help deliver community netball sessions in Dunton Green every Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet people and get involved in the local community and best of all we will throw in netball coaching and first aid training for free!



If you'd like to know more, please contact:



Yulia La-Kruz at Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227149 or 07702 961 881 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dunton Green Bike Trail – Calling all volunteers

Dunton Green Parish Council has teamed up with Sevenoaks District Council and Live Biking to build a bike trail in Price's Wood, Dunton Green.

This is part of a wider project looking at the general health and conservation of the woodland and wanting to provide this wonderful village asset with some much needed TLC.

The bike trail will be as natural and in keeping with the environment as possible whilst allowing local people to enjoy this space. The trail will be aimed at young people using mountain bikes, BMXs or balance bikes.

The project is still in the planning stages but we are aiming to hold two bike trail build days in the autumn half term on Monday 21 October and Tuesday 22 October 2019 and are seeking volunteers to get involved.

If you would like to come along and help with the build in October please email Ollie on ollie@livebiking.co.uk or call Sarah on 01732 227033 now to express your interest. As the project develops, more information about it will be available on www.duntongreenpc.org.uk and www.sevenoaks.gov.uk



PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the DGPC website - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/01000/FUL Location: Underwater Lights Ltd, Great

Dunton Forge, London Road Demolition of existing industrial

buildings and erection of new industrial building with accommodation in roofspace, and reconfiguration of car parking serving existing premises. *DGPC-Support. The Parish Council has a few further comments:*

- *The Parish Council is pleased to note that provision is to be made to ensure that the Victorian post box will be reinstated into the new building.*
- *Employment: equivalent number of full-time employees doesn't seem to tie up with number of full & part time employees?*
- *An increase in vehicle spaces from 12 to 17 implies an increase in vehicle movements to & from the site which is already a junction with poor sight lines.*

Existing use & land contamination: The application indicates there are no known or suspected areas of contamination on the site. Given the previous use of the site, there is some suspicion that there is potential for subsoil contamination on the site. The Clerk was asked to check the conditions of the grant and to confirm whether the Victorian post box at the site must and will be included in the new build.

19/01038/FUL Location: Welcome Advertising 114 London Road Change of use

of existing ground floor from A1 to A5 takeaway shop and new flue to rear

DGPC-Support. 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 would like to highlight:

- *Litter: if this is to become 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?*
- *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.*
- *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 & parking in this area should not be underestimated.*

19/01415/MMA Location: 101 London Road Amendment to 18/01859/HOUSE

DGPC-No Comment

19/01545/HOUSE-Sunnydene London Road Demolition of existing garage;

insertion of two first floor flank windows; conversion of loft with rear dormer; addition of three roof lights to front and erection of a single storey rear extension. *DGPC-Objection. The Parish Council has concerns about the sheer size of the proposed development, particularly in Green Belt. Clarification is required, regarding the full scope of the expansion of this dwelling - both upwards and outwards. The proportion of the proposed increase appears to be in excess of the permitted percentage increase allowed - the proposed new proportions are significantly larger than the existing dwelling (which may already have been extended from its original footprint). Clarification of the percentage increase permitted in Green Belt and the extent to which this property is proposed to be extended is required. The phrase 'conversion of the loft' does not reflect the full extent of the proposal which is effectively to remove and change the roofline significantly in order to 'convert' the loft space (it is by no means a conventional loft conversion). The Parish Council trusts that SDC's Planning Officers will look carefully at size of the rear extension in relation to the size of the current dwelling and will thoroughly assess the impact on neighbours and the street scene of the proposed raising of the height of the building.*

19/01781/CONVAR-North Downs Business Park Limepit Lane. Variation of condition 5 of application 19/00110/FUL to demolish existing building and ready-mix concrete plant and erection of warehouse building with amendment to substitute “very good” BREEAM to “good” BREEAM. *DGPC-Support*

19/01839/HOUSE-Renhold London Road Demolition of existing rear single storey extension and construction of enlarged single storey rear extension. *DGPC-Support*

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY-19/01021/WTPO -211 London Road T1 Beech - Crown reduce to previous pruning points. General maintenance to prevent tree getting too large.

GRANTED-19/00805/HOUSE-1 Shabhall Cottage Morants Court Road Single storey roof extension over porch/lobby; conversion of loft and insertion of velux windows with associated works. *DGPC-Support*

INFORMATION ONLY-19/01404/WTPO Oaklands Rye Lane T1 Poplar - Crown reduce whole crown by approximately 4-5m.

GRANTED - 19/01000/FUL Location: Underwater Lights Ltd, Great Dunton Forge, London Road Demolition of existing industrial buildings and erection of new industrial building with accommodation in roofspace, and reconfiguration of car parking serving existing premises. *DGPC-Support. See previous page for full details of DGPC response.*

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION-19/01038/FUL Location: Welcome Advertising 114 London Road Change of use of existing ground floor from A1 to A5 takeaway shop and new flue to rear *DGPC-Support. See previous page for full details of DGPC response.*

GRANTED-19/00110/FUL North Downs Business Park Limepit Lane Demolition of existing building and ready-mix concrete plant and erection of warehouse building. *DGPC-Support*



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

Fancy going for a wander?

A number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group around the village.

We meet on Saturday mornings at the pavilion at 10.30am.

We walk for about an hour, have a chat about various topics and put the world to rights! If any other people would like to join us, just turn up - you would be most welcome.

Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent

1. Why, why, why did this have to happen to the lovely beer garden at the Miner's? So glad they caught the culprits...



2. What a contraption! The strangest thing I've ever seen in a kitchen. It was roasting the hog on community day.



3. Some of the Faithworks' team taking shade on the Community day - it was a hot one!!



4. Popped into the Community Day ('Summer at the Pavilion') and there was lots to do, including fantastic local live music. Shame there weren't many people there!

5. Really glad those horribly deep potholes in the road to the recreation ground have been filled in. It was a bit of an obstacle course before!



6. And we don't have to walk over the mud to get onto the tennis court anymore, thanks to this new path. There were freshly repainted lines as well, all done in time for Wimbledon.

7. I hadn't realised until I saw this in the Chronicle that there are still brand new homes

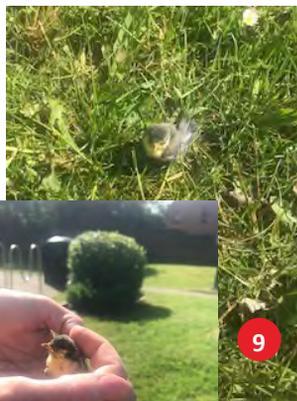


on Ryewood which haven't got decent broadband!



8. Someone didn't miss the opportunity to dump their rubbish in a contractor's skip!!! I suppose you could say at least they didn't fly tip?

9. The nest boxes at the pavilion have proved a hit again this year. Just look at the at the fledglings!



10. Some one actually farming in DG!

What a fantastic view from Longford Meadow. A lovely place to sit.



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!

Are you a
Local Business or Organisation
that would like to get noticed?

Contact the Clerk (email & phone details are available on page 2) to find out how you can promote your business or organisation in Dunton Green News and support the parish by advertising here

St. Mary's Church Riverhead & Dunton Green



hold a service of Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village Hall (London Road) on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday's of each month.

The services start at 11am and are followed with refreshments and time for a chat.

All are welcome.

Contact St. Mary's to find out more or to find out about Sunday services at St. Mary's:

stmaryriverhead@gmail.com 01732 455736

Website: www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk



If you would like to share information about other faith groups that meet in Dunton Green or are attended by residents of Dunton Green please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council aims to reflect the diversity of the Dunton Green community which is why we always encourage submissions to the magazine from you.



Community Barn Dance and Silent Auction

Helping all children at Dunton Green School to make the most of educational opportunities

Faithworks is working with other local organisations to set up a bursary fund to ensure all children can participate in the opportunities Dunton Green School offers. To this end we are holding a Barn Dance and Silent Auction for anyone from the village at Donnington Hall on the evening of Saturday 5th October 2019. We would encourage you to come along, have a good evening and help local children.

Through our regular involvement at the School, Faithworks became aware this Spring that a number of children in their final year at the School would need financial help if they were to attend their residential trip. We want to ensure that such children have access to the funds they need to fully participate in important chances like this to grow socially and emotionally, and to make the most of other educational opportunities while they are at our local School.

Tickets for the Barn Dance will be available from the beginning of September at the School and Bojangles Coffee Shop, or you can contact Faithworks. Do come and bring your friends and family.

Contact us at:

faithworks@bgbc.co.uk, tel: 01732 454921,

see our website: www.bgbc.co.uk/faithworks

or visit our Facebook page: fb.me/dgfaithworks

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Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge: an amazing organisation

I was lucky enough recently to visit the Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge HQ in Sevenoaks with DGPC's Chairman, Freda England. With Age UK having such a positive presence in Dunton Green with the monthly Lunch Club and the Pop In Café we wanted to find out more about this wonderful charity and all the services it has to offer.

We truly had no idea of the true extent of Age UK's services and we wanted to share with you a flavour of just what this charity has to offer.

We spoke with Gill Shepherd-Coates, Chief Executive of Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge, and were fortunate to speak directly with members of the small team based at The Old Meeting House to hear first-hand about how the charity makes a difference to people's lives. And without the work of its volunteers, Age UK wouldn't be able to provide everything that it does – they are crucial.

What the charity is able to provide for our older residents is outstanding. Many of its services are offered for free, some might be offered with the expectation of a small donation and others are chargeable (but always at an unbelievably competitive rate).

For example, the charity provides information and advice on what seems like a never-ending range of topics - Help at Home; Health & Wellbeing; Memory Loss & Dementia; Care Agencies; Housing; Social Activities; Care Homes; Money Matters; Legal Advice; Transport, Travel & Leisure. All this information is available to download from their website and we are hoping to make hard copies available at Dunton Green Pavilion as well, Age UK also provide day care; computer training and support; Independent living support; hearing aid clinics; Lunch Clubs; Counselling; Community Befriending Services; Pop In Cafés – ALL in this district.

Even more services that are available include chiropody, hairdressing, reflexology, postural stability classes, stepping out classes. Age UK's Sevenoaks Hollybush centre provides: Chiropody, Hairdressing, Reflexology, Postural stability classes, Stepping out classes

It is simple to make an appointment for any of these services – you just have to call Hollybush Court on **01732 741558**. Location details are available on the contact page of Age UK's website (or you can ask when you make your appointment).

The Advocacy Service was something that we weren't aware of – perhaps you don't know about this vital service either? The Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Advocacy Service will provide assistance on a range of subjects including: Community care issues; Hospital discharge; Residential and nursing home advice; Dealing with health authorities; Care appeals; Social needs; Housing needs; Accessing legal advice; Concern about physical, emotional and sexual abuse; End of life care planning.

But what is an advocate? Well, they are people who have been specially trained to help older people:

- Convey their point of view to other people
- Access the information they need to make their own choice
- Represent their views to others if they feel unable to do so
- Make up their own mind about an issue

At Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge they aim to help people find solutions to problems that they are facing. They will help people find the correct information, or take the right course of action, and they will be there to support them through any difficulties.

All of these services are, significantly, provided to our community by a charity. Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge does not generate enough income to cover its costs, there is no permanent income stream to ensure that services continue and the charity has to rely on grants and donations. Indeed, a great deal of time is spent trying to secure the funds to help the charity to continue to provide all of these extremely valuable, vital services. With grants from many local authorities either reducing or simply no longer available, there is an ever-increasing need for donations and new funding sources.

Dunton Green Parish Council plays its part in helping to keep Age UK's services here in Dunton Green. Age UK is not charged for the use of the Pavilion as they are here to provide services for the residents of Dunton Green and the Parish Council wants to see those services provided. And the Parish Council has fully funded the Pop In Café for its inaugural year. This is proving to be a hugely successful activity (thanks to Sue Larken for her drive and enthusiasm) and is extremely popular with so many residents. It is highly likely that the Parish Council will continue to fund that activity into future years. It is also wonderful that some of the villages' residents are volunteers with Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge and help to provide these services within their own community.

One day - today, tomorrow, next year, in a decade - you may need or want the services that Age UK offers; you may have a family member or loved one who might benefit. And there is so much advice, information and support available.

Tracy Godden, Clerk & RFO Dunton Green Parish Council

If you would like to contact Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge about their services or perhaps to volunteer here are the ways in which to do so:

Website: www.ageuk.org.uk/sevenoaksandtonbridge

Telephone: 01732 454108

Email: office@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk

Visit: offices at The Old Meeting House, St, John's Road Sevenoaks TN13 3LR (Mon – Fri 9am to 4pm)



PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...



- * The Parish Council has submitted its TPO Application for woodland health works and the creation of a small bike trail in Price's Woods, working with the SDC Community Development officers and Ollie Ireland from Live Biking. This is a great project promoting health & wellbeing, as well making Price's Wood a real community asset. We hope to see tangible progress on this project by the time we next go to print - look out for information on our website over the coming months!
- * There has been a resurgence of some really unpleasant graffiti in hot spots in the village and, in a bid to deter this anti-social (not to mention criminal) behaviour, the Parish Council is continuing to work with Southeastern and SDC.
- * The Kick Kent charity that has run the Tuesday evening sports sessions over a number of years is no more but the team are still around and providing sessions, fully funded by DGPC. And as well as football, we may be looking at introducing mini tennis sessions too. Watch this space!

Knitting Group

A small friendly group would like to welcome more members to join them for knitting, crochet or any craft that you like doing.

Every 2nd Friday of each month, 10am to 1pm
at Dunton Green Village Hall

For more information please call 01959 525569



DONNINGTON HALL BADMINTON GROUP

We are a mixed ability group and anyone who has played badminton is welcome to get back to the game. As there is only one court we are unable to train new players.

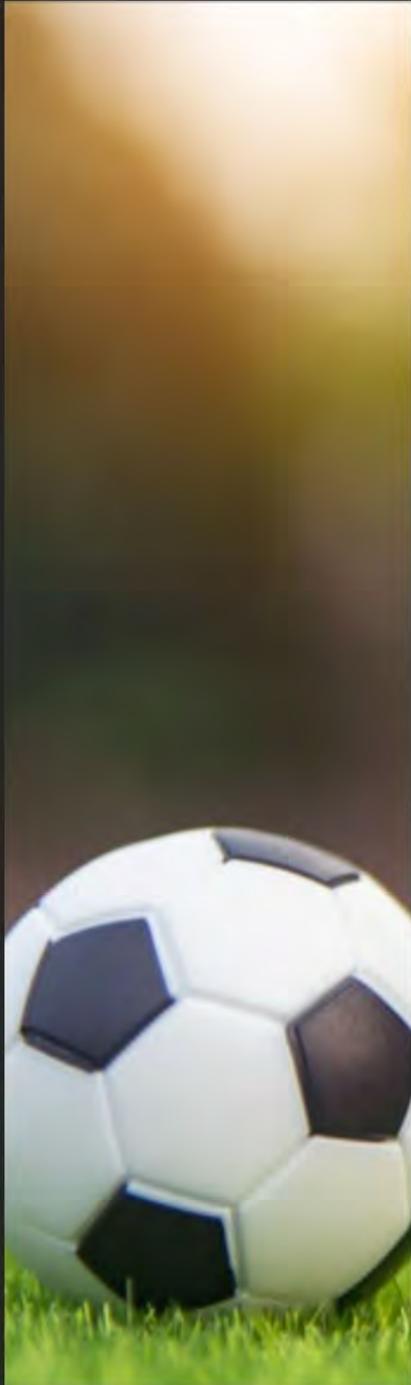
We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. It is pay as you go with no joining fee. So if you are only able to come less regularly it is OK with us. You can come and give it a go – the first session is free and we can lend you a racket. Just wear proper sports shoes.

Just turn up (Donnington Hall, Barretts Road) or for more info phone Gill on 01883 722948 or 077909 12741



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.*



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Your Local Community Update

Dunton Green - Pop In Café



Pop along to the new Age UK Pop-In Café on the second Wednesday of every month at the Dunton Green Pavilion. It is a great chance to meet new people in a warm, welcoming and supportive environment.

You will be given the opportunity to learn how to gain strength, improve balance and build confidence to keep you mobile and independent. There is no pressure to join in with the exercises; you are more than welcome to just turn up for a friendly chat to meet old or new friends.

When: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, off London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UR

For more information please call Age UK on 01732 454108 and ask for Sue Larken, or email suelarken@sevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk



Street Dance

Come along and try the Dunton Green Street Dance sessions. These sessions are lots of fun and are suitable for both complete beginners and those with more experience. You are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

Age: 8 to 16 year olds

When: Wednesday (term time only)

Time: 5:15 - 6:45pm

Cost: £3.50 per person per class
(discount if whole term paid in advance)

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

The Dunton Green Lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. The club is a welcoming place for local residents to come along. Members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal whilst socialising with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, new volunteers are always appreciated.

When: First Wednesday of the month **Time:** 11.45am to 2pm

Cost: £4

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

To confirm that you will be attending, to book transport or enquire about volunteering please call Age UK on 01732 454108.

Easy Netball

The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. There is no pressure to attend every week as sessions are pay as you go.

Age: Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend.
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 7.00 to 8.00pm
Cost: £2 pay as you go
Where: Multi Use Games Area
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



Please note this session will be cancelled in wet weather

For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Tamz Tai Chi

Tai Chi is renowned for relieving stress, improving flexibility and balance and is associated with many other health benefits. These beginner Tai Chi sessions will be delivered by Tameila (Tammy) Brown whose enthusiasm and experience make her the perfect person to lead you on your Tai Chi journey.

Sessions are open to everyone, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. So whether you are young or young at heart, you will be warmly welcomed.

When: Sundays
Time: 10am to 11am
Cost: First class £5, £8 per session thereafter
Where: Donnington Hall, Barretts Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UN



For more information about sessions please call 07792 479772 or email tamztaichi@gmail.com

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All the very best to Amy &
her husband



Amy Best



Sue Harwood

We are the neighbourhood officers for Dunton Green, Riverhead, Brasted, Sundridge, Westerham, Crockham Hill, Ide Hill, Chevening and Badgers Mount.

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

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



**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**.

Hillfield Road Between 12:01am on Monday 1st June and 8:32pm on Tuesday 4th June. A garage at a residential property was broken into. A lawn mower, two compressors, a jet washer, fishing equipment and other tools were stolen.

Mere Road Between 12:01am on Thursday 27th June and 10:00am on Friday 28th June. Person/s have stolen part of a water fountain and its pump.

Lennard Road On Wednesday 10th July between 7:30am and 5:00pm. A residential property was broken into. Cash and jewellery was stolen.

Hillfield Road On Tuesday 23rd July between 11:35am and 12:28pm. A residential property was broken into. It is not yet known what, if anything, was stolen.

Station Road Between 12:01am on Tuesday 30th July and 12:24am on Wednesday 31st of July. Someone broke into a residential property and searched it. It is not yet known what, if anything, was stolen.

PLEASE FORMALLY REPORT ALL ISSUES - BY PHONE OR ONLINE

**Kent****Police**

INFO PAGE ON DGPC WEBSITE



‘**Police & Community Safety**’ is an information page on the Parish Council’s website (www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) designed to keep residents informed. There are details of our PCSOs and helpful tips and information on a range of topics. There will also be information from the Community Safety Unit. The page will be updated regularly so please check it frequently for the latest updates.

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 or by calling us on 01732 227000





Dunton Green Parish Council

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01732 462966 / clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

Jacqueline Bowen: Bookings & Facilities Dunton Green Pavilion

07305 814694 / bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk

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cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk

ClIr Cameron Brown - 01732 740654

cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Kent County Council - 03000 41 41 41

ClIr Nick Chard - 03000 41 10 09

nick.chard@kent.gov.uk

Introducing...

Our newest DGPC councillor, James Copeland

I was born and bred locally, moving to Sevenoaks for primary school before moving to Dunton Green a little over a year ago.

For some time I've had an interest in how local government works, as well as local history and getting involved in the local community. For a number of years I was involved in the residents association of where I lived in Sevenoaks, including helping with the regular maintenance of the local parks, and I still go back to help whenever I'm able to.

New to the Parish Council, having been elected in May, I am looking forward to learning more about the village and making a difference.



If you would like to be involved with the Parish Council please contact the Clerk for more details. People from all walks of life, and different areas of the village, are represented by your current councillors but we still have vacancies which we would very much like to fill!

See page 2 for contact details.

Business Start Up Course

Do you have a business idea, or a fledging business you would like to get off the ground and do not know where to start?

Are you looking for some guidance with financial planning, help with a business plan or someone to help you work out your next steps?

We are looking to run a Business Start Up course in the village in January 2020 if there is enough local interest in this kind of course.

Please get in touch with Sarah or Yulia, community development officers at Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227033 or email us at communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



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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 contact the Bookings & Facilities Manager to make a booking enquiry:

07305 814 694 (please leave a message if no reply or send a text)

bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk



VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

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

Dunton Green Pavilion Bookings 07305 814 694; bookings@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

Faithworks Family Fun / Café Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462

Over 55s Social Club 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

YICZ Youth Club Ross 07715 441 991; Lisa 07495 799 986;
yicz_club@hotmail.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 C 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk

Donnington Hall 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 1st, 2nd & 4th 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

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
Faithworks	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
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	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

We hope you find this list of local activities and organisations useful.

ARE WE MISSING YOUR ORGANISATION OR ACTIVITY?!

**We would love to include more so please email
clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk to make suggestions or to be included.**

News from Dunton Green Primary School

As the Autumn term begins at Dunton Green Primary School, we look forward to the exciting events this time brings. We welcome our new Reception class and their families to the school community. We also take this opportunity to reflect on some standout moments from the Summer term.



Off the school grounds we made use of the beautiful Sevenoaks area with class trips to local National Trust properties, Ightham Moat and Bodiam Castle. We also organised trips to some great venues further afield, Southwark Cathedral, Camber Sands and Wingham Wildlife Park. Our Year 6 cohort travelled to Norfolk for a residential week in preparation for their move to Secondary school this term. As you read this, they will already be settled into their new schools and we wish them every success in the next chapter of their school lives.

Our Year 5 class wrote personal letters to local businesses and organisations to ask if they would be able to help with our bid to buy iPads for the school. With ever reducing school budgets, any help that is provided to the school is essential and much appreciated. Thanks go to the local Lions who gave a very generous donation, to enable us to buy 3 new iPads and Rivermere Care home that also donated an iPad and presented it to one of our pupils, Holly, at a lovely afternoon tea!

We organised a fantastic Science Week with visits from Wild Science & Night Owls. We made great use of our pond area which has been newly refurbished with the help of funds donated by the Tesco Bags for Help scheme. We were delighted with the support we received from the parents on our community grounds day, where we all worked together to plant hedge screening to the fence that borders the pathway near

the shops. As the years go by, we hope this will provide a more attractive and longer lasting solution to the current bark screening we have in place.

Our Prince Harry class wrote to their namesake, the Duke of Sussex, outlining their concerns surrounding deforestation and the effects on the environment. Great excitement filled the school on the day a huge stack of letters arrived individually addressed to each child, direct from Kensington Palace!

In June, Dunton Green Primary School sent a team to the Sevenoaks District Sports Event which is held annually at Knole



Academy. On a hot Summer evening our team performed exceptionally well across the range of events and gained first place in the middle size schools category. What a great achievement, this is the first time the school have brought the shield home since 2008!

The Dunton Green PTA organised a host of events and we hope that some of you were able to join us at the Summer Fair on May 18th this year.

As you can see, we are a very busy school and we look forward to updating you again in the next edition of the Parish News. If in the meantime you would like to keep up to date with the school events then why not follow our Twitter page @DGprimaryschool.

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Headline Act



The Raymond and Mr Timpkins Revue simply have to be seen to be believed. They are without a doubt the maddest, silliest, stupidest, cleverest, strangest and everything else-ist as well as the funniest double act of comedians on the circuit.

After nearly 20 years on the comedy circuit - because don't doubt it these boys are great comedians as well as complete idiots - Raymond and Mr Timpkins continuously change their set list with new rearrangements to catch out even the biggest musical know-it-all in the audience.

"Knockabout duo - really out there!" - **The Guardian**

"Enough silliness to fill a pillow" - **Evening Standard**

Compere



Matt Green has been a stand-up for over ten years and is a resident MC for The 99 Club in London, he performs for many clubs across the UK. A mixture of high energy observational and topical jokes combined with more personal stories and anecdotes.

"Fast, fluent and very funny stand up" - **Venue**

"Seeing Matt Green was an unexpected dream tonight." - **Edinburgh Festivals Magazine**

Introducing...



Ali Woods



Ninia Benjamin is one of the UK's hottest female comedians with a wealth of television, stage and live stand-up experience.

Ninia was catapulted to stardom as one third of **BBC3's 3 Non-Blondes**.

Ninia was recently was a star of the 2018 ITV series **Our Shirley Valentine Summer**.

"Scorching material. Gold" - **City News**

"...an explosion of energy, bombastic Benjamin certainly makes an attention-grabbing entrance" - **Chortle**



AJ Roberts has reached the finals of some of the most prestigious comedy competitions in the country, including So You Think you're Funny & The Amused Moose laugh off. AJ's comedy is an exciting mix of observations, one liners and story's all delivered in his very own unique style.

'Assured, confident and above all funny.' **Mick Perrin**

Caution: this performance will contain some adult humour as well as occasional bad language

Management Disclaimer: Please note - that while we make every effort, shows can change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances and commitments of artists

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 see
www.ageuk.org.uk or
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**Lewis Ross - Live music from
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Beacon lighting 7.15pm

Fireworks Grand Finale 7.20pm

**Lewis Ross - Live music from
7.45pm to 8.30pm**

Drinks & glow sticks available!



**We're delighted to confirm Dunton Green
Primary School PTA will be cooking a storm
on the BBQ!!**

**All proceeds from the BBQ go directly to our
village school - so make sure you're hungry!**

All taking place at Dunton Green Recreation Ground*

**This event is free but as always there will be a retiring collection - please give
generously!**

*** In the interests of Health & Safety there will be no public parking available at the
recreation ground on the night. No alcohol permitted.**

