



Bobbing Reporter

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The Parish Council supports local community projects and is consulted on planning applications and many other matters. **Parish councillors are unpaid volunteers.**

Bobbing Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month, in the small committee room at Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Local residents are invited to come along for a drink and biscuits from 7pm when they will have the opportunity to speak to a Parish Councillor prior to the meeting regarding any issues they might have.

Parish Council agendas and minutes can be read online at: <https://www.bobbing-pc.gov.uk/>

■ The Parish council has recently funded a new heart defibrillator on the outside of Gadby Road shops.



■ A quick quiz about Bobbing Parish!

1. Who was the infamous parish priest of Bobbing in 1673?
2. Where would you find the Rose Hill Woods?
3. When did the railway line open?
4. Rooks View was built on the site of what?
5. What year was the Village Hall opened?
6. Which Saint is Bobbing Parish Church dedicated to?
7. How many Grade 1 and 2 listed buildings are there in Bobbing Parish? (*Answers on the back.*)

Would you like to help improve your community?

Bobbing parish councillors are unpaid volunteers working to improve the local area. Meetings are friendly and fairly informal. Our local police sometimes visit.

We are currently looking for **two new people** to join. If you would like to find out more you can contact the parish clerk or just come to one of our meetings to see what goes on.

The Bobbing Reporter is a newsletter from Bobbing Parish Council. Serving Bobbing Village, Grove Park, Keycol and Bobbing Hill, Howt Green, The Meads & surrounding rural areas.

■ **Friends of the Meads Community Woodland** – a new group of volunteers dedicated to looking after our community woodland in the Meads area.

Interested in finding out more? The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Jenny Wren pub. Find us on Facebook by searching for “Friends of The Meads Community Woodland”

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■ **Local residents Robert Ball & Larry Major honoured**

Two local residents were recognised with the award of “Freedom of the Parish” at the November 2023 meeting, given to former councillors Robert Ball and the late Larry Major for their many years of work for our community.

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■ The Parish council has funded improvements to the Bobbing Village Hall, including new disabled-friendly toilets and new kitchen facilities.

■ You may be eligible to get your cat microchipped and neutered for £10. Check the Cats Protection website to get a list of local participating vets:

<https://www.cats.org.uk/what-we-do/neutering/find-a-vet-new-scheme>

Answers to the Bobbing Quiz: 1. Titus Oats, 2. Behind the Grove Park Sports Pavilion, 3. 1858, 4. Keycol Hospital, 5. 1953, 6. Saint Bartholomew, 7. 16

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Useful contacts

■ **Parish Clerk:** E-mail: clerk@bobbing-pc.gov.uk

■ **Report fly tipping:** Swale Borough Council customer services. E-mail: csc@swale.gov.uk Tel: 01795 417 850

■ **Report a pothole or other highways issue:**
Kent County Council Highways Services
Online at: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>
Tel: 03000 41 81 81 (Mon - Fri)

Events at the Bobbing Village Hall

■ Bobbing Women's Institute
Held on the second Wednesday of the month. Contact: 01795 842 538

■ Woodpecker Short Mat Indoor Bowls. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Contact: 01795 422 296

Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8PL



The hall facilities include:

- Main hall (capacity 120 people) with stage and kitchen
- Meeting room
- Large car park
- Disabled toilet



For bookings, please contact:
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