

# DYMCHURCH NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

### CLLR DOUGIE YOUNG



Welcome to the last edition of the Parish Council newsletter of 2023. I would like to welcome our new member of the council, Cllr. Vanessa McCreedy, who

I'm sure will be a great asset to the council and our community.

I would like to thank Dymchurch Royal British Legion for organising another well attended Remembrance Parade. It was an honour as Chairman of Dymchurch Parish Council to lay a wreath on behalf of Dymchurch residents at the Memorial.

The Parish Council and Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground are continuing our joint efforts to fulfil our commitment to building the new pavilion and thank you for your continued support.

During these winter months please be aware of your neighbours and offer help if and when needed.

*On behalf of myself and my fellow councillors I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.*

## Orgarswick Junction Improvements

Work is now in progress on improvements to the seating area at the junction of Orgarswick Avenue and the High St. A new ragstone circular memorial seat, commissioned by a local resident, and built by local craftsmen will take centre stage and the Parish Council will complete the revamp with new planters and a general tidy up of the area to complement the new seating. An artists impression of how the area could look is shown below.



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DYMCHURCH WELCOME AREA

## Christmas Carols

### Sat 16th December—All Welcome

The Parish Council invite residents to join them on Saturday 16th December @ 6.30pm in the Joyce Cockeril garden by the central slipway for a festive evening of Christmas carol singing with warming sausage rolls and mince pies, tea and coffee available. This is an outdoor weather dependant event and will be cancelled if inclement weather is forecast for the evening.

## Festive Window Competition

To get everyone in the festive spirit the Council are running a competition for local traders with a prize for the best festive window display. Please show your support for our local traders and let us know (by email) your favourite entry.



## Twinning Association

In September the President and Chairman of Dymchurch Twinning Association welcomed 17 of our twinning friends from Salbris for a long weekend in Dymchurch. (Continued on Page 2).



### **Bloomin' Dymchurch 2023 Winners**

Back in July the 3rd Annual Bloomin' Dymchurch competition was judged by green fingered members of the Parish Council. This Years winners were Adam Buckland for "Best Garden" and Deana Coker for "Best Hanging Basket". Adam & Deana are pictured below receiving their certificates and garden vouchers from the Chair & Vice Chair of the Parish Council. **The 2024 Competition will be judged in the 1st week of July.** If you'd like to take part please email [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com) to register your interest.



### **Beach Wardens Shine During Summer 2023**

During the Summer the Parish Council employed two beach wardens to patrol the seafront providing assistance, advice and support to locals and beachgoers alike. The wardens were able to use their First Aid Skills with 6 minor incidents involving cuts and scrapes and were on hand to help with another 2 more serious incidents where an ambulance was called. The wardens also provided a central contact point to help reunite two missing children with their parents over the summer holidays. Feedback on the presence of the wardens has been positive and their presence significantly improved beach safety. The Council are now actively looking to recruit beach wardens for the Summer 2024 season. If you would be interested in applying for a temporary role starting in July 24, please email [Dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:Dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

### **Dymchurch & District Twining Association**

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The group were provided with a buffet on the Friday, prepared by our members. The good weather allowed the 54 members to enjoy the evening outside. Melanie Dabot presented 2 meter long loaf sent by her father, the baker in Salbris

for our buffet.

On Saturday, 48 travelled by coach to visit Eltham Palace, with two of our members acting as interpreters. From there we travelled to Teapot Island at Yalding, where everyone was amazed at the display of over 8,400 different teapots. After a busy day, we returned to Hythe where we had an excellent English roast dinner and live music at the Martello Pub, much appreciated by everyone on the trip.



Sunday was a more relaxed day, with hosting families arranging the day for their guests until the evening, when we rendezvoused for an excellent fish and chip supper, a favourite with the French, very kindly provided by Beach 48.

Thanks must go to all the members and hosts for making the weekend such a success.

## **Would you like to improve your GP Practice Service?**



### **Martello Health Centre, Dymchurch is looking for volunteers to join their Patient Participation Groups**

- Open to all registered patients and carers of registered patients.
- The role of a Patient Participation Group is to work with the Surgery to improve services and the patient experience.

### **Would you like to hear more?**

contact us at [Chrissie.ppgmartello@gmail.com](mailto:Chrissie.ppgmartello@gmail.com)

### Romney Marsh Beat Officer

My name is Steve Putland and I'd just like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself and explain briefly what my role is. I've very recently been fortunate enough to take on the role as the Romney Marsh Beat Officer, a role that I've been wanting to do for a while now. I've been in position since 09/10/2023 but this is the first opportunity I've had to say 'hello' and introduce myself as I've had a lot of new things to learn.

My previous role within Kent Police was a Response Officer which I have predominately done for the past 13 years, 6 of those based at Lydd Police Station and so the Romney Marsh isn't a stranger to me and I'm sure most of us would agree that it's a lovely place to live and in my case work in. You may have already seen me out and about across the Marsh especially when I'm on foot patrol as I normally wear my custodian helmet which I know is not common place nowadays and so I probably stand out a bit as I'm over 6 feet tall even without it!! I will also be in a vehicle and on occasions a pushbike (weather dependent!)

I will be dealing with a multitude of things that have a negative impact on our urban and rural communities and will be striving to problem solve those issues however complex they may be with the help of partner agencies and colleagues who I can call on. Please also approach me in the street if you've anything to ask or even if it's just to say 'hello!' Please note that in an emergency you should dial 999 or if you are reporting an incident or crime please either do this via the online reporting system on the Kent Police website or by dialling 101.



### Dementia Café Dates 2024 -10.00 –12.00 - Peter Sloper Room - Dymchurch Village Hall

The 2024 meeting dates are as follows: 4th January, 1st February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December - Refreshments - All welcome.

### District Councillor Surgery : Cllr Tony Cooper

Drop in sessions held every 3rd Saturday of the Month Dymchurch Parish Council Office, Orgarswick Ave. 10.00 - 12.00 No appointment necessary

### The History of Dymchurch and District Angling Club—New Members Welcome



The Club was founded in 1959 by five local anglers and was a beach & boat club, members with boats ventured as far as the Coal Barge (about 2 miles offshore) using 12ft clinker boats fitted with Seagull engines (all boats were hand launched!). Beach anglers were doing well with catches that can only now be dreamed of; some of the members fished as teams in the NFSA Kent League & won the League on two occasions. Over the years the boats became bigger eventually needing a tractor launch which first became a reality in 1984. Members now ventured several miles offshore with the bigger more powerful boats & this was reflected in the catches. Beach fishing gradually lost popularity as the fishing became poor in the late 1990's. Finally the beach fishing section was dropped although some members still fish from the beach.

A few years after the Clubs founding the "Old Mortuary" was leased from the National River Authority for a rent of £6-00 per annum! The committee at that time wanted to give the Club a permanent base in Dymchurch; with this in mind the Club ran Jumble sales, held film shows, participated in the Day of Syn, ran a hundred club & organised our own "Donkey Derby", as well as holding two open beach competitions a year all to raise enough money to build our own headquarters.

It was then obvious that the monies we had built up were gradually becoming less valuable & it was decided that we would build an extension to the existing building, in that way at least the Club would have some thing to show for all the efforts of it's members; this was duly built around 1980.

For many years the Club members were content but during the late 1990's we felt confident enough to approach the Environment Agency (now the owners) with a view to purchasing the building, they turned this offer down twice. All this while the rent had been going up to several hundreds of pounds per annum. (the last rent was £1,700 per annum.

In 2011 an approach was again made to the Environment Agency with a view to purchase the "Old Mortuary", this time they suggested we made them an offer, which was after some negotiation accepted.

We are now the owners of the building which we have planning consent to improve with a room above the tractor storage for meetings, instructional classes; when finances are available. 50 years after founding we now had our own headquarters, thanks to kind members giving interest free loans to enable this to happen.

More details on becoming a member of the angling club can be found at [www.dymchurch-angling.co.uk](http://www.dymchurch-angling.co.uk)

**New Members Welcome**

# Dymchurch Parish Council

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Cllr Vanessa McCreedy

## DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Dymchurch Parish Council as follows:

### In writing to

The Clerk, Dymchurch Parish Council,  
13 Orgarswick Avenue  
Dymchurch TN29 0NX

By E mail- [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com)  
By Phone- 01303 872 708

If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk. Council meeting dates are published. Please check our website and notice boards. Council meetings are open to the public and all are very welcome to attend.



CARM Befriending Service

Tel: 01233 758122

If you have any District or County Council issues that you wish to raise please contact the following with your concerns

### KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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For help and advice on home security and safety and how to access Council services

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