

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

Issue 024 Summer 2022



Blossom at Longford Meadow/ new Climbing Rox Photo: Andy Lapham

The summer edition is packed with helpful information, interesting articles, super photographs and lots of ideas of things to do.

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# Chair's Update

## Welcome to our latest newsletter.

In our Spring edition we were beginning to come out of regulations and starting 'to live with Covid'. Life at the Parish Council was settling back into its familiar routine. However, events in Ukraine have and will continue to affect the lives of many .

The Miners Arms show their support for the Ukrainians with their blue and yellow lights.



CLLR. FREDA ENGLAND

The rising cost of living means that many households are having to make difficult choices. We are fortunate that the Lockdown Larder, whose work

was founded in the Covid crisis, will continue to work with families in the village. If you are having difficulties, please contact them. They are here to help. Please ask. They may not be able to solve all your issues, but they can give you some help. I know many families have found their support priceless.



How to apply?

Visit our website and fill out our simple application form!

Sevenshops Larder

Hope Church,  
The Mill Lane Centre, Mill Lane,  
Sevenshops, Kent, TN14 5BX  
www.sevenshopslarder.co.uk  
sevenshopslarder@gmail.com



We have now opened the Rox. The project included tree planting, the provision of benches and new litter bins. Following residents' feedback, we agree that renaming Longford Meadow to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee would lose its link to the history of the village and the mill that was key to Dunton Green.



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# ...Chair's Update

A new bench and bin have been placed on the open space on Mill Road. This area has never had a name and we would like your feedback on the suggestion 'Longford Spinney.'

There is also a new picnic table, seat and bin near to the children's play area on the recreation ground.



Over the next month, several seats will be designated as 'Happy to Chat' benches. This idea is part of a national campaign to counter loneliness and isolation. In Dunton Green, we know this was exacerbated during the lockdowns. We also know that those who struggle with walking, welcome the regularity of benches throughout the village, to rest as they try to spend more time out of the house.

As well as new litter bins, we appreciated the help of these young volunteers on our Spring Litter Pick.

Cont...

# ...Chair's Update

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the Annual Parish Meeting. We were able to present our Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) Community awards for this and last year. The 2021 award went to Tracey Boanas,



Headteacher at our primary school. Her citation read : ***In appreciation of Tracey's commitment & dedication to the children of Dunton Green and to recognise the importance and value of a thriving village school to the wider community.***

This year's award was to Kathy James from the Sevenoaks Larder Drop In at Dunton Green, with the citation ***In appreciation of Kathy's dedication to our community in overseeing the Sevenoaks Larder in Dunton Green and to recognise the***

***genuine importance of this service to those families that benefit.***

We were so pleased that Pop Up Sue received an award at SDC's ceremony, so well deserved! I know she was thrilled

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Congratulations to Sue Larkin & her Pop Up Café for winning Older Person's Group of the Year, presented by Chairman Cllr Diana Esler! 'Pop up Sue' runs gentle exercise classes for older people to help with balance and mobility. It's also a safe place to meet others & chat.

to meet Dr Hilary Jones from day time TV.



At the Annual Parish meeting, our PCSO gave feedback on how she and the police are tackling drug related crime and antisocial behaviour.



A recent example being the 'alien' graffiti on the underpass. To back up the police DGPC are looking to install more CCTV cameras in the village.



## ....Chair's Update

The PCSO also indicated that there was no chance that Dunton Green would qualify for average speed cameras, currently on trial in Brasted, as Dunton



Green has no history of running Community Speedwatch campaigns - something Brasted has been doing for over a decade. However, as a result of residents responding to our request for support of a Speed Indicator Device (SID), we are now able to apply to have one in the village in the next few months.

As promised in our last edition, despite Covid closing the Pavilion for months on end, the Parish Council managed to make no percentage increase to our share of your Council Tax bill. Unfortunately, Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council and Kent Police are all increasing their shares.

I was honoured to be re-elected Chair of DGPC at this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. I've been involved for over 15 years and throughout that time we have always had vacancies. I'm not sure what people think they have to be or do, to become a Parish Councillor?

From this photo taken of the Council and Parish Clerk at our May meeting, you can see we are a mixed group, who just want to make DG the best it can be.

No qualifications needed.

Why not come along to a meeting?  
[Second Tuesday of every month (except August,) 7.30pm at the Pavilion].



I guarantee you will know far more about your village at the end!  
Enjoy your summer.

**Freda England**  
**Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council**  
**[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)**



# Dunton Green Education in Full Foundation

Registered Charity no.: 1195704



**What do you remember about your primary school days? Having fun with friends in the playground, school trips, sports days? Was it fun or a challenge? Perhaps you were at our local Dunton Green Primary School?**

When your family are in financial difficulty you can feel 'different' and embarrassed at school. Perhaps you do not have the correct uniform for everyday or for sport; you love singing but do not join the choir as you know any trips will be too expensive, and there is no point thinking of being part of the drama or music club.

This is the reality **today** for children at Dunton Green Primary School – approximately one third of children are from families living on welfare benefits. That is why Dunton Green Education in Full has been established to ensure that every child has the opportunity to take part fully in all the opportunities that staff work so hard to make available.

Education in Full was established by local organisations raising money at a barn dance and auction of promises in the village prior to the pandemic. Over the last 18 months the legal paperwork has been done and 'Education in Full' is now a registered charity making grants to individual children at Dunton Green Primary School. 5 of the 6 trustees for the Foundation are local residents with a variety of knowledge and experience, and I have been a volunteer in the village for the last 15 years.

**Can you help a child make the most of their time at school?** Contact me if you would like to know more and/or would like to support us and ensure no child feels 'different' at our local school.

**Judy Collins      [chair@eifdg.org.uk](mailto:chair@eifdg.org.uk)**



**SAVE THE DUNTON GREEN DATE!! More news to follow regarding an additional FREE sports session to be held on the day! Plus details of a 2 day sports programme in August! Keep checking for more info: [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk!!](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk!!)**



## Family Fun Days are back!

**Our ever popular and FREE Family Fun Days return for four weeks of action-packed activities over the school summer holidays.**



They include everything from crafts to games and sport to face painting in a friendly and safe environment.

For the first time, many of the days include creative dance and toddler yoga sessions suitable for parents with children aged 18 months to five years old. Visit our website to find out where they're taking place.

There's no need to book, simply turn up and have fun. However, children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

Activities are provided for children under the age of 12, but they may not be suitable for very young children.

Please bring waterproof clothing, sunscreen and your own refreshments.



We recommend that you check [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/summerfun](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/summerfun) or our social media accounts before setting off as the programme may change at short notice, if there's wet weather.

The days are funded by us and Reconnect, run by Play Place and supported by town and parish councils who are providing the venues.

### Our Family Fun Days are taking place on the following dates and locations:

**Monday 25 July 10am to 2pm**

Seal Recreation Ground, High Street TN15 0AF

**Tuesday 26 July 10am to 2pm**

Oxford Recreation Ground, High Street TN14 5PQ

**Wednesday 27 July 10am to 2pm**

Dunton Green Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

**Thursday 28 July 2pm to 5pm**

Edenbridge, Stangrove Park TN8 5LU

**Friday 29 July 10am to 2pm**

West Kingsdown, Gamecock Meadow TN15 6BZ

**Monday 1 August 10am to 2pm**

Swanley Park BR8 7P1

**Tuesday 2 August 10am to 2pm**

South Darenth, Heathside Recreation Ground DA4 9AZ

**Wednesday 3 August 10am to 2pm**

Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road DA3 8NA

**Thursday 4 August 10am to 2pm**

Hextable Gardens BR8 7LT

**Friday 5 August 2pm to 5pm**

Chiddingstone Causeway Sports Field TN11 8JP

**Monday 8 August 10am to 2pm**

Four Elms Recreation Ground TN8 6NE

**Tuesday 9 August 10am to 2pm**

New Ash Green, The Minnis DA3 8HH

**Wednesday 10 August 2pm to 4pm**

Knockholt Recreation Ground TN14 7LG

**Thursday 11 August 10am to 2pm**

Sevenoaks, Greatness Recreation Ground TN14 5BX

**Friday 12 August 2pm to 5pm**

Leigh, The Green TN11 8QL

**Monday 15 August 10am to 2pm**

Eynsford, Anthony Roper Primary School DA4 0AA

**Tuesday 16 August 10am to 2pm**

Hartley, Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground DA3 7DB

**Wednesday 17 August 10am to 1pm**

Crockenhill, Cricket Meadow BR8 8HF

**Thursday 18 August 10am to 2pm**

Westerham, King George's Playing Field TN16 1BN

**Friday 19 August 10:30am to 2pm**

Chipstead Recreation Ground, Chevening Road TN13 2SA



## SATURDAY FREIGHTER GUIDANCE

The Freighter cannot accept **white goods**, washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, large parts of engines or vehicles or hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste now includes items like fluorescent tubes, televisions & computer monitors, batteries, oil tins and filters, paint and paint tins and chemical containers. These items cannot be accepted on the Saturday Freighter service and must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted



## FREIGHTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

## THE NEW BI-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

**9<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**17<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**LUSTED ROAD 11.45AM TO 12.15PM**  
**MILL ROAD 12.30PM TO 1.00PM**

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR EXCESS REFUSE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ADDITIONAL SERVICE  
NON-RECYCLABLE REFUSE (EXCLUDING METAL)

## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

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

{Bookings: [bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk) 07305 814694}

Age UK Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	2nd Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Streetdance	<a href="mailto:duntongreenstreetdance@gmail.com">duntongreenstreetdance@gmail.com</a>
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988: <a href="mailto:info@oaksmartialarts.com">info@oaksmartialarts.com</a>

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

Easy Netball	01732 227000; <a href="mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk">communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk</a>
Community Basketball	Kent Panthers - just turn up Mondays 5.30pm
Mini Tennis	Text Keir 07815 039497 to book a place 07803 050 431
Backyard Bootcamp	<a href="mailto:enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk">enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk</a>

### DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

#### Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429; [www.donningtonhall.co.uk](http://www.donningtonhall.co.uk)}

Dance Academy of Sevenoaks	Emily Teale 07840 109 052
Darenth Table Tennis Club	David & Janet Field 01732 462429
Gauge One Model Railway Assoc	Jeff Brazier 01732 454890
Hartbeeps	Jamie Blackburn 07795 103 197
Little Learners	Helen Bakie 07889 825 727
National Kick Boxing & Karate Assoc	Hilary King 07796 858 194
Sevenoaks Table Tennis League	Janet Field 01732 462429

### Taking place in Village Hall, London Road

{Bookings: Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610}

Coffee Morning	3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen, 07808 540 315
Holy Communion	1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays (see St Mary's info)

### Taking place in Dunton Green Primary School, London Road

{Bookings: School Office 01732 462221; [office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk)}

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	07963 338 544; <a href="http://www.kswsevenoaks.com">www.kswsevenoaks.com</a>
Bujinkan Sevenoaks Dojo	<a href="http://bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org">bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org</a> 16+ Thurs eve

**PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF WE CAN UPDATE THIS LIST WITH THE  
DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE**

# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

## OTHER Organisations and activities

Bessels Green Baptist Church	01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk
St Mary's Church Riverhead & DG	01732 669454; 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
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	www.shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com

Dunton Green Pavilion & Outside Space  
RECREATION GROUND, LONDON ROAD  
07305 814694  
bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk



Dunton Green Village Hall  
LONDON ROAD  
01732 469610



**AFTER THE PANDEMIC THERE IS  
CAPACITY AT ALL OF THESE VENUES - IF  
YOU HAVE A GROUP, CLASSES OR NEED A  
PARTY VENUE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH**

Donnington Hall BARRETT'S ROAD  
01732 462429



## Celebrating Local Talent – Marvin Menz

For the latest in our series introducing local talented creatives, we turn again to music, but this time more behind the scenes than in front of the audience. Marvin Menz only moved to Dunton Green in February 2022, after 5 years in London, and 15 years as a musician, but already feels at home in the village. Marvin is a mixing, editing and mastering engineer – operating his own studio: Tide.



It sounds very technical, but what does all that mean? Well, as Marvin says: “I can do magic with computers, to make a band sound like their favourite bands, like they do in their own heads!” Basically, when a band or musician records a track, they send the raw recordings to Marvin as digital files, and he makes it sound amazing!

Specifically: Marvin can clean a sound up, retune elements so it fits together tightly, resolve tuning issues, balance the levels so that all the instruments and parts can, as he says himself: “shine in their own space, that everything has impact and vibe and that the final result sounds engaging, exciting and cohesive.” Then tracks are mastered to



“add the finishing touches after the mix to take your songs to that competitive standard.” It’s impressive stuff.

Years ago this would all need to happen with a massive mixing desk and rooms full of expensive studio equipment, and would be limited to the available tracks on that equipment (usually starting at basic 4 track, moving up to 48 track recording at the higher end of the market) but, says Marvin: “With modern digital equipment, there are no limitations on the channels available, only the capabilities of the computer; I can create 100s of elements, each with its own track, and use AI to help me resolve the issues. All of which would have been impossible 5 years ago!”

Clever Marvin is also a recording engineer, working with local bands to capture their sound for albums, singles or demos.

So how did he get into this rather niche occupation? “I started off as a musician, a guitarist with 15 years’ experience, and we were recording in Karma Studios (Thailand). I watched their sound engineer, and I was inspired to have a go.” That was in 2015, and Marvin says it took him 5 years to learn the skills needed. He’s now been working full time as an engineer for 2 years.

As a musician, Marvin played guitar in a band called “Spring. Fall. Sea”, and toured Asia, Europe and the USA, playing a melodic post rock/ post punk music rich in complexity and rhythm, power and heart. And it was here that Marvin learned to write and craft songs. You can check them out on YouTube, Spotify etc., they’re really rather good.



So, what brought Marvin to our corner of Kent? “I left Hannover in 2013 and lived in Asia for almost 5 years. Then I moved to London. But we wanted to get a dog, and wanted more space, so we moved here in February. It’s so beautiful. We love the local walks and countryside. Our dog is only 12 weeks old, but when she’s old enough we’ll take her out exploring more. I’m a runner too, so I plan to take her out running when she’s bigger.”

If you need help with making your musical ambitions a reality, you can contact Marvin at [Tidestudioslondon@gmail.com](mailto:Tidestudioslondon@gmail.com) and don’t forget to give Spring.Fall.Sea a listen too.

If you’re a creative person living in the village: artists, musicians, sculptors, painters, comedians, actors, writers, dancers, designers; whatever your talent, please get in touch, we’d love to feature you in a future issue.

Cllr Andy Lapham

# Moths

by Olly Bournat

During lockdown I developed an interest as, well, I couldn't leave to watch wildlife, so it made sense to buy a trap and attract wildlife in! Over the summer and autumn of 2021 I caught (and released!!) over 200 species of moth just to my garden.

Typical garden species generally, but also some more unusual ones, largely due to the nearby ancient woodland at Rye Wood. One of the more interesting species included Ruby Tiger, which has developed an ability to jam Bat echo-location in it's evolutionary arms race.

My kids also loved getting involved, inspired by the larger and more beautiful specimens, such as the pink and tan **Elephant Hawkmoth**.

We also found Gypsy Moth caterpillars in the garden, a species recolonising Kent after its extinction in the UK in the mid-20th century.



This led me to noticing moths elsewhere around the village, which produced three surprises in particular.

Found resting on a wall, was the *first*

**Dark-Streaked Button** for the West Kent recording area

since pre-1950. This is a rare resident moth in the UK that occasionally goes decades without being seen at all!

The next two finds have been in the old cemetery by the vets - and I must congratulate whomever is responsible for its upkeep!! The grass is left long, the mowing responsibly avoids flowers like the lesser celandine - benefitting bees, moths and other pollinators, and the graves are left covered in lichen and algae.



The first find in the cemetery was Narrow Lichen Bagworm. This species long ago did away with its need for males and reproduces through parthenogenesis - that is, the wingless females (which look somewhat like woodlice) are born able to lay fertile eggs. This rarely recorded species feeds from a case on the lichen on the graves - an important habitat.

The final surprise was when a fellow Sevenoaks resident found and photographed the *first ever* **Tree-Lichen Beauty** caterpillar in the UK - evidence that this previously rare migrant is now breeding and thriving in our village - a species benefiting from climate change.

I do hope that this information can be shared with those responsible for the cemetery so that its sensitive management can be maintained.



*[DGPC Comment: We will let Sevenoaks District Council know!]*

Other interesting moths:





**Left: Small Magpie Moth**

**Below: Mint Moth**



With thanks to Olly for sending us his article and photos to share with you all.

What a lot of fascinating flora and fauna we have in Dunton Green!

*If you have an article or some photos that you would like to share, please do get in touch!  
Contact details on page 2.*

## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...

◆ All the Parish Council's new picnic tables and seats have now been installed (at the Recreation Ground, Mill Road and Longford Meadow). The 3 seats will be



dedicated as 'Happy to Chat' benches, plus one at the Rose Garden & one at Lusted Road by the village green. We also hope to include a Ryewood estate seat in this project to help tackle loneliness in the village.



◆ Climbing Rox Project - Longford Meadow: the project is now complete and everything can be enjoyed by both youngsters and adults alike. It is a lovely area and we hope that many of you will enjoy this space this summer!

◆ After numerous delays, additional CCTV has finally been installed at the recreation ground for the welfare of everyone using the facilities there.

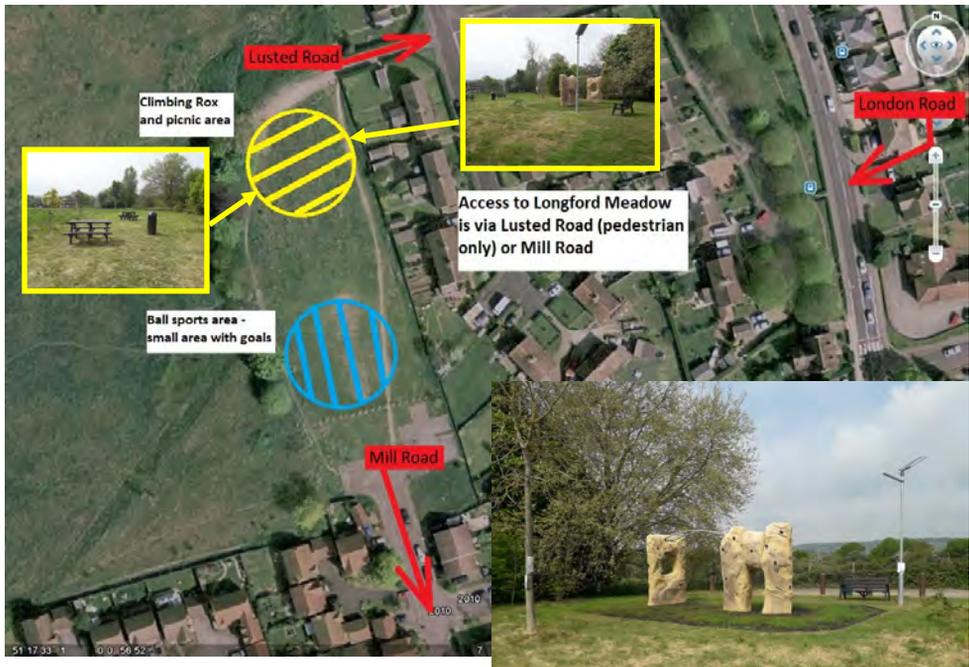
◆ This year's Annual Parish Meeting was a wonderfully positive event and a great opportunity to thank all those volunteers who help provide many much needed services in the village and for those volunteers to network with others. One heart warming result of the APM was the generosity of spirit of some of our Age UK volunteers, who donated Easter eggs to the Dunton Green Sevenoaks Larder, so that no child would miss out on an Easter treat - 48 eggs were donated in total!

◆ An application has now been submitted regarding the Station footpath registration, but we have been warned that there is four and a half year backlog to be tackled, so we aren't expecting a decision any time soon!

◆ Work is ongoing regarding the Parish Speed Indicator Scheme and we would very much like to thank everyone who responded to the call for support in the last edition of Dunton Green News. Many of you did get back to us, which is fantastic!

◆ Just a gentle reminder that if you have waste, you need to dispose of it properly please. We are seeing, again, grass cuttings and other garden waste being dumped on Parish Council land around the village and even some in a substation enclosure...! We are also seeing an increase in fly tipping of household items, like fridges - perhaps you could use the freighter service instead?





**The Climbing Rox and new picnic area at Longford Meadow - please enjoy this space!**

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

There are now several pairs of herons nesting at the Wildlife Reserve, and they are certainly out and about in Dunton Green - by the fountains at Ryewood and many back gardens.



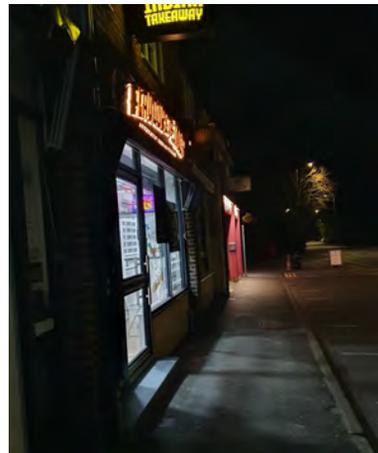
Bollards seem to be taking a bashing!



*DGPC Comment:*

This bollard has been removed **BUT** KCC do have a works order to reinstate soon. The Station Approach ones have now been replaced with more substantial ones!

The new Indian takeaway on the shopping parade finally opened. We certainly have a good selection in Dunton Green!



I'm not sure what this is going to be up on Old London Road but it is certainly one of the biggest structures since Ryewood was finished.

Recently installed Tesla charging points at the back of Donnington Manor Hotel car park. I've heard the app isn't very accurate and many visitors to the village have ended up on a wild goose trail up Ivy House Lane!



Forget-me-nots



So many fantastic flowers around our village!

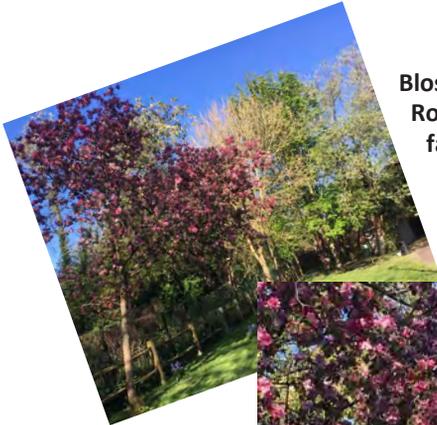


Another noticeboard and a window of the Pavilion fall victim to local catapult users.



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

Lovely new tables at The Duke's Head. They are well prepared for a great summer!



Blossom in Mill Road looking fabulous!!





## Festival of the Landscape

This Spring the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme will be bringing you the **Festival of the Landscape**, an event-packed celebration of everything that the Darent Valley has to offer!

From 1st May to 30th June 2022 everyone is invited to join in with a programme of events, workshops and activities across the Darent Valley.



From exploring Tudor and Roman finds with our archaeologist, touring the ancient trees painted by Samuel Palmer, guided walks with Kent Wildlife Trust, wildlife activities for families and walk and draw workshops for adults to large-scale outdoor puppetry performances at Otford and Dartford with 'Puppets with Guts' and much more - there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

For a full programme of events and to book, please visit <https://darent-valley.org.uk/get-involved/events/>





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# **DUNTON GREEN BASKETBALL SESSIONS**



**LOCATION AND TIME  
Every Monday**

TO RUN RIGHT THROUGH SUMMER AND AUTUMN

**5.30pm-6.30pm**

**Cost: FREE**



**VENUE  
DUNTON GREEN  
MUGA (MULTI USE GAMES AREA)  
RECREATION GROUND  
LONDON ROAD  
TN13 2UR**



Check [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) for updates



# Dunton Green mini tennis



# sessions

Every Tuesday

5.15 - 6.00pm 4-6yrs old

6.00-6.45pm 7-9yrs old

*New times and  
new contact  
number!!*

Free- Funded  
by Dunton  
green parish  
council

Location: Dunton green  
recreation ground  
TN13 2UR



To book a space please TXT  
KEIR on 07815 039497

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

*DUNTON GREEN 100 YEARS AGO...*

*by Cllr. Graham Hersey*

### The Dunton Green Fire Brigade

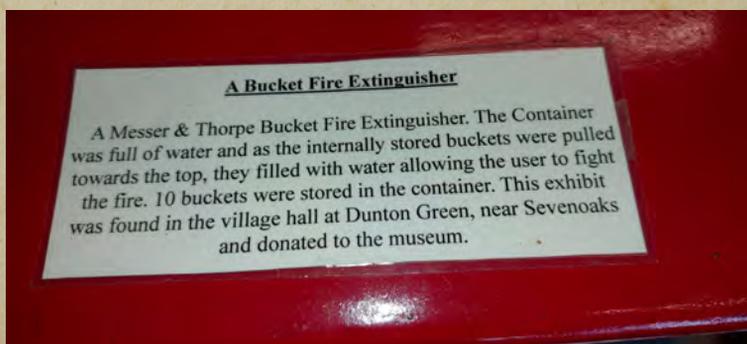
Yes, there really was one! It is unclear exactly when it was started, perhaps there is someone in the Village who knows, but in the Parish Council minutes for June 1923 there is a proposal to move the Fire Station (which was actually just a shed) to ground next to the Village Hall. At that time there was a large Oak tree there and the shed was to be located under it. In the minutes for July that year it is recorded that Mr Wreford, who then owned the land, had agreed to the move on condition that it was not made a fixture.

The Brigade was made up of volunteers and did not have anything as grand as a Fire Engine, but were equipped with ladders, pumps and hoses, which were probably enough to deal with house fires which were much more common than today as all houses would have had coal fires and many were lit with candles or oil lamps.

In the minutes for October 1925, it was recorded that new equipment for the Fire Brigade should be purchased from Riverhead Parish Council. There are no details of what was purchased but the cost (£35) indicates that nothing very large was involved. In November 1925, Mr Lusted reported that the new equipment was in excellent working order and the Clerk was authorised to dispose of the old.

It may be wondered why the Parish Council operated a village Fire Brigade at all, but at that time there was no Statutory duty for the County Council to provide a Fire Brigade and the Sevenoaks Brigade were not obliged to fight fires outside the town. Also, with very few telephones in the village, a cottage would probably have burned to the ground before a Fire Engine from Sevenoaks could get to Dunton Green.

The minutes of the Parish Council for the 1920s do not record the closing of the Village fire service. The provision of a fire service did not become a Statutory duty on local authorities until 1938, so it was probable that the village brigade was disbanded at that time. It is, however, a fascinating reminder that in the 1920s rural villages had to provide services for themselves that we take for granted today.



Photos from Kent Firefighting Museum in West Kingsdown.



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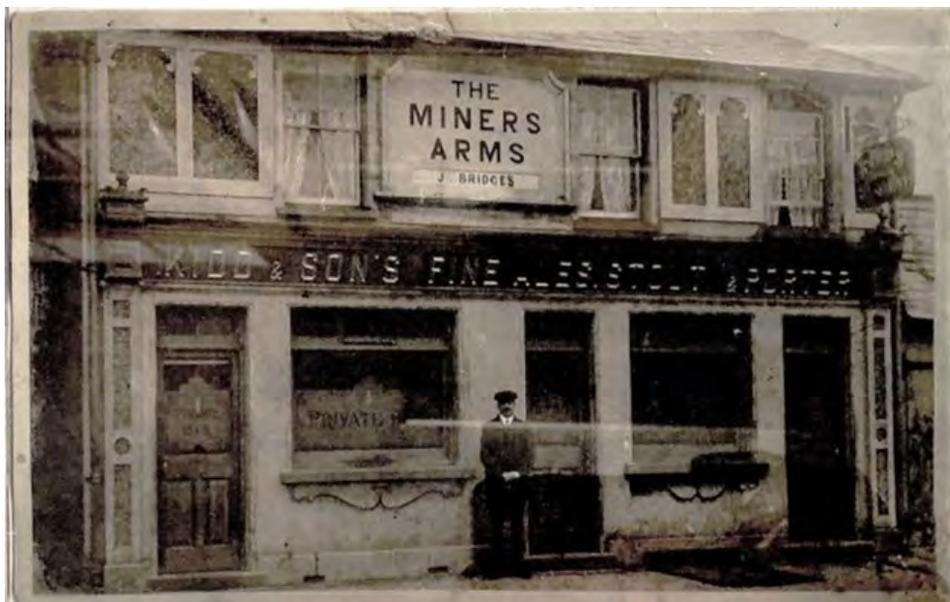
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## Kidd & Son Brewery by Cllr Debbie Parker

It was with great interest that I saw the old sign for Kidd & Son's Brewery livery being revealed following the renovation of the Miners Arm frontage during the first lockdown 2020. My husband, Terry, and I ran the Miners Arms during the noughties, and I had first investigated details about the Kidd's Brewery following the discovery of a glass stopper with the name 'Kidd' engraved on it, which I unearthed when digging in the lovely back garden of the pub. I was, therefore, particularly pleased that the livery was re-instated back to its former glory by the current Landlord, Johnny Searle, faithfully recreating the old sepia-toned pictures that we had of the pub taken way back in the early 1900s.

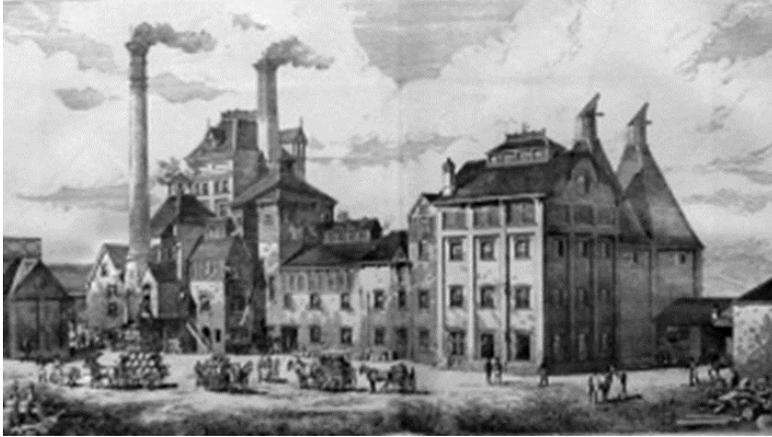
The photo (pictured below) shows the Landlord at the time, John Bridges, standing proudly outside the pub.



CN Kidd & Son had 42 pubs mainly around the Dartford, Bexleyheath and Gravesend area, with the Miners Arm being listed along with the Five Bells, Chelsfield as outposts in this area. Although not listed, the Rising Sun at Twitton was also one of the Kidd & Son's Public Houses.

The website [breweryhistory.com](http://breweryhistory.com) writes that Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Newman owned the Steam Brewery in Dartford from 1920 to 1951. The Steam brewery itself was much older, being originally called the Oak Brewery prior to its refurbishment in 1890.

C.N. Kidd Esq., Steam Brewery, Dartford, Kent. Brewers' Journal 15th October 1890



As seems to happen with all too much regularity, the brewery was bought by Courage & Sons in 1937 and then demolished in 1939. However, the current signage is a great reminder of the fantastic history that Dunton Green has, from the miners digging the Polhill and Sevenoaks railway tunnels and who were the pub's original clientele, to the other breweries that served the Dunton Green pubs, such as the Golding & Co brewery sited at Bat & Ball and the Black Eagle Brewery in Westerham.

Perhaps something to investigate next! If you have any old pictures of the pubs in Dunton Green, we would be delighted to receive them.



Renovated Kidd & Son's sign outside the Miners Arms (photo courtesy of Johnny Searle)

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

Tuesday Jun 14th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jul 9th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 30)

Tuesday Jul 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

**Wednesday 27th July 2022 - Family Fun Day 10am - 2pm Rec\***

**TBC August 2022 - 2 day sports programme for young people\*\***

Tuesday Sep 13th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Sep 17th 2022 - Saturday Freighter Date (see page 30)

Saturday Sep 24th 2022 - Annual Fireworks Display (timings TBC)

Tuesday Oct 11th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Nov 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Nov TBC 2022 - Saturday Freighter Date TBC

Sunday Nov 13th 2022 - Service of Remembrance 10.45am War Memorial

Tuesday Dec 13th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Dec 2022 - Christmas Singalong (date TBC)

Tuesday Jan 10th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jan TBC 2023 - Saturday Freighter Date TBC

Tuesday Feb 14th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Mar 14th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Mar TBC 2023 - Saturday Freighter Date TBC

Tuesday Apr 11th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

**\* Plus an extra sports session: details TBC - check DGPC website for updates**

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## Parish Council Allotments

We're very fortunate to have a small number of allotment plots within the larger allotment garden at the rear of the Dunton Green Social Club (who manage the majority of the plots).

Here's an update and some photos from one of DGPC's plot holders, Trish Maddock:

Not much going on as yet but I've got some great garlic up, wonderful looking shallots (looking forward to home made pickled onions!!), potatoes are through, broad beans and some fine looking purple sprouting broccoli.



It's going to be a good year for soft fruit. The blackcurrants are smothered with flower and so are the strawberries.

I've managed to dig over perhaps half my allotment but now it is too dry and hard to dig !!! What we could do with now is some rain (preferably just overnight - ha ha) as everything is so thirsty and dry.



Trish is also in the process of sowing runner beans and climbing beans and also courgettes, squash and pumpkins, ready to go out when risk of frost is over.

*[Trish's wish for rain has come true with thunderstorms this week, as we go to print!]*



Another of our plot holders, Debbie Parker, also sent us a couple of photos - just part of her allotment showing potatoes peeking through & asparagus in the background, together with another pic of Trisha's plot which she says is very tidy in comparison to hers!



Another new addition to the DGPC plots is the lovely LOTTIE, who has come along with another of our plot holders, Diane Carey, to keep an eye on how well the plots are doing this year.

We certainly look forward to seeing how everyone's hard work pays off!

Good luck everyone!

## Nightingales in Dunton Green

After hearing some really beautiful, not to mention loud, bird song at night, one resident in Dunton Green contacted a number of organisations to try to identify what was making such a lovely noise.



Nightingale  
(stock image)

BirdTrack, which is part of the British Trust for Ornithology, was one of the places it was reported to and this was what they said:

*Male Nightingales will pretty much sing for most of the night and day in order to attract females and establish a territory.*

*Nightingales migrate at night, hence why males sing at night to attract any females that will be flying over. Once they have found a mate and established a territory they will stop singing.*

Cuckoos have also been heard this spring. We certainly have a lot of natural musical talent to hear in Dunton Green!



Nightingales (stock image)

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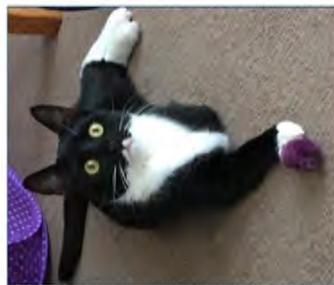
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# Storm Eunice

Storm Eunice was named by the UK Met Office on 14 February 2022. An initial red weather warning was issued on 17 February for parts of South West England and South Wales, with a second red warning issued on 18 February, the day the storm struck, for London, the South East and East of England.



Eunice was one of the most powerful storms to impact the south coast of England since the Great Storm of 1987.



There was plenty of damage to trees around the village, especially on the footpath network!

With thanks to Andy Lapham for these photos capturing the extent of the impact.



## COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

# 1st August 2022

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

Please forward items, articles & photos: for possible inclusion to  
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Or post to Dunton Green Parish Council, Parish Council Office,  
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# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS by Cllr. Freda England

Another instalment on the development of the old Cold Store site and how Ryewood emerged.



By 2015 work on the flats of Dunton Meadows was well underway.

Campion Square was finished and occupied.

Along the side of Eden Road was a deep embankment topped by a fence, which later became the underground car park of the flats built on Nicholson Road later on.



Yew Tree Road.



The Crescent was taking shape.



Much needed remedial work was completed to the Darenth Valley footpath behind the estate.



Meanwhile construction of the new children's playground, tennis court and MUGA had started on the recreation ground.

The outdoor gym equipment was installed.





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