

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Welcome to our new format Dunton Green News giving you the latest up to date and useful information from the village.

Please take the time to read through the issue as we have details of lots of exciting events and activities as well as useful phone numbers and handy contacts.

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

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Chairman's Blog -

What will you achieve in 2016?

We may be in March but as we slowly thaw out, or perhaps more accurately dry out after the winter weather, we can look towards the Spring and Summer with a sense of anticipation. The Spring often brings warmer weather as well as lighter evenings and an excuse to get out of the home and enjoy the surroundings. Surroundings which, in the case of our village, are well worth exploring.



We have numerous footpaths and open spaces to enjoy in Dunton Green and if you haven't yet taken the opportunity to explore them I thoroughly recommend you do. In fact, the Parish Council, in collaboration with Sevenoaks District Council, has put on some short exploratory walks and plan to put on some more. A great way to explore and meet new friends.

Not everyone is keen or able to walk across the fields but this shouldn't stop you getting out and getting involved in your local community. Your village is currently in a unique position and I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that residents today have been handed a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Over the last couple of years your Parish Council has won grants and funding that has literally given the village a new lease of life. Not just a brand new building for community activities and some fantastic new play equipment in the recreation ground but two Community Development Workers who are funded to put on activities for all age groups in the village. These workers are only funded for a short period of time so their enthusiasm and expertise need to be made the most of now.

This magazine gives details of some of the activities and events that are taking place in our village. There are also additional activities being arranged by other organisations in the pavilion and our other village halls and our school. Please get involved and take part. It would be fantastic to see these new initiatives grow and thrive in our community. It's also a really good opportunity to meet new friends and have some fun. Take a look at what's going on and come along and make a difference in 2016.

Ian Bayley - Parish Council Chairman



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Photographic Competition and Exhibition

An opportunity for residents of all ages to capture the beauty and unique nature of our village.

Prizes will be awarded at an exhibition of entries held in the Autumn.

There will be 3 age categories:

- ◆ **Under 12**
- ◆ **12 to 18**
- ◆ **Over 18**



The theme of the competition is “Dunton Green –A village in Kent” and it is open to residents of Dunton Green, those working or studying within Dunton Green and those living within two miles of Dunton Green.

More details will be available in the next issue but start taking photographs now for submission.



Annual Parish Meeting

Key Speaker—Bob Ogley

“The Great Storm”

Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 7pm in the Pavilion



Bob Ogley was born in Sevenoaks, has lived in the county all his life and is proud to be a Kentish man. As author of more than 20 books he has travelled extensively in pursuit of information and photographs and is in great demand from organisations across the south-east to tell his story.

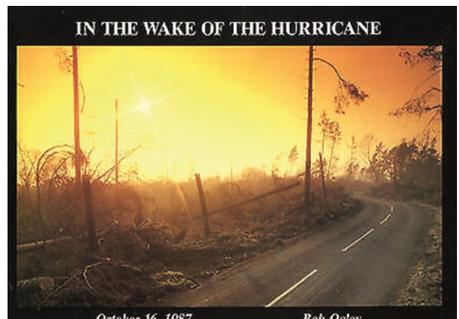
A former editor of *The Sevenoaks Chronicle*, Bob was a journalist for more than 30 years before he left his newspaper to concentrate on writing books and giving his talks. He is also a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio Kent.

What is the Annual Parish Meeting?

This is **NOT** a Parish Council meeting but an opportunity for local residents to have an overview of what has been happening in the village over the last year. Brief reports will be given either in person or in writing by organisations and residents who have been involved in the village

After the ‘official’ part of the evening there will be complimentary refreshments followed by a talk about the great storm of 1987 that had a particularly devastating effect on the Sevenoaks area. Bob is a fascinating speaker and well worth coming to see and hear.

Bob Ogley will also have a number of his books available to purchase which he will be happy to personally sign.



Dunton Green — Local Business Profile:

Sevenoaks Animal Feeds

We speak to Angela Price who runs Sevenoaks Animal Feeds with her husband Roger and son Geoffrey



Angela in part of the shop

How long has Sevenoaks Animal Feeds been in Dunton Green?

We've been running the business here in Rye Lane for the last forty years and have seen a lot of changes. The latest of course is the closure of the West Kent Cold Store and the building of the new Ryewood estate which is next door to us.

What do you sell?

Animal feed for every kind of animal. We sell food for all of the more usual animals: dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, also chickens which a lot of people in Sevenoaks keep because they like the fresh eggs. We also

sell horse feed, food for pigs and sheep, even food for snakes and birds of prey. And if we don't have it we can always order it in. Of course we also sell accessories and non-food items as well.

That's an amazing range of foods. Are most of your customers from the local area?

We have many local customers but we also have customers all over the South East. We deliver to our customers so have set days when we deliver to various areas. I'm very passionate about supporting the animal rescue centres as well so we also deliver to many of them on a regular basis.

There's a lot of competition from superstores and on-line. How do you compete with this?

We have competitive prices but more importantly we offer a personal service. We approach every customer personally and focus on their needs. We keep up to date on the latest information and advice, reading all the latest journals and gazettes. Having many years of experience we're always happy to pass on advice. When we deliver we don't just dump a large bag of feed at the door but often help bring it where it's needed and can talk to the owner. This is especially appreciated by some of our more elderly customers who might need a little extra help.

There can't be many shops like you about?

There are few truly independent shops like us left. We even have some customers who have been with us from the beginning. We know our customers and our customers know us. It's about having a really good relationship that you can trust which is something you don't really get with the big superstores. Everything is so impersonal these days. We have a fantastic loyalty from our customers.

You've been in the village for a long time. What's the best thing about Dunton Green?

The people are friendly and very supportive. We really appreciate them and their business. We could have re-located in the past but we know the people of the village and want to stay loyal to them. They come into the shop and we make time for them.



Sevenoaks Animal Feeds in Rye Lane

There are probably people in the village who don't know you're here or even think you are a trade supplier?

We are tucked away a little but do advertise locally and have a website page (www.sevenoaksanimalfeeds.co.uk) and are working on a Facebook page. There are actually some signposts in Rye Lane as well but if people aren't sure where we are they're welcome to give us a call on 01732 450625. We also have stands at various shows and events which is another way we get to meet new people.

Thank you to Angela and her staff who took the time to talk to us. If you would like to find out more then please drop by to her store and see what she has to offer: Sevenoaks Animal Feeds, Unit A, Rye Lane, Dunton Green TN14 5HD.

SPECIAL OFFER

Bring this Newsletter with you when you make a purchase and Angela will give you a free gift for your pet.

(Offer valid one per customer until 31 May 2016)

Community Development Update

Exciting Opportunities in Dunton Green



Dunton Green Parish Council

Alberta Atkinson and Kathryn Bone, the Dunton Green Community Development Workers, give an update on some of the exciting activities that have taken place and others we have to look forward to.

Over the last few months we have hosted a teen movie night, an older people's tea and coffee drop in and a taster session of cheerleading and hip hop dance.

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone that came along and supported the Community Health Week including all the organisations involved: Dunton Green Parish Council, Dunton Green Primary School, Donnington Hall, Dunton Green Village Hall, Salestyn David - Kick Kent, Helen Whitaker- Pilates in Sevenoaks, Anita Hickey- Hamlyn Court, Chris Hennis- PlayPlace, David and Sandra Coppen- Featherstep Dancing and Lauren Smith- A La Mode as well as all the volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Opportunities to get involved in your community

Lunch Club

Over the coming months we have a range of exciting opportunities in which you can get involved.

Older People's Lunch Club – Volunteers needed to help with planning meals, arranging transport, cooking and much more!



To get involved please call 01732 227176 or email: communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

The Steering Group

We are looking for residents to join our Steering Group to work together in delivering local projects in the community.



To let us have your thoughts or get involved please email us at communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

What's on in Dunton Green

FREE Armchair Exercises

When: Every Monday

Time: 2pm

Where: Hamlyn Court, Darenth Lane

Booking essential (spaces are limited) call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



FREE Youth Cheerleading & Hip Hop Dance Sessions

When: Every Wednesday

Time: Cheerleading 5:30- 6:20pm and Hip Hop 6:30- 7:20pm

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Booking essential – please call 01732 227176 or email Communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



FREE Football Training for 10 to 18yr olds (younger if accompanied)

When: Tuesday

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground

No booking required – just turn up!



FREE Youth Bus for 11 to 18yr olds

When: Every Monday (term time)

Time: 6 to 8pm

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion Car Park

No booking required – just turn up!



Register an interest in our up-coming events

Archery for All

Are you interested in having a go at Archery? We hope to be able to offer a course in the spring for anyone that is interested. To register an interest please call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Kent Sheds

We have been awarded funding from Kent Sheds to support men and ex service personnel to set up a Shed project in Dunton Green. We have been granted access to Sevenoaks Abacus Furniture Warehouse in Greatness and we will be setting up a potting shed in Dunton Green.



A Shed provides the opportunities for men to participate in practical group activities such as engineering projects, woodworking or gardening. Where they can share and learn new skills, and by working together 'shoulder to shoulder' support one another. If you are interested in getting involved please call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Helping Get You Work Ready

Young people, this is your opportunity to learn the skills to help you move into employment. We will be offering a short course especially for you. To find out more please register your interest by emailing communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



WIN a Community Garden

We need your help to create a fantastic new community garden in Dunton Green. We have entered a competition in the Chronicle and Courier to win a community garden. Please collect the tokens which are being printed in the papers and drop them into the Pavilion, off London Road.



Would you like to get involved? If you are interested in getting outdoors and working with your local community then we would love to hear from you. No experience required. Call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

PCSO Amy Hardy

Spring Crime Prevention



Spring has sprung and it's time to give everyone a timely reminder of shed and outbuilding security.

There are many easy but effective ways to protecting your garden equipment, bikes and personal belongings. Padlocking sheds and maintaining hedges and fences are the obvious deterrents but also think about property marking valuables or disabling lawnmowers and recording any serial numbers of other tools.

www.immobilise.com also gives you the chance to register valuables on a property database so found property can be returned to its owner swiftly.

There are many ways to secure properties and if you are looking for new solutions try visiting www.securedbydesign.com or have a look at the Kent Police website for further advice.

There are various Neighborhood Watch schemes in the village which keep residents up to date with any recent crimes or scams in the area.

If you require advice or assistance please contact me (PCSO Amy Hardy) via 101.

As always, stay safe!

Business Meetings

A big thank you to Ronnie Cherian from Donnington Manor Hotel for hosting the first Dunton Green Business Meeting and to all the business owners who attended.

Look out for the next meeting which is coming soon. We would like to encourage all businesses to attend the next meeting. However, in the meantime, if you have any business concerns please contact us and we will signpost you to the relevant support.

Call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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Village Picnic

We're bringing forward our Annual Village Picnic to **Sunday June 12th** so that we combine with others around the country to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday



Local Stalls

**Face
Painting**

Live Entertainment

Bouncy Castle

Sunday JUNE 12th — Starts 12.00 Noon
At the Recreation Ground
Don't forget to bring a picnic

Want to find out what's going on BEFORE everyone else?

It's frustrating to find out about **free events, great activities or general news** after everyone else or even after the event has taken place. Here are a few ways to ensure you never miss out:

Free Mailing List

Dunton Green Parish Council offers a free emailing list service to residents who want to be kept informed of what events the Parish Council is organising. If you feel that you don't know what's on then simply send your email address direct to the Clerk. You can be added to the mailing list and you'll be kept updated!

Facebook

Search for Dunton Green Parish Council on Facebook. We make regular posts keeping you updated on all the latest news.



Find us on
Facebook

Parish Council Website

Visit the parish council website at:
www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

The site contains useful links, agendas and minutes of parish council meetings.

Details about the Dunton Green Pavilion, including how to hire it and special rates for residents, are also available here.

Notice Boards

Not everyone is high-tech so we still post important information on the noticeboards around the village.

The large noticeboard on the village green contains a little more extra information in a dedicated 'parish council' section.

Other posters can be informative but are not endorsed by the parish council.

Parish Council Meetings

Another way of getting to know about the village is to come along to one of the monthly parish council meetings held in the pavilion, normally on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Saturday 17th September **FIREWORKS**

The second of what we hope will become our annual firework event is planned with a theme of 'Vikings & Saxons' in honor of the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Polhill - precise date unknown but it was 1016!

We're really hoping this will be a wonderful community event so start thinking about your costumes now! Again, we're still in the early stages of organisation so we'll issue more information in due course.





COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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

1st MAY 2016

We really do want to hear from you so please send your ideas, articles and photos in by email to clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

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 and support the parish by advertising here.

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 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 you will need to report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Lusted Road
Hillfield Road	Milton Road
Ivy House Lane	Pounsley Road
Kingswood Road	Rye Lane
Lennard 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**.