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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr Deana Coker

As we come to the end of 2020 it will be a year that we look back on as a one like no other. It has made me proud to live in our village, seeing the Community come together. Businesses diversifying, neighbours supporting each other, the good spirit of the village coming through in the most difficult times. Thursday evenings saw the community come together to say thank you to carers, throughout the village we heard clapping cheering singing and saucepan lids banging an amazing response. We were blessed with a wonderful warm spring and summer, which saw visitors flock to the coast. A shout out to the amazing Romney Marsh Litter pickers who do an amazing job keeping Dymchurch "Litter Free" and are always happy to welcome new volunteers. The VE day celebrations were a great success under difficult circumstances it was great to see so many roads & streets come together to celebrate. We now look forward to 2021 with hope of life returning to as near as normal as we can expect. The Parish Council are working hard to improve the appearance of Dymchurch and have several projects planned for the New Year. The Friends of Dymchurch Rec are moving forward with their plans to refurbish the Pavilion and encourage greater community use of the Rec. Warmest thoughts and best wishes this Christmas and New Year to you, your families and loved ones. *Deana*

KNOCK & CHECK

This winter we are backing Kent Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Campaign "Knock and Check".

Knock & Check is a campaign to reignite the community

spirit seen during the COVID-19 pandemic and doing something small to help those most vulnerable during the winter months. Small actions could make a big difference:

- Knock on the door to say 'hello'
- Offer to pick up some food or add something to your online shopping
- Drop off a slice of cake
- Plate up an extra meal
- Share books or magazines
- Volunteer for one of our fantastic organisations in Kent
- Share details of supporting services

Remember to follow Government guidelines on social distancing to keep communities safe from COVID-19.

- Keep a 2m distance, staying outdoors at all times
- Wash your hands before and after a visit
- Wear a face mask

To find out more about how you can take part, visit

[www.kentcf.org.uk/
knockandcheck](http://www.kentcf.org.uk/knockandcheck)



ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

COVID-19

The Romney Marsh Community Support Hub provides a single, coordinated and safe support service for anyone of any age in need of additional support during the Coronavirus outbreak

We are here for you and can offer help with

HOT MEAL DELIVERY - SHOPPING SUPPORT-REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

We can also offer a friendly voice at the end of the phone and help you to find support from other providers if you need it

CALL 01797 208590 or email covid-19@rmdc.org.uk

SEAWALL KIOSK REFURBISHMENT



Who would have thought that the Parish Council would be selling ice cream on the beach. Well that was the case this summer as our long term licence holders were unable to open this year. So why were the Council serving 99's and cappuccinos'?

The Seawall Kiosk is one of the Councils main assets and as such ensuring its safety and condition was agreed as a priority. The kiosk had been left for many years without any proper maintenance and so this year a full refit was carried out. In order to recoup some of the outlay for the refurbishment and with no time to find a temporary licensee one of the Council Officers began running the kiosk setting things up in a matter of days much to the praise of people visiting our wonderful beach. It goes without saying that all of the profits will be used for the good of the village. Quite an experience for our Council officer who needed more than a cooling ice lolly at the end of the season!

DYMCHURCH RECREATION GROUND



Dymchurch Parish Council are please to announce that the very much loved recreation ground is now protected for people to enjoy in perpetuity thanks to a Deed of Dedication established in partnership with Fields In Trust. A wooden plaque shown in the picture being held proudly by vice Chair Cathy Young will be displayed in the future. Plans to reinvigorate the Pavilion have slowed due to the Corona Virus however the use of the open

space has seen a rise in groups interested in getting people out into the fresh air. Local keep fit groups, football academy and the Grasshoppers football teams are making use of the open space. We have even had a choir filling the space with song and a group of people improving their line dancing skills.

Depending on Government restrictions the Parish Council have secured funding to work with Active Spaces to provide free exercise classes for people of all levels and abilities to get out into the fresh air and take that step to a healthier future. On the Pavilion, the Parish Council have created a working group to over see the future management of the pavilion and the recreation ground by the Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground Charity (CIO No 1185857). This project has the ambition of bringing the Pavilion back into public use, giving access to all and protecting the building for future generations. The Charity has an enthusiastic and energetic group of trustees and volunteers keen to see this through to success. Keep a check on our website to see how the story unfolds.



LEST WE FORGET It was a chance visit to the Dymchurch Parish Council Offices by Geoff Withers ex-service man and member of the Royal British Legion who suggested it would be a good idea for a memorial bench to be placed in the Garden of

Remembrance at New Hall Dymchurch for people to sit and reflect in comfort. At the end of September 2020 the village finally took delivery and installation of a wonderful bench (pictured) depicting all of the services who fought and gave their lives. The bench, which was funded by the Royal British Legion at Dymchurch and the Parish Council, now sits proudly in the garden and hopefully will be used by residents and visitors for many years to come.

Visit our website at www.dymchurch.org for more information



Perhaps this year more than ever we all need a little sparkle and good cheer. 2020 had a good ring to it many thought, as Big Ben chimed to welcome in the new year. Who would have thought we would be wearing masks, keeping apart and getting used to a new normal. This year to brighten up the dark winter evenings Dymchurch Parish Council have arranged some new street lights to twinkle on our way home through the high street, and while we may not be able to meet in large groups again until next year we hope that this will bring us all closer together.

CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

The Council will also be running the popular “Best Decorated Christmas Shop Window” competition, last year won by the Marshmellow Bakery. (Pictured Below)

Please join in by voting for your favourite on our face book page, dropping a note though our door in Orgarswick Avenue or emailing the Clerk on dymchurchpc@outlook.com



The winner with the most votes will be announced on the 20th December 2020.

PROTECT THE PLANET TWO MINUTES AT A TIME

Dymchurch Parish Council have partnered with The 2 Minute Foundation which is a registered charity devoted to cleaning up our planet two minutes at a time. This



year more than ever saw a steep rise in the amount of litter left in our parish. Soon a litter station (pictured above) will be installed on the side of the sea wall kiosk to encourage you to spend just two minutes picking litter and depositing it in the public bins. The litter station has a litter picker, and bags which can be reused. More information about how to use the station and how to stay safe while collecting can be found at www.beachclean.net/ safety. You can also find out more about The 2 Minute Foundation at www.beachclean.net.

Get involved,
do your bit to keep our Parish litter free.

CARPARK FACELIFT

After a successful bid to the High Street Regeneration Fund (set up to encourage the return to traditional highstreets and support local businesses), the Parish Council matched the funding awarded to finally resurface the Parish Council Carpark. This long over due refurbishment has been welcomed by many in the village. In 2021 the Council hope to introduce electrical charging points working in partnership with Kent County Council. It is hoped this will support the move to cleaner methods of travel especially in rural areas

CENSUS 2021 WILL PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT OF MODERN SOCIETY

Households across Folkestone and Hythe District will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. “A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said. “This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.” Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

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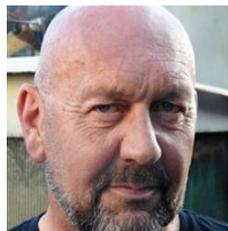
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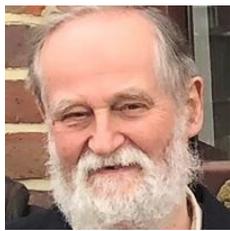
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DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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

By Phone- 01303 872 708

If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk
Council meeting dates are published and due to current restrictions are being held on line. Please check our website and notice boards if you wish to attend a meeting as all are welcome to do so.

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

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KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Jon Lodge can be contacted on 07969 583915
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For help and advice on home security and safety and how to access Council services

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DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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QUARTER SO WHY NOT KEEP UP TO DATE BY USING
OUR NEW WEBSITE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT

www.dymchurch.org

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