

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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*We're not going to tell you where this is just yet. Take a look inside at our new feature '**DUNTON GREEN - Then & Now**'*

We have been very busy since the Summer edition was published and have plenty of events and activities in the pipeline.

www.duntongreenpc.org.uk is our relaunched website. Take a look and sign up for our Email Alerts. It's the only way to stay fully up to date with news and events—see the full article on page 22.

We do hope you enjoy the magazine—let us know!



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

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Chair's Update

Hello. My name is Freda England and in May I took over from Ian Bayley as Chairman of Dunton Green Parish Council. Many of you know Ian well. He has contributed a great deal to the village, and Parish Council, over the years. I



thank him for all his work and wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

I am thrilled to have been elected but, as I take over the Chair, I inherit



a problem that has been ongoing throughout the last 12 years I've been involved with the Parish Council. We are short of Parish Councillors. There are 4 vacancies at the moment. That's nearly a third. You may be wondering why this is a problem and how does it affect you and your family? In a village that is growing with over 4,000 residents, can the current 7 Parish Councillors represent all

the differing needs and wants? NO. Try as they do, they can't. We need your help.

You, like most of the village, probably don't really understand what the Parish Council does. So, I thought I'd dispel some misconceptions in the hope that you might just like to become involved. Probably most people's perception of a Parish Council is based on either 'The Vicar of Dibley' or the recent one portrayed in J.K. Rowling's book 'The Casual Vacancy'. They couldn't be further from the truth in Dunton Green! We certainly don't go round killing parishioners and just because we are called a 'Parish', we are nothing to do with religion but instead we are the most local level of government.

Cont...

...Chair's Update



I know that we're all busy people and you probably have enough to do without going to loads of boring meetings. The Parish Council only meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) and the meetings are usually less than 2 hours long. They are not boring because they are all about the village and as a Parish Councillor you'd help set the agenda and make a difference in the issues that concern you.

You might be new to the village. A lot of you have moved into the Ryewood development and may think you don't know enough about the rest of the village to have a say. The Parish Council is a very easy way of meeting new people and getting involved with the other groups that shape life in the village. It is thanks to the contribution of over £1m from Berkeley Homes that we now have a wonderful pavilion and excellent outdoor recreation facilities, and you can help decide what clubs and sports we venture into next.

Do you need special knowledge or qualifications to join the Parish Council? NO. You don't need anything but your life's experiences. There is training available which the Council will fund but there are parish councillors who've been doing it for years who've never been on a course but through their involvement in the Parish Council now know a great deal more about what can be done.



Will it cost you anything? Certainly not and we'll even throw in a coffee and chocolate biscuit! So why not come along and have a look. As a member of the public you're welcome to all our meetings. Most of our current

councillors came to a meeting, liked what they saw and now play an active role in making Dunton Green a better place. I do hope you can join us at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September or any monthly meeting after that.

Freda England, Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council



New Kent County Councillor

My name is Nick Chard and I'm delighted to be the newly elected County Councillor for Sevenoaks West, a beautiful group of communities that include Dunton Green, Riverhead, Badgers Mount, Halstead, Crockham Hill, Westerham, Ide Hill, Brasted, Knockholt and Sundridge.

I have been a County Councillor elsewhere in Sevenoaks for a number of years. I have a good record of standing up for people, making sure their voices are heard and concerns are dealt with; I promise to do what I can for Sevenoaks West.

I will work with our Parish Councils, District Councillors and local people to achieve our shared objectives, whether it is a problem like the axing of the Arriva 402 service between Dunton Green and Bromley or an individual issue which needs a personal intervention and support.

I want to make a difference where support is needed: organising traffic surveys, road safety improvements, improving youth facilities, and giving local people a voice at their County Council.

My family and I use local schools and services, we want what you want: services when we need them, and at a cost we as tax payers can afford.

The Sevenoaks area villages are very fortunate to be in such wonderful countryside; I will support communities to stop inappropriate development which could harm our environment and which would put unacceptable pressure on over stretched services and roads.

I'm approachable, I listen, I will work with you and stand up for Sevenoaks West.

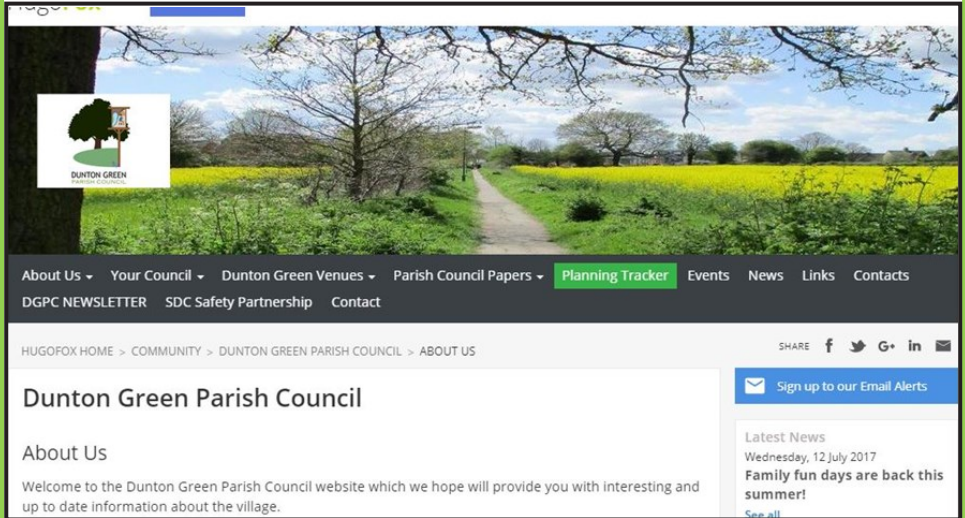
nick.chard@kent.gov.uk

DIAL A RIDE SERVICE

With the loss of the 402 bus route north of Dunton Green, parishioners who have appointments etc might like to try the flexible Kent Karrier Dial-a-Ride service that takes members directly from their door to anywhere in the Sevenoaks District. All services are operated with a wheelchair accessible vehicle and experienced drivers. You can join if you are 85+, or live in a rural area more than 500 metres away from a bus stop or train station or have a mobility impairment or other medical condition that makes travelling by public transport difficult. Carers and companions can also travel. For more details phone Compaid on 01892 832447.



www.duntongreenpc.org.uk



NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Like most communities, Dunton Green residents use many social media sites and the Parish Council has for many years had a website and more recently started a Facebook page.

In the past month we have launched our new website which offers information on everything the Parish Council is involved in.

You can receive regular email updates (all the latest news and events information) by signing up.

We also have a 'Planning Tracker' on the website which, if you sign up, will also provide you with an update of applications in the village.

As this is a new site, and because of data protection, we cannot use any previous email databases so it is up to you to register .

Visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk today and sign up!
Don't be the last to know what's going on in Dunton Green

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Over the next few issues we'll be introducing you to your parish councillors with a short profile and photo.

This month let's meet:



PAUL LOCKEY—VICE CHAIRMAN

As one of the more recent joiners to the Parish Council, in May 2015, I feel privileged to have taken on the role of vice chairman this year. Having spent all of my childhood in the neighbouring parish of Riverhead, I know the local area well and when I moved back here in 2014, I was pleased to be able to get involved with the community.

Although I spend much of my time in London or further afield for work, I manage to find a little time to play badminton and, of course, attend as many Parish Council events as I can.



GRAHAM HERSEY

I have been a Parish Councillor for longer than I care to remember! I like to get involved with many of the more practical tasks so you'll see me at the Parish Council allotments or perhaps setting up ahead of the various DGPC events that we hold. I have a keen interest in the railways and can be found at the small gauge railway in Tonbridge most weekends helping out with the engineering and practical maintenance.

I represent the Parish Council at district meetings of the Kent Association of Local Councils and I am also interested in the numerous planning applications that we get to consult on.

Your local representatives:

Dunton Green Parish Council (01732 462966 / clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

Cllr Mrs Freda England—Chairman

Cllr Graham Hersey

Cllr Mrs Angel Gomes-Chodynietki

Cllr Tim Fox

Cllr Paul Lockey—Vice Chairman

Cllr Andy Lapham

Cllr Anthony Carrol

Vacancies

Sevenoaks District Council (01732 227000)

Cllr Mrs Kim Bayley (01732 458556 / cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Cllr Cameron Brown (01732 740654 / cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Kent County Council (03000 41 41 41)

Cllr Nick Chard (03000 41 10 09 / nick.chard@kent.gov.uk)

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**.

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit

Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent

1. I know many of us were stuck in a traffic jam one afternoon in June. Took me over half an hour to get from the Riverhead Roundabout to Station Road as there had been a bit of an accident. Do hope everyone was ok. I don't know if speed was the problem but I try to keep to the speed limit and slow down the boy racers hurtling down London Road.



2. Someone's been busy and the weather certainly helped. The roses by the war memorial have been lovely this year.



3. One day there were a couple of old wooden sticks, and the next there were some brand new goalposts on Longford Meadow and the dog bin had been

straightened up. Great for the school holidays and easier to get to and park than the recreation ground.

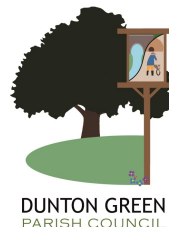
4. It's not often that DG is the front page of The Chronicle but the fire down Ivy House Lane was. I have to admit it's not a road I use very often. I popped along to have a look and arrived just as the fire engine was leaving but the remains were still smouldering.



Can we get you up & about?!

Like many people I hear the news of a society lost to TV and smartphones and I worry. Our apparent obsession with all things electro-visual is leading to expanding waistlines (and maybe thumbs) as well as a loss of real face-to-face human contact.

Yet just as I reach the point of digital despair, I look around our community and realise all is not lost. Dunton Green offers a wealth of ways to get you springing from the sofa whether you're seven or seventy, come rain or shine.



If your little Beckhams are itching for a kick about, get down to the Recreation Ground and get involved with the newly-formed **Dunton Dragons FC**. More details are available via their website at www.duntondragonsfc.co.uk.

Wimbledon may be done, but you can follow in the footsteps of Federer and Muguruza by heading to DG's own centre court. Open **tennis** sessions are free (on a first-come-first-serve basis) and you can play for an hour at the recreation ground.



Looking for a different sport, perhaps something you've not played since you were at school? **Netball** - on Wednesday evenings - gives Over 14s (and that means you mums, grans, daughters or indeed anyone wanting to join in) a chance to play with and against each other in a guaranteed mud-free environment.

If toning up, winding down or finding your inner focus are your thing then one of the many other sporting activities, ranging from **Boot Camp** to **Pilates** to **Taekwondo**, will surely fit the bill.



Len Goodman may have gone but Strictly Come Dunton is still going strong. For those that like music with their movement, the community hosts a number of dance clubs. **Latin and Ballroom** classes take place weekly in the Village

Hall and for a more modern twist get along to **Streetdance** on a Wednesday evening.



Still not lured away from the telly? If you've got a burning desire to do something different, get in touch and we can help you make it happen.

More information on contacts, venues and links to activities can be found at the new Parish Council website: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk or take a look at the new noticeboard on the front of Dunton Green Pavilion.

Paul Lockey, Vice Chairman DGPC

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER DUNTON GREEN ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Gates open 6.30pm

Photographic Exhibition 6.30pm

Beacon lighting 7.15pm

Fireworks Grand Finale 7.30pm

Live music from 6.45pm to 8.30pm

Light refreshments & glow sticks available!

The singing talent of HANNAH NORTHEGE



*All taking place at Dunton Green Recreation Ground**

This event is free but as always there will be a retiring collection

* In the interests of Health & Safety there will be no public parking available at the recreation ground on the night. No alcohol permitted.



CCTV UPGRADE—RECREATION GROUND



The Parish Council is very pleased to confirm that it has upgraded its CCTV system and introduced an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera at the recreation ground.



The improvements have been made possible by a grant (match funding) from Sevenoaks District Council - grateful thanks to SDC for considering the application and awarding DGPC the funds.



The Parish Council is working with SDC, Kent Police and other agencies to combat the growing levels of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) that have been seen this year, particularly but not exclusively in the recreation ground. These upgrades will assist with the identification of offenders but please keep reporting issues to Kent Police on 101. Without you calling there is no audit trail or tangible evidence of problems that may occur. And that means that the limited police resources that there are will be diverted elsewhere to other locations where issues are formally reported.

Tackling ASB needs a community effort to combat it and can be minimised in so many simple ways. Trying to avoid it in the first place has to be what we're aiming for: teach your children to use litter bins and be generally kind to others, use litter bins yourselves, clear up after your dogs, be respectful to everyone and take pride in your village. And if it happens, report that unwanted behaviour.



**Kent
Police**

We will see two PCSOs covering Dunton Green (amongst numerous other parishes on their patch) from the autumn. PCSO Ellie Collins stays with us and we will see the welcome return of PCSO Amy Hardy. We'll update you further in the Winter edition and via our Email Alerts (see page 6 for details on how to sign up).

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Terry-the-handyman.co.uk

L.E.D. lights
Doors hung
Locks fitted
Lighting / bulbs
Shelving
Curtain poles
Roller blinds
Venetian blinds
Trampolines



Sockets/Switches
Special projects
Garden furniture
Brickwork repairs
Garage/workshop refit
Playhouses/Sheds
Radiator covers
Mirrors/Pictures hung
Stair spindles
Storage Hooks
Kitchen units adjusted

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Recreation Ground in Dunton Green Between 8:00pm on Tuesday 16th of May and 9:00pm on Wednesday 17th of May in London Road. Two metal bins sited on the recreation ground were damaged by three youths.

Hillfield Road in Dunton Green Between 9:00pm on Wednesday 17th of May and 11:27am on Thursday 18th of May in Hillfield Road. A silver BMW 730, CF16***, was stolen from the road

Recreation Ground in Dunton Green Between 6:00pm on Friday 26th of May and 10:15am on Tuesday 30th of May in London Road. Bonfires have been set on the green area. The grass was damaged.

London Road in Dunton Green Between 7:00pm on Tuesday 30th of May and 10:00am on Wednesday 31st of May. A number plate had been taken off and one damaged from a Ford Mondeo (VRM S815***).

London Road in Dunton Green Between 8:00pm on Thursday 1st of June and 7:00am on Friday 2nd of June. A Mercedes Sprinter van parked in the road was broken into and an attempt made to steal it

London Road in Dunton Green Between 12:01am on Thursday 25th of May and 11:12am on Tuesday 13th of June. Damage was caused to a residential property

London Road in Dunton Green On Thursday 13th of July between 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Clay tiles stolen from roof of residential building.

Fancy going for a wander?

The Dunton Green 'Health Walk' was discontinued some months ago as we could not find people to train as walk leaders (a necessity for the official 'Health Walks').

However, a number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group.

We meet on Saturday mornings at the pavilion at 10.30am.

We walk for about an hour, have a chat about various topics and put the world to rights!

If any other people would like to join us, just turn up - you would be most welcome.

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 2017

FREIGHTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

**LUSTED ROAD 11.15AM TO
12.00PM**

MILL ROAD 12.15PM TO 1.00PM

**PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR EXCESS
REFUSE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

NON-RECYCLABLE REFUSE (EXCLUDING METAL)

PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the **DGPC website** - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:

17/00875/HOUSE 106 London Road

Dropped kerb and hardstanding. *DGPC-Object*

17/01767/FUL Land North of West Kent Cold Store Rye

Lane [known locally as Ryewood woodland]

Hard and soft landscaping works including the formation of paths and gated pedestrian entry points. *DGPC-Comment Only*

17/02015/FUL Land south of 25 Hillfield Road

Erection of dwelling *DGPC-support*

17/01944/FUL 24 Hillfield Road

Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling with amendments to add additional living space by converting the garage into habitable space and the conversion of a study to a bedroom *DGPC -undetermined at time of printing*

17/02336/FUL Dunton Green Free Church Station Road

Erection of a mews development comprising 2nos. detached houses, 2nos. semi-detached houses, and 1no. detached bungalow (Class C3); together with associated infrastructure including 9nos. car parking bays with electric charging points, refuse and cycle storage, hard and soft landscaping, and boundary treatment *DGPC -undetermined at time of printing*

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS:

Granted: 17/01049/FUL Chalkers Cottage Limepit Lane

Single storey extension to Chalker's Cottage to provide a toilet facility for outdoor workers and a caretaker store.

Granted: 17/00347/HOUSE/34 Hillfield Road

Detached garage with store over (within roof space)

Granted: 17/00735/HOUSE20 Lennard Road

Demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a two storey side extension, single storey conservatory to the rear and extension of the front porch.

Granted: 17/01050/FUL Former Jessups Quarry North Downs Business Park

Single storey office building and associated parking spaces

Refused: 17/00875/HOUSE 106 London Road

Dropped kerb and hardstanding

For information: 17/02076/WTPO 30 Lennard Road

T1. - Ash. Pollard at 8 metres (removing lowest two limbs to source)

Granted: 17/00293/FUL 24 Hillfield Road

Demolition of shed. Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling. - 24 Hillfield Road
Dunton Green Kent TN13 2UH

Easy Netball

Easy Netball has been enjoyed by over 20 people since it started in March 2017. We regularly have new people coming along to give it a go and it's great because there is no pressure to attend every week. Just come along when you can.

The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. You will also often find your Community Development Officers joining in. New members are always welcome and the sessions are designed for people who have never played before, haven't played since being at school or would just like to practise their skills.

Age: Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 6.30 pm to 7.30pm
Cost: £2 pay as you go
Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground
For more information or to enquire about spaces, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



Street Dance

The Street Dance sessions have proved really popular with more and more young people coming along to learn some fun and energetic dance routines. The group have worked really hard over the last few months and put on a fantastic performance at the Dunton Green Picnic on Sunday 9th July.

New members are always welcome to come along and have a go. The group are really friendly and welcoming and you are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

Street dance classes are suitable for complete beginners and more experienced dancers.



Age: 8 to 16 year olds
When: Wednesday (term time only) Starts on Wednesday 13 September.
Time: 5:15 to 6:15pm
Cost: £2.50 per person per class if paid on pay as you go basis. £20 for the full 10 week course.
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground.
For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

The Dunton Green Lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. The club is a welcoming place for local residents to come along and socialise with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers and members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal.

When: First Wednesday of the month
Time: 11.45am to 2pm
Cost: £4
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground



To confirm that you will be attending or to book transport please call Age UK on 01732 454108.

There are now numerous events and activities in Dunton Green but if you have ideas about other activities that you would like to see (and get involved with) please do contact Kathryn & Yulia, the Community Development Workers for Dunton Green. Call 01732 227000 or send an email to communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Regular Activities ... in Dunton Green

An exciting list of activities and initiatives that are taking place on your doorstep:

8-12s Project Dunton Green

This weekly club for children aged 8-12 offers young people a safe place to meet friends where the focus is about encouraging acceptable behaviour and responsibility whilst having fun. Young people will participate in a wide range of activities and in the process children will develop their self confidence.

When: Every Monday

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

Cost: £2 per week

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground

For more information and to refer someone to the project please contact Kate Craib on 01732 749945 or email kate.craib@wkha.org.uk.



Places to live. Space to grow.

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!



PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday September 10th—Litter Pick (see page 25)

Tuesday September 12th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday September 30th—Photographic Exhibition & Competition

Saturday September 30th—Fireworks Display (see page 11)

Saturday October 7th—Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection—page 14)

Tuesday October 10th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday October 28th—Film Night: Family evening 6.30pm

Sunday November 12th—Remembrance Day Service & Talk - 10.45am

Tuesday November 14th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday November 25th—Film Night: Seniors/Over 18s 7.30pm

Tuesday December 12th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Monday December 18th—Carols Around the Christmas Tree, 7.00pm

Tuesday January 9th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday February 13th —Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday February TBC—Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday March 13th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Wednesday March 21st—Annual Parish Meeting & Reception 7.00pm Pavilion

Tuesday April 10th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

More details on planned events will become available via the Email Alerts from the Parish Council's website—sign up to keep up to date and informed (see page 6 for details)!

DUNTON GREEN - Then & Now

Time doesn't stand still and that's all too true here in Dunton Green. Here is the first of what we hope will become a series of articles about the changing face of our village!



1

Do you recognise where this is? Let's give you a clue or two...

The van is heading out of the village just about to enter one of our close neighbouring parishes. And it is in the days before a large supermarket took up residence...

What about here?
Did you know that there used to be a bus station in Dunton Green? Can you work out where it was? Those of you who have lived here just that little bit longer than most does this bring back some memories?!



2



3a

Does this old leafy lane look familiar? Somehow we doubt it! Perhaps the second shot may give you some more clues?



3b

See over the page for the 'now' shots...

DUNTON GREEN - Then & Now

So, did you work out where we were?



1

The van was heading out towards Riverhead, just as this car is. Long before the big roundabout, the construction of Tesco and the housing development there was pretty much a straight road between Dunton Green and Riverhead! The old petrol station is long gone and we now have Majestic Wine!

The bus station disappeared quite some years ago and Cumberland Court (opposite the Duke's Head) now sits on the site. It's quite a different look now, isn't it?



2



3a/b

Did you guess that pictures 3a & 3b were of Station Approach? Yes, really! The old country lane actually led up to the station. It still does but is unrecognisable now that the road has been tarmacked & lined, parking provided and The Sidings development is located there.

If you have any old photos from around Dunton Green that you'd like to share please let us know. We can scan them and return them to you. Just contact the Clerk (details on page 2).



Dunton Green Primary School has a new head teacher!

Tracey Boanas was only in post for a few days when the school received a monitoring visit from HMI. The inspector feels that the senior leaders and



governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection in order to become a good school. The fact that Dunton Green is on its way to becoming a good school was recognised by the local authority as well as HMI. 'In KS2 teachers ask challenging questions and show awareness of pupils' differing abilities when planning tasks for them to tackle. They check pupils' understanding regularly and look for ways to deepen their understanding as a result.' Pupils' attitudes to learning and their resulting focus and concentration are



much improved, especially in key stage 2. Work on display is presented to a high standard. Work in pupils' books shows increasing care over time.

Ms Boanas comes with a wealth of experience in school leadership and is excited at the

prospect of working in such a wonderful and calm environment with a dedicated team of teachers and support staff. The parents are hugely supportive and the school has a great PTA who organise some fantastic events for the whole community.

Ms Boanas and her team will be developing opportunities for all children to reach their potential and she is particularly keen to ensure that children have a curriculum which is rich in music, the arts and sport as well as high expectations across the academic subjects.

Cont...

The summer term ended on a high note. Those who were lucky enough to attend a performance of *Midsummer's Night's Dream* written (with a little help from Shakespeare) by Mr Milne and brilliantly performed by Year 6 will know what a wonderful show that was. The acting, singing and dancing were of the highest standard and the splendid backdrops and costumes all added to the success of the occasion. The lovely weather enabled us to make good use of our large field which is one of the school's main attractions.



The PTA summer fete was very well attended and raised a large sum for the school, as did the barbecue. Sports Day was enjoyed by all and our relay teams won their events at the District Sports on one of the hottest days of the year.

The results of the recent survey of parents' views show how much the school means to the parents, with well over 90% of parents agreeing that the children are well taught, that they enjoy school, and feel safe and well looked after at school. The surveys of the views of the children themselves confirm those findings.

Anyone who visits the school immediately recognises what a happy and friendly place it is. The children are generally very well behaved and win well deserved praise when they go on visits.

Ms Boanas would welcome any visitors to the school in the autumn term. Please contact the school office to make an appointment - 01732 462221.

Tracey Boanas Headteacher

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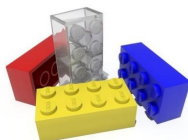
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Sunday 10th September

10.30am

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it hygienic for children.
Also, I have my own litter picker.
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the bin or keep it till you get
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*Jacob is one of our younger litter
pickers. Wise words—thank you !*



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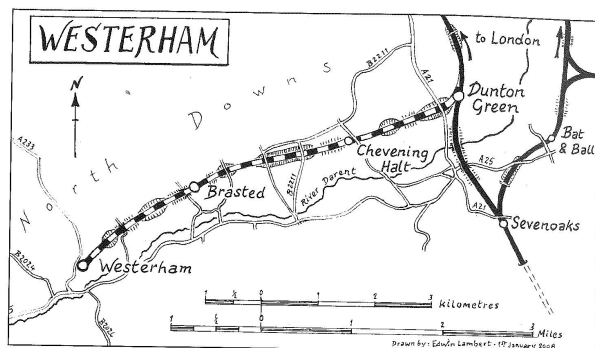
Dunton Green — Did you know?

Many people who travel through the village may have wondered why there is a hump in the road by the school, most probably give it no thought and so continue on their way. It is, in fact, a Railway Bridge built to carry the road, which was then the A21, over the Westerham Valley Railway. Opened in 1881, it was part of an ambitious scheme to build a line through to Oxted. In the event, the line never actually got further than Westerham



and settled down to life as a quiet rural branch line. As Westerham grew, services expanded and by 1900 there was a through train from Westerham to London each morning.

By the 1950s, however, the line was running at a loss and in



1960 it was proposed for closure. There was much local opposition to the closure but it was to no avail and the line closed in October 1961.

It later became apparent that there was a hidden agenda on the part of the Government of the day as it emerged that much of the route was to be occupied by the London Orbital Road which went on to become the M25. So, sadly, it is no longer possible to change at Dunton Green for Westerham and our bridge has a new use as a pedestrian underpass.



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