

HORTON KIRBY & SOUTH DARENTH



NEWSLETTER

July 2010

Private Gypsy Caravan Site Opposite Village Hall

The enforcement notice requiring the family to leave the site and return it to its former state was due for compliance on 12/5/10 so there has been a breach of the enforcement notice since then. Failure to comply with an enforcement notice is a criminal offence and the owner of the land is liable to prosecution.

However, the occupier, Mrs Knowles who has 4 children, is actively negotiating with Sevenoaks Council to try to achieve a solution to the problem of where they will live when they leave the site and thus comply with the enforcement notice and Sevenoaks is treating the housing application as a high priority. Sevenoaks has accepted Mrs Knowles and her family as homeless and it is anticipated that she will be rehoused in temporary accommodation by the beginning of July. No enforcement action is considered to be in the public interest whilst these negotiations are on going.

MARJORIE SEAL MBE

The parish is delighted to hear that Marjorie Seal has been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for her voluntary work for Guiding in Kent for 52 years. More details on page 17.

TOP PADDOCK POSSIBLE USE AS ALLOTMENTS

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Parish Council's questionnaire. Over 50 completed forms were received and the overwhelming view was – What a good idea! Continued on page 17.

FLY TIPPING

To report fly tipping call 01732 227000. Householders please do your bit by always checking that anyone getting rid of waste for you has a valid waste disposal licence.

Annual Parish Meeting

Christine Page Parish Councillor reports: “The Annual Parish meeting was held on Monday 3rd May in the Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darent. In attendance were quite a few past Parish councillors and many villagers. I think it is very important that the villagers come along and see how their money is used and how the Parish Council operate on their behalf. This meeting was particularly significant because Peter Bradley has been Chairman for 20 years. The Parish Councillors presented him with two trees for his garden and a tree (a whitebeam) to go outside the village hall. Sevenoaks Council also sent a memento for him and a framed and signed copy of the minute when he was first elected Chairman was presented by parish councillors. An entry was also made for him in the 100 Year Wood book. Well done Peter for all your time and effort over the 20 years.”

New Noticeboard for the Parish Council at the Village Hall

Thank you to Barbara Cannell for pointing out that the old noticeboard at the parish office was well past its prime and also thank you to her for a very generous donation towards the cost of the new oak framed one. Please help to keep it looking good by only using drawing pins and never staples and by taking down your posters once they are out of date.

PARISH BURIAL GROUND, HORTON KIRBY

In view of the dangers from flying glass and plastic shards, the Parish Council does not allow glass items on graves and has instructed it's grass cutting contractor to remove all glass vases and broken plastic containers before he starts to trim. Broken items will be disposed of and glass vases will be stored in the parish office at the village hall for collection for 4 weeks before being disposed of.

BUS ROUTE 414

The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Christine Page that people are asking if the bus can become a permanent service along Devon Road as the doctors surgery has now become very easy to reach, especially for the elderly people in Shrubbery Road and Montgomery flats. They are also finding it easier to return home by bus instead of walking up the hill.

In addition, going in to Dartford is so much easier for people in Millstone Close and Axtane Close.

Cllr Page also suggested that when Horton Road is finally re-opened by the Mill the service should go to Horton Kirby as originally, and return via Horton Road to Devon Road and onwards to Dartford, leaving out Station Road.

The Parish Council asked the bus company, Arriva to change the 414 route as suggested and the company is considering the matter.

Speed Monitoring Devices

As well as the portable speed watch initiative (see page 4), the Parish Council is currently investigating purchasing one or more speed monitoring devices which are fixed to roadside poles but can be moved to different locations as needed. The type being considered as those that flash up the speed limit

Locations where there is a problem are:

1. Coming down Station Road from A225
2. Horton Road (the stretch between Station Road and Jacobs Lane) in both directions
3. Holmesdale Hill near Roman Villa Road junction
4. Skinney Lane coming towards Forge Lane junction
5. Mussenden Lane and Eglantine Lane coming towards crossroads with Rays Hill and Lombard Street

Kent Highways is looking into whether these locations are suitable from the point of view of legal restrictions that have to be adhered to.

Community Safety

Are you interested in finding out about what's going on in the area? You can receive twice weekly free emails about crimes that have happened and how the Police and the local council are dealing with them as well as other useful information on crime reduction, etc.

Go to **www.westkentwatch.com** to sign up

Concerned about speeding in your area?

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help reduce speeding within the area. Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership have funded a community speeding board that volunteers can use to monitor speeding in the village.

The speed board flashes the speed of passing vehicles and volunteers can pass on information to their local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Volunteers will be fully trained by Kent Police on how to use the speed boards Interested? Please contact the Council on 01322 865193

POLICE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

13 July and 3 August at the Village Hall between 2 pm and 3 pm

Do you have any issues that you wish the Police to deal with?

Come and speak to your local police constable or PCSO on any matters of concern.

PC Chris Relf or PCSO Tim Darling 01322 422 502

Swanley.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report anti social behaviour call the
Community Safety Team at Sevenoaks on 01732 227000

The Village Hall For Hire

Rates held for 2010

Saturday night from 5 pm to midnight costs £136

Friday evenings are £16 per hour.

The hall is fully licensed. It makes a lovely venue for a
Wedding and is also excellent for children's parties.

Call the parish office (see back page for details) to book

**The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Mrs Adams as new hall
caretaker. To view the hall call Mrs Adams on 868922**

**Please note that the village hall car park is not a public
car park and is for authorised parking only at all
times.**

NEW MONDAY CLUB MOTHER AND TODDLER

GROUP that meets in the Village Hall on Monday afternoons is desperate for volunteers to help run the club which is in danger of closing.

Would you enjoy helping this club? Set up starts at 1.15 and the club ends at 3.30pm. Being in possession of a toddler is not essential!

Call Debbie on 01322 862180

Monday Club would also love new mums and their toddlers to join to swell the numbers!

SUMMER PLAY DAYS IN WESTMINSTER FIELD

Monday 9, Thursday 19 and Thursday 26 August

This Summer we are lucky to have 3 free fun days in the park organized by Sevenoaks District Council and West Kent Extra. Look out for posters for full details.

YOUTH ANGLING FUN DAY

Sunday 11 July from 9am to 3pm

At Horton Kirby Lakes, Horton Road (next to Scout Hut entrance) DDAPS is organizing another free fun day for youth with professional coaching, equipment and bait all supplied free. There will be angling displays, great games and prizes. There is no need to pre-register but younger guests must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Speak to Andy on 07971 781 841 for full details.

COME AND HAVE FUN

DANCING, DRAMA, SINGING, ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Rococo Dance Academy will be holding their summer school for children of school age and upwards on Monday 26th July for a week

of fun. There will be a showcase on Friday 30th July to show parents and friends what they have learnt during the week. The cost is £70 for the week and will run from 10:00am until 3:15pm each day. It will be held in the Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall, Horton Road. Please contact Claire for application form or more information on 07854427845. claire@rococodanceacademy.com

RIVERSIDE PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN - ACCREDITED

www.riversidepreschoolkindergarten.co.uk

Manager Mrs C Reynolds

07968019759

As we come to the end of Summer Term 6 we wanted to tell you about all the things that have been happening in our Pre-school

After a long wait for funding and for Playforce to complete our outside area, we are pleased to tell you that we just wait for planning permission to have a cover for the children to sit under during our Summer months and an awning leading to the outside area so that the children can change their shoes and coats during the Winter months. If you visit the group you will see all the vegetables and flowers the children have been growing - we are hoping to cook and eat the vegetables. We would like to thank the parents who have given us so many things for the garden, we have plenty of fish in our pond and hope for some more shortly.

The group also had a great time at the St Georges Day Celebrations - when we sold bags of playdough, planted Sunflowers and had a colouring competition. We also had a free play area and said hello to many of the children who had left Riverside. They still enjoyed coming in to play with the dough.

Our Sports Day was a great success, what a great morning, lots of sunshine and the children completed all their races with enthusiasm. The parents races were well attended, but we did have a few parents who held firmly on to the egg and spoon during their race! A medal and certificate was given to the children at the end of the morning.

Our trip this year is to the Environmental Centre in School Lane, when we shall have our Teddy Bears Picnic a special party for the children we shall be saying goodbye to at the end of this term.

We would like to thank all the parents at Riverside Pre-school for their help and support this year and wish all the children that are leaving the group a very happy time at their chosen school - we will miss you all. Best wishes from all of us at Riverside Pre-school.

Peter Flewin reports that the church was full for a very enjoyable afternoon in St Mary's Church for the **Gwalia Choir Concert** in April.

Donations were made to St Mary's, the Ty Harfan Hospice, the Welsh Guards and the Afghanistan Appeal as a result and he thanks everyone for their support.

HORTON KIRBY EDUCATION TRUST NEEDS YOU

Gary Cliffe 863302

The Horton Kirby Education Trust has been formed to support wildlife enhancement at the School Lane centre through gaining additional funding and hands-on help.

“We plan to have a twice yearly newsletter and organise walks and talks throughout the year. We hope that members of the Trust will volunteer to carry out gardening and conservation management tasks on site especially in the wildlife area, says Gary. The centre grounds include 3 ponds and numerous minibeast wildlife habitats.

Becoming a member only costs £5 per year. Forms or more details can be obtained from Gary. Christine Page said: “40 people from the local British Legion branch made a visit recently and all were enthralled and delighted by the experience.”

New Conservation Officer at the Environmental Education Centre

Hannah Norton, who is keen to embark on a career in outdoor education, began a part time 6 month post for the Horton Kirby Education Trust in April. Her role, **supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund**, is mainly to enhance the wildlife area into a species rich environment for pupil and community visits. She will also assist the Manager, Gary Cliffe in developing new teaching resources and adding value to Centre output. Part of her role is to co-ordinate a number of volunteers from the local community to assist with a range of tasks.

If you, or anyone you know would like to help, Hannah is waiting for your call! She can be contacted on 01322 863302 or email: hkeec@kent.gov.kent

ST GEORGE'S DAY

The St George's Celebration day was a great success and the event for next year will be held on **Saturday 16th April 2011**. If you would like any more information or would like to be part of this day please contact Dawn Mitchell 07910 312710. Thank you to everyone that gave their time to make this a successful and enjoyable day.

HORTON KIRBY CRICKET CLUB

Mac Costen 07801 550949

At the time of writing, we wait for the summer to start (why is the best weather always during April and October?) and are shivering our way through the early season. There has been much activity both on and off the pitch as we prepare for another enjoyable season of cricket at our Franks lane location.

Recent club improvements

With the support of the parish council we now have a second entrance in Franks lane with direct access to the car parking area. During 2009 we installed high quality permanent cricket nets with the support of a KCC grant.

A sad loss

During the cold weather we were sad to lose one of our most prominent former players in Brian Tester. Brian had been associated with Horton Kirby since 1971, captaining the club for many seasons before retiring in the 1990's. There are few remaining members lucky enough to have played cricket with Brian, but all players and guests of Horton Kirby will cherish their memories of discussing cricket (and, to be honest, every other sport) as he watched from the boundary edge or in the bar.

League, captaincy and players

After great debate, we have decided to change senior leagues to the Kent Regional Cricket League from the Invicta league. This move provides a platform for a higher standard of cricket to be played, it guarantees a full season's fixtures and the prospect of promotion and relegation focuses team performance throughout the season. Dane Bull is now club captain and runs the Saturday 1st XI. Dane's elder brother Ryan runs the 2nd XI. On Sundays, Dane and Rod Wickens have the honour and responsibility of leading the senior teams.

Old age, retirements, injuries and university attendance have meant that several club stalwarts are not playing this year; however, these gaps have been quickly filled by our excellent crop of colts who are now enjoying their first taste of regular senior league cricket.

Our colts

Horton Kirby are running four colt teams in the North West Cricket leagues. Their ages range from under 11 to under 13, and at the time of writing all have enjoyed an excellent start to their season in their

respective leagues.

Practice evenings

We have cricket practice every week and we invite the curious and ambitious to attend and join in with our regular team players. Juniors have their practice evening on Mondays. Seniors and older colts meet on Tuesday evenings. Evening practice commences at 6:30 and ends at approximately 7:30.

Practice is well attended and we have qualified coaches motivating and organising the sessions.

Horton Kirby Cricket Club welcomes anyone who would like to play cricket – any level or age. We have teams playing both competitively and socially and our club has a relaxed and friendly approach to the game. We are always on the lookout for umpires and scorers. If these challenging and responsible roles are of interest please contact the club.

Royal British Legion. Devon Road, South Darenth.

The St George's day event in the village hall was a very successful day for us with our homemade cakes and teas. A big thank you to all the members who helped on the day as well as all the villagers who supported us. Well done Parish Council for hosting this event. The plant sale in the Legion Hall on the 8th May was also a great success. Many thanks to all of you who supported this. Our five day holiday in Wales went very well with the weather with us. We went out each day to very interesting places especially going to The Red Kite feeding centre which was quite something. I think everybody enjoyed themselves. Our Branch has to be self sufficient and look after and maintain our hall, and at the same time provide The Royal British Legion with funding including our membership fees. Therefore fundraising is very important to us. The branch meet every 3rd Wed in the Month at 7.30, new members welcome at the Legion Hall Devon Road.

Christine Page 864776. Membership Secretary & Fund Raiser.

Royal British Legion Ladies Section Jean Payne 860061

Meetings commence 7-30 pm every second Wednesday in the month.

14 July Good Companions singing group

August—no meeting

8 Sept Harvest Supper followed by singing harvest hymns with Anne and John Williams

DARENT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION –

The under 14's Football team that we sponsor, Corinthians from Fawkhams, won the National Final in May. They beat a team sponsored by Loughborough Lions at Rushden and Diamonds Football Ground in Northampton by a magnificent 7:1. They have played some very exciting matches in this competition all over England and it has been quite an experience for these young people which we hope they have all enjoyed. Well done Corinthians for a supreme team effort.

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER FETE is at Heathside, South Darenth (behind the Village Hall) on **Saturday 10th July** from 12 noon until 5pm. Our Classic cars and bikes are attending again and there should be an increase in numbers this year with fire engines and traction engines joining us. We have a dog display team performing twice in the afternoon together with the birds of prey flying demonstration. Reptiles can be handled by the children and we have the usual bouncy slide and castle and roundabouts. Adrian Chapman will be playing his Country and Western Music all afternoon and the line dancers will be there. Entrance £1.50 per adult – children free.

Peter and Barbara Bradley are **opening their garden at Forge House**, Forge Lane, Horton Kirby for the EllenorLions Hospices on **Sunday 15th August from 2pm – 5pm** – with parking at the school. There will be a small group playing music, plants and books for sale, refreshments, raffles.

The Lions will be organising a **SPONSORED WALK** on **Sunday 26th September** and we are hoping to walk on paths not normally open to the public. This will be a family event starting and finishing at the Village Hall at Horton Kirby & South Darenth. All proceeds will go the EllenorLions Hospices and our Charity Trust Account.

Our Annual **Quiz Night** is on Friday 24th September at the Horton Kirby & South Darenth Village Hall from 8pm. Teams of six – please bring your own refreshments.

**We are always looking for new members or Friends of Lions. Please contact Peter and Barbara Bradley for more information
01322 862005 – bradleyforgelane@btopenworld.com**

1st HORTON KIRBY SCOUT GROUP

The Cub Scouts enjoyed a four day camp in May where our Beavers joined them for one night. Archery, grass sledging and low ropes were enjoyed by all but it was an indoor campfire because of the very wet weather. We have our own campsite on at Farningham Woods now. Our leaders are clearing the site and by next year we should be able to use it for camping and other activities which will be very handy as it is only 10 minutes away.

Our Scouts and Beavers won many medals and certificates at the District swimming gala with our Cubs visiting the Science Museum to finish off one of their badges. The Beavers had a great sports day held at Dartford Athletic track.

Our scouts are making contact with a scout group in South Africa which will tie up with the World Cup Football Competition in June.

One of our scouts, James Bevis, has been chosen as one of the two scouts to represent Swanley District at the World Scout Jamboree being held in Sweden in 2011. We have to raise £2,500 for his trip and you will see James at all the fetes etc., during the summer so please support him. The summer programmes for all three sections are full of outings and outdoor pursuits so if you would like to join the Group, please contact Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005.

BOGUS CHARITIES KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Kent Community Message says:

“We have had reports that residents in West Kent have had "CSS Childrens Support Society" charity donation bags posted through their letter boxes. They ask residents to fill the bags with items they wish to donate to the charity - such as unwanted clothes, toys and bedding.

“The bags quote their Registered Charity Number as 526305, but this is not a valid number and CSS is believed to be a bogus charity and we ask you not to make donations.

“Always ensure that your donations are going to reputable charities. You can check charity details by contacting the Charity Commission on 0845 3000 218 or by going to their website www.charity-commission.gov.uk Please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or go to www.consumerdirect.gov.uk if you receive one of these charity bags, or have any further information about any bogus charities.”

South Darenth Village Church, New Road. Ben and Gwen on 862443

11am Sunday morning services

Evening service times vary. Please contact Ben & Gwen for further details.

'Love in a Box'.

It will soon be time for Love in a Box. Leaflets are available from the Parish Office or Gwen Dawes. 124 boxes were sent last year which was a tremendous effort for which we thank you. Please take part again this year and help to make a child's Christmas a special memorable time.

Thank you.

75th Anniversary!

South Darenth Village Church which was formerly known as 'The Gospel Hall' or 'Mission', will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year between 19th and 26th September.

'The Mission' was started by an evangelist, Luther Morgan who held services in a tent and lived in a horse drawn caravan.

Ben and Gwen Dawes, the current pastors of the church would like to hear from anyone who has had any connection with the church over the years, be it with Sunday School, Christian Endeavour, Women's Meeting, Youth Group or Sunday Services.

Please tell us about it by letter to S.D.V.C 121 New Road, South Darenth, Dartford, Kent. DA4 9AS or by e/mail to benandgwen2004@yahoo.co.uk using '75th Anniversary' in the subject line.

FRONT ROOM SINGERS

present an evening of beautiful songs

in the Southdowns Church on SUNDAY 18 JULY 2010 7PM

Tickets cost £5 including interval refreshments.

Information and tickets from Joan Dooer on 01322 860280.

Heathside Recreation Ground Junior Football Pitches

The Parish Council will shortly be arranging the removal of the old football pitch barrier at Heathside to provide 3 soccer pitches for U11s following representations from South Darenth FC for urgently needed local junior facilities. Horton Kirby FC will also benefit. A grant from a KCC fund administered by county councillor Roger Gough to pay for the barrier removal has been applied for.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

2 facts for you –

- 1) Ghurkhas provide the security for the perimeter of the Olympic site in Stratford
- 2) There's a traffic light tree in the middle of Docklands

If that's not enough, by the time you read this another coachload of members, husbands and friends will have been down to Weymouth for the annual "Weekend" of fun and frolics, with various side trips planned. Had you been one of the WI'ers and friends who came on our latest trip, you would have discovered these for yourself – and had a wonderful day out in East London to boot, in the company of an excellent Blue Badge guide. Absolutely terrific – glorious weather, fine views, excellent photo opportunities and no queues through the Blackwall Tunnel!

Any darts players among you?? Fresh from our team's phenomenal success in reaching the semi-finals of the recent competition, we're looking for additional expertise, in the hope of reaching the finals next year, and winning the year after. Come and line up your toes with ours on the Oche. (Have checked, and that's the correct spelling of "Ockey").

Did you come to the St. George's Day festival at the Village Hall? Tucked away in the far corner were our little group, selling baskets of goodies which members had contributed. Some of our Scrapbooks were available to view there, too.

We've got some really good evenings coming up. We're a really friendly, not-too-large group and you need not worry about walking in on your own. You'll be made very welcome and won't find yourself sitting alone. We offer a couple of Taster sessions, free of charge, to enable you to "try before you buy". Nothing to lose really, is there? Come to the Village Hall on the third Thursday in any month, 7.30 p.m.

For more information contact Gill on 01322-863476 or Lynn on Hillywi@yahoo.co.uk.

FACT: The Highways Agency spends more than £500 million a year of taxpayers' money on clearing litter from England's roads! Take Your Litter Home!

LOCAL HISTORY

Channel Tunnel Rail Link

It may be hard to believe but it's now twenty years since the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link first threatened South Darenth and the surrounding villages and, as you may know, the Horton Kirby & South Darenth History Society is in the process of recording the events of those turbulent years in a book.

Whilst its publication may still be some way off, we have already put together the bulk of the story in factual terms and are now trying to gather together people's personal recollections and experiences of the period, as well as their photographs or memorabilia connected with the campaign. We would consequently welcome any contributions that residents might be willing to make. We shall return all pictures and other materials but please do put your 'phone number and address on anything you loan to us for the project.

If you know of people who had high profiles during the campaign please encourage them to make a written contribution.

We would be particularly interested in villagers' recollections of what the village was like prior to the arrival of the threat of the Link and how the area recovered after the threat was removed.

One of our major concerns is that we wish to ensure that all those who were instrumental in the success of the campaign are recorded in the book so we are starting a register of those who were active at the time. As many of those who were involved with the campaign have since moved away from the area we would appreciate it if those reading this could alert them to the project by passing on to them the contact details below.

Many thanks in advance, John Woodhead
john.woodhead4@btinternet.com 01322 866111

CANVAS SHOPPING BAGS

The Local History Society is interested to know if people are interested in buying shopping bags with local scenes on them and the society's logo. If there is enough interest they will go ahead and order so let Keith Saunderson know if you would like one (or two). At £2.50, they make a lovely gift. There is a sample to look at in the parish office.

RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS

SE/09/02459/FUL
Winthorpe Holmesdale Hill
Conservatory at rear GRANTED

SE/09/02279/FUL
Farm Cottage Prince Charles Ave
Demolition of existing house and
erection of 2 x new 2 bed houses
REFUSED

SE/10/TEMP/0004
Horton Kirby School
Timber Shelter and Extension to
Existing Canopy GRANTED

SE/09/02964/FUL
Horton Kirby Paper Mill
Use of Millstone Close as tempo-
rary access GRANTED

SE/09/02574/FUL
48 East Hill
Erection of ground floor single
storey rear and side extension
GRANTED

SE/10/00096/FUL
Eglantine Villa
Single storey front extension
REFUSED

Court Lodge New Farmhouse, Pre-Planning Consultation

In April, Tristan Ward and Louise Cannon showed the Parish Council artist's impressions of their proposal to convert the redundant Red Barn on the Forge Lane/Stack Road junction into the new farmhouse for Court Lodge farm. They explained that the footprint of the new house would be much less than the existing building and that some of the 1/3 acre plot will be kept as pasture. They said that the Court Lodge house would not be part of the farm in the future and that the use of the Red Barn as a working farmhouse for their family was vital to the future of the farm.

Horton Kirby Village Society is holding a **quiz** in the village hall on Friday **20 August** from 8 pm. Teams of up to 7 @ £3 each. Bring your own food and drink. Call Stephen (862782) or David (863205) to book.

Youth Club meets on **Wednesday evenings** in the village hall at 7.30pm. 50p per session.
Run by KCC youth workers

St Mary's Church Horton Kirby

Nancy White 01322 865298

Spring eventually arrived with the churchyard in full bloom. Continued thanks to all who give their time to the upkeep. All the Easter services went well with the Cross being carried to St John the Baptist's at Sutton at Hone.

The annual Summer Fete was held on Saturday 26 June. A sincere thanks to Mrs Sarah Ward for her support in allowing her garden to be used each year.

On July 18 the Archdeacon is coming at 10 am to dedicate several items which have been donated in memory of loved ones.

Weddings

Simon Notley and Helen Bennett	8 April
Steve Allart and Karen Remnant	17 April
John Simmons and Villa Khonja	17 April
Robert Ashen and Rosemary Gillingwater	24 April
Richard Burton and Tracey Barker	15 May

Funerals

Harry Barrett, 76 12 January
Joan Jarvis, 74 10 February
Morwenna Roddick, 91 24 March

Ashes laid to Rest

Leonard Gooding, 90 1 March

Baptisms

Rhys Davies Williams 21 March
Helen Bennett 6 April
Reuben Bunning 16 May
Benn Wood 16 May

Don't Miss

Music at St Mary's

on **Saturday 25 September**. Come and see and hear performers from the West End and the Opera Houses of Europe singing live in our lovely church. Programme will feature songs from the musicals and popular opera pieces. Tickets from Stephen (862782) or Graham (862478) at £8 and £6 for concessions.

MARJORIE SEAL MBE continued from page 1

Marjorie of East Hill can't believe that it is as long ago as 1958 when she first got involved by taking over the Brownie pack which she continued to do for 14 years. She then went on, among other things, to be District Commissioner, ran 1st Horton Kirby Guides and finally is part of the Swanley and Darent Valley Trefoil Guild. The Guild, of which she is currently Chairman, is a group of older people who support all the other Guiding groups.

Marjorie's family are very proud of her award and as it is gradually sinking in she is getting very excited. She is also pleased that her MBE is good publicity for the Guide Movement.

Marjorie said: "Of course, I could not have done any of this without the tremendous support I got from my husband Des who always made sure he got home in time to look after the children and, as I didn't drive then, ferrying me around to so many places." She added: "I must also thank my friends Veronica Bartlett and Ann Ferguson who also did so much to help me."

Top Paddock – Possible Use As Allotments (cont from p1)

At least 10 people wanted a plot or a half plot so there is obviously a need for this provision.

The main issue raised was about potential car parking problems and this will certainly be addressed if the scheme goes further. A few people felt that the pedestrian route through the Paddock should be maintained and this will be diverted around the eastern end of the field with fencing on one side, again, if the scheme comes to fruition. However, before anything definite can be carried out, it is necessary to get planning permission for the idea so this is the next step. All progress and ideas will be reported in the next newsletter.

Horton Kirby Village Society has organised 2 walks for the Summer months. On **Friday 16 July** there will be a gentle **evening walk** from Westminster Field at 7.30pm. Call David on 863205 for details. On **Sunday 15 August** there will be a Sunday **morning walk** starting at 11.15 from Westminster Field. Just turn up or call Richard on 862906 for details.

Sevenoaks District Council's Garden Waste Collection Service

The Sevenoaks District Council Fortnightly Garden Waste Collection Service makes it easy for you to dispose of compostable garden waste right from your property boundary, all year round. Collected fortnightly, garden waste is collected on a Monday. There are two options to choose from. **Garden waste collection sacks can be purchased for £11 for a bundle of 25** sacks, or an annual permit, affixed to a 240 litre wheelie bin, on loan from the Council, can be obtained for £41. For more details call 01732 227000 or look on the Sevenoaks District Council website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/recycling.

Sacks are available from the parish office - exact money please!

Sorry, but we are unable to split bundles

DOG FOULING & DOG CONTROL SERVICE

Dog fouling in public places is an unpleasant problem that affects everyone. All dog owners must clear up after their pet and could be issued with an on the spot fine of £50. Persistent offenders can be prosecuted and fined up to £1000. Don't let it happen to you – always carry something to clear up with. It is not a reasonable excuse to say you were not aware of the fouling, that you have a bad back or that you have no poop scoop on you.

Dog mess is also a health hazard and the Parish Council has decided to promote a poster campaign trying to get across to those persistent offenders that it is not acceptable to let your dog foul and walk away.

These will be hard-hitting posters which it is hoped will have a positive effect on the problem.

Sevenoaks District Council has a very useful leaflet about what happens if you lose your dog and gives advice on responsible dog ownership.

Copies are available in the parish office.

You can pick up, free of charge, 4 black sacks and 2 recycling bags from the parish office each week. Rolls of 20 recycling bags can be bought there for 50p a roll.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Please report direct as regrettably the Parish Council cannot report problems to other agencies for you

Fire Safety	01732 369429
Pedham Place Household Waste Depot	01322 660806
Kent CC Waste and Recycling Hotline	0845 345 0210
Sevenoaks DC Waste and Recycling	01732 227000
Abandoned cars and own car removal (£14) SDC	01732 227000
Street Lights (Coopers Close, The Grange, Holmesdale Hill, Montgomery, Paddock, Towers Wood, Shrubbery) KCC	08458 247 800
Street Lights—other than above - report to Parish Council	01322 865193
Pest Control	01732 227000
River eg overgrown vegetation, trees down - Environment Agency	08708 506506

Highways problems such as potholes, pavement problems, gritting, footpath clearance, cutting of vegetation for example along the footway from the village hall to the school, Call KCC on 08458 247 800

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All of the following come under the control of SDC and the call centre is usually very helpful and knowledgeable:

Street Cleaning, High Hedges, Dog Issues, Derelict Property, Dangerous Structures, Nuisance Bonfires, Intruder Alarms, Abandoned Vehicles, Bottle Banks / Recycling Issues, Parking Issues, Noise and Graffiti.

The Sevenoaks Call Centre number should also be used for the **Sevenoaks Community Safety Team** for all problems such as **Fly Tipping, Anti Social Behaviour and Neighbourhood Watch. Call 01732 227000 or email**

Community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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