



# ***NEWSLETTER***

***OCTOBER 2009***

## **TRAIN SERVICE CUTS AT FARNINGHAM ROAD**

Local councillors and commuters are very concerned about the loss of trains stopping at Farningham Road from December 2009. The new draft Southeastern timetable shows the loss of the 08.37 to London and a huge gap in the down service from Farningham Road between 07.34 and 08.43, an interval of 69 minutes as well as a reduction of off peak trains from two to one per hour.

Horton Kirby and South Darent Parish Council has complained strongly and many others have already written to southeastern trains receiving replies that were not particularly hopeful. However, it is agreed that those opposed to these reductions should continue to write expressing their concerns.

The withdrawal of the 08.37 will affect at least thirty commuters, who will have to either change their daily journey times and add to the crowds on other services from Farningham Road or drive to alternative stations, adding to road traffic. When the Paper Mill development at South Darent is completed adding in excess of 200 new homes within fifteen minutes' walk of this station, the situation for rail travellers will only get worse.

The proposed situation with the "down" service is clearly unacceptable and there does not seem to be any justification for it.

Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Councillor, Tony Martin who as Dartford Borough councillor has regular meetings with SE Trains has already raised the issue with them.

He says: "My main advice is to get as many individual letters of objection into SET as possible. Most of these service withdrawals are because they

need to switch passengers on to the high speed domestics but it is surely more sensible for your community and mine to maybe walk or get a bus to Farningham Road than drive to Ebbsfleet. In a recession many people can't afford the increased cost anyway.”

**The Parish Council commends the recent efforts of Janet Dugdale and Andrea Wiltshire in bringing this to everyone's attention.**

The address to use if you wish to write is:

Southeastern, Customer Relations, PO Box 63428, London, SE1P 5FD

## **NEW BUSES**

Many of you will have seen the 3 new Arriva 414 buses and noticed that they have been named after local people. Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council nominated Barbara Bradley in recognition of many years contribution to the local scout group and voluntary work with the Darent Valley Lions and her involvement with the much-loved village pantomime amongst other things. Sutton at Hone and Hawley Parish Council nominated Dorie Brooker for this honour and both Parish Councils chose Paul Ballinger (“Paul from the Station”) for the third bus. The unveiling of the new buses ceremony in July was a happy occasion when all three people were thanked for their work in the community.

The buses, which were funded by KCC, bring new standards of comfort to customers on the route and are both fully-accessible and have engines meeting the latest stringent rules on low exhaust emissions.

## **FREE TREES**

The free trees scheme is operating once again this year sponsored by Network Rail and local councils. Up to 25 native trees are on offer to individuals and organisations. Apply by 31 October, and once successful, pick up your trees from Mead Crescent, Dartford. (they are very tiny to start with; less than 1 metre in length, so easily transported).

**Get your application form by calling KCC on 08458 247 600 or downloading from [www/kent.gov.uk](http://www/kent.gov.uk)—search for ‘free trees.’**

## **HEATHSIDE**

In March 2008 the Parish Council's Recreation and Open Spaces committee agreed in principle that Horton Kirby Cricket Club could use Heathside recreation ground for cricket subject to suitable arrangements being agreed. In August 2009 further discussion was held with the club which is on-going and subject to costs, grants, etc. The initial thoughts are that the pitches would not come into play until at least 2011 and the use would be for younger colts at the moment. Games would be on weekday evenings and the occasional Sat and Sun morning from May to July. The public would still be allowed to use the field and would be encouraged to watch the matches.

All necessary works to the ground will have to be at the expense of the cricket club and the club needs to consider how it intends to protect the village hall from damage.

Several requests have been made by clubs to use Heathside for football but these have been turned down as there are facilities for football at Westminster Field. If the situation changes, Horton Kirby FC has been given first refusal.

## **NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT HEATHSIDE**

Thanks to the recent generous donation from the Action Group funds to the Parish Council, new play facilities will be installed in Heathside this month. A log train and carriage was decided upon as a fitting idea for the money. A metal plaque will be affixed to the train in recognition of the gift from the Rail Action Group. 2 picnic tables with gameboard tops will be provided nearby.

## **YOUTH CLUB**

**A youth club is held on Wednesday evenings in our village hall from 7.30pm. Cost 50p for Year 7 plus. The club is run by qualified and CRB-checked KCC youth workers who would be more than happy to see new faces at the club.**

## STREET LIGHTING

An order has been placed for 20 new 45W lanterns to replace some of our old 80W lights. Surprisingly, although these lights look a lot dimmer, they give out much more illumination on the paths than the old ones. This comparison can clearly be seen outside the village hall where a new lantern has already been installed.

A second tranche of new lanterns will be fitted once the first batch has been in situ for a while and assessed.

**The Contractor has asked that extra care be taken by drivers if they see the work being carried out**

We still have a huge problem in some locations from vegetation from trees on private land obscuring the lights. Even a few small branches can cut down the effectiveness of the light and once again we would ask that the lights are kept clear. **If you notice any lights that are obscured or are broken or on during the day, please report them to the parish office.**

All parish council lights will soon be clearly marked with an indentifying code which should always be quoted when reporting a fault by phone or email. Parish Council lights will start with either SD or HK followed by 3 letters and a number. Other lights will be Kent Highways lights and faults should be reported direct to them on 08458 247 800.

Since the last newsletter, the Parish Council has reconsidered its decision to remove fuses from the lights in Dartford Road, Eglantine Lane and by the Lodge in Saxon Place following representations by residents who find these lights essential for their safety and convenience.

## Parish Council Grants

Any local organisation wishing to apply for a grant must comply with the strict deadline of 30th November 2009.

The council has a total budget of £2450. Applications should be made by letter to the Council Office (see back page) providing details of the amount requested and the use to which the money would be put. In order for a grant to be considered organisations must include a copy of their most recent accounts.

## POLICE NOTICES

New Swanley Ch Insp David Cooper tells us the Police are piloting the use of a brief questionnaire that officers can use on their blackberries. It records the priority of anyone they meet and it goes down to their home post-code.

The idea is that the priorities of each community in each neighbourhood can have their concerns considered at subsequent PACT (Partners and Community Together) meetings. The system is recorded on a database and the search facility will be ready for use soon to enable officers to start to bring initial concerns to the next meeting.

CI Cooper says: "This new method of engagement makes residents aware of the facility so they can ask officers to record their concerns and take them to the next PACT to be considered as a priority." For more information on PACT pick up a leaflet from the parish office.

## POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

1. 999 in case of **emergency**
2. 01622 690690 for **non-urgent calls**
3. 01322 422502 for Farningham, **South Darenth and Horton Kirby Neighbourhood Team**. All unanswered messages automatically create an email and you will be contacted back within 24-hours even if your local officers are not available.
4. 01732 227000 for the **Community Safety Unit** for fly-tipping, graffiti, issues about licensed premises, abandoned vehicles, environmental and noise nuisance, crime reduction advice, Neighbourhood Watch and other community safety issues.

## LOCAL POLICE SURGERIES

**South Darenth & Horton Kirby Village Hall**

**27 Oct 11.30am - 12.30pm**

**15 Dec 2 - 3 pm Just turn up**

## **Village Hall Extension**

A planning application has been submitted by the Parish Council for an extension to the village hall. The extension, situated immediately to the south of the hall comprises a meeting room (9.85 metres wide by 7.15 metres deep), large enough to accommodate 2 table tennis table or similar for youth activities, a reasonably-sized kitchen as well as the necessary toilets and stores. The new building will be set back from the front of the existing hall and projects into the field behind. The extension will be joined to the existing hall so will be able to be booked with the hall or as a separate room. The plans are available to view in the parish office (for opening hours see back page). The extension is to be used for community purposes, necessary because of the large increase in population from the dwellings on the Paper Mill site and is being funded by section 106 agreement money from Fairview New Homes with any necessary additional amounts being met by the Parish Council.

## **Paper Banks are for Paper Only—No Cardboard**

Recently, the newspaper and magazine recycling bank at the Village Hall was filled with cardboard. Although cardboard is easily recyclable it should never be put in with the the paper and magazines. All cardboard should be placed in your Sevenoaks District Council clear recycling sacks for your usual weekly refuse collection. Large boxes, that cannot fit into a recycling sacks, should be flattened and placed under the sacks for collection.

The easily recognisable blue paper bank is emptied by Aylesford Newsprint, in Aylesford, Kent. The good quality newspaper and magazines are recycled to be used as newspaper and magazines again. Cardboard spoils the quality of newsprint and is therefore rejected if found in paper banks. **So please keep cardboard out of the Village Hall paper recycling bank.** Not only are you not recycling your cardboard you are spoiling the recycling of the paper in the bank.

## **LOST DOGS**

Kent Police, concerned about the issues of missing dogs and the rising wave of pet thefts, now officially recommends **[www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk)**

## What kind of speeder are you?

The second of four articles by Steve Horton, Kent Highway Services, Road Safety Education Team Leader

Do you know how to tell what the speed limit is for the roads you travel on? Do you make use of your *speedo* to check what speed you are travelling at? What do you do if you notice you're travelling above the limit? Does it bother you when you know you are exceeding the speed limit? How much above the limit do you find acceptable?

The answers you give to these questions identify which type of speeder you are.

Research has determined that drivers fit into three broad categories of speeder.

**Lapsers** are those drivers who know what limit they are travelling in, or at least can make a good guess, and will always plan for the lowest possible limit. When a *Lapser* spots that they have crept slightly above the limit, their first action is to reduce speed to the legal level. Lapsers will never travel at 40mph in a 30mph limit. It is highly unlikely that Lapsers will ever travel at 35mph in a 30mph limit. It is possible that Lapsers may find their speed has crept towards 32mph or 33mph but will immediately adjust their speed to a maximum of 30mph. *Lapsers* are 'the converted', when it comes to road safety campaigns they know the message, agree with it and stick to it.

**Error makers** are drivers who don't correctly judge the speed limit for where they are and so make an error of judgement as to the legal speed limit. *Error makers* often fail to appreciate the importance of speed limits or why their driving speed could be dangerous. This leads to them 'guessing high' what the limit is for the roads they are on. *Error makers* will frequently find that they travel at between 35mph and 40mph in a 30mph limit. Sometimes their lack of ability to consider their surroundings properly will lead to them travelling at 45mph in a 30mph limit. When they notice their speeding error, on the rare occasions that they seek to check their speedometer, *Error Makers* will justify their driving speed with comments like "well it's only 5 or 10mph over the limit – what difference will that make?" All is not lost for this majority of drivers – generally they will listen to reason. If the message sounds sensible they will hear it and stick to it, but they will need constant reminding.

**Violators** are drivers who know the limit for where they are but choose to exceed it; speed limits are for others and their ability to drive far in excess of the limit merely proves to the *violation* that they are a 'good' driver. *Violators* won't just creep over the limit, but will often exceed the limit by 50% or more. The justification used by the *violation* normally revolves around "I've done it before and it was OK" and "I'll spot any problems and be able to deal with them". It always seems to be the other person's fault if something goes wrong! Unfortunately the only way a *violation* will change their behaviour is following a harsh experience – a severe crash or through vigorous enforcement...high fines, more than 3 points per offence, driving bans, imprisonment. *Violators* are a small, hard core of selfish and often aggressive drivers, the ones you do not want to meet coming towards you.

**So which kind of speeder are you?**

## **The Village Hall**

There are vacancies for Friday and Saturday evenings in  
2009 and 2010

Saturday night from 5 pm to midnight costs £136

Friday evenings are £16 per hour.

The hall is fully licensed.

It is also excellent for children's parties.

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

### **VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

The car park at the village hall is private property to be used by those hiring the hall only. A request that local groups meeting at the hall for coach trips be allowed to leave vehicles in the car park has been agreed if the hall is not in use, so organisers please check with the Parish Office to see whether parking is possible before using the hall grounds.

### **A Plea for Considerate Parking**

On behalf of all residents can we ask everyone to be considerate on where and how they park. Recently Montgomery Road only had their refuse collected after the collectors tracked down the owner of a vehicle that was preventing them getting into the road.

### **11 NOVEMBER TWO MINUTE SILENCE AT 11 AM**

This ceremony held outside the Village Hall in November is being organised by the local British Legion committee. Thanks to those who wrote poems. Could Nicole Burrows please supply her contact details.

### **Newsletter Deliverers**

The Parish Copuncil wishes to thank all the volunteers who deliver this newsletter 3 times per year.

With the progress in the new Mill site **a volunteer is now needed to deliver to residents in Esparto Way. If you can help please contact Carol in the village hall office - see back page for contact details**

## Glebe Place Football Posts – Petition

The Parish Council has been asked by Sevenoaks District Council for its input into the stormy question of whether the football posts that have been placed on the Glebe Place green by residents should remain or not. Some people living in Forge Lane wish to see them removed because of the noise and disruption when football is played there by older teenagers and young adults. The Parish Council has heard that the situation has been bad on several weekends during the past 6 months with the main problems being the inability to enjoy the amenities of their property, trespass and damage to gardens, and danger to passing pedestrians and vehicles.

A petition to retain the goalposts has been presented to Sevenoaks Council which has since sent out a survey letter to all residences within a 50 metre radius of the centre of the grass area. When an 80% response is received, Sevenoaks will analyse the replies and the Parish Council will consider the matter further. If you have received one of these questionnaires please send it back as soon as possible.

## Horton Kirby Football Club

The season kicked off on Saturday 6th Sept with a good 4:0 home win.

There were some fine performances from new players but the best performance by far was from the oldest and longest serving player in the club, D Chambers snr. Let's hope we can keep it going. **Anybody interested in playing can call Derek on 07967 050798.**

We are also trying to amass as much history about the club as we can and anybody with a story or picture or anything they would like to share please contact Derek on the above number. Even better write it down and drop it off at the council office in the village hall clearly marked for H.K.F.C

Once again we would like to thank our sponsors, mainly The Queen public house and also Genko construction and Murandha Electrical as without their help we would not be able to continue.

I would also like to thank all the kids and their parents who play and support the junior teams on a Sunday. What a great success Sunday morning football has become at Horton Kirby. WELL DONE to all.

## **Free Property Marking**

It is possible to have your high-value shed and garage items property marked by the Police for FREE. You also receive property and window stickers which is a further deterrent. Additionally, please consider having shed or garage alarms fitted to doors as extra security. Contact your **Neighbourhood Watch Officer, PC Suzanne Daniell on 01322 422518.**

## **‘EYES AND EARS’ NETWORK FOR A CLEANER, SAFER KENT**

Volunteers are being recruited to the Clean Kent Watch to help observe and report illegal environmental activities. As a Clean Kent Watch volunteer you will be provided with an information pack which includes a unique identification number, enabling you to report information to trained staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Your reporting will be used to inform clean-up activity through to enforcement action and help prevent and deter these environmental offences.

To find out more log onto **[www.cleankent.co.uk/cleankentwatch.html](http://www.cleankent.co.uk/cleankentwatch.html)**  
or e-mail **[clean.kent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:clean.kent@kent.gov.uk)**

## **Buy with Confidence**

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership is encouraging people to log onto the Kent County Council ‘Buy with Confidence’ website where you will find details of traders approved by Kent Trading Standards.

**[www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)**

**For more information call Consumer Direct on 08454 040506**

## **SCAMS**

There are so many scams we hear about via email, phone, doorstep or post that we can’t cover even a tiny fraction. Suffice it to say any offers of good fortune, cash prizes are too good to be true and all demands for your money are likely to be bogus. So, do not believe anything you are told from cold callers and never give out details.

Please tell all your acquaintances especially the vulnerable ones. Say NO; put the phone down; close the door; delete the email; don’t give anything to these criminals. Call **Trading Standards for advice 01233 652385** or visit **[www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent)**

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, DEVON ROAD**

**Meets every third Wednesday in the month at 7.30 pm.**

**Christine Page 864776**

Your local Legion branch is keen to welcome you to one or all of its forthcoming events – there is something for everyone!

Sat 10 Oct 7.30pm **Race Night**

Sat 24 Oct 7 for 7.30pm **The Celestine Singers** (Popular classical).

Tickets £3.50, BYO drinks and nibbles

Fri 6 Nov 7.30pm **Quiz**, Book with Richard Welch on 861822

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**MOST AFTERNOONS AND WEEKENDS. ALSO  
MONDAY EVENINGS.**

**Very reasonable rates. Ring Judy on 01322 862564**

### **Villagers' Gardening Club**

**George Piller 862721**

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. We have an interesting speaker each meeting. Visitors are most welcome. If you require further information please telephone 862721 or 864431

### **THE VILLAGE PANTOMIME**

Our pantomime will take place on the first week-end of February next year. Rehearsals will start soon. Would you like to join us? Young and old are welcome either as actors or behind the scenes (we are looking for painters and woodworkers). Always a happy bunch, you will be made very welcome. Please telephone Barbara Bradley on 01322 862005.

### **The New Monday Club Toddler Group**

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall Mondays 1.45—3.15 pm

Term time only in line with Horton Kirby Primary School dates

Refreshments, crafts, activities and equipment for 0—5 year olds

Please join us—all welcome Contact Debby 862180

## Women's Institute

Gill Tripp 01322 863476

All our promised activities came to pass this summer, and we've enjoyed some fabulous evenings.

The highlight has to be a production by our own Drama Group (yes, we have a Drama Group – using the term loosely) at the Summer Social. We can honestly say that none of us has seen anything quite like their interpretation of “Oliver”. Is Lionel Bart dead? If so, he's turning in his grave.

We are all looking forward to a visit from the excellent Bexleyheath Photographic Society, who - as well as giving an Audio-visual presentation - will be judging a members' photographic competition, entitled “Fauna”.

On 15th October, Tim Cox is coming to give a talk on the History of Seaside Holidays, which should bring back reminders of happy days when the sun always shone and it never rained as we paddled our toes.

We have our AGM in November – the “business end” of the W.I., when local Officers and Committee members face re-election - and will enjoy a bit of light relief in December at our Christmas Social, when entertainment will be provided by Adrian Chapman – always a good turn.

If you would like more information please phone Gill, our Chair, on 863476, or e-mail Lynn on Hillywi@yahoo.co.uk . Alternatively come along for a free Taster session.

## 'One Vision' to rock you at the Stag!

Friday 30 October

★ An **inspirational musical** exploring one man's journey to live the same life as everyone else. The powerful **'One Vision'** story highlights the additional challenges facing someone with learning difficulties to live the life of their choice.

★ Performed by **Skillnet Performing Arts group, 'Risky Business'**, 'One Vision' comes to the Stag Theatre on 30 October.

★ The musical is backed up with a series of sketches, poems and live music from the **brilliant Queen tribute band 'The Bohemians'**.

★ The show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £9 (concessionary tickets are £7) and can be booked in advance by calling the **Stag Box Office on 01732 450175.**



## **DARENT VALLEY LIONS CLUB**

Many thanks for all the help and support we received at our fete in July. The classic cars and motorbikes, the birds of prey and the reptiles plus Punch & Judy made it a very enjoyable. We are pleased to announce that with Fairview New Homes Ltd sponsorship the profit from the fete is £3,760 which will go to the EllenorLions Hospices and our charity account. Likewise, our Open Garden in August was visited by 80 people raising for the EllenorLions Hospices £560.

Our senior citizens from Mill Court and Montgomery Road enjoyed an afternoon at Eagle Heights when we took them on their annual coach ride. There was a keen wind which made the eagles, hawks and vultures fly brilliantly and we all enjoyed the antics of the resident pet stork.

**Our Annual Quiz Night is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Horton Kirby & South Darenth Village Hall from 8pm.** Teams of 6. Winning team will win £100 for their favourite charity as well as 6 bottles of wine. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. Book a by telephoning 01322 862005.

We are happy to say that we have again had the invitation to escort Father Christmas around the villages this Christmas. He will be visiting Horton Kirby, South Darenth and Sutton at Hone between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Do you enjoy a swim? **Why not join in our Swimabit on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Whiteoak Pool Swanley from 11.30am – 12.30pm.** This event is run to raise funds for the EllenorLions Hospices and if you would like to join us, please telephone for a sponsor form.

We meet at the Village Hall at 8pm on every first Tuesday of the month – Do join us – we would welcome any help – Peter Bradley 01322 862005.

## **Royal British Legion Ladies Section Jean Payne 860061**

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

**October 3rd Coffee morning in aid of the poppy appeal. 10.30**

October 14th Entertainment by a choir

November 11th AGM followed by cheese and wine.

December 9th Christmas party.

January 13th 2010 Entertainment by Derek Holdaway with a programme of light classical music



# Dance Act Theatre School

(Hextable, Horton Kirby & Welling)

- I.S.T.D Ballet 3yrs+                      I.S.T.D Tap 3yrs+
- Disney Pop 3-6yrs                      Street Jazz 7yrs+
- Musical Theatre Production              7yrs+ Adult Tap

Our teachers are fully qualified & insured professionals who provide enjoyable sessions at an exceptionally high standard.

Our Ballet & Tap classes follow the world famous I.S.T.D syllabus & children may be entered for examinations, shows, festivals & displays.

Dance Act has been established over ten years in Hextable & Welling, with new classes starting in Horton Kirby & South Darenth Village after the October half term.

For further information, or to reserve a trial class, please call  
Vikki Aldridge (Principal) A.I.S.T.D  
& Italia Conti trained on:  
07811 373 247

## **Dance Act Theatre School** (established over ten years)

We will be bringing **Ballet & Disney Pop classes for 3 - 6 year olds to Horton Kirby and South Darenth village hall from November 2nd.**

Ballet class introduces basic technique, using creative, imaginative fun.

Disney Pop is also a structured yet fun dance class, using music from Disney, the musicals (High School Musical, Annie, etc) & pop. Regular end of term mini performances will be held. Classes are £4 per half hour (payable in advance) **To reserve a place please call Vikki on 07811 373 247.**

## **South Darenth Village Church      Ben & Gwen    01322 862443**

Thank you all for your support with the 'Love in a Box' effort this year. closing date for boxes is 25th October.

Sunday Service at 11am each week.

Bible Study 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month in school term time.

## HORTON KIRBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

**Barn Dance to music of Skinners Rats**

**Friday 2nd October, 8pm Village Hall,**

tickets available from Graham Edwards on 01322 862478

**Village Walk Sunday 4th October 11.15 at Westminster Fields**

**Quiz in aid of St Mary's, Friday 16th October 8pm,**

contact Phil on 865138 to book table

**Guildhall Singers in St Marys, Saturday 14th November contact**

Stephen on 862782 to confirm details and book tickets

**Carol Singing at The Fighting Cocks on Tuesday 22nd December from  
7.30pm**

### Local History Society

Keith Saunderson

862056

The society meets six times a year in Horton Kirby Village Hall, and visitors and new members are always welcome. We have a speaker at every meeting, where you can also buy our publications as well as have tea or coffee.

Our next meeting takes place on **Monday, 9th November at 8pm**, when we hold our AGM (which usually takes 10 minutes) followed by **A History of Cobham Hall** by Gerry Harris, and finishing with cheese & wine.

Our first meeting in 2010 will be on **Monday 11th January**, when Ann Kneif talks about **'Women at War'**.

At our November meeting we will be launching our new publication series **'In Their Own Words'** which are written oral histories. The first booklet in this series will be **Tom & Joan Ludlow's memories**, and we will also be publishing Harold Parker and Wally Millen's memoirs soon. If anyone else would like to have their memoirs published by the society, please do contact us. We are also always interested in seeing old photos of the area, so do contact us if you have any.

To contact us you can email: [sarahvlewis@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahvlewis@yahoo.com), or write to Mr K Saunderson, "Appledore", Rays Hill, Horton Kirby.

## St Mary's Church Horton Kirby

Nancy White 01322 865298

The weather was kind once again for the Summer Fete. Continued thanks to Mrs Sarah Ward for the fete to be held in such a delightful setting in her garden. Over £1000 was raised. Many thanks to all involved including the pupils from Horton Kirby School.

Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> saw the untimely death of our assistant treasurer Mr Ken Connold. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Ken will be missed for a very long time.

The help given to the Church by members of Horton Kirby Village Society is invaluable. Thanks also to the bell ringers and flower ladies.

The **Autumn Bazaar** will be held in the village hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November starting at 2pm.

The annual Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am.

A Bereavement Service will be held on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

### Baptisms

Kaitlin Blow 17.5.09

Harry Blow 17.5.09

Rebecca Godley 17.5.09

Reese Godley 17.5.09

Finley Markham 21.6.09

Madison Taylor 21.6.09

Taya Harman 19.7.09

Hayley Hammond 19.7.09

Lily Evans 16.8.09

### Weddings

Iona Bartlett

Colin Russell 13.6.09

Emma Cook

Lloyd Mason 11.7.09

Dee Scarley

Jon Berentemfel 20.6.09

Sian Howard

Martin O'Gorman 22.8.09

### Funerals

Emmy Gillingwater, 82, 23.6.09

John Read, 56, 23.7.09

### Memorial Service

Ken Connold 19.8.09

## RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS

SE/08/02243/FUL

1 Kingfisher Place  
Erection of 2 storey marketing suite with parking and landscaping GRANTED

SE/09/00502/FUL

Horton Kirby Cricket Club  
Formation of second entrance to car park  
WITHDRAWN

SE/09/00457/FUL

Boyneswood , Mussenden Lane  
Installation of new sewage treatment plant  
GRANTED

SE/09/00777/FUL

Fairmount, Dartford Road  
Erection of two storey rear extension  
GRANTED

SE/09/01020/FUL

84 New Road  
Two storey rear extn  
WITHDRAWN

SE/09/01380/FUL

Land adj 11 Coopers Close  
New 3 bed detached house – amendment to previous approval  
GRANTED

### **Riverside Preschool Kindergarten Accredited, est 1967**

**OPEN EVERY MORNING - TERM TIME in the Village Hall, South Darent**

We have been very busy this year visiting Nepicar Farm in June and thanks to all the parents of children attending school in September a visit from **Martin - Celebrity Reptiles** who brought along his selection of snakes, spiders and other creepy crawlies.

We are well underway now to completing plans for the outside area of the village hall. It has taken a great deal of planning but at the beginning of October we will put in our bid to KCC for part of the outside area of the village hall to be turned into a safe exciting place for the children to play with planters for growing vegetables and flowers, seats and a soft play area plus a covered area for the children to play outside even when it's raining - an essential part of the new EYFS.

**Come along to the Church Bazaar on the 21st of November at 2pm and hear the children sing**

You will be most welcome to visit the group, call Cecilia Reynolds, the manager on **07968019759** or visit our website

[www.riversidepreschoolkindergarten.co.uk](http://www.riversidepreschoolkindergarten.co.uk)

Best wishes from us all at Riverside.

## **Waste Services and Recycling**

### **MISSED A DELIVERY OF REFUSE SACKS? PLEASE CALL SDC**

**ON 01732 227000 DIRECT TO REPORT IT.** The parish office can supply 4 black and 2 clear sacks to callers each week. Rolls of recycling bags are 50p. Next street delivery of rolls of sacks should be on 19 October.

**Garden Waste Sacks** - Environmentally friendly paper sacks are available for the garden waste kerbside collection. They take a surprisingly large amount of garden waste. Collections are on same weekday as your black sack collection but fortnightly from week beginning 12 October..

Sacks can be bought at 50p each or £5.50 per pack of 12 from the parish office. - **please bring correct money**

**Recycle your shoes, clothes and linens** - Modules at Village Hall

## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

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

**Highways—potholes, fly tipping, pavement problems 08458 247 800**  
**Please report direct rather than to the Parish Council**

**SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL (SDC) 01732 227000**

**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, Graffiti.

## **FREE SATURDAY REFUSE COLLECTION DATES**

This SDC service has now been discontinued

## PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Contact the Parish Clerk, Carol Allart at  
Parish Council Office ( Open Mon-Fri. 9.30am—11.30am)  
Telephone 01322 865193  
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### POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

PC Chris Relf 07807 340035  
Community Support Officer Alan Hearn 07772 225965  
To report a crime: 01322 422502 (South Darenth & Horton Kirby  
Neighbourhood team) Other non urgent calls 01622 690690  
Community Safety Unit (fly tipping etc) 01732 227000