

Remembering Cuxton

Cuxton was originally an agricultural hamlet and very different from how it is today. If you would like to get a glimpse of the Cuxton of the past go along to the Scout Hall between 2-5pm on Saturday 12th October and view Ken Law's collection of village photos taken decades ago.

Cuxton Vineyards?

Some residents may be aware that large areas of south facing arable land in Cobham and Luddesdown have been planted as an organic vineyard. The company concerned also appear to have purchased the farm at Upper Bush.

In Cobham and Luddesdown the young vines (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier) will be ready for harvest in 3 years time, with sales of sparkling wine available in 2022.

The Parish Council have already been in contact with the new owners of Upper Bush Farm and they seem very willing to engage and support our community.

Representatives of Cuxton, Cobham and Luddesdown Parish Councils have been invited to a meeting with the new owners on 3rd October when we will learn more about their plans and how this may impact on Cuxton.

A report on the meeting will be in the next edition.



Newsletter Delivery Person Needed

We are looking for someone to take over the delivery of the Cuxton Noticeboard from the White Hart to 39 Rochester Road. Deliveries are once a month for 10 months of the year. (No deliveries in August or January). If you can help please contact the Clerk on: 01634 730951 or by emailing cuxtonparish@hotmail.com

Medway Neighbourhood Watch

The Autumn issue of Neighbourhood Watch contains an article on new app called 'what3words'. The app uses location technology that has divided the globe in to 3mx3m squares and given each one a unique 3 word code.

The app is designed to make it easier for emergency services to locate people in remote locations in an emergency. If you download the app on your smart phone it will enable you to provide emergency services with your exact location if you are injured or in need of urgent assistance. To find out more access the Medway Neighbourhood Watch website.

Peninsula Big Band

An evening of music from the 30's to the 90's

Friday 4th October 2019

at 7.45pm

Cuxton Social Club

Tickets £10 available from Julia 01634 727424 or Dawn 01634 724496

In aid of the St Michael's Organ Fund



Cuxton '91 Football Club

Cuxton 91 have just started their 24th season of competitive football with 14 youth teams (6-15yr olds) and three adult teams. The Under 10's and below play non-competitive football and the Under 12-15 play in the Medway League. The 3 men's teams play in the Kent County League (2 teams) and the Medway League (1 team). This season we hope to start Girls football in the village. If you would like any information on any age-group or if you would like your son and/or daughter to get involved please get in touch.

Matches and training take place over 3 sites; Strood Academy, Cuxton School pitches and Cuxton Recreation Ground pitch. All our youth teams play on Sundays. The Men's team play on Saturdays and Sundays.

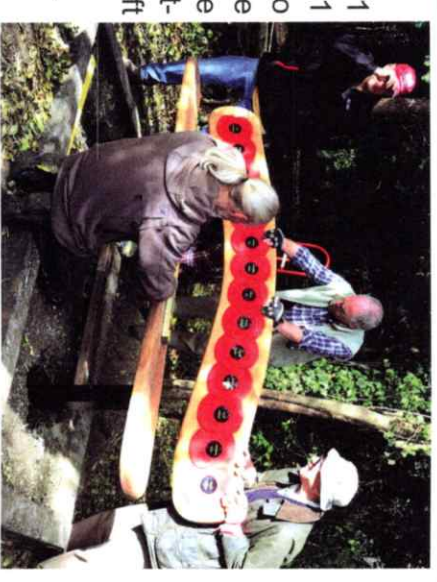
We are currently looking for referees young and old for our younger age-groups. Cuxton 91 will organise and pay for you to do a refereeing course. We are also looking for a linesman for our Men's Saturday 1st team - afternoon kick-offs. All our referees are paid as is the linesman for Saturday 1st team matches. If you would like to get involved in your village's football club in any way, then please get in touch with Frans on 07827016250 or thedutchys@hotmail.com.

We receive a lot of help from a lot of people, so our thanks go to: Cuxton Parish Council, Cuxton School, Cuxton Social Club, Strood Academy, plus our sponsors and all our volunteers.

World War 1 Information Board

The Parish Council have now agreed the format for the WW1 Information Board and it will be in place, adjacent to the WW1 bench in Six Acre Wood, by November this year. There is also a plan to undertake further clearing of the ground around the bench and plant wild flowers to create a peaceful and attractive place to sit and enjoy the view. A rubbish bin will also be located in the area in an attempt to reduce the amount of litter left on the site.

Sincere thanks to Tony Dobbs for all the work his has done for free on the graphic for this project.



Remember, remember the Fifth of November...

Bring a 'Guy' on the night and win a prize if it's the best! Be a part of it, why not help us build the bonfire for our village on the day?

The Wheel of Cuxton

FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2019

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER
The Recreation Ground, Bush Road, Cuxton



ADMISSION

ADULT £ 4.00 (in advance)
£ 5.00 (at the gate)
CHILD £ 2.00 (5-12 yrs)

Programme:
5.00 pm Gates Open
5.45 pm Guy Competition
6.15 pm Bonfire Lighting
7.00 pm Fireworks Display

PLEASE NOTE:
In the interest of safety, the consumption of alcohol or use of any PRIVATE FIREWORKS (including SPARKLERS) at the display is NOT PERMITTED.

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What's On In Cuxton

Friday 4th October	Peninsula Band, 7.45, Cuxton Social Club in support of organ fund. Tickets £10. Phone Julia 01634 727424 or Dawn 01634 724496
Saturday 12th October	'Cuxton Of Old' An exhibition of old photos of Cuxton at the Scout Hall, Bush Road, 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. Entrance fee, refreshments available.
Saturday 19th October	Tideway Folk Group, 7.30pm Cuxton Church Hall in support of organ fund. Tickets contact Dawn 01634 724496
Friday 25th October	Cuxton Social Club, Members Bar, 7pm White Pepper Band (easy going pop). Free to members. £1.00 signing in fee for non-members.
Saturday 2nd November	Cuxton Fireworks, Cuxton Recreation Ground , Gates open 5pm, bonfire lit 6.15pm.. Admission £5/adult, £2/child on gate.
Saturday 2nd November	Cuxton Social Club two local bands 'The Antique Roadshow' and the 'Twangdaddies' playing directly after the fireworks in aid of the Kent Air Ambulance. Admission by donations to Kent Air Ambulance

Term Dates: Academy of Cuxton Schools

Half term: 21 st to 25 nd October
Monday 28 th October to Wednesday 18 th December
Monday, 6 th January 2020 to 14 th February
Half term: 17 th to 21 st February

Cuxton Library's opening hours

Tuesday	9 am to 1pm.
Thursday	2 pm to 6pm
Friday	2pm to 6pm
Saturday	10am. to 4pm.

Closed: Monday, Wednesday and Sunday

Report Fly Tipping

Medway Council on **01634 333 333**,
Gravesham Council **01474 337 000**

Parking & Abandoned Vehicles

Contact Suzanne Dekekat on 07508 846937 or email Suzanne.Delekat@medway.gov.uk or call to discuss general or specific parking and abandoned vehicles enquiries.

Graffiti

The council will remove graffiti for free (even on private property) as long as the owner of the property signs an indemnity form. Email **Suzanne.Delekat@medway.gov.uk** to schedule an appointment.

Stray dogs

Report to Medway Council on 01634 333 333 and follow on Facebook @Medway Council Stray Dog Service.

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CUXTON NOTICEBOARD

The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

October 2019

The Newsletter of
CUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Cuxton Parish Council (in brief)

September began with our new Clerk in post and a full agenda for our Parish Council meeting. The initial focus of the meeting was on reviewing the Parish Council finances to ensure the maximum interest was achieved on Council reserves.

Councillors also reported on their involvement in the latest Lower Thames Crossing consultations. It was evident that issues around the A228 and A229 are not part of the LTC consultation, and so Cuxton Parish Council are currently working with Cobham and Luddesdown Parish Councils and Gravesham Councillors to engage with Kent County Council. The aim is to press for coherent infrastructure development that will improve the A229 as a credible alternative to access the M20 rather than the A228.

One positive emerging from the consultation is that the LTC project has agreed to include the Cobham/Bush Road route to the A228 in their traffic monitoring data collection. We believe that this will provide evidence of the volume of traffic already using this route as a short cut between the M2 and the M20, and support our call for infrastructure improvement before the Lower Thames Crossing opens.

Unfortunately we did not receive Ward Cllr Mat Fearn's report in time to discuss at the meeting. He reported that Cuxton will soon see the beginning of Phase 2 of the A228 traffic light trial. It will either involve using the existing pedestrian traffic lights and replicate the 'fault' that many residents felt provided a safe opportunity to exit Bush Road or be a more sophisticated version of the temporary lights installed briefly earlier this year. No start date for this trial was available.

The Homestead planning application has been with drawn. Thanks to the 500 plus residents who raised an objection to this planning application.

Cllr. Kay Hutchfield

Recreation Ground Bike Track

Thanks to the perseverance of residents like Robin Bourner and his team of biking enthusiasts and Cuxton '91 Football Club, the Cuxton Recreation Ground Bike Track will be renovated this year.

The track was established by Cuxton Sports and Recreation Association (CSRA) following the death of Jamie Kellendo 20 years ago. The track is in serious need of renovation. Funds for this work have been raised at a Cuxton '91 football event, from donations at the 2019 Big Lunch, and from a considerable contribution from CSRA.

Hopefully the work will be completed by the end of the year and provide a safe place, away from traffic, where our children can enjoy riding their bikes.



Cuxton Big Lunch 2020

2020 will mark the 10th Cuxton Big Lunch. The Parish Council are keen to ensure that this event continues beyond the life of the current Parish Council. To achieve this we would like to create a Big Lunch management group who will manage the event with the support of the Parish Council. If you have ideas how the Cuxton Big Lunch can be developed, but still retain the non-commercial ethos of the current event, we would love you to be involved. We have some volunteers already but want to grow this group.

If you want to be involved please contact the Clerk on:- cuxtoparish@btconnect.com.

Next meeting:

7.30pm, every 2nd Thursday of the month at Cuxton Library, Bush Road, Cuxton.

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Mon & Wed 0930 -1230

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