

CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

Cuxton Parish Council (in brief)

July and August have proved busy months for the Parish Council. At the end of July we were pleased to announce that June Nicholson was appointed as our new Clerk. She has lived in the village for many years and brings with her a wealth of experience working for KCC in a variety of roles. She took up her post on 26th August. The Parish Council are grateful to our Assistant Clerk, Josie, for the extra hours she has worked when we have been without a clerk, and thanks is also due to the parish councillors who have taken on additional roles during August to cover Josie's holiday.

The planning application for The Homestead on Sundridge Hill required a great deal of scrutiny and the Parish Council have submitted a detailed objection to the planning application and Kent Wildlife Trust were contacted to support our objection. In addition, Parish Councillors will be attending the Medway Planning Committee when this application is heard, and have also asked our Ward Councillor, Matt Fearn to represent our views at this committee meeting. The number of residents who also submitted objections to this planning application was very impressive. Sincere thanks to John Manning and his team for spreading the word and raising awareness. When the date and venue for the Medway Planning Committee is announced the Parish Council will circulate the information so residents can attend if they wish.

The Parish Council also expressed concern about the installation of an audible warning (yodel) at the station level crossing when the new gates are installed. The yodel will cause a significant noise nuisance, especially for those living adjacent to the crossing.

Pavement parking continues to be an issue in our village. The Parish Council continue to forward photographs of cars obstructing the pavement to Medway Council and remain active in raising the concerns of residents at the Police Liaison meetings and through the Cuxton PACT group. Unfortunately, CPC cannot change the law and so until Medway are willing to adopt and **enforce** legislation to make pavement parking illegal there is little more we can do alone. If pavement parking is a concern to you

please send your photos and communications to the Parish Office. The two photographs above are two of the latest to be forwarded on to Medway Council. They illustrate that, with a bit of thought, obstructing the pavement could have been avoided!

Cllr Kay Hutchfield, Chairman



Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) Consultation

Some of you may have attended the latest round of LTC public consultations and been informed that the LTC Project does not include Cuxton, the A228 or A229. This was also the experience of Cllrs Reynolds and Hutchfield who attended a meeting with LTC representatives and Luddesdown and Cobham Parish Councillors. The Gravesham Councillor Tony Rice was also in attendance.

The current traffic forecast for the A228 suggests that traffic will increase by 101-500 cars at peak times. When the crossing is open. LTC acknowledge that there is also likely to be an impact on traffic flow between Cobham and Cuxton via Bush Road. They intend to add this route in to the traffic model for future traffic analysis.

One positive outcome of the meeting was a decision to lobby KCC and Medway Highways departments to meet with us to discuss how the lanes of Cobham, Luddesdown and Cuxton can be prevented from becoming a regular 'rat run' to the M20 for those using the new crossing. Cllr Rice (Gravesham Council) is hoping to facilitate such a meeting in the near future. We will keep you posted.

PACT News: Services provided by the Medway Community Warden

Fly tipping

Report fly tipping to Medway Council on **01634 333 333**, or for fly tipping on Gravesham Highway call **01474 337 000**

Stray dogs

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

Correction: - Cuxton Waste Site

The PACT was advised that the Cuxton Waste site did allow vans in, this was incorrect. The Medway Council Waste Team have confirmed that vans are only allowed in the Capstone Waste HWRC site, as long as they pre-book via **01634 333333** giving their registration.

NB: You will require a form of ID that confirms you are a Medway Council resident. This is to stop residents from Kent County Council from using our FREE service (as they now charge). Non-Medway residents will be turned away.

FREE Dog Micro Chipping

Medway Council will microchip your dogs for free at your home address.

Contact **Suzanne.Delekat@medway.gov.uk** or call **01634 333 333** to arrange a visit (you will be required to provide the following info: how many dogs need chipping; type of dogs; and your full name and address).

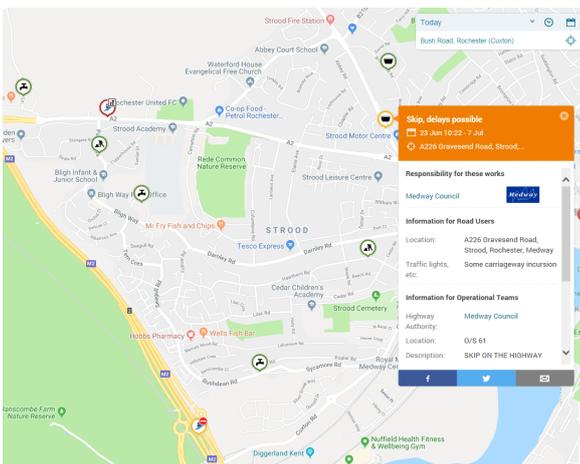
Parking and Abandoned Vehicles

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

Skips, Scaffolding and Road works

All skips, scaffolding, road works and building material on highways require a permit. You can check whether your neighbours has this permit and for how long on **www.roadwork.org**. Below is an example of how to do this:

Search street name in tool bar and then click the small image of the skip on that street, this will show how long and where the skip is meant to be in place. You can contact the council on **01634 333 333** where there is there is no skip sign on the map, but there is one on the street.



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Bush Road
Rochester
Kent ME2 1EZ
01634 730951
cuxtonparish@btconnect.com



Casual Vacancy

There is a vacancy on Cuxton Parish Council which can be filled by co-option and eligible persons are invited to apply.

Applications should be made in writing to the Clerk of the Council, either by letter or e-mail, at the above address. The application should include information about yourself outlining why you are applying and what skills you can bring to the Council.

Applications must be received by noon on Tuesday, 1st October, with a view to co-option to Cuxton Parish Council at the meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday, 10th October 2019.

In the event of more than 1 applicant, candidates will be invited to an informal meeting with the members of the Parish Council at 7pm on Thursday, 3rd October.

For further information or to discuss what is involved, please contact the Clerk on 01634 730951 or by email to cuxtonparish@btconnect.com

June Nicholson
Clerk to Cuxton Parish Council

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 for the necessary paperwork and subsequent service to take place.

New Successful Author for Cuxton

I am Iris Crew and have just been published a children's book called "THE ADVENTURES OF SAM THE ROCKING HORSE". I have been writing for many years but this is the first time I have been lucky enough to be published. I have won competitions on poetry and short stories but never had royalties; this is the icing on the cake.

This photo is of twins in the family who are engrossed on reading the book or so it seems. We will see if the book becomes a hit, and if so I will be extremely lucky,

I have lived in Cuxton for many years and belong to the W.I. which I have been speakers secretary and now with a colleague minute secretary. I am a member of the poetry group and readers group meeting at the library once a month.

Iris Crew



What is the hygiene bank?

The hygiene bank is an initiative set up locally to provide local organisations such as Gillingham Street Angels and Medway Food Bank, among others, with hygiene essentials to those that desperately need them. I volunteer to set up drop off points where members of the public can easily leave their donations via a collection box - your nearest is the Cuxton post office!

I then sort, weigh and distribute your new, unused hygiene products which are gratefully received by our charity partners. All donations that are given locally are distributed to local projects!

Gillingham Street Angels are an amazing project that support the homeless of Medway. They value your time, support and donations of vitally important hygiene products. With your donations you can help ease the stigma and worries that are attached with life on the streets. Hopefully, over time we can reach more people and support more projects that would value our support.

Thank you Cuxton for already donating, I look forward to working together to help drive this forward.

Olivia Brock,

The Hygiene Bank Rochester Project Co-ordinator <https://www.thehygienebank.com/>



Poppies in Cuxton



I recently met Jane Ayers who works for The Royal British Legion and she explained that we currently do not have a Poppy Appeal



organiser in Cuxton. The villager who did this volunteer role previously is no longer able to continue, and so Jane is now looking for someone who might be interested in taking over.

What does the role involve?

It would include distributing the poppy collection tins and the poppies to businesses and organisations in Cuxton during October and November and being responsible for ensuring that they are collected back in again.

Is this something that you are interested in helping with, so here in Cuxton we can continue to help raise money and awareness for the Royal British Legion and all fantastic work that they do. If you want to find out more, please contact Jane Ayers on 07551 138413 jayers@britishlegion.org.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Thank you so much.
Councillor Tracy Thorley

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



What's On In Cuxton

Saturday 21st Sep- tember	Christian Aid Quiz, Cuxton Church Hall, 7.30pm. £7.50 /ticket that includes ploughmans supper. Contact Matthew 01634 727424
Friday 27th September	Cuxton Social Club, Members bar, 7pm Distraction (rock and pop band) Free to mem- bers. £1.00 signing in fee for non-members.
Friday 4th October	Peninsula Band, Cuxton Social Club in sup- port of organ fund. Tickets £10. Phone Julia 01634 727424 or Dawn 01634 724496
Saturday 9th October	Tideway Folk Group, 7.30pm Cuxton Church Hall in support of organ fund. Tickets .
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.

Term Dates, Academy of Cuxton Schools 2019

Monday & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd September—Staff only
 Wednesday 4th September - children return to school
Half term: 21st -25nd October
 Monday 28th October to Wednesday 18th December

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

Michaelmas Fayre & Open Day at St Michael & All Angels Church, Cuxton

Sunday, 29th September 11 am—4 pm

Events & activities include—

Stalls, BBQ, tea, coffee & cakes.

Bell ringing & have a go at chiming

Church history tours

Raffle, children's activities, Music



CUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Next meeting:

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

All Welcome.

Cuxton Parish Councillors

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Mon & Wed 0930 -1230

Doctor out of hours: 111 Police: 101 for non urgent crime or to talk to local police.

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