

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

## Parish Council News in Brief

May marked the second virtual Parish Council meeting. Councillors are now more familiar with accessing and working in 'Zoom' meetings, members of the public can request an invitation to attend the virtual meeting by emailing the Clerk up until 2 hours before the start time of the meeting. The Clerk will then send residents a link to the meeting.

May Parish Council meetings are also the Annual Parish Council meeting and part of the agenda is the election of all the leaders and members of Council and the various committees. Related terms of references are also reviewed.

The Council approved a letter to the owner of the allotment land offering to purchase the land for the parish. It is hoped that if successful this will secure the land for allotment holders and safeguard against future housing development on the site.

At the meeting it was noted that the planning application for the re-

development of the Pavilion had been submitted. (Subsequently on 28th May the Council were notified that planning permission had been granted). A report was given on the progress in completing the application for a grant from the Football Foundation, which has stalled until Medway Council agree to a lease of the children's football pitches that form part of the Cuxton Academy of Schools ground. The Parish Council have been seeking support from Medway for 18 months without resolution. Without the agreement of a lease of the land the Parish Council will not be eligible to continue their application for a grant from the Football Foundation worth at least £200,000.

Unfortunately no report or correspondence was received from Ward Councillor Fearn .

Council discussed how they might most effectively use the 2020 grant money allocated in the budget for local organisations and whether it should be diverted to support residents experiencing financial difficulties related to the Covid pandemic. It was agreed that the grant money should be used in the usual way, but to also consult with the Trustees of the Thomas Stevens Trust, who are a Cuxton based charity who offer support to families in financial distress, to see whether we could make a donation for the Trust to manage and deliver as financial help to those in need.

Since the May Parish Council meeting Medway Council have decided to take the Homestead planning application to Medway Council Planning Committee. This seems to be because some late letters of support for the application have been submitted. Interestingly these seem to be from people who do not live within the village! The parish council will be holding an Extraordinary Council meeting (ECM) on 3rd June to agree and implement the plan we had outlined, should the application go to Medway Planning Committee. Council are grateful to Tony Dobbs and John Manning for their work in raising awareness of this planning application though social media.

Cuxton's Virtual Parish Council



Clr Kay Hutchfield

## Corona Virus (COVID-19)

For health information and advice [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/)

For Government response [www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response](http://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response)

The parish office is now closed to visitors and meetings are being held online. The clerk and assistant clerk are still contactable while working from home on [cuxtonparish@btconnect.com](mailto:cuxtonparish@btconnect.com) or phone 07895 940668.

Cuxton Noticeboard is still being produced and will be displayed on the Cuxton noticeboards and online on the Cuxton Parish website and their Facebook page. Any notices please contact [newslettercuxtonparish@btconnect.com](mailto:newslettercuxtonparish@btconnect.com).

**Bonfires: advice from Medway Council** (Tel: 01634 333333) [Medway.gov.uk/info/200176/report-a-problem/409/report-smoke-and-air-pollution/2](http://Medway.gov.uk/info/200176/report-a-problem/409/report-smoke-and-air-pollution/2)

## Thanks to Paul Reeves

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to Paul Reeves of Cuxton '91, for his help and support in helping to repair the door to the village defibrillator cabinet.

The cabinet is located on the side wall of Cuxton Social Club. At the annual inspection we discovered that someone had attempted to break into the cabinet which had caused damage to the door and inside of the cabinet. Paul kindly helped to remove the door so that it could be sent back to the manufacturer for repair.

The Co-operative store, kindly looked after the defibrillator while the repairs were completed by the supplier.

Once repaired Paul came and fitted the door again, so that our defibrillator is once again available 24/7.



## Allotments

The allotments in the village are being well used in this beautiful weather, and we have had confirmation from Ian Gray that all the allotment plots are now taken. If you wish to be put on a waiting list to obtain an allotment, please email [cuxtonparish@btconnect.com](mailto:cuxtonparish@btconnect.com).

We are so lucky in this village to have the allotments, and as well as being able to produce our own vegetables for personal and family use, it is a great place to meet people. It's our own little community.



## Cuxton VE Celebrations 8th May 2020



Once again Cuxton village came together to celebrate this historical day in style, while adhering to the Government's guidelines of social distancing. Houses all over the village displayed flags, bunting, posters etc, and there were many front garden parties from separate houses but still following the Government guidelines. There were people having sing songs with music being played from loudspeakers which included favourites from Glen Miller, Vera Lynn and the Andrew Sisters to name a few. There were even impromptu live performances and garden displays from WWII.

It was a good time for neighbours, families and friends to catch up with each other without breaking the Government guidelines since people had been in lockdown in their homes to prevent the Covid19 virus spreading, and to have a bit of fun!

We must not forget the main reason for the celebrations was to commemorate the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany to the Allied forces, ending World War II and to give people a chance to remember all the lives that were lost. **Well done Cuxton!!!!**



## Cuxton Birthday Board

Thank you to everyone who has messaged about the birthday board which is something that started as we all went into lockdown using the Cuxton 91 fixture board. It has really taken off and to date we have all celebrated over 50 Cuxton



birthdays and used the board to thank key workers who are working so hard during this difficult time.

A number of people asked if there was a way in which they could donate to a cause as a thank you for seeing their name (or the name of their family member) 'up in lights', so now there is a Just Giving page linked to **NHS Charities Together** for those who wish to make a donation.

To date we have £485 donated which is fantastic, but I know all you lovely Cuxtonians are always thinking of others, so if you would like to make a donation please follow the link to the page and donate however much you wish, only £15 needed to reach the target!. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tracy-thorley3>

The board will keep going for a while longer until the football season starts again, so while it is here lets raise some money for a worthy cause.

## Domestic violence <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse>

If you are in an emergency situation and immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. The police will continue to respond to emergency calls. But if you are unable to speak over the phone, press 55 on your keypad when prompted. This will tell the operator that you need help but are unable to speak.

The emergency services will sometimes be able to identify your location. However, they won't always be able to attend silent 999 calls if they don't have sufficient information of your location.

When it's safe to do so, pass your location on to the operator by whispering, redialling 999 when safe. You can only text 999 if you have already registered for this emergency SMS service, please see the link [https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent\\_solution\\_guide.pdf](https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_guide.pdf).

National Domestic Violence Helpline 24/7 is 0808 2000 247

## What's On In Cuxton

White Hart	Closed, but offering a take away/delivery service. Please see the website <a href="http://www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk/">www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk/</a> or 01634 789969
Cuxton Social Club	Closed. Any queries telephone 01634 718068
Golden River Chinese	Taking orders by phone, to be collected, cash only. 01634 296888
Sunday, 14 June	Big Lunch— <b>Postponed until next year.</b>

### Term Dates: Academy of Cuxton Schools

**Please note due to the Corona Virus (COVID\_19) the school is closed at present, other than for Specified children. Please follow the school website for further up to date information**

Return to school Mon 1.6.2020 for YR, Y1 & Y6 only

Break up for summer: Wed 22.7.2020

Autumn term: Weds 2.9.2020 to Fri 23.10.2020

Half term: Mon 26.10.2020 to Fri 30.10.2020.

Return to School: Mon 2.11.2020

### Cuxton Library—CLOSED

A few returned books have been put through the library letterbox. There is an amnesty for overdue books, but anything that was issued shortly before we closed was given a due date for sometime in May, so no one will get a fine. If the situation continues, those due dates will be moved on a further few months.

If anyone is desperate for books a drop off delivery can be arranged. Please contact Judy Frayne on 07913214252 or email [judy.frayne@medway.gov.uk](mailto:judy.frayne@medway.gov.uk)

### Report Fly Tipping

Medway Council on **01634 333 333**,

Gravesham Council **01474 337 000**

### Parking & Abandoned Vehicles

Contact Emma Patching on 07508 846937 or email [Emma.Patching@medway.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Patching@medway.gov.uk) .

### 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 [Emma.Patching@medway.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Patching@medway.gov.uk) to schedule an appointment.

**Dog pooh bins** report to [https://eforms.medway.gov.uk/ufs\\_live/LE\\_DOGS.eb?ebd=0&ebz=2\\_1589092230864](https://eforms.medway.gov.uk/ufs_live/LE_DOGS.eb?ebd=0&ebz=2_1589092230864)



### Next virtual meeting - 11 June 2020

To attend or send a question email [cuxtonparish@btconnect.com](mailto:cuxtonparish@btconnect.com)

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The Pavilion, Cuxton Recreation Ground,  
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### Doctor out of hours: 111

**Police:** 101 for non urgent crime or to talk to local police.

**Public Defibrillator:** Box on the wall of the Social Club

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