

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

August 2021

## **Kentish Wine Vaults: Pre-Planning Application Consultation**

Cuxton parish councillors and many residents took the opportunity to participate in the two consultation webinars in July. There seems to be a split in opinion amongst residents with some feeling that the development will be a good thing for the village whilst others are concerned about the environmental impact the development will have and the increased traffic it will bring through the village, particularly in the summer months.

The parish council have received a number of emails and phone calls from residents asking specific questions about the development that were not necessarily answered in full by the consultation events. Copies of these questions, along with other questions from the parish council, have been forwarded to the CEO of the Kentish Wine Vault company. The answers to the questions raised will be published on the Cuxton Parish Council website.

## **Correction to the July edition**

Port Medway Marina **NOT** Cuxton Marina are developing a pre-planning application meeting with Medway Council to discuss plans to build over 40 riverside apartments on the Port Medway Marina site.

Sincere apologies for any stress or upset caused to the Cuxton Marina owner and his customers as a consequence of this error.

Please note that both the Port Medway Marina owner and the Kentish Wine Vault developments are at the pre-planning stage. It is anticipated planning applications will follow during the summer.



## **Cuxton Big Lunch 2021**

On July 19th the government lifted all restrictions on wearing face masks, social distancing and on large group gatherings, but also stressed that this is not the end of the pandemic and are urging caution as restrictions are lifted. This decision removes any legal requirement to conform to previous restrictions and leaves the responsibility for reducing the transmission of the Covid virus to the individual.

It is with regret that the parish council have decided to postpone our Big Lunch, re-scheduled for August 22nd, until June 2022. The parish council's decision not to hold the Big Lunch this year is based on a number of factors. These include:

1. The contradictory nature of government advice

2. A lack of members of the organising team willing to spend 10 hours working at the event where mask wearing and social distancing will not be required and at a time when Covid infections are predicted to have risen significantly.

3. Without the presence of the organising team the event cannot meet the safety requirements of our premises' license and public liability insurance.



4. The parish council also have a concern that hosting the event could contribute to the predicted increase in people being admitted to our local hospitals during August and September and thus place additional, avoidable pressure on our local NHS and support services.

We acknowledge that many, including the parish councillors, will be saddened by this decision but there is some consolation that pubs, clubs and theatres are now open and that friends and families can meet up together.

### **Cuxton Library Gardens**

The Parish Council have been working with Medway Libraries for some years now to secure external lighting sockets for the village Christmas Tree. The sockets were finally installed last autumn in time for the lighting of the 2020 village Christmas Tree. Last autumn the majority of the hazel trees were removed in preparation for the installation a live Christmas Tree this spring. However, the very dry spring led to the tree planting being postponed to this autumn.

The Parish Council would like to manage Cuxton Library gardens if they can be given the current Medway budget allocated to Medway Norse to keep this site neat and tidy. Removing the hazel has already seen an explosion of poppies and aquilegia on the site. Hopefully, encouraging self sown wildflowers and planting woodland plants will make the gardens a more attractive area for passing residents and children on their way to school, and a thriving habitat for bees, birds and other wildlife.

### **Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) Consultation**

You may well have received notification of the LTC. The area of particular concern for the village is the predicted 20-40% increase of traffic along Cobhambury Road, Warren Road and Bush Road once the crossing is open. Please contribute to this consultation and make your views known. The consultation ends on 8th September 2021. For additional information please access the following link:

[https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020/supporting\\_documents/TRAFFIC%20MODELLING%20UPDATE.pdf](https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020/supporting_documents/TRAFFIC%20MODELLING%20UPDATE.pdf)

A reference copy of the relevant LTC documents will be available in Cuxton Library from 1st August. This will enable residents without internet access to view the consultation documents.

As our roads lay outside the LTC project, the Parish Council are asking for meetings with KCC and Medway Highways department and hopefully Highways England to explore how they plan

to mitigate this substantial increase in traffic flow through our village. Luddesdown Parish Council have also expressed a desire to engage with us if such a meeting can be organised.

Both our Ward Councillor and MP have been notified of our concerns.

### Planning Application for Change of use: MC/21/1796

There has been an application for a change of use from the empty butcher's shop and post office to a hot food takeaway. If you wish to comment on this change of use, please do so on the Medway Planning Portal:

<https://publicaccess1.medway.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QUUBDHKNHPO00&activeTab=summary>

Cllr. Kay Hutchfield

### Casual Vacancy

Cuxton Parish Council now carry a Casual Vacancy and wish to recruit someone onto the council. Could this be you? Are you interested in serving your local community?

For further information please contact the Clerk on 07483349613 or email [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk)

An application form is available from <https://cuxtonpc.org.uk/notices/casual-vacancy-july-2021/>

**Closing Date: 31 August 2021**

### Cuxton Parish Council Social Media Accounts

Our new Assistant Clerk, Linda, has created a parish council Twitter and Instagram account so, if you have any interesting photos of Cuxton life, please send them to her as well as news and photos for the Facebook page.

Linda can be contacted on [asstclerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:asstclerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk)



### Cuxton 91 FC

The FA Wildcats programme is aimed at getting 5 to 11 year old girls playing football. Cuxton 91 FC is an approved Wildcats centre operating at the Academy of Cuxton Schools with local female coaches.

The sessions will be on Saturday mornings starting at 9am from Saturday 7th August.

Please contact [cuxton91wildcats@gmail.com](mailto:cuxton91wildcats@gmail.com) for more information and to book a session please visit <https://find.EnglandFootball.com/?onboarding=true>



## What's on in Cuxton?

**White Hart** Tel:01634 789969  
[www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk](http://www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk)

**Cuxton Social Club**  
Tel: 01634 718068

### Golden River Chinese:

Tel: 01634 296888. Collection service only (no deliveries at the moment due to pandemic staffing issues)

## 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)

## Cuxton Library

Cuxton Library is now back to normal opening hours:

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

Thursday & Friday 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm (no lunch closure)

The public computers are available for library members for one hour sessions.

There is a charge of £3 per half hour for guest sessions

Customers are still recommended to wear facemasks and scan the NHS QR code when entering the building but this is not now a legal requirement.

## Useful Contacts

Medway Council has a website that deals with

A variety of problems including; Dogs, Fly-Tipping, Roads, Street Lighting etc. [https://www.medway.gov.uk/site\\_search/results/?q=report+a+problem](https://www.medway.gov.uk/site_search/results/?q=report+a+problem)

**Cuxton Tip:** To book a slot go onto the Medway Council site and select a date and time. **NO booking, NO entry.** [https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory\\_record/153/](https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory_record/153/)

**Doctor out of hours:** 111

**Police:** 101 for non urgent matters

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

## Cuxton Parish Councillors

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## Academy of Cuxton Schools

Autumn term dates 2021:

Term 1: Wed 01/09/2021 to Friday 22/10/21

**Half Term:** Monday 25/10/21 to Friday 29/10/21

Term 2: Monday 1/11/2021 to Friday 17/12/2021

