

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

October 2022

## CUXTON'S BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the country has come together in many ways to mourn her and to also celebrate all that she represented to so many. I am sure we have all been comforted by the way people have supported others at this time.



Cuxton Parish Council has provided a book of condolence which is available at Cuxton Library for those who wish to record their thoughts at this sad, historic time. The book will be available until 4pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 when it will then be passed to the county archive as a permanent record.

*Cllr Tracy Thorley*

Cuxton Parish Council is sure that the village is proud of the residents who participated in the organisation and security of the recent events relating to her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

## CUXTON BELLRINGERS HONOUR QUEEN ELIZABETH II



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Cuxton's St Michaels and All Angel's Church are lucky to have an enthusiastic band of bellringers who regularly ring the church bells on Sundays for services and on Wednesday evenings to practice.

As part of 'Operation London Bridge', bellringers across the country were asked to try and ring their church bells at noon on September 9<sup>th</sup> for an hour and again at 10am on the day of Her Majesty's funeral on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Cuxton Parish Council would like to thank all those who rang the bells at Cuxton and Halling on both occasions. Their efforts are much appreciated.

Church bellringing is an enjoyable physical and social hobby. You don't need to be strong nor musical, just a willingness to learn. You would be taught by experienced ringers and can come along for a 'taster' to see the bells and give it a go. You will be joining a long tradition of bellringing at Cuxton. The first bell was rung in 1400.

If you are interested in learning to ring please contact Neil on [cuxtonbellringers@icloud.com](mailto:cuxtonbellringers@icloud.com).

# CUXTON FIREWORK DISPLAY, SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022



Following recent meetings, The Wheel of Cuxton is pleased to advise we will be providing a Firework Display for our village this year. We will be maintaining the ticket costs at 2019 prices, and tickets will be available in advance of the display. Further details will be announced via the Cuxton Village Facebook page.

There have been requests for a quieter display, therefore this year we are going to experiment using some different fireworks. Whilst the budget for fireworks has been increased over our 2019 spend, overall we are planning a lower height and quieter (but not silent) display, to trial whether this is a direction we want to take the display in the future. Decisions regarding future displays will be discussed during our analysis meetings following the event.

The decision to proceed with this year's display has only been made recently, following discussions with the various companies, voluntary organisations and people we are reliant upon to help put the event together. This has therefore allowed just eight weeks to bring together what is normally planned over a year.

You may also notice a smaller bonfire this year – this is at the request of Cuxton Parish Council due to the cost of clearing up. Currently the company who have supported us with the supply of pallets for the fire for many years are fortunately so busy they are recycling all their pallets and therefore do not have any scrap pallets available. The committee is currently contacting companies who might be able to help, but if you know of anybody who could potentially help with the supply of pallets please get in contact.

Any volunteer organisation based within Cuxton is welcome to have a fundraising stall at our event. As we need to plan for all who are attending, if your organisation would like to have a stall on the night please contact us via email on [GJCCuxton@btinternet.com](mailto:GJCCuxton@btinternet.com). We also welcome any volunteers who would like to help us on 5th November. Please turn up at the Recreation Ground during the morning, we will be onsite from around 9am. All help will be greatly appreciated and if you can't make it on Saturday morning, we will also need assistance the following morning to clean the Recreation Ground and ensure that it is safe.

Finally, The Wheel of Cuxton Committee and on behalf of the whole village, would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Geoff Brinklow, who has stepped down from the committee, having helped with the Cuxton Firework Display for over 40 years without ever having lived in the village!

## DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION SESSION

The Parish Council has some spaces available for the defibrillator familiarisation session being held between 6pm and 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Social Club Hall. Villagers will be able to find out more about how defibrillators work, when they are used and other relevant information. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk) to be added to the attendee list.

## THOMAS STEVENS CHARITY, CUXTON'S ONLY CHARITY

The trustees are increasingly aware that the financial situation of many parishioners is becoming more critical, and we welcome any enquiries for such assistance towards offering support in coping with your increased fuel needs. You will need to have been a Cuxton parishioner for at least 2 years, in order for us to help you out.

We are really grateful for the fund-raising activities of both The Golden River Chinese take-away and Cuxton Auto Services, which have enabled us to continue offering help.

Please email [thomasstevenscharity@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasstevenscharity@hotmail.com). All enquiries are treated in full confidence .



## CUXTON COUNTRYSIDE GROUP (CCG)

This year the CCG will again be hosting the "Beating the Bounds" around the full perimeter of our village. The date set is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (weather permitting), and the walk will start and end at the White Hart. We will book lunches for those interested.



The walk is generally steadily uphill for the first section, before we reach Warren House, where we will have a break for refreshments. Stout walking shoes are recommended, together with a water bottle and lots of energy. The second section is more challenging, as we pass through woodlands and some steeper slopes on the way back. There will be some tree-marking en-route.

If you would like to take part, or are considering joining our volunteers and helping to keep the Cuxton footpaths open, please let Jan know on 01634 712157.



## CUXTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

We have had a good year for growing our soft fruit and much of our allotment produce, but the severe weather had taken its toll on our beans and carrots.

We are now approaching renewal time for our plots, and we expect a few plot holders may be relinquishing their plots. If you are interested in joining our gardening community by applying for a plot, please contact the Parish Council Office on [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk) to be placed on the waiting list.

## VANDALISM IN THE PARK

Due to recent vandalism to the boat nest swing in the Recreation Ground children's play area, the swing has had to be removed for safety reasons.

An insurance claim is currently being pursued and once this has been finalised we will hopefully be in a position to provide a replacement.

### Conservatory and Courtyard Clearance

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, from 10am  
8, Woodhurst Close, Cuxton.

Books, good as new clothes, jewellery  
and much more.

Everything free or for a small donation to  
**MEDWAY FOODBANK.**

**Refreshments available.**



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## What's On In Cuxton

### Cuxton Social Club

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October: 'Halloween UV Party',  
7pm – midnight. Free Admission. **Over 18s ONLY**

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November : 'After Firework Party'  
from 8pm with **Keplar22**. Free admission.

### White Hart

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Natalie Ward, from 8.30pm.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Halloween Party with  
**Keplar22**. 8pm till late.

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

**Golden River Chinese** Tel: 01634 296888 (Collection  
service only)

**Cuxton Social Club** Tel: 01634 718068

To advertise an event or group on the Cuxton Parish  
Facebook, Twitter or Instagram page please contact  
the Clerk by emailing: [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk)

### Cuxton Library

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.  
White and blue recycling bags are available for  
collection during opening hours.

Email: [cuxton.library@medway.gov.uk](mailto:cuxton.library@medway.gov.uk)

Tel: 01634 337799

### Useful Contacts

Medway Council has a website that deals with a variety  
of problems including; dogs, fly-tipping, roads, street  
lighting and a range of other issues.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200176/report\\_a\\_problem](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200176/report_a_problem)

**Cuxton Recycling Centre:** 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/tipbooking>

**Doctor out of hours:** 111

**Police:** 101 for non urgent matters

**Public defibrillators:** Boxes on the walls of the Social  
Club and Church Hall

### Cuxton Parish Councillors

Kay Hutchfield (**Chairman**) [chairman@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@cuxtonpc.org.uk)

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**2 vacancies**

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**Parish Clerk:** [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk) 01634 730951

**The Parish Office:** The Pavilion, Cuxton Recreation Ground, Bush  
Road, Cuxton ME2 1EZ

Website: [www.cuxtonpc.org.uk](http://www.cuxtonpc.org.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CuxtonParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/CuxtonParishCouncil)

### Academy of Cuxton Schools

#### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
February



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*Serving our community*

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