

CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton December 2022

THE WHEEL OF CUXTON FIREWORK DISPLAY 2022

Having had two years without a firework display in Cuxton, The Wheel of Cuxton would like to thank all of the people who supported this years' event.

The weather forecast for the evening was not great but in the end the weather was kind to us for the time of the display and the evening was well supported. The quality of the fireworks was fantastic, despite some of the content having been changed.

The firework display would not be able to happen without the vast number of volunteers who help to organise, set up on the day, carry out marshalling duties in the evening and clear up after the event. This not only involves taking down the equipment used but also drying out kit, carrying out repairs and putting it away so that it is ready for use next time it is needed. Also we would like to thank those who came to help litter pick the Recreation Ground after the event to make sure that it was clean and safe for others.

We did think we might have a problem with bonfire materials, but thanks to a couple of local companies and their drivers who were able to support us this year, we were able to continue. Our volunteers worked extremely hard in appalling weather conditions to make sure the materials were on site and ready for building the bonfire on the day of the display.

Cuxton Parish Council also helped us with sorting out the entertainment licence and liaising with Medway/Gravesend Council regarding the events notification and most importantly keeping the 'drowned rats' supplied with hot drinks whilst the bonfire materials were being delivered.

When it was set up over 60 years ago, the Wheel of Cuxton's original concept was to provide a safe village firework display so that people did not need to have their own private events. It was also an opportunity for charities and clubs in the village to raise some funds during the evening. The entrance money taken goes towards funding the following years display and over time we have good years and bad years, which are mainly weather dependant. Understandably, less people will want to come and stand in a muddy field on a wet night than on a dry field in better weather and despite a good turn out, this year was one of the not so good years and we haven't quite covered the costs of hosting the event.

If residents, who may have watched the display from their own homes because of the weather conditions, want to make a donation it would be gratefully accepted. However, the Wheel of Cuxton does appreciate the current economic climate places a further financial burden on households.

If you wish to make a donation then you can visit the Scout Hall on Saturday 3rd December between 9am-11am or contact Gordon Chitty at gjccuxton@btinternet.com.

KENTISH WINE VAULT PLANNING INQUIRY

The Parish Council and the local campaign group have joined together to successfully obtain *Rule 6 status* in the planning inquiry. This means we will be allowed to speak at the inquiry in March 2023. We have until December 8th to submit our 'Statement of Case' that will contain our concerns about the appeal and evidence to support our arguments.

The costs needed to engage a barrister to support our case is prohibitive and even a planning lawyer will cost between £20-30,000. However, we do have residents with relevant knowledge and skills who have offered to support and advise our team.

Cllr Kay Hutchfield, Chairman, Cuxton Parish Council

'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'

On Sunday 13th November, representatives of Cuxton Parish Council laid a wreath on behalf of the village, at the Remembrance Day Service held at St Michaels and All Angels Church, in memory of those that gave their lives so that we can live ours.

Thank you to Cuxton Craft Community for making all the wonderful hand-made poppies that can be seen around the village.



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

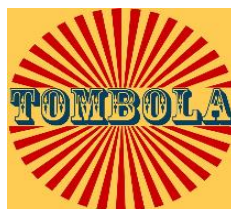
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Cuxton Scout Hall

Saturday 3rd December

10am-12noon

Events & activities include –
stalls, tombola,
refreshments, raffle &
children's activities.



FREE 'STAND UP AGAINST STREET HARASSMENT' BYSTANDER WEBINAR

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust is delivering a free webinar on standing up against street harassment. This training is highly relevant as a bystander response to all forms of street harassment, and empowers the learner to know how to support someone who is being victimised.

The training is only one hour long so easy to fit it into a busy schedule. The training is open to everyone - action from people of all genders and ages is vital. There are a selection of dates and times to choose from but places are limited.

If you would like to attend this free expert-led, online webinar delivered by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, please visit <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/Events/Category/events>

QUIZ NIGHT

30th Strood (Cuxton and Halling) Scout Group

Sat. 3rd December
7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

To support our representation at the Scout World Jamboree 2023 in South Korea.

Teams of 8 people max. £6 per head. Please bring your own food and drinks.

To book your place, please contact Matthew on 01634 727424.

Thank you for your support !



CUXTON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SINGING

A reminder that this year's Christmas tree lighting will take place at 6pm on Saturday 3rd December at Cuxton Library.

There will be a selection of craft stalls in the library from 5pm. Complimentary mince pies and mulled wine will be provided from 5:30pm.

The Christmas tree lights will be turned on at 6pm and will be followed by carol singing.

This event is sponsored by Cuxton Parish Council and Cllr Matt Fearn and supported by Cuxton's Fresh Expressions of Church.



Cuxton Community Church URC

**Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 21 December 2022**

6.30pm to 7.30pm

**Join us for a service of
Readings & Carols**

And Refreshments following the service



WHAT'S ON IN CUXTON

Cuxton Social Club

Saturday 3rd December: Zac Schultz T2 Band Night from 8pm. Free admission

Friday 23rd December: Raise the Roof, Club Classics Disco

Saturday 24th December: Mazz Rhodes, Members Bar

Saturday 31st December: New Years Eve Party – Kepler 22

White Hart

Friday 2nd December: Donna D'Sylva, Vocal entertainer, back to the 70's, 80's and 90's

Saturday 10th December: Tina Turner Tribute Act, plus dance set

Friday 23rd December: Hot Rats Annual Christmas Party from 8.30pm

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve Party with Leona, Vocal Entertainer, 60's to 80's party songs

Saturday 31st December: Allen's New Years Eve Disco Party

White Hart www.whitehartcuxton.co.uk Tel: 01634 789969

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

Cuxton Social Club Tel: 01634 71808

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

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

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>

Cuxton Library

Open Tuesday 9am to 1pm, Thursday & Friday 2pm to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm (no lunch closure).

Public computers are available for one hour sessions for library members. 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

Tel: 01634 337799

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

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2 vacancies

Ward Cllr: Matt Fearn matt.fearn@medway.gov.uk 07739 706432

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Website: www.cuxtonpc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CuxtonParishCouncil

Academy of Cuxton Schools

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 10th February

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Monday 20th February (inset day)



Cuxton Parish Council
Serving our community

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