

CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton November 2022

KENTISH WINE VAULT APPEAL

The date for the public enquiry into the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Kentish Wine Vault has been sent for March 2023. The details of the appeal can be found on the Medway Planning portal under appeals for September 2022. The reference number is APP/A2280/W/22/3307648. The original planning reference is MC/21/2328.

If you wish to send additional letters of support or objection, this must be done this by 9th November. We were surprised by the short notice time for responses and the delay of the appeal documentation being placed on the planning portal after the appeal was registered.

CUXTON "WEEDY" PAVEMENTS

In September and October, the Parish Council received complaints about the weeds growing at the sides of the pavements, particularly down Tar Tank Lane. Medway Council are responsible for weed spraying, which they do in the spring and autumn. They are also responsible for clearing the road gutters and the drains.

Last year there were complaints regarding the way in which weed spraying was conducted without the use of protective clothing or masks and spraying the weeds without regard to children going to school. This year we have again had complaints from Cuxton residents about the manner in which the weed spraying by Medway Norse has been conducted.

If you witnessed the weed spraying and would like to comment to improve the situation, please email WasteEnquiries@ncsgrp.co.uk and copy our clerk on clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk.

FATHER CHRISTMAS DELIVERY SERVICE

The Wheel Of Cuxton has made special arrangements to have Father Christmas deliver small presents to the younger members of your family on Sunday 18th December, from 3 p.m.

Should you wish to have a SMALL present delivered to your child/children (one present per child only please) the cost will be £5.00 for up to 3 presents per household. If you would like more than three presents delivered please add an additional £0.50 per present.

Presents should be no bigger than 20cm x 10cm x 10cm, any bigger presents will NOT be accepted. There will be a box on the table when you deliver your presents, if the lid closes with the present inside it will be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: only 100 applications can be accepted. Should there be COVID restrictions or incidents, the event may be amended or cancelled.



CUXTON LIBRARY GARDENS

In September, Medway Library Services formally agreed that a group of volunteers (The Friends of Cuxton Library Gardens) could take over the Management of the gardens adjacent to the library in Bush Road.

The aim of the group is to create formal planting using perennial shrubs and flowers along with seasonal wildflowers. This will provide a pleasant garden area adjacent to Bush Road for all to view. The group will use a renovated Parish Council noticeboard to keep passers-by informed of the planting and volunteer workdays.

Now the drought has ended, stumps of the hazel trees have been removed, paths laid and a water butt installed, planting can begin.

Donations of plants, bulbs and seeds have been received and will slowly be planted as areas are cleared of weeds. A small paved area is planned for the side of the library building. This will be used as an outside seating area when the library is open.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to clear the space, plus the lovely people at Arrow Cottage for water for the plants and the many cups of tea for the volunteers, also thanks to the Parish Council and the Library for supporting the project.

If you would like to volunteer on this project please contact Robin on rbourner@sky.com (All registered volunteers are covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance).

Robin Bourner



CUXTON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SINGING



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.



CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR HER LATE MAJESTY

Thank you to all residents who took the time to write entries in the condolence book for Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The loose leaf pages have now been taken to the County Archives and will be stored in the Kent History and Archive Centre.



GRANT APPLICATIONS 2022-2023

Cuxton Parish Council recognises the importance of supporting groups, organisations and charities that benefit the local community. Providing grants is a one way of providing such support. Applications for grants are now invited.

Cuxton Parish Council has an open, consistent and easily understood approach to awarding grants. The terms of the Grant making policy can be found on the Cuxton Parish website www.cuxtonpc.org.uk.

This Council will only awards grants that satisfy the following conditions:

1. Grants will be considered once a year at the April meeting of the full Council. The closing date for receiving applications is 1st March. Only in exceptional circumstances will this arrangement be waived, pending agreement of the majority of the members to accept such application. (Exceptional circumstances are defined and agreed by Cuxton Parish Council).
2. Grants will only be made to non-political, non-profit making groups or organisations, educational establishments or charities.
3. The council has a limited budget for grants and normally grants in excess of £750 would not be considered. Further information and guidance may be obtained by contacting the Clerk on clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk.
4. Applicants must be based or operate within the Parish of Cuxton.
5. The amount requested must be used primarily or exclusively to benefit Cuxton residents.
6. The application must be made on the appropriate form, available on the Cuxton Parish Council website www.cuxtonpc.org.uk.

REMINDER: NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE RECREATION GROUND

There has been a reported increase of dogs being taken into the Recreation Ground recently. Please can we politely remind everyone that dogs are not allowed in the Recreation Ground.

We are sure everyone appreciates the park is an area in which children are able to play safely and they are unable to do so if dog poo has been left on the ground. Football matches that take place in the Recreation Ground can also be affected for the same reasons.

We would ask all dog owners to respect the Parish Council's byelaws and not bring dogs into the Recreation Ground.

Outside of the Recreation Ground, please use the free poo bags situated around the village to pick up dog waste and then place the waste bags in the appropriate bins.

Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.

Cuxton Parish Council.

SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY MEDWAY COUNCIL

Following recent discussions, Medway Council's Transport and Parking department have tasked their engineering section with investigating the potential relocation of the existing 30mph speed limit into the village from Cobham, to before Upper Bush Road. This should be investigated before the end of the current financial year and we will advise you of the outcome in due course.

Unfortunately at present there does not appear to be any prospect of meaningful alterations to improve the A228/Bush Road junction although the Parish Council is continuing to press Medway Council for solutions.

What's On In Cuxton

Cuxton Social Club

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

Saturday 25th November: Michael Jackson Tribute & Soul Night from 8pm. Free admission.

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

White Hart

Friday 18th November: Leslie George 'Soul and Motown Night'.

Saturday 19th November: Sean McCathy Band, 9pm

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

White Hart 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

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

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

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

Parish Clerk: clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk 01634 730951

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

Website: www.cuxtonpc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CuxtonParishCouncil

Academy of Cuxton Schools

Winter Term 2022

Monday 31st October (inset day)

Tuesday 1st November to Friday
16th December

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January to Friday
10th February



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