

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton April 2023

## CUXTON ACADEMY OF SCHOOLS HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Cuxton Residents,

Some of you may be aware that I have recently returned to The Academy of Cuxton Schools after a period of time off due to maternity leave. I am now back in post and embracing my role as Headteacher once again. Over the last year, both the Infant and Junior Schools retained our 'Good' Ofsted outcomes. Both reports were very pleasing to read and are testament to the hard work of all the staff, children and parents over recent years. I do appreciate that our good reputation, amongst parents, has resulted in children now travelling from further away to fill the 60 spaces we have in Reception. I know this brings additional challenges to the village but ultimately for the children growing up in Cuxton it is fantastic that they can be assured to have an excellent start to their full-time education.

As a member of staff who has worked at Cuxton for a long time, I appreciate how much parking and traffic can be issues for us as a community. Over recent months, we have been proactive with our parents in promoting a website where parking concerns can be reported, rather than reporting them directly to us. Unfortunately, as a school, we have very little power with regards to parking unless parents are physically parking on our site. Although we will never get rid of the traffic or parking issues from Cuxton (every school has the same problem!), if you do have a concern around a parent's parking, please use the following link: [https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200136/parking\\_roads\\_travel/583/report\\_illegal\\_parking\\_in\\_medway](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200136/parking_roads_travel/583/report_illegal_parking_in_medway)

We continue to promote learning outside the classroom as a school. Currently, we are working towards the Silver award and hope to achieve it at the end of this academic year. If you feel you can support in providing opportunities for learning outside/resources we would love to hear from you! We know times are particularly tough at the moment for families but school budgets are also struggling so any support the community can provide is much appreciated.

We will be holding our annual Summer Fete from 3.30pm-5.30pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please do come along! It would be lovely to see members of our community attending. Alternatively, if you would like to host a stall at the event please contact the school office:- [office@academyofcuxton.org](mailto:office@academyofcuxton.org). This would be weather dependent because if it is a rainy day we will only have enough room to accommodate stalls run by the school.

I know many of you like to give back to your community. Over recent weeks, we have been discussing how we are lacking parent volunteers who come and listen to children read. If volunteering in school (particularly around reading) is something that interests you, we would really appreciate your support. You do not need to have had past experience working in schools. Our children love reading to adults so if you are able to commit some time to support us with this please do email the school office:- [office@academyofcuxton.org](mailto:office@academyofcuxton.org). Thank you.

I look forward to continuing to work with our community to make Cuxton the best it can possibly be.

*Charlotte Aldham-Breary (Headteacher)*

## **PROOF OF ADDRESS NEEDED TO USE MEDWAY RECYCLING CENTRES FROM 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

From Friday, 31 March 2023, the recycling centres at Cuxton, Capstone and Hoath Way will only be open to Medway residents and you will need to bring proof of address for your booking. You can carry on using all three recycling centres if you pay your council tax to Medway Council – please continue to book your slot online.

When you arrive for your booking – please bring your booking reference number and show your driver's licence or a household bill, such as council, gas or electricity, or even your TV licence.

## **IDENTIFICATION NEEDED**

### **If you want to Vote on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Changes in the law require all voters to provide photo identification in all government elections. This can be a passport or photo ID driving licence or a photo bus pass.

### **NO IDENTIFICATION NO VOTE**

If you don't have any photo ID then you will need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023. For more information please access the following link: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate>

## **CUXTON OPEN GARDENS**

Following the success of the Open Gardens Event last year it has been decided to have the next one in 2024. This will give time for the gardens that were involved last year to have matured and changed for visitors.

The plan is to hold this second event in June next year with tickets being available to buy at the 2024 Big Lunch.

If anyone would be interested in showing their garden or providing sponsorship for the event, please contact the committee on [leighpowis0@gmail.com](mailto:leighpowis0@gmail.com)



Come to see

# **'REMINISCE'**

who will be playing  
music from the '50s to the present day  
on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
in Cuxton Church Hall  
at 7 30pm  
in aid of Church funds

Light refreshments available



## **Peninsula Big Band**

**An evening of music from the 30's to the 90's**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm**

**St Michael's & All Angels Church, Cuxton**

**Light refreshments available**

**Donations in aid of church funds**

## CUXTON COUNTRYSIDE GROUP

We have recently been clearing fallen dead trees in Six Acre Wood but professional large tree surgery is still needed for the Ash-dieback ones that have been identified. Please watch out for notices on impending tree operations.

There has been a certain amount of rotational hazel tree coppicing (this process extends their lives significantly and also provides bean and pea sticks for gardeners) and the making of dead hedges (which act as an insect reserve and temporary sanctuary for wildlife being predated!)

Also, the vegetation by the sides of the paths will soon start to need clearance but we do not usually cut the wild flowers down unless they are really encroaching before they drop their seeds. Where possible, we will be widening some paths as we know that families and groups use our Cuxton footpaths frequently.

If you see any issues that need our attention, or would like to join our enthusiastic team of volunteers, please email us on:- [cgc.volunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:cgc.volunteers@hotmail.com)



## CUXTON ALLOTMENTS

The Cuxton Allotment Association has recently found it has some plots available. If you would like to take on the gardening challenge and use it as a Green Gym for fitness, as well as for releasing your stress, then please consider applying now.

The gardening season starts in April and you could enjoy your produce in a fairly short time. It will be nutritious, organic and satisfying when the seeds and tubers you planted, both germinate and flower.

You can choose the size of your plot, and Cuxton applications take priority, although we try hard to keep our waiting list short.

We encourage families to apply as we feel it is even more important nowadays for our youth to value home grown produce.

Please contact the clerk on [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk) for more details.

A yellow poster for 'Zumba with Vicki'. At the top left is a smiley face icon. The text reads: 'Zumba® with Vicki' in white on a dark blue background, 'HAPPY' in large blue letters, and 'HOUR SCHEDULE:' in white on a green background. Below this is a list of three items: '1. CLEAR YOUR HEAD', '2. SHAKE YOUR HIPS', and '3. FEEL YOUR BEST', each with a hand icon pointing to it. At the bottom, it lists the schedule: 'Monday - Zumba fitness - 6.30pm- £6', 'Tuesday - Zumba Gold - 6pm- £5', and 'Wednesday - Zumba fitness - 6.45pm- £6'. It also mentions the location 'Cuxton School Hall (opposite Social club)', booking information 'Book online at bookwhen.com/zumbawithvicki or contact me on 07841379027 for more information', and ends with a smiley face icon.

Zumba Gold was created for seniors. It's fun, but less intense! What are Zumba Gold classes? Zumba Gold is a modified Zumba class for active older adults that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity.



# WHAT'S ON IN CUXTON

## Cuxton Social Club

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - **The Sunday Roast Band**, in the Club Hall starting at 8pm. Free for members and non-members.

## White Hart

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April - **The Substitutes**, covering five decades of classic tracks of most music genres, from 8.30pm.

## 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](mailto:cuxton.library@medway.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01634 337799

**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 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](mailto: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](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

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

## Academy of Cuxton Schools

### Spring Term 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May



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*Serving our community*

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