

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton September 2023

## CUXTON ACADEMY OF SCHOOLS HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Cuxton Community,

I do hope you've had a wonderful summer. Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who attended our summer fete in July. With our disco and fete, we raised a fantastic total of £4,500 for the school. This will be funding a leased set of IPAD's for our children to use throughout the academic year. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces with ex-parents, pupils and grandparents attending the event. Our Christmas Fete is taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. Do come along and support us if you can!

I once again want to put out a plea to those in the community who could possibly give up time to volunteer in school. Last year, when I sent out a plea, we had a few members of the community come forward who have been reading with our children on a regular basis since. We are so grateful to those who give up their free time to support our children. If this is something you would like to consider then please do get in contact on the office email [office@academyofcuxton.org](mailto:office@academyofcuxton.org).

Over recent months, you may have noticed a traffic enforcement officer out on Bush Road on a regular basis. As discussed previously, we have made the council aware of our parking concerns and now they are actually listening. This is a positive step in the right direction. If you are concerned about how a member of our school community has parked, please ensure you have logged it: [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)

I have no jurisdiction over the parking on Bush Road so it is important that the correct channels are used to report such issues.

Finally, I would like to put out one final plea around people in the village who have expertise in certain areas. One of our Ofsted next steps was around our teachers being 'experts' in all subjects. If you have expertise in any of our curriculum areas, please do contact us as we would be very interested in you leading some professional development for our staff. For example, do you speak Spanish? Do you have a passion for a particular sport on the PE curriculum? Do you teach an instrument? So far we have had an artist, DT and Maths teachers who have delivered fantastic training for our teachers. If you believe you could support us in this next step for the school, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support of the school, it really is appreciated.

*Charlotte Aldham-Breary (Headteacher)*

## INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL HANDRAILS, 6 ACRE WOOD

Following receipt of requests, Cuxton Parish Council contacted our Ward Councillors to ask if they could, with the help of Medway Council, install additional handrails in Six Acre Wood at the bottom of the steps leading up to the Church, the upper path and beyond.

Volunteers from the Medway Towns footpath group recently completed the installation using re-purposed wood, as can be seen from the photographs shown.

Cuxton Parish Council hopes this will help residents negotiate the slope more easily.



## KENT POLICE: NOTICE OF TALK TO BE GIVEN BY FRAUD PROTECT OFFICER OF KENT POLICE ON WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023

Following recent instances of cold calling in the village, Cuxton Parish Council contacted Kent Police's Fraud department. We have arranged for the Fraud Protect Officer of Kent Police to come and give a talk to residents. Cuxton Social Club has generously allowed use of the club hall for this purpose and the talk will be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023, starting at 7pm.

In view of the officer's expertise, the talk will focus on how residents can protect themselves from becoming a victim of scams. The Kent Police Fraud representative will be unable to comment on local policing or other issues not connected to fraud or scams, as these do not fall within their remit.

We are sure it will be an informative session and we invite residents to join us and participate in the event.

In the meantime, residents can obtain a Trading Standards 'Stop Cold Calling' information pack from Cuxton library.



## BIG LUNCH 2024

Thank you again to all residents who joined in the Big Lunch this year despite the rain, which arrived towards the end of the event.

With donations made at the gate and following further fundraising by local businesses since the event, the total amount raised for Age UK was £601.62. This is being put towards the creation of a sensory trail at Capstone Dementia Centre. Thank you all for your generosity.

Cuxton Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Big Lunch 2024 will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please put this date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

## UPDATE ON FOOTPATH CLOSURE RE UNSTABLE BANKING ON A228

As emergency barriers have been in place for some time at the top of the hill by the bus stop on the A228, Cuxton Parish Council asked Medway Council for an update.

Medway Council have advised the footpath has been closed for safety reasons and they are currently awaiting details of the design of a retaining wall.

We have asked they keep the Parish Council informed of developments so we can update residents accordingly.

## TRAFFIC LOOP AND SENSOR UPDATE

The Parish Council contacted Medway Council as we had been advised by residents the traffic loop and sensor at the Bush Road junction with the A228 was still not functioning correctly.

It was confirmed a technician was due to visit the site in June, and we have asked what remedial works were recommended and when they would be undertaken.

We have now been advised by Medway Council that an engineer visited the site on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August and has confirmed that the system was working correctly.

We will be monitoring the situation but if any residents feel the system is faulty, please email the clerk on [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk) and we will revert to Medway Council.



## QUIZ EVENING

### For Church funds

To be held at St Michael's Church Hall

Saturday 21st October  
7.30pm start.

Teams 6-8 or come as individuals.

Please book with Rector  
[roger@cuxtonandhalling.org.uk](mailto:roger@cuxtonandhalling.org.uk)

01634 717134

Please bring own food and drink.

Entry £6.00 per person.



# WHAT'S ON IN CUXTON

## Cuxton Social Club

Friday 15th September: **Beer Pressure** - In the Events Hall. Free to members and non-members. Doors open from 7pm.

Friday 6th October: **Slide Oasis** – In the Events Hall. Doors open from 7pm. Not recommended for younger children. Early bird tickets for members and their guests available from 1st – 8th September. Tickets are £5 per person from the bar.

## White Hart

Friday 1st September: **Island Brothers - Caribbean Night** - Ska and Reggae covers. From 8.30pm.

**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 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

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

## Academy of Cuxton Schools

### Autumn Term 1

Friday 1st September – Friday 20th October

**Inset days** - Friday 1st and Monday 4th September, Monday 30th October

**Half Term** - Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

### Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December



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*Serving our community*

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