

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton December 2023

## CUXTON'S REMEMBRANCE



During November, Cuxton residents showed their respects for Remembrance Day through a variety of beautiful installations.

Members of the Cuxton Craft association, MHS homes residents, and the Academy of Cuxton Schools produced a spectacular set of displays for the village, some of which were even reported in an article from the BBC. ([www.bbc.com/news/articles/cv2zl2d4655o](http://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cv2zl2d4655o))

The displays featured a poppy-covered bench and bicycle at the bottom of Tar Tank Lane, a wash of poppies outside MHS homes, banners and garlands outside the school offices, beaded poppies in the library gardens and even a whole school artwork event.

On Remembrance Sunday, representatives from the Scouting and Girlguiding associations, and the Cuxton Parish Council, laid poppy wreaths at the war memorial, during a moving remembrance service led by Rev. Roger Knight.







# Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Singing

Cuxton Library  
6pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Craft stalls from 5pm in the library.

Complimentary mince pies and  
mulled wine from 5.30pm.

Tree lights turned on at 6pm  
followed by carol singing.

Collection buckets for Air Ambulance Charity (KSS) \*



## Cuxton's Christmas tree has arrived!

Cuxton's Christmas tree is back this year in the library gardens. Thanks to our Ward Councillors Matt Fearn & Phil Filmer for their generous donation towards to cost of the tree. Make sure you come along to our Christmas tree lighting event to enjoy it in its full glory and for a Christmas carol singalong!

## Bonfire Night

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November another fantastic bonfire night was held in Cuxton Recreation Ground, by the Wheel of Cuxton and Cuxton Parish Council.

The evening drew strong crowds, in spite of the dubious weather forecast, and residents were able to enjoy the much-loved firework display.

Cuxton Parish Council are proud to support such a wonderful community event and are very grateful to the volunteers from The Wheel of Cuxton for all their hard work in organising and setting up the event every year.



## Goodbye

Jen & Gerald Higley would like to say a fond farewell to all the many dear friends & neighbours that they have made in Cuxton - and during their walks in Ranscombe Farm.

We shall miss you all so much and wish everyone A Very Happy Christmas and 2024.



DECEMBER FESTIVE EVENINGS WITH ALPACAS

MUSIC - DRINKS - TABLES - ALPACAS



MEET SANTA & HIS ALPACADEERS

DECEMBER 15TH - 22ND



FOR INFO & TO BOOK VISIT [LOWERBUSHALPACAS.CO.UK](http://LOWERBUSHALPACAS.CO.UK)  
QUERIES - EMAIL [LOWERBUSHALPACAS@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:LOWERBUSHALPACAS@HOTMAIL.COM)

## Please join us for a Christmas Eve Carol Service

Sunday 24th December  
10.30am

Refreshments provided  
Cuxton Community Church  
45 Bush Road

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Cuxton Scout Hall**

**Saturday 9th December**

**10am-12noon**

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

## Peninsula Big Band

*An Open Rehearsal featuring*

*Christmas Music in the Big Band Style*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm*

*St Michael & All Angels Church, Cuxton*

*Light refreshments available*

*Donations in aid of church funds*

**OPENING SEPTEMBER 2024**

**A BRAND NEW**  
**NURSERY** **AT**  
**2**  
**YEAR**  
**old room**

**The Academy of Cuxton Schools**  
**for children born between September**  
**2021 and August 2022**



The Academy of Cuxton Schools are proud to announce the opening of their brand new 2 Year old room in September 2024. This wonderful new learning environment will ensure your child has the best possible start to their education journey!

Set in the heart of the Cuxton community, with fantastic facilities, we offer a unique experience for your little one and a nurturing ethos.

**Community**

At the heart of our community

**Adventure**

Little people, big ideas

**Resilience**

Growing resilience through early experience

**Excellence**

Excellence through exploration

**OPEN DAYS**

29th November at 9.30am

5th December at 9.30am

9th January at 1.30pm

24th January at 9.30am



To register your interest please scan the QR Code or click the link

**I'M INTERESTED**

For further information please see the school website:  
<https://www.cuxtonschools.co.uk/admissions-nursery/>

**THE ACADEMY OF CUXTON SCHOOLS**  
Bush Road, Cuxton, Rochester, Kent ME2 1EY

The Academy of Cuxton Schools is part of  
The Primary First Trust

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**MY KIND OF**

**HAPPY HOUR**

Invite your friends to Zumba class.  
Everyone welcome

Zumba with Vicki

Mon-6.30pm-Zumba fitness-£7

Tue-6pm-Zumba Gold-£6

Wed-6.45pm-Zumba fitness-£7

Cuxton School hall (opposite Social club)

Pay on the door or book online at [bookwhen.com/zumbawithvicki](http://bookwhen.com/zumbawithvicki).

Contact me on 07841379027 for more information

## CUXTON TINY TOTS

Fun play time for babies and toddlers with different activities each week.

For updates and information check out our facebook page: **Cuxton Tinytots**

Everyone is welcome with hot and cold drinks provided as well as biscuits and fruit for all. £5 for first child and then £1 for siblings.

Wednesday Term Time  
Cuxton Social Club Hall  
9.45am - 11.15am





## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

### White Hart

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Live Music party - Willoughby Peters  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Live Vocal entertainer- Leanne  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Live Music party – Natalie Ward  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Final year pub quiz  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Live Music-Billy's Band Rock/Country Blues

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> NYE- Matt Diamond - Live Act

### Cuxton Social Club

2<sup>nd</sup> – Rolling Stones Tribute band  
16<sup>th</sup> - Childrens Christmas Party  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Members Party with DJ Naylor  
27<sup>th</sup> – Charity Football game, raising money for Demelza Hospice  
31<sup>st</sup> – New Years Eve Party Disco in the events 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

### Cuxton Parish Councillors

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

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**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)

### Medway Council Portal

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, Church Hall, School and Cuxton Railway Station

### Academy of Cuxton Schools

#### Autumn Term 2 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Inset day** - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### Spring Term 1 2024

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February



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