

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

April 2024



## Spring is in air!

The village is blooming, and residents are getting out and making the most of the better weather, with many volunteering their time clearing paths and planting. If you would like to meet other gardeners in the village, make a note in your diary for the Cuxton Open Gardens event.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering in the village, the work that Cuxton Parish Council does or simply meet other residents, please come along to the **Annual Parish Assembly, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm, Cuxton Social Club.**



## Cuxton Open Gardens - June 16th 2024

Come and have a wander around some of the private gardens in our beautiful village.

Tickets are £5 per person and will be available to buy at The Cuxton Big Lunch or at selected gardens on the day (list on parish noticeboards).

*Event sponsored by Cuxton Community Church and Cuxton PC*

## North Kent National Nature Reserve...

Some of the most significant sites for wildlife in North Kent are coming together to propose a new Partnership National Nature Reserve (NNR) located between Medway and Gravesend.

At this stage, they don't know exactly which areas will be part of the NNR but they are likely to be in and around Cuxton, as organisations involved could include National Trust, Woodland Trust, Kent County Council, Plantlife and the West Kent Downs Countryside Trust. This won't stop people from using these places as they always have, but as part of the planning for the area, they want to know your thoughts and what you want to see in the future of these sites. For further information visit: [www.cuxtonpc.org.uk](http://www.cuxtonpc.org.uk)



**Cuxton raises £256.67 for  
Kent Surrey & Sussex  
Air Ambulance Charity**



## News from The Academy of Cuxton Schools

Dear Cuxton Community,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter with your friends and family. I am writing this Parish Council newsletter to give you an update as to what we have been up to at The Academy of Cuxton Schools, but also to explain what we have planned for the next few months.

As you will be aware, we have been busy advertising our new nursery and wrap around care. This will be opening come September. We have exciting developments taking place over the summer break, with refurbishment work happening to transform the current 'Beehive/Buzz' buildings. As always, I will send letter to any neighbours who may be impacted by the building work, particularly with regards to noise etc. We will be using the same company we have used over recent years to undertake the extensive work. We haven't been made aware of any negative impact on the community in the past so we are very much hoping this will once again be the case. If your child is turning 2 in the next academic year, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding our nursery provision. We would love to hear from you if we haven't already!

On the **28<sup>th</sup> June** from 3.30pm, we will be holding our annual summer fete. Over the last few years this has been a real success, with many members of our school community (past and present) attending. If you are interested in hosting a stall, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on [office@academyofcuxton.org](mailto:office@academyofcuxton.org) for the attention of Mrs Searle. It would be lovely to promote the businesses within the village, at a wonderful community event.

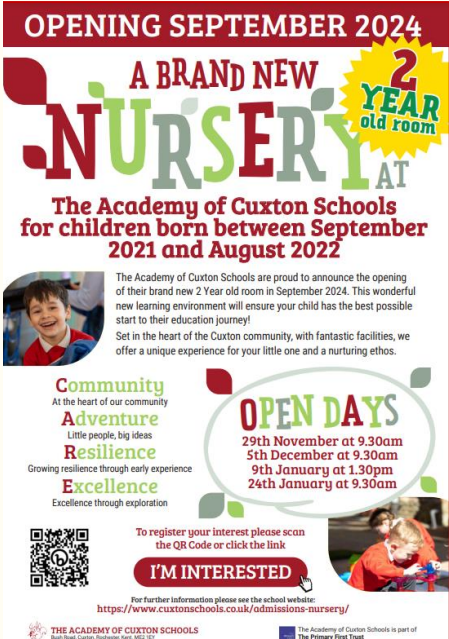
I want to take this opportunity to thank the many members of our community who come into school on a voluntary basis and read with our children. Most year groups now have a volunteer, who comes in and listens to the children read. As a school, reading is a priority, as it honestly is 'the gateway to learning'. If you are able to give up some of your spare time to support us in this area, please do express an interest via the office. We can never have enough volunteer readers! With school budgets becoming more and more challenging, any additional support our children can receive is much appreciated.

We are also still in the search for 'experts' from our community to come in and work with our teachers, as part of their continued professional development. I know we have some training in the pipeline, which is great to hear.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I meet regularly with the clerk of the Parish Council to discuss the updates from the village and share any school developments that may be of interest. I believe this is fundamental in ensuring that both the school and the Parish Council work together for the best of the children and the village.

As someone who has been part of the Cuxton community for a very long time, I know how important it is for us to work in cohesion. Our school value of 'community' is one we feel is well and truly embedded at all levels with pupils, staff, governance partners and parents. Working closely with our community is a fundamental curriculum driver for our school.

Thank you for your continued support as always,  
Charlotte Aldham-Breary  
Headteacher



**OPENING SEPTEMBER 2024**

**A BRAND NEW 2 YEAR old room**

**NURSERY AT**

**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  
Beehive/Coxon School, Kent ME22 2TJ

The Academy of Cuxton Schools is part of  
The Primary Trust



## Vineyard Farms New Application

Cuxton Parish Council held a dedicated meeting, on 29<sup>th</sup> February, to receive a presentation from Vineyard Farms Limited, which was well-attended by over 20 residents.

Following the judgements of their planning appeal last July, Vineyard Farms asked to meet and discuss their latest ideas for an adjusted and scaled-down version of their winery.

Taking into consideration the findings of the Inspector, they have revised their plans and have been making presentations over the last few weeks to Medway Council planning department, the members and the local parish councils surrounding their vineyard.

At the time of writing, no planning applications have been submitted for this project, but it is likely that this will occur within the next few months.

Visit: [www.cuxtonpc.org.uk](http://www.cuxtonpc.org.uk) or [www.silverhandestate.com](http://www.silverhandestate.com) for details.

Hello. My name is Antony Jeffery, you may have seen me running around the village. I am raising money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital in this year's London Marathon. If you fancy helping me achieve my target of £2,000 please use the QR code. Thank you very much



## Things to do in April

### Cuxton Social Club

**Friday - April 5<sup>th</sup> - 19:00-23:55**

Club classics DJ event with DJ Big Nay  
In the events hall – Free to members  
£5 for non-members

**Thursday - April 18<sup>th</sup> - 19:00-23:00**

Music quiz including a live band  
In the members' bar - Free to members

**Saturday - April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Tickets available  
Comedy show - Lazy Dog Comedy featuring an MC & 3 professional comics from the national comedy circuit. Live in the events hall

### Halling Gardening Society

Sunday – April 7<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee Hall - 3pm  
**Spring Show** Open to the public - 50p  
Call: 01634240480 for details

### Halling Historical Society

Monday – April 15<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee Hall – 7.30pm  
'Medway Meandering' by Jonathan Fenner



.....in aid of Cancer Research UK

An evening of songs, music and fun from a variety of singers and musicians

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024, 7 pm**

**St. Michael and All Angels' Church,**  
Rochester Road, Cuxton,  
Kent ME2 1AF

Entrance to this concert is free.  
Please book places online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DEGZ>

Donations to Cancer Research UK can be made at the concert, or online:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jan23>

Refreshments available.

We look forward to welcoming you at this event.

Thank you!



This event is one of a number of musical events being arranged in loving memory of Jan Nichols, teacher, Scouter, crafter and community friend. Her kindness was inspiring. She had a wish to raise lots of money through music. This event remembers not only Jan, but also **everyone affected by cancer.**

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464).



Featuring:



Musical mastery and fun from the amazing Stevedores

plus...

Emily and Sarah Barber  
singers

Suzanne Francis  
saxophone

Dawn Gates  
singer

Janet Stone  
organ



In aid of

## CUXTON TINY TOTS

Fun weekly 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 - 9.45am - 11.15am  
Cuxton Social Club Hall



**ZUMBA®**  
**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 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

### 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>

**Medway Council Traffic Enforcement Hotline: 07718 130962**

**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

### Cuxton Parish Councillors

Gerald Chalker (Chairman)	<a href="mailto:ged@cuxtonpc.org.uk">ged@cuxtonpc.org.uk</a>
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Phil Filmer [phil.filmer@medway.gov.uk](mailto:phil.filmer@medway.gov.uk)

**Parish Clerk:** [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk)

01634 730951 / 07483 349613

**The Parish Office:** The Pavilion, Cuxton Recreation Ground, Bush Road, Cuxton ME2 1EZ Website: [www.cuxtonpc.org.uk](http://www.cuxtonpc.org.uk)

### Academy of Cuxton Schools

**Summer Term 5 2024**

Monday 15th April-

Friday 24th May

**Summer Term 6 2024**

Monday 3rd June-

Friday 19th July

To submit copy or to advertise an event in this newsletter, please contact the parish clerk by emailing: [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk)



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