

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

May 2024

## CUXTON CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

As in previous years, the **Big Lunch Event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, will have a dedicated Craft and Produce show to showcase the wonderful talents of our residents. This year the categories are as follows:

### ADULTS SECTION

#### GARDENING

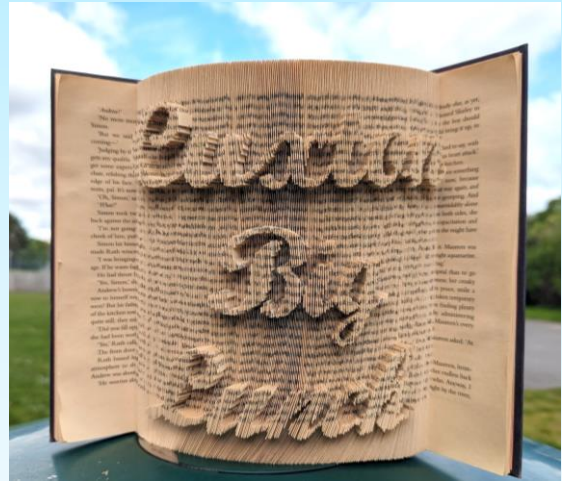
- Class 1) A pot plant
- Class 2) A single stem of flower
- Class 3) A vase of mixed garden flowers
- Class 4) A plate of home-grown fruit and/or vegetables
- Class 5) A bunch of herbs

#### CRAFTS

- Class 1) A painting or drawing
- Class 2) An item of knitting or crochet
- Class 3) An item of needlework
- Class 4) Any item that you have made (other than listed in schedule)
- Class 5) A photograph of a Cuxton view or landmark.

#### COOKERY

- Class 1) A jar of home-made preserve (sweet or savoury)
- Class 2) Five fruit scones
- Class 3) A flan or quiche
- Class 4) A home-made alcoholic drink
- Class 5) A cake decorated for the Paris Olympics



*A previous entry from a very talented resident*

Entries should be brought to the Recreation Ground (tennis courts) on the day **between 10am and 11am**. Entry forms are not required, but please provide a piece of paper with your name and category alongside your entry.

*We are still looking for volunteers to help us set up the event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, so if you can spare any time on that morning, please do let us know.*



### Joyful corners of the village!

Thanks to the efforts of a few creative villagers, there are some beautiful things to see around the village at the moment. Thank you all for these lovely surprises – we hope that you'll enter the craft show!



## Updates from Cuxton 91

Cuxton 91 have a busy time coming up in the next couple of months as the football season draws to an end.

On 17th and 18th May we are holding our trophy presentations at Cuxton Social Club, everyone in our club receives a trophy to reward them for their efforts throughout the season.

We are also presenting two special awards -

- The Jamie Kolendo Cup to the top goal-scorer throughout the club.
- The Jack Lewis Award for outstanding contribution within the club.



On 21st May the social club, rec and school field pitches are all being reseeded. On 1st and 2nd June our annual youth tournament is being held at Strood Academy and Wednesday 5th June is our AGM at Cuxton Social Club.

Our community football club caters for Boys, Girls, Men, Ladies and Vets giving everyone an opportunity to play football and enjoy themselves. We run two soccer academies for boys and girls to give youngsters the chance to see if football is their thing.

Above is a photo of our over-30's Ladies team after a recent 4-3 win over Chatham Town. The Ladies play every other Sunday night at Aylesford FC and also train on Wednesday nights at Strood Academy.



## The Recreation Ground

Now that the weather is improving, the contractor is due to begin refreshing the paintwork on the playground fencing and the parish council will be able to resolve the outstanding issue with the vandalised piece of equipment. It is very sad that this relatively new item might have to be replaced due to the actions of some, especially as the main victims of this are the toddlers for whom there are currently fewer options for play.

Following the CCTV upgrades, there are several further plans being discussed to continually improve the different aspects of the recreation ground and we hope to gather some resident opinions next month, at The Big Lunch Event.

Otherwise, the area continues to be mowed regularly, checked daily and inspected weekly, with a full annual inspection completed every year in the autumn. Any concerns can be reported to the clerk at: [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk).

Many years ago, the parish decided to make this a dog-free area for the health and safety of users, many of whom are young children inexperienced with animals. The restriction has helped keep the park free of dog mess, allowing users to confidently enjoy the grass for games and picnics. We would like to thank residents for their understanding and ongoing support with keeping this a dog-free area.

## Beacon Lighting

The Cuxton beacon, situated on Church Hill, will be lit at 9.15pm on the evening of Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

At that moment, hundreds of beacons will be lit all over the country to pay tribute to all those who took part in D-Day and commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings.



As part of the ceremony, the International Tribute will be read aloud as the beacon is lit. All are welcome to attend. The beacon site is at coordinates: 51.371238, 0.450359. The what3words reference is: owners.paints.shack. Please note the beacon site is only accessible by foot.



## Cuxton Open Gardens - June 16th 2024

The Cuxton Open Gardens event will be going ahead on the 16<sup>th</sup> June this year (that's the Sunday after the Cuxton Big Lunch). We have several lovely gardens to see, and they will be open for visitors between 11am and 5pm. There will be parking available in the village and refreshments will be on sale in some gardens. Full details will be published nearer the date so look out for posters appearing in the village soon.

Admission will be £5 per person for entry to all the gardens, children under 12 free. No dogs apart from Assistance dogs. Tickets will be on sale at the Big Lunch and at the entrance to the recreation ground and some gardens on the day. All profits will be donated to SHELTER and the event is being sponsored by Cuxton Community Church and Cuxton Parish Council.

## Things to do in May

**Cuxton Social Club** Tel: 01634 718068

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 9pm

Ever Present Past - The McCartney Tribute Collection  
– Tickets £5 from the club

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 7-11pm

A comedy immersive experience of Marilyn's life and career by a tribute Marilyn

**The White Hart** Tel: 01634 789969

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 8.45pm

The Dylan Band - Playing Bob Dylan's famous hits in their own inimitable way

**Halling Gardening Society** Tel: 01634 240480

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Hall - 7.30pm

“How to take cuttings” demonstration and talk.  
Free of charge, with refreshments

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Five Bells – 10am – Midday  
Plant Sale – Open to all



# CADS

## 1924 - 2024

For our first production in our 100<sup>th</sup> year

*We Present*



**By Patricia Gay**

**An Evening of Murder and Mystery**

**Work individually or as a team to solve the crime !**

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 8pm

The Meadow Room, Cobham Kent

Tickets £15 Including Buffet Supper

Box office open from 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tel 07552 665588

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In association with Lazybee scripts



**MEDWAY MATTERS LIVE** Medway Council will be holding its second Medway Matters Live evening on Tuesday 18th June at The Hundred of Hoo Academy. This is an opportunity for local residents to hear about Medway Council developments and plans, as well as pose questions to the senior leadership directly.

Doors open at 6.30pm with the event starting at 7pm and it will conclude at 8.30pm.

For further details and registration search: Medway Matters Live.

### 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

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**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

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