

# CUXTON NOTICEBOARD



The Newsletter by and for the people of Cuxton

June 2024

## It's time for The Big Lunch!

The Big Lunch will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**at the Recreation Ground**, with entry from midday.

The event will once again feature live music and demonstrations,  
as well as a range of stalls selling food, beverages, crafts and lots more.

During the day, our popular Craft and Produce show will also be judged. (All entries should be brought to the tennis courts on the day **between 10am and 11am**. The categories are listed on page 3.)



Residents can bring in their own gazebos (only from 11am) but please be mindful when placing the guy ropes to avoid causing trip hazards. And please ensure all other residents can still view the stage area. **No cooking equipment is allowed in the Recreation ground** (i.e. BBQs, portable BBQs and pizza ovens).

As ever, we are looking for volunteers to help set up the event (from 8am). If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Clerk on: [clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cuxtonpc.org.uk). Thank you!

This year, Cuxton Parish Council will be supporting the Wisdom Hospice, with donations for this wonderful charity collected at the gate.

### Live Music Schedule

This year, we are kicking off in style with a special guest appearance by the incredibly popular **Zac Schultze Gang** at 12.30pm, so come early!

12:30-13:30	Zac Schultze Gang (rock and blues covers)
13:45-14:00	Zumba Display
14:00-15:00	Karen Newby (piano/singing)
15:00-16:00	The End (pop/rock)
16:00-17:00	Billy Levin Band (country)
17:00-18:00	Shambolics (60's, 70's & 80's covers)

### Have your say...

Cuxton Parish Council would like to know your thoughts about renovating the courts area in the recreation ground.



Please use the QR Code to complete our short survey. Hard copies of this survey will also be available at the Big Lunch.



### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 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, to pay tribute to all those who took part in D-Day and commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings.

## Wildlife Tower Unveiling

Many residents may have seen throughout the surrounding countryside, the building of monolithic birds of prey towers on vineyard land. At the end of April, two Parish Councillors, Cllr Manning and myself, attended the formal unveiling of said towers hosted by the winery in Luddesdown.

On a cold and drizzly Friday, we boarded minibuses heading down into the Luddesdown valley to be shown around and explained what, who, when and why. Funding for these six towers came from the Lower Thames Crossing as part of a biodiversity net-gain initiative.

The reason for their existence is to support a myriad of bird and bat life with purposeful gaps and holes leading to nesting boxes inside the tower structure. The size and scale of them have raised some controversy; however, they replace the barns and veteran trees we have lost over the years and are somewhat in keeping with local landmarks like the Darnley Mausoleum and the Larkin monument in Higham. Arguably the highlight of the trip was the difficulty of exiting a wet grassy valley in a humble minibus, after multiple attempts we were free.

Whilst these buildings will provide habitat, the reason for their existence is somewhat sad. With so few barns, barn owls have fewer nesting opportunities, and with so little ancient woodland and veteran trees raptors and bats have fewer places to roost. We must take these towers with a pinch of salt, that their very existence is an admission of years of countryside neglect and abuse over the centuries past. I would like to hope that by the time these towers have reached their end of life, we won't need to rebuild them because nature would have regained the balance it so desperately needs.

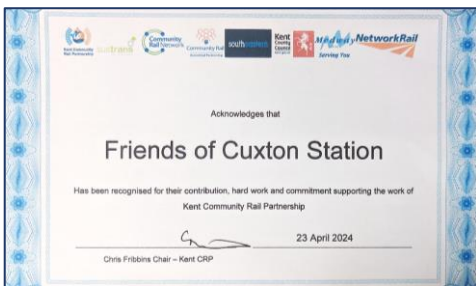
*Councillor Matt Nightingale*



## Cuxton Open Gardens - June 16th 2024

The Cuxton Open Gardens event will be going ahead on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month (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 as indicated on the map at the Big Lunch and on the tickets.

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 the week before at the Big Lunch and also on the day at the entrance to the recreation ground and at the gardens. All profits will be donated to SHELTER and the event is being sponsored by Cuxton Community Church and Cuxton Parish Council.



## Friends of Cuxton Station Group Recognised

The friends of Cuxton Station group have been officially recognised for all their hard work in maintaining and developing the train station in Cuxton- Well done!

## 30<sup>th</sup> Strood (Cuxton) Scout Group

The Group had a rapid return after Covid and we now have about 90 young people all enjoying the activities. However, in the past couple of years we have seen some of our helpers leave.

We need help at the Beaver Colonies on Thursday and Friday evenings and Tuesday Cubs. Helpers do not have to be in uniform or take any compulsory training we would just need to get you a DBS Certificate. We are happy if more than one person helps so you could have a parent rota, therefore not everyone has to commit to each week.

If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please contact the Group Lead Volunteer Ann Hayes on 07809 201838 or email her on [ann.hayes@medwaytowns.org.uk](mailto:ann.hayes@medwaytowns.org.uk).





## Craft and Produce Show categories

### 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

### CHILDREN'S SECTION

Class 1) A decorated egg

Class 2) Paint a picture of your pet

Class 3) A bunch of flowers from your garden

Class 4) Three decorated cup cakes

Class 5) A potato head

All 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 alongside your entry.

## Cuxton Community Church



Cuxton Community Church will be hosting members from the Philadelphia Praise and Worship Band. God is Real – Come and hear **Saturday 29th June 3pm – 5pm** at 45 Bush Road. On Sunday 30th June 3pm -5pm St. Michaels Church are joining us all for a joint service All welcome, tea and refreshments served.

## Things to do in June

**Cuxton Social Club** Tel: 01634 718068

Friday 14th June - Doors at 7pm

One Night with Marilyn

An intimate evening of comedy, music and glamour

Tickets available from the Club

**The White Hart** Tel: 01634 789969

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Modraphenia – THE Mod Band!

The Who/ Small Faces/Beatles/Motown etc

**The Academy of Cuxton Schools**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - 15.30pm

School Summer Fete - all welcome.

**Halling Gardening Society** Tel: 01634 240480

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Five Bells – 10am to Midday

Plant Sale – Open to all

**Halling Historical Society**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm – Jubilee Hall

‘The Knights Templar & Temple Manor’

Dr. Jeremy Clarke

Free to members – Visitors £3.50



## Community Kindness Concerts Concert by the Peninsula Big Band

.....in aid of Cancer Research UK

A swinging evening of big band music from this fabulous band.

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024,  
7.30 pm**

at

**St. John the Baptist,  
High Street,  
Halling, Rochester  
ME2 1BT**

Entrance to this concert is free.

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

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

Refreshments available.

**Everyone welcome.  
We look forward to seeing you  
at this event. Thank you!**



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

This event is the eighth in a series of 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**.



The Peninsula Big Band is a 15 piece traditional big band formed in 2007 with a blend of professional and experienced regular players who all love the big band style. The band has played at weddings, dinner dances, festivals and charity fund raisers.

The band has an extensive library including music from the great band leaders such as Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Count Basie to arrangements of more modern music including Beatles, Sade, Michael Jackson and The Average White Band.

Enjoy the glorious sound of big band by coming along to this concert. You won't be disappointed!



OPENING SEPTEMBER 2024



The Academy of Cuxton Schools for children born between September 2020 and August 2022

For further information please see the school website:

<https://www.cuxtonschools.co.uk/admissions-nursery/>

Or call: 01634 337 720



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## WW2 Through an artist's eye Exhibition

Wednesday 29th May to 15th July  
Maidstone Museum, Maidstone.

Featuring a collage style painting of DDAY (Operation Overlord) for the 80th anniversary as well as other designs and operations including Operation Chastise (Dam busters). Lancaster bombers, Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft.

Entrance to the museum is FREE.

Claudia Camilleri's work will be available at the museum shop to purchase.

### 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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### Academy of Cuxton Schools

#### Summer Term 6 2024

Monday 3rd June-

Friday 19th July

#### Autumn Term 1 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September –

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

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