

Hackington Parish Community

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Merry Christmas!

Wishing you all the
best this festive season
and a happy and healthy
New Year!

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HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Residents will have noticed that our solar-powered speed indicator device (SID) on Hackington Road, which was situated on a post just south of the pub, is no longer there. For the past 5 months this had registered the speeds of vehicles as

they approached the post and showed on the screen the speed they were travelling at. However, we found out last week that it had been removed on the instructions of the Highways division of Kent County Council on the grounds that the Parish Council was in breach of its agreement with Kent Highways that the device should be moved to different locations every 8 weeks, and that by installing a solar panel onto the post to power the battery, we had in fact made it a permanent fixture. While not disputing this, we took this initiative in order to find a sustainable and reliable solution to powering the device which did not involve having to change the battery inside the compartment every week and then charging it up at somebody's house so that it could be re-installed a week later when the replacement battery ran out of power. It is obviously a matter of dismay to us that Kent Highways took the decision to remove the device, which belongs to the Parish Council, even if they had their own grounds for doing so. The result is that there is now no functioning SID in place to alert oncoming traffic to the speed they are doing, to the detriment of road safety. We are currently in discussion with Kent Highways to find a constructive solution to the present unsatisfactory situation.

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

On **4 January** there will be an annual New Year walk followed by hot soup at Tyler Hill Cottage.

Talk on Graffiti in the Cathedral is planned for **10 February 2025 at 7.45** at the Tyler Hill Village Hall. It will be given by Su Westerman.

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

The Gardening Society will not meet in December, January or February.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 8th January 2025, at 2:30 pm**. Entry £1.

Regular Clubs running at the hall (please see the notice board outside the hall for contact details):

Bowles Society: Every Thursday evening at 7 pm

Canterbury Photographic Society: First Wednesday of the month 6.45-10 pm

Chi Chi Dance Fit with Maddy: Mondays 7:30-8:15 pm

Clinical Pilates: Every Tuesday in term time: 8:30-9:25 am and 9:30 to 10:25 am

Gardeners' Club: Third Wednesday of the month: 7.30-9.30 pm

Kendo: Mondays 7-8.30 pm

Rock Choir: Mondays 10-11:30 am

Thai Chi: Mondays 5.30-6.30 pm; Wednesdays 5-6 pm; Sundays 2-3.30 pm

Tippy Toes: Thursdays 10-11.30 am

Yoga: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 pm; Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am (Chair yoga);
Fridays 9.30-10.30 am

Please note that all Tyler Hill Memorial Hall activities are run by the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall committee, not the Hackington Parish Council.

Therefore for any inquiries, please contact tylerhillmemorialhall@gmail.com.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday,**
16 January at 7:30 pm in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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