

Hackington Parish Council Community

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SO LONG!



From left to right: Cllr Annie Cover (retiring), Cllr Ania Bobrowicz, Cllr Richard Cullen, Cllr Trish Hulks (retiring), Sam Paterson (Clerk), Cllr Ray Evison (retiring)

Cllr Richard Cullen

'It is with sadness and gratitude that we bid farewell in March to three outstanding, retiring Parish councillors. Ray Evison has served on the Council without a break for an amazing 47 years, having joined in 1976. This makes him comfortably the longest-serving councillor in the Parish's history since the PC was formed in 1894. For 17 of these years, Ray was the Chair of the Council, a role he assumed again in his final year before retiring. Annie Cover joined the Council in 2002, clocking up 21 years this May, during which time she has had specific responsibility for the Council's liaison with the Village Hall committee. Finally, Trish Hulks joined the Council not long afterwards in 2005, and recently took the role of Chair for a year. Together they have thus served on our Parish Council with commitment and distinction for a total of 86 years! It goes without saying that their experience, knowledge and dedication will be sorely missed and they will leave three pairs of very large boots to fill in their absence. On behalf of all the residents of the village, we would like to express our deep gratitude to them and wish them each a long and happy retirement from Parish Council duties.'

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HISTORY



Irene Pellett

'With the formation of Hackington Parish Council in 1894 Tyler Hill was just a small peripheral hamlet. The Parish consisted of a few large houses and the almshouses centred around St Stephen's Church. However, Tyler Hill was well represented on the new Parish Council with three out of seven of the first elected Councillors. They were Stephen Gammon of Highland House, a grocer, butcher and coal merchant; Henry Ingleton of Britton Court Farm (now Frog Hall), a farmer, and George Whiteman, Park Farm (now Tyler Hall), a hop grower and farmer. William Banks was appointed Parish Clerk, a post he held until 1928. On retirement, he "crossed the floor" to become a Councillor, a position he held until 1933 having served the Parish for 39 years.

Since 1894 Canterbury had always wanted to incorporate St Stephen's into the city. In 1934 the Canterbury Extension Bill was passed with St Stephen's joining Canterbury - leaving Hackington reduced in size with Tyler Hill its new focus. A completely new Council of five members was duly elected by local residents. They were Sidney Adams, Doris and William Hoare, Sydney Patrick and George Webb. After the war came a period of stability with Mr Baldock serving twenty nine years, Douglas Hogben twenty six years, his brother George sixteen years, Mr Patrick twenty one, Mr Arnold twenty years and Len Daniels fifteen years. Other Councillors came and went. In 1970 a new era began with the election of Hazel McCabe of Little Well Farm, wife of Gordon, fruit farmers, to the Bridge-Blean Rural District Council (later Canterbury City Council) and as such a member of Hackington Parish Council where she served until her death in 2012. Representing us for forty two years. Not only was she Chairman of our Council but was Mayor of Canterbury in 1985 and later Sheriff. Ray Evison joined the team in 1976 and has served continuously since then. A record forty seven years of service to the community. In 2003 Annie Cover was elected and has notched up a twenty-year record. Trisha Hulks, also retiring this year, joined the team a couple of years later.

We thank the retiring Councillors for their efficient, untiring efforts on our behalf and wish the new Parish Council a smooth ride facing the challenges ahead.'

TYLER'S KILN PUB UPDATE



Allister Collins

'I can confirm that I am in advance talks with Byron Hayter who owns Chapmans in Canterbury, a pub in Birchington, and a restaurant at a wedding venue in Minster, and his business partner Dhvani Patel. We are both working together to complete it asap, they have formed a new company, and I have provided Byron early access to the venue to give them a head start. I have also been carrying out maintenance and refurbishment work to get the venue back in tip-top condition. We wanted to complete this week but solicitors are being solicitors. Hopefully next week!'

NEWS FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

**Cllr Ania Bobrowicz**

No Mow May is coming next month! No Mow May is Plantlife's annual campaign calling all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May – liberating your lawns and providing a space for nature. We've lost nearly 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1970s and with them gone are vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies. A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution, and can even lock away carbon below ground – and best of all, to reap these benefits all you have to do is not mow your lawn in May!

Between 1-31 May, join in with **Hedgelife Help Out** by filling out a short questionnaire on a hedgerow in your local area. The information will be used to build up a picture of hedgerows across the country and how they can be improved. It'll also be a fun activity whether you choose to do it solo or with friends, family, or your local community.

A research project between the Universities of Bristol, Northumbria, and Cardiff and the Royal Horticultural Society has found patterns of nectar supply in urban gardens. The study uncovered big differences in the quantity provided by different gardens. If you are interested to find out more, visit the **RHS**.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



We are looking for volunteers to maintain two flower beds, one on the Village Green, and another one at the junction of Summer Lane and Hackington Road. If you feel you can help, please contact Clerk@hackington-pc.gov.uk

HILLSIDE COTTAGE



Recent activities in and around the site of the Hillside Cottage attracted a lot of social media attention from residents on Facebook Tyler Hill's group, complaints to the Parish Councillors, and reports to the police. As a result, the portacabin which was on site for several years was removed by the owner and those who occupied it asked to leave. However, left behind is a lot of rubbish and debris which is both unsightly and may be dangerous.

The Parish Council wrote to the Canterbury City Council Planning Department recently enquiring about the plans for the site as there has been no building activity for several years and we are not aware of any plans to restart any time soon. We have asked that Section s215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be considered which gives a local planning authority power to take steps to require land to be cleared up where its condition adversely affects the area.

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

An evening walk will be organised in May in the beautiful but threatened Old Park wood; hoping to hear the nightingale and have a picnic. Details to be confirmed.

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

The next Gardeners' Club event will be on **Wednesday, 17th May 2023 at 7:30pm**. The title of the presentation is 'Bloomers and Butterflies of Kent' by Heather Silk. All welcome.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 at 2:30pm**.

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

Bowles Society: Every Thursday evening at 7pm

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

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

Kendo: Mondays 7-8.30pm

Rock Choir: Mondays 10-11:30am

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

Tippy Toes: Thursdays 10-11.30am

Yoga: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm; Fridays 9.30-10.30am

Zumba Gold: Fridays 11-11.50am

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 is the Annual Meeting which will be on **Thursday, 11th May, at 7:30 pm** in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.

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