

Hackington Parish Council Community

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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THE PUB HAS REOPENED!



News from Allister Collins

Dear all,

The pub is now open!

Due to the extensive time it is taking for the new management's solicitors to complete the deal, I have drawn up a temporary agreement to get the pub open, allowing for the legal transaction to be complete in the background. I have updated the [menus](#) on the website for you to look at.

WHAT ARE PARISH COUNCILS FOR?



Have you ever wondered what the parish councils are for? We have asked the retired Cllr Ray Evison to share his views on the subject.

'Parish (and Town) Councils, collectively known as Local Councils, are the first tier of formal elected government. They are therefore statutory bodies. They are elected for four years and are required to meet and discuss parish issues in public on at least six scheduled occasions each year. Within their meeting, they are obliged to have an item on the agenda which permits electors to address and petition the Council on any matter pertaining to the parish. Councils operate through and under the guidance of a professional salaried Clerk who undertakes all the correspondence and accounting necessary for the efficient operation of the Council.

The chief role of a council is to represent the interests of the residents of the parish to the bodies, such as District and County Councils, who have the power to make changes. They also represent the residents' interests to bodies such as Electricity supply, Gas supply, Road Repair and Bus Transport companies who need to undertake work in the parish. Specifically, Parish Councils report and make requests on Footpaths and Highway matters to the County Council (KCC) and on Conservation Area and Tree matters to the District Council (CCC).

The Parish Council is consulted by the District Council on any planning applications made in the parish. The Council has drawn up guidelines for applicants of what has become a consensus view of what is and is not appropriate development in the various locales of the parish.'

HIGHWAY NEWS



Kent County Council have issued a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the proposed speed limit reductions (from 40 to 30 mph) on Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill. The TPO has now gone out for formal public consultation, a process which started on 23 June and which closes at midday on 17 July. There is a [Response Form](#) on the KCC website for anyone to register support or objections to the proposed speed limit change. The Order was also advertised in the Kent Messenger on 23rd June.

Cllr Richard Cullen

THE OCCASIONAL LITTER PICKER



(Photo credit Unsplash)

Reducing litter on our streets

The City Council recently did a litter pick for us in response to residents' complaints. Since we cannot always rely on this service I decided to get a better sense of the issue myself. Having bought a litter picker, a fluorescent jacket, thick gloves for safety, and a sturdy black bag for collection, I set off.

Neighbours recommended that I start with an informal pick along the length of Tyler Hill Road as it is prone to litter discarded by passing cars. They were so right! An hour later I had picked along its length – a large bin bag almost full and a bit too heavy for comfort! All sorts of discarded rubbish – the most common items were Red Bull energy drink cans, McDonalds packaging, and takeaway coffee cups.

A useful experience and one to be repeated – with safety in mind – along other busy roads through Tyler Hill. But how to deter such littering? Not all people who drink Red Bull or eat McDonalds are selfish, surely? Would local signage help – 'Be part of the solution, not the pollution'? Ideas welcome. We would like to hear from you - email newsletter@hackington-pc.gov.uk

Cllr John Lavery

SPOTLIGHT ON RECYCLING



(Photo credit Unsplash)

If you think recycling is confusing, you are not alone. Some argue that [the UK's recycling system is confusing, chaotic, and broken](#). Although supermarkets are trying to do their bit to help with recycling (see below for some recycling ideas), there is still much to do.

Empty medication blister packs are recycled by **Superdrug**. Read more [here](#).

Recycle at Boots scheme will take care of the empties that you can't recycle at home.

The scheme is aimed at hard-to-recycle beauty, healthcare, and wellness products that cannot be put in the council home recycling. For example:

- Too small (travel minis, samples, mascaras, etc)
- Made of composite materials (make-up palettes, compacts, lipsticks, etc)
- Made from non-recyclable materials (toothpaste tubes, lotion pumps, etc)

Read more [here](#).

Morrisons accept soft plastic packaging such as plastic carrier bags, plastic bread bags, plastic cereal bags and inner cereal bags, plastic wrappers and ring joiners from multipacks of cans and plastic bottles.

Reduce, Reuse, Refill is the motto of **Waitrose**. Customers are encouraged to bring their own containers, bottles, and bags to then weigh and fill with groceries such as dried pasta, cereal, coffee, frozen fruit, meat, fish, detergent, and washing-up liquid. Read more [here](#).

Sainsbury's will recycle your old Brita filters and batteries.

If you are serious about reusing and refilling, try the newly opened [Refillery](#) at 24 Sun Street, Canterbury. Reuse and refill your own containers with household and personal care products.

Cllr Ania Bobrowicz

GRASS CUTTING UPDATE



You may have noticed that the village green and the area at the junction of Summer Lane and Hackington Road look a bit overgrown. We are in the process of securing quotes from interested companies as the previous provider can no longer be contacted. Please bear with us. Normal services will resume shortly.

BIODIVERSITY PETITION



A coalition of local groups under the umbrella of the Canterbury Sustainable Development Goals Forum (including the Canterbury District Biodiversity Network and CCAP) has submitted an e-petition to Canterbury City Council asking them to adopt a Biodiversity Emergency Declaration to complement the Climate Change Declaration that it adopted in July 2019. The intention of the declaration is to encourage the Council to make a high-level commitment (both internally and externally) to the protection of the natural environment and to ensure that there is greater coherence between biodiversity protection and carbon reduction initiatives. If you are interested in signing this petition, the link is [here](#).

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

The next meeting of the Blean, Hackington and Tyler Hill Society will take the form of a guided walk through the Blean woods, led by the local naturalist, Michael Walter. The chief object of the walk will be to view the rare and famous fritillary butterflies which are plentiful in the woods at this time. The walk will take place on **July 3**, meeting in the Blean Woods car park at 1:45 pm. Please let Penny Reilly know if you are planning to be there so she can make sure everyone has arrived! Her email is psreilly985@btinternet.com. All are most welcome. Have a good walk!

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

Tyler Hill Memorial Hall the Gardeners Society will host **Philip Oostenbrink** on **19th July at 7:30pm**.

Philip was born in The Netherlands and began gardening at the age of four in his parents' allotment and grandmother's garden. The plant obsession took hold after a trip to Tresco on the Isles of Scilly and a visit to the late Will Giles's spectacular exotic garden in Norwich. After teaching horticulture and running a gardening business, Philip moved to Kent first as Deputy Head Gardener at Hadlow College and then as Head Gardener at Canterbury Cathedral. He is now Head Gardener at Walmer Castle where one of his first projects has been to plant a jungle garden in the moat. All welcome.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 5th July 2023 at 2:30pm**. Richard, a Digital Kent volunteer and IT expert will be in attendance if you have any IT-related queries. 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 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; Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am (Chair yoga);

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 will be on **Thursday, 13th July, at 7:30 pm** in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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