

Hackington Parish Council Community

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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HIGHWAYS UPDATE



1. Speed limit change

The final designs for the speed limit changes on Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill have now come through, so we expect the work to begin soon. There will be a new nameplate reading 'Welcome to Tyler Hill. Please drive carefully' (see image above) which will be mounted on a white gate. This will be installed where the current name plate is. The double-sided speed signs marking the transitions from 40 to 30 mph (and vice versa) will all be removed.

2. Weight restrictions on lorries

At the Parish Council meeting in September, concern was expressed about large lorries coming through Tyler Hill, and whether a weight restriction could be imposed. We have since been informed by Kent Highways that Hackington is already part of a wide weight limit restriction. The 7.5T weight limit starts in Greenhill and Chestfield and it continues through to Canterbury.

As there is already a restriction in place, lorries shouldn't be travelling through Hackington (unless there is a need to load/unload in the area). We were informed that there is a scheme we can help set up called Lorry Watch. This scheme aims to empower local residents to record the details of HGVs that are inappropriately using a road. This data is passed to the Freight Officer at KCC who liaises with the Police when a restriction has been broken. In this instance, there would be no law broken but the benefit of collecting this data would be to build a picture of the numbers of lorries using the road and which companies are using it. The Freight Officer has offered to contact the businesses who regularly use the lane and discuss alternative route selection.

Lorry Watch has proven very successful in a number of other locations around Kent. We are told that the temporary Lorry Watch signing alone has shown significant decreases in HGV traffic in some areas. Further information can be found [here](#).

Cllr Richard Cullen, Highways

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



Photo credit: Dot Cronin

On Sunday, 26th November, we welcomed Ken and Angela Hopkins who delivered vital defibrillator training to local residents. Eight participants attended the session with one describing it as informative, practical and thorough. By the end of the session, participants felt much more confident to use the defibrillator and help someone having a cardiac arrest.

The defibrillator is mounted on the wall close to the entrance to the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall. Its maintenance is managed by Hopkins who check it after every use. The service charge is paid for by the Parish Council and we get monthly reports on its maintenance.

More training sessions will be available in the new year. Dates to be announced. If you are interested in taking part, please email clerk@hackington-pc.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

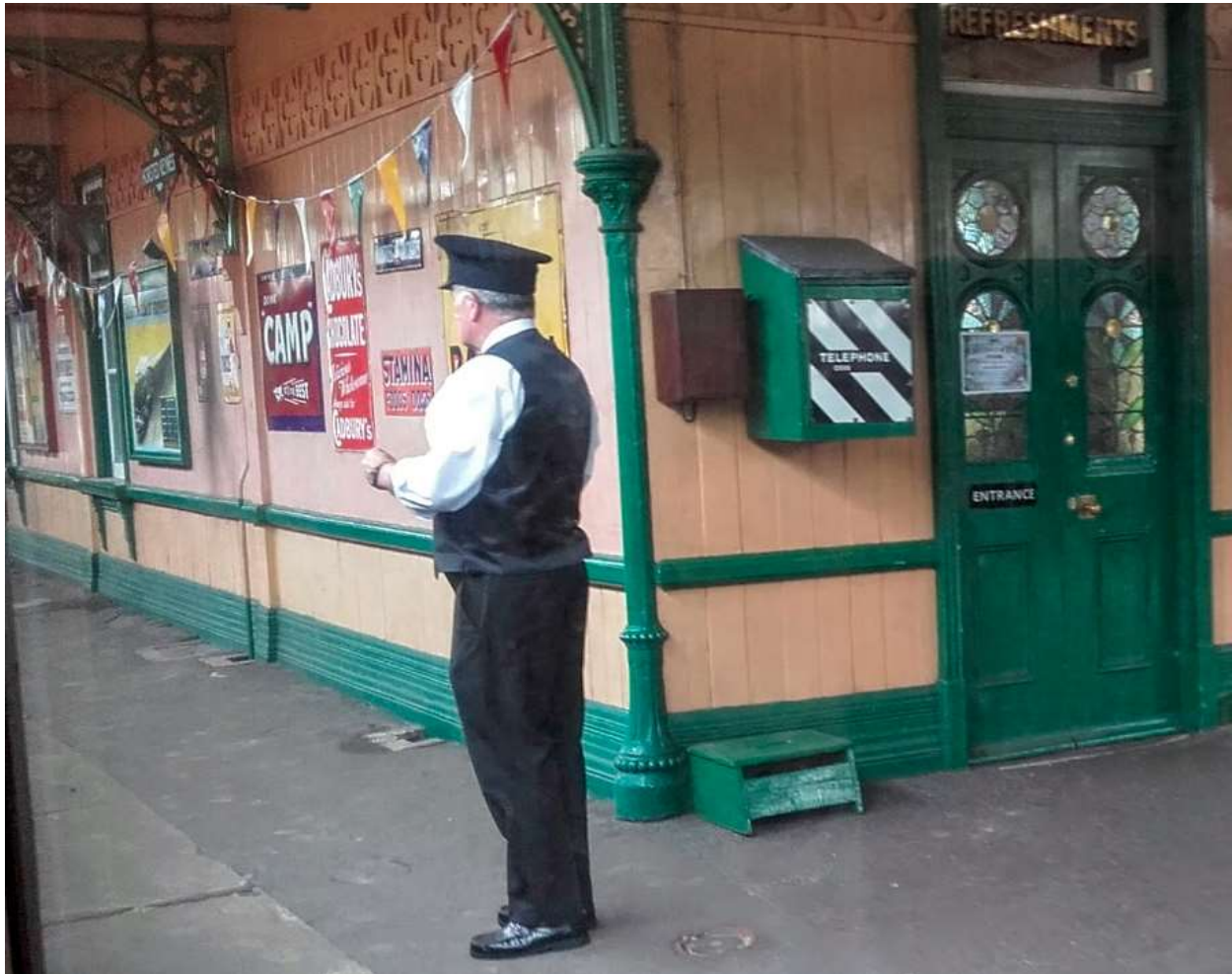


Photo credit: Janet Cameron

A tragedy occurred in 1909 at Tyler Hill when a group of men working on the Whitstable Railway Line were poisoned. Read the whole story by Janet Cameron [here](#)

WE ALL NEED TREES - THE OCCASIONAL GARDENER



Photo credit: Arnaud Mesureur

Before the last General Election, you will remember the main parties sparring over who would plant more trees, if elected. Well, it turns out that there has been more said than done in the intervening years. Suggesting that this is a missed opportunity grossly understates its importance. Tree planting in response to climate change, pollution and the evident decline of wildlife is a substantial part of the solution.

Just 2.5 per cent of UK tree cover is ancient woodland and we are fortunate enough to have the Blean right beside where we live. Trees release oxygen into the air and filter harmful pollutants from it. Evidence suggests that chemicals released by trees are beneficial for our wellbeing. Moreover, they form part of the response to climate change by removing carbon from the atmosphere and - during photosynthesis - absorbing and retaining carbon dioxide. Much is stored in their leaves and at this time of year, the leaves of deciduous trees drop and slowly rot, transferring goodness to the soil.

We are not the only beneficiaries of this process either. There is clearly a biodiversity challenge. Numbers and types of butterflies, moths, birds, bats, woodland wildlife and fungi rely on trees and hedges.

So why not do our bit to help? Planting a tree in your garden is like adding a new little ecosystem. It also feels good when you see birds begin to settle on a tree that you have planted. If you feel inclined to plant a tree, think of tree size and your neighbours before choosing. There is a tree for any garden, however small – and even a single tree or large shrub can provide essential habitat for many species.

As to initial thoughts on options for a small to medium-sized garden hereabouts? Tough hawthorn is a reliable choice, providing blossom in Spring for pollinators and fruit in Autumn for migrating birds. Acers are slow growing and seem to thrive around here if you are careful with placement. Evergreen cotoneaster or viburnum are also solid options. If space really is tight, how about growing a fruit tree in a large pot?

In the run-up to the festive season, why not consider buying a small Christmas tree in a pot? It can be reused every year and will add to your garden variety.

Cllr John Lavery, Conservation

SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Recycling point at Curry's in Sturry

Let's get recycling sorted! The photo above was taken in [Curry's](#) store in Sturry. There you can recycle all your electrical and electronic goods, ink cartridges, cables, and other IT equipment.

If you would like to find out where you can recycle your plastic responsibly, then Plastic Free Canterbury is running a [Recycle Me?](#) campaign on Facebook to help residents find places where plastic goods can be recycled. All you need to do is post a question on their FB pages and someone will help you find the answer.

Alternatively, the British Plastics Federation has a useful [recycling locator](#) which matches plastic items with the recycling location.

Cllr Ania Bobrowicz, Climate Action Group

LITTER PICK



Four local volunteers met earlier this month for a monthly litter pick along Tyler Hill Road, Calais Hill, Canterbury Hill and Wood Hill. Among the items collected were two car side mirrors, three wheel hub caps, gas canisters and a variety of beer cans, bottles, and crisp packets. The total weight of the collected litter over the past three sessions amounted to 42.2 kg. If you would like to help out, our next session will be on Tuesday, 12th December at 11:30 am. Contact newsletter@hackington-pc.gov.uk

We would like to thank Sue who has been keeping our woods clean of bottles and beer cans by regularly doing a litter pick.

HISTORY OF THE TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL: 1946 - 1970

(CONT.)



Photo credit: Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

On 30th July 1947, a Deed of Conveyance of the Five acres of woodland at Honey Wood Tyler Hill was signed from George Herbert Mount to G. Penfold, F.Staniland and W.Hoare. A Trust was set up under the name Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All pulling together

Immediately a Building Fund was opened and in one year generous donations totalling £228/4/- were received ranging from 2/6 to £5. Many fund raising events were held. Two Village Fetes were held at the Oast, Park Farm and in a marquee on Hothe Farm.

Summer Fete £ 47/16/6

Flower Show £ 74/19/-

Youth Club £ 8/13/7

2 Whist Drives £ 9/7/6 Organised by the Men's Club

A Dance £ 10/-

Bring & Buy £ 40/7/-

Xmas Draw £112/10/-

TOTAL £580/18/7

Expenses for the year were £26/17/- [Surveyor's fees £5/5/-; Fencing £4/13/-; Copper Sink £3; Lamps £9/4/6; Stationary £1/11/-; Xmas Draw Tickets £2/18/6;

Cheque Book 5/-]

In the spring of 1947, it was decided that somewhere was needed to store tools and equipment. Timber was bought from W.J.Payne and the huts constructed in April. Unfortunately, the Committee had failed to get the required planning permission and on the 27th November, they received a reprimand from Bridge Blean Rural District Council requesting three copies of the plan showing the huts plus three copies of the site plan and three copies of the Planning Application and one of the Building Bylaw forms. These were to be received before 10th December. This was passed at the next Council Meeting and Notification of the granting of permission to erect a storage hut for playing field equipment was received.

TBC.

Irene Pellett

The League of Friends

OF THE KENT & CANTERBURY HOSPITAL CIO

The Rough Common, Harbledown and Blean League of Friends of the K&C Hospital is looking for volunteers to join their group. If you are interested, please contact Penny Whiting at pennywhiting61@gmail.com



If you would like to share an interesting story about the parish history or a matter that would be of interest to the local residents, email us at newsletter@hackington-pc.gov.uk A submission by the 20th of each month will get published by the end of the month subject to editorial discretion.

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

The date and place of the usual carols in December has yet to be decided! On January 6 2024 there will be the usual winter walk starting from the Recreation ground at 11.00. A short walk followed by homemade soup at Tyler Hill cottage. All, including dogs, welcome!

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

What a lovely evening we had on the 15th November. Helga Cukure talked us through her memories of life growing up in the Soviet Union. Her recollections of Latvian Christmas traditions entertained the group. While chatting, she impressed us with her ability to put together 7 festive floral arrangements. The spectacular items were raffled and some very happy people left with the creations.

Diana treated us to our first mince pie of the season. It's always going to be good if Diana is catering! We will meet again in the New Year.



Photo credit: Dot Cronin

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 6th December 2023, at 2:30pm**. 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, 11th January at 7:30pm** in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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