

Hackington Parish Council Community

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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We reach out to our community to offer support and solidarity to those recently affected by a fire on Hackington Road.

In times of difficulty, the strength of a community is measured by the support it extends to those facing adversity. As a close-knit neighbourhood, we want to ensure that those affected know they have our collective care and support.

We encourage everyone to keep the family in their thoughts. Hackington Parish Council, Tyler Hill Memorial Hall committee, and individual residents in Tyler Hill are working together to see what help is required and how the family can be supported.

HEDGE CUTTING



Photo credit: Mark Hamilton

Our own observations and those of other residents reveal that there are various places in the village where the hedges and vegetation that border the footways have become overgrown and need cutting back to allow ease of access for pedestrians as well as to improve the visibility of road signs. This of course is a perennial issue at this time of year, and while it has mostly been addressed by individual residents, some places need attention. The purpose of this reminder is to provide guidelines about what action needs to be taken.

In most of these places, the hedges are privately owned by the occupants of the houses, and it is consequently their responsibility to keep them trimmed. If you have a hedge in your garden that borders a footway, we would politely ask you to check that it is adequately trimmed back to allow reasonable access to pedestrians, some of whom may be accompanied by children or dogs. Similarly, please make sure that any road signs that the hedge may abut are visible. According to [Woodland Trust](#), the best time to trim hedges is in February or March as the trees and shrubs are dormant.

In other places the hedgerow is publicly owned, and in these cases, it is the responsibility of the Highways Department of KCC to cut them back. If you as a resident are aware of a stretch of hedgerow that needs cutting back that does not seem to be privately owned, you can either let us know so we can contact KCC, or you can contact them yourselves, which would be the quickest way of alerting their attention to the issue. You can contact them on their [website](#).

LET'S GET RECYCLING SORTED CAMPAIGN



Photo credit: Canterbury City Council

Has your recycling waste been rejected recently? On 15th January Canterbury City Council started a campaign to drive up recycling rates and cut contamination. Crews will be inspecting red and blue bins for items that were put in the wrong bin. Read more [here](#).

TREE MARKINGS



If you have ever wondered what the tree markings in our woodland mean, here is a quick [guide](#) from the Forestry Commission.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED...



Photo credit: Kelly Sikkema

Storm Isha left thousands of people without power in the UK after heavy rain and high winds. Fortunately, this area was less hard-hit than many and we seem to have escaped power cuts this time. I hope you avoided any storm damage – but these events are a reminder to be prepared.

The parish council is reviewing our local resilience plan - so that we are well placed, with a team to support the emergency services in the event that they are over stretched. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, maybe it is a good time to check your household resilience. Suggestions include having a small emergency store of long-life food and bottled water; depending on your circumstances, keeping essential medical supplies; having an emergency lighting source, such as a battery camping light and torch; keeping essential documents in a safe place and backing up important files on your computer; having suitable insurance; and having a local friend to call on if the need arises.

If you feel vulnerable or know someone locally who is, it is also very useful to register with service providers so that special care is made available in an emergency. UK Power Networks has a [Priority Services Register](#) which provides alerts to weather conditions that may affect power supply and

regular updates in the event of a power outage. South East Water also has an equivalent [register](#), prioritising vulnerable people if there is an interruption to the water supply. If supply is cut for a prolonged period they can provide a range of support, including delivery of bottled water.

The storm season in the UK starts in September and runs until the end of the following August. Storm Jocelyn has quickly followed Isha this year, making it the 10th named storm in five months. Wondering whether this was due to changing climatic conditions, I had a look at Met Office records. It seems that such a frequency of storms is rare, but not exceptional for the UK. As recently as the period between December 2013 and February 2014, there were 12 storms. Interestingly, it does not seem that there is a direct link between global warming and the frequency of storms - but there are much higher levels of winter rainfall. Thankfully, we are not in a flood risk area but it is well worth considering means of improving resilience.

By the way, if you would like to know more about how and why storms are given names, read about it [here](#).

Cllr John Lavery
Conservation

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



Tyler Hill Memorial Hall committee needs new members. If you are good at joining in with projects, are self-motivated, community-spirited & have time, you may well enjoy the challenge. If you are interested, email [Dot Cronin](mailto:Dot.Cronin@tylerhillmemorialhall.co.uk).

OUR FIRST MEMORIAL HALL

SETTING OUT THE PLAYING FIELD

(1947-1954)

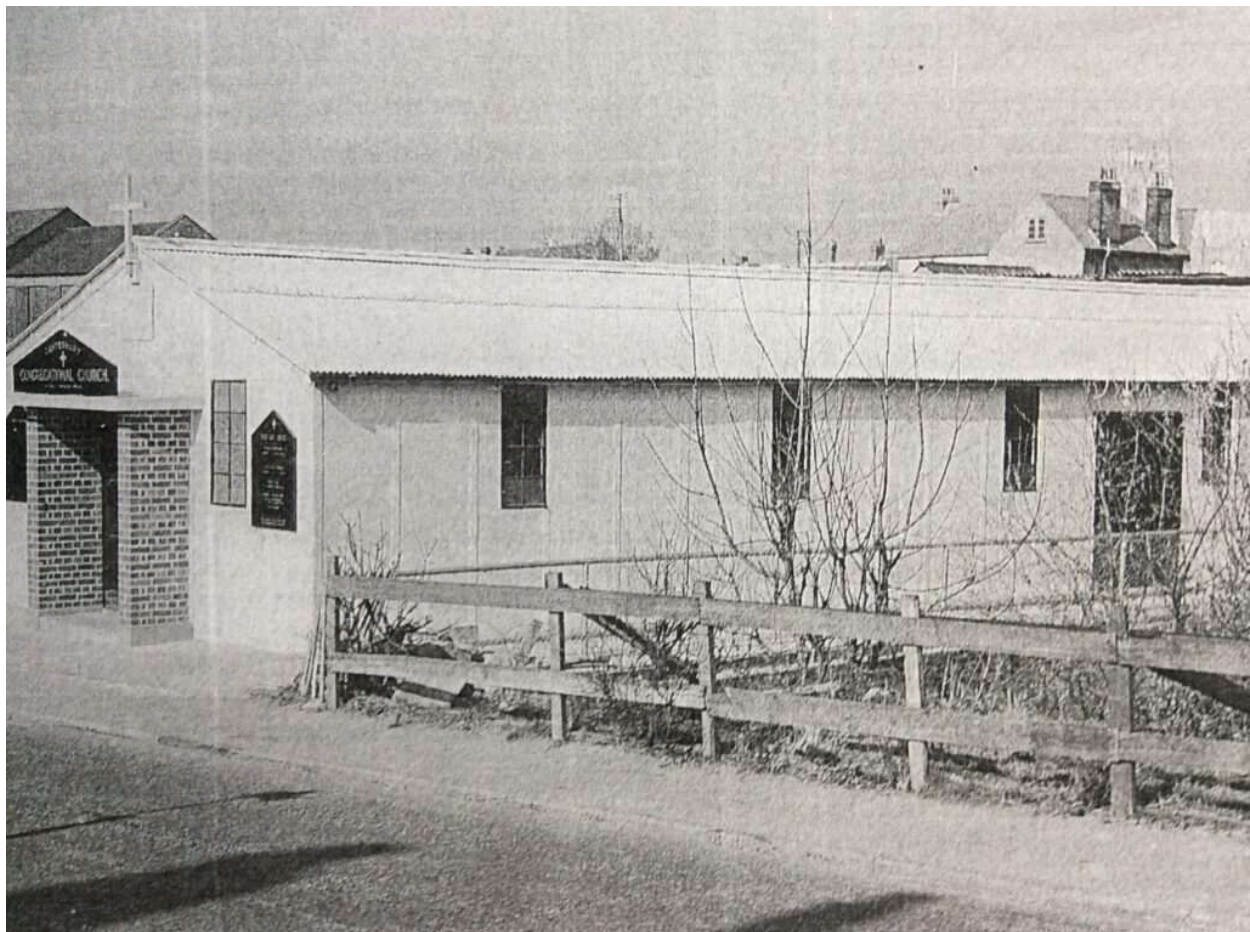
By May 1947 the woodland was cleared of 143 oak trees and underwood and the timber sold to W.J. Payne, Timber Merchants for £102/6/10. In November 1948 Moons of Selling were hired to bulldoze the stumps out and rough plough the site. The banks surrounding the field were formed from spoil. The surface was full of large flint stones so Mr Stevens of Park Farm (now Tyler Hall) kindly supplied a tractor, trailer and a gang of local women to pick up stones which he used to repair the Top Road to his hop fields. In

November 1950 the site was disc harrowed, the area was then sown with grass and rolled. Unfortunately, this all died due to poor drainage. The land was levelled and in 1951 a drainage system installed. 3" land drainage pipes were purchased from Frank Cooper Builders' Merchant at a cost of £160/8/1. The following June the site was rotovated then re-sown with grass. All of labour for this work being done by the village. The final cost for setting out the Playing Field was £729/2/7.

After this burst of energy and enthusiasm in setting out the Playing Field income fell off and expenses increased, so much so that at a Committee Meeting in 1950 Mr Patrick proposed "The project of erecting a village hall shall be abandoned as impracticable on account of the cost and that instead of this a suitable sport's pavilion be erected on the playing field as soon as conditions make this possible". A decision was deferred, and again in 1951 and 1953. Eventually the word "pavilion" was substituted by "building". This resolution was adopted.

The Men's Club Hut [formerly the ticket office from Tyler Hill Halt] was brought to the field from the field where cricket was played. This remained on the Recreation Ground, used by the Cricket Club, and then for storing newspaper, until the late 1980's – most people were unaware of its historic significance until it was removed and destroyed. It should have been listed!

In 1954 the Committee made an offer of £130/0/- for the temporary Congregational Church building in Watling Street (see photo below).



The Congregational Church, Watling Street, Canterbury 1949

The offer was accepted on 12th August 1954 on the strict condition that the building had to be removed by 16th August - just four days time. That weekend every able-bodied person in the village helped to move the redundant church building up to the village. A concrete base had to be laid and the hut erected and repaired. History repeated itself once again as Planning Permission had not been applied for but this was remedied the following month. Immediately the social life of the village moved into it. WE HAD OUR 1ST MEMORIAL HALL (see photo below).



The first Memorial Hall 1954

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

Brenda Lovery will give an informal talk entitled **Discovering Art - Portraits more than just a face!** on **Friday, 16th February at 7:30pm**. The talk will look at portraits from the 14th century to 1980s. What do they tell us? Do they merely represent the sitter, or reveal much more?

Come along and find out! The talk will be followed by refreshments. Members are free, non-members £3. Everyone is welcome!

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

Gardeners AGM is on **February 21st at 7.30 pm** followed by a Bring and Share supper with social time. New members are very welcome, subs remain at £10 for ten meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

Flower Show will be held on Sunday, 28th July. More details to follow.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 7th February 2024, 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, 14th March at 7:30pm** in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

It will be preceded by the **General Assembly at 7pm**.

All residents are welcome.

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