

Hackington Parish Council Community

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Parish of Hackington

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that due to the resignation of Natalie Clarke, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 11 March, 2024 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 16 May, 2024.

Dated 20 February, 2024

Tricia Marshall
Returning Officer
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If you are interested in joining Hackington Parish Council, please contact the Clerk on clerk@hackington-pc.gov.uk for an informal enquiry.

HIGHWAYS



We have had an email message from Kent Highways informing us that work on installing the speed limit changes on Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill was scheduled to begin on Tuesday 27th February. The 40-mile speed sign (see above) seems to have been removed already, so watch this space!

CLlr Richard Cullen
Highways

NATURE TALKS AND WALKS

Kent Wildlife Trust is offering a Study Programme in March, April and May. For more details go [here](#).

RSPB - A talk by **Sam Richardson**, the **RSPB** warden for **Blean Woods and Seasalter** on **8th March at 7.30pm in Blean village hall**. Sam will be giving an overview of the restoration of Seasalter Levels, and looking back on the ancient history of the area when it was tidal saltmarsh, right up to its recent

restoration to wetland habitat. If you would like to know more about Restoring Seasalter Levels, read [here](#).



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Cllr Ania Bobrowicz

FUNDRAISING SHOULD BE FUN!

1973 - 1975.

When the Memorial Hall opened in 1954 village activities and clubs immediately made good use of their larger space, adjacent playing field and car park but by the 1970's the hall had become very dilapidated and no longer fit for purpose. It was cold in winter and with a tiny basic kitchen and an outside toilet. The latter was a great trial to the newly formed playgroup. In 1973 with young families moving into the newly built St John's Crescent and a demand for housing with the University of Kent opening to its first students and staff the village hall committee was revitalised. Plans were drawn up by Jim Clark, 2 Canterbury Hill, for an extension of one bay to contain a refurbished kitchen and inside toilets. However when it went out to tender the quotes from local small builders ranged from £3,750 to £7,000, far more than had been estimated. It was decided that the only way to get it built before inflation overtook the project was to self-build. Jim amended the plans to be more modest – within the finances and capabilities

of the Hall Committee. The village also was revitalised by the hall project. It was a significant period in the life of the village with the formation of the Blean & Tyler Hill Football Club which still flourishes today. Local lads still played in the Cricket Club and Audrey French was running the Youth Club with the usual plea for more adult helpers. The Playgroup was full on both Monday and Wednesday mornings with a waiting list.



The 1st Tyler Hill Brownie Pack also began life in September 1973.

A whole series of fundraising events followed with the slogan "Fund Raising Should be Fun". We aimed to have one fundraising event each month.

The Hall Committee organised a Christmas Sale raising £40, followed by an Easter fair with an Easter Bonnet Competition. We've always 'gone in' for hat competitions with men and women entering.



The Cricket Club arranged a Disco/Supper Dance with admission at 50p. The newly formed Brownies held a Concert and Sale of Work – their first event. Newspapers and magazines were collected each Saturday by children from the village going from door to door. The paper was stored in the Cricket Club shed on the field. The salvage price obtained from the paper fluctuated wildly and we watched the prices avidly as though they were on the stock market! The most important fund raiser that year was Bonfire Night raising £192:63!



By Irene Pellett

BOOK EXCHANGE



Our book exchange is by the front entrance to the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall. You can take books and keep them, you can bring your own already-read books to share with others. Please help yourself!

Cllr Ania Bobrowicz

SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE CHANGE



You might be interested in a few events that are coming up in March.

[Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy](#) **15-31 March**. The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Pledging to take part couldn't be easier, simply pledge as [an individual](#), [a group](#) or [a school](#) and let us know the organisers know many bags you pledge to pick up.

[The Big Plastic Count](#) **11-16 March**. This is a fun event for individuals and families. A digital pack will be provided when you register.

[Great Big Green Week](#) **8-16 June**. The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

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TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

The next meeting is on **April 6th** when a walk to the woods to see the bluebells is planned and then to have a drink in the pub later. The exact times are to be fixed but the walk will start at approximately **6.00pm**.

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

On **March 20th at 7.30pm** Martin Newcombe will be speaking on garden pests, diseases and friends. Guests are very welcome, usual raffle, tea, coffee and friendship.

Save the date: 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, 6th March 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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