

Hackington Parish Community

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PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT - CONSULTATION

Hackington Parish Council has updated its Parish Design Statement which is a tool for the local communities to identify local character and set out design guidance to help guide new development.

The draft is available to view [here](#).

We would like to hear your views. Please email your feedback to clerk@hackington-pc.gov.uk by **Friday, 19th July 2024**.

On Saturday, 29th June, councillors held a feedback session at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall. Thank you to all those who attended.

If you wish to get a paper copy of the draft Parish Design Statement, it can be obtained from 19 Hackington Road.

LOCAL PLAN - UPDATE

The deadline for submitting responses to the draft Local Plan closed on the 3rd of June. Altogether 4,000 responses were received by the Canterbury City Council which is double the amount for the previous Local Plan consultation. Well done to everyone who responded and who attended the public engagement meetings!

Many of you have asked what happens now. Canterbury City Council has published an indicative timetable [here](#).

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL HISTORY:

THE FINAL PUSH (1975-1979)

The hall was being well used with village clubs flourishing. The Playgroup, the biggest user now was meeting five mornings a week with the formation of the "Friday Fours" for the older children. The Brownies, Youth Club, Blean, Hackington & Tyler Hill Society and Over 60's provided a range of activities, as were the football and cricket clubs. On 24th April 1975, the Grand Opening of the extension was celebrated. All of the children enthusiastically entered the Fancy Dress Parade.

The improvements to the Hall reduced funds to nil so fundraising recommenced with even greater enthusiasm. A pattern of events occurring annually was established. Each year the first event was the Easter Fayre with an Easter Bonnet competition (photo below).



Followed by the May Fayre with Maypole dancing, the children trained by Lynne Evison (photo below).



The Flower Show and Fete took place in the summer and the year was rounded off by Bonfire Night. The committee were imaginative in sourcing events such as a battle between the Vikings and the Romans, a Wild West Show, Maori Dancing, a Punch & Judy Show and a Model Aircraft Display. A tug-of-war competition drew teams from as far as Oxney attracted by the prize of a crate of beer. The ATC Band, the Whistable Sea Scouts Marching Display, Drum Majorettes and the Medieval Canterbury Waits provided musical entertainment. The sideshows revealed the ingenuity of the village with shove halfpenny, target golf, darts, bowling for a chicken, guess the weight of the cake, guess the number of smarties in the jar, chuck a wellie, pick a straw, roll a car. With traditional coconut shy, hoopla, tombola, raffle, books, clothes, soft toys, plants and of course a tea stall. Sports were organised for the children.

These events generally raised between £100 to £150 but it was Bonfire Night that brought in much of the income for the New Hall Fund rising to over £1,700 by 1978. Most of the village was involved in the event. A big attraction was the barbecuing of a pig or a couple of lambs.

Extra events were staged during this period. In June 1975 the Blean, Hackington & Tyler Hill Society was founded and their first event was an Exhibition of past and present life in Tyler Hill (photo below).



In July a "Making Whoopee" afternoon was a great success. Dog Shows were held from 1977.

In the Autumn Buffet/Disco began again though the entrance had gone up to 65p when the Steam Machine played from 8.00 pm to midnight. Fundraising also included a Jumble Sale in 1976 – the first for several years and villagers were urged to turn out their cupboards, Whist Drives took place and Newspaper continued to be collected. In spring 1975 unfortunately the waste paper collection was suspended by Bowaters as they were over stocked. Only £12.60 was raised for 21cwt of paper. Collection was resumed in November as the price for waste newspaper had risen to the heady height of £12 per ton. Another 11 ½ tons was sent off for which £22 was received. Paper collection continued intermittently for some time but was very time consuming and never profitable.

In 1978 a Model Railway Weekend was staged by Canterbury & Whitstable Model Railway Club. An exhibition about Canterbury Whitstable Railway Line 1839-1952 was staged by Penny Reilly and Irene Pellett. A Strawberries & Cream Evening raised £50.

Another fundraising idea was The Hundred Club. There was a monthly draw for cash prizes. Each month the prize was £15; every six months it rose to £25 and annually there was the big £100 prize. Subscription was 75p per ticket per month.

Eventually in December 1979 – from the Village Newsletter:

“Good news, two weeks ago the Hall Chairman signed the contract for the first stage of our new self-build village hall. Work on the footings and foundations will start in the first week of the New Year weather permitting”.

By Irene Pellett

HEDGE CUTTING



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. If your hedge is overgrown and requires trimming in the summer months, please ensure you do not disturb the nesting birds. Light pruning may be ok whilst you can see there is no nesting activity, but we always recommend exercising caution.

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](#).

Cllr Richard Cullen
Highways

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

The next meeting is on the **1st of July** for a talk by the Archaeological Trust on recent discoveries in East Kent. The meeting will start at **7:30 pm**.

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

On Wednesday **19th of July** Lynne Gregory from Canterbury Camera Club is coming to share ideas on improving photos using your mobile phone. The meeting starts at **7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall**.

On the **18th of September**, there will be a talk on a Garden shared by a Flower Arranger and a Botanist.

Please note that the Flower Show has been cancelled this year.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 3rd July 2024, at 2:30 pm**. 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 7 pm

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

Chi Chi Dance Fit with Maddy: Mondays 7:30-8:15 pm

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

Kendo: Mondays 7-8.30 pm

Rock Choir: Mondays 10-11:30 am

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

Tippy Toes: Thursdays 10-11.30 am

Yoga: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 pm; Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am (Chair yoga); Fridays 9.30-10.30 am

Zumba Gold: Fridays 11-11:50 am

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 July at 7:30 pm** in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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