

Hackington Parish Community

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COMMEMORATING VE DAY



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Thursday 8 May 2025 marks 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The next meeting of the Parish Council happens to fall on that day. We plan to commemorate the sacrifice of the many who died by lighting candles and reciting a poem after the meeting. Please feel free to join us at around 8:30 pm on Thursday, 8 May.

TYLER HILL MEADOW UPDATE



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In early May our Tyler Hill Nature Reserve will be visited by Kent Reptile and Amphibian group. They are a voluntary group that aims to record and spread awareness of the native reptiles and amphibians across the county. The visit will be part of the reptile ecology and identification training day, hosted at Wildwood.

In another development, we have successfully bid for funding for the replacement gate at the Reserve which will be carried out some time in May. One of the village signs (on the side of the Tyler Hill Village hall) will also be replaced as it has become rather frail and damaged by rain.

ASSESSING TREE PROBLEMS - WHY BOTHER?

Trees are wonderful. They cool the air, stabilise soils and provide food and habitat for wildlife. They also clean air by trapping and storing carbon. All to the good - but even trees have their downsides.

Simply put, there are several clear risks associated with trees:

- - Falling trees or branches can cause injuries to pedestrians or drivers;
- Homes, cars and fences may take a heavy hit, frequently leading to expensive repairs when a tree comes down;
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- Tree branches damaging power lines are an annual event locally, causing widespread service outages and interruptions, with all that entails;

- Trees falling on power lines can also spark fires, threatening homes, the woodland and the wider community;
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- Lastly, falling trees can cause obstructions, interrupt traffic flows or block emergency access ways, potentially putting lives at risk.

Kent County Council are responsible for roadside trees. The Council does undertake a planned assessment of such trees, with public safety and the use of the highway prioritised. Contracted tree surgeons can remove fallen trees that are causing obstruction or hazard to the public highway, but this intervention is only possible if problems are reported. However, such inspection of roadside trees is phased, and available resources limit the frequency of this activity.

In the interest of public safety, owners or occupiers of land with trees near roads should have them regularly inspected by a competent person to meet their 'duty of care'. If a private tree is causing a risk to pedestrians or road users, the owner needs to cut it back after getting permission from the City Council to do so.

Spring is an ideal time for residents to assess tree health and forward plan any maintenance activity, for when the bird nesting season is over and before autumnal storms. In this way, risks such as those posed by decaying branches, branches close to power lines and weak roots can be managed.

Stretched resources limit the frequency of tree inspection by Kent County Council, and so the local resilience group has in mind undertaking a regular review of roadside trees. This will identify potential problems, enabling them to be reported in good time for intervention before risks become disruptive or dangerous.

To supplement this work, if residents see or know of hazardous trees beside roads in and around the village, please let Cllr John Lavery know so that appropriate action can be considered. His email is john.lavery@hackington-pc.gov.uk.

Cllr John Lavery
Conservation

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

CHANGE OF DATE! The talk about The Blean Biopark by Save The Blean Action group members originally scheduled for 12 May will not take place on **Monday, 19 May at 7:30 in the Village Hall.**

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

Sadly, Tyler Hill Gardening Society has decided to close. Once a popular club with good membership numbers, its numbers have drastically dwindled in recent years, and this lack of support has made it no longer viable.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club will meet again on **Wednesday, 7 May 2025, 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

Clinical Pilates: Every Tuesday in term time: 8:30-9:25 am and 9:30 to 10:25 am

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

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,**
8 May at 7:30 pm in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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