

Hackington Parish Council Community

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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Editor's note: We originally planned to publish our newsletter bi-monthly but July has arrived and there is plenty of news which we would like to share with you. Firstly, there is the long-awaited arrival of the European bison in West Blean and Thornden Woods with a celebration of 'Bison Festival' on **Sunday, 24th July**. Creative artwork to accompany the event has been produced and can be seen on the University of Kent campus (bison mural) and in the city centre (bison vinyls).

As many of you are probably aware, Hackington Road will be closed for up to six weeks from **25th July** to allow for necessary gas works, so you will find the details of the replacement service which the Parish Council was instrumental in securing for the local community.

And last but not least, the Gardening Society's Flower, Produce, and Craft show took place on 17th July for the first time in three years! All of this and more in this issue. Enjoy reading!



#WilderKent

Celebrate the arrival of bison to Kent

Sunday 24 July 2022
11:00am - 4:00pm

What's on?

- Exclusive bison footage
- Food and drink from local businesses
- Tours and talks

And more!

Find out more:
kwtg.uk/bisonfestival

Wildwood Kent Wildlife Trust

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About the event

Come and celebrate the arrival of European bison to West Blean and Thornden Wood with the Wilder Blean Team. By the end of July, the first semi-wild bison herd will be getting used to their new home in West Blean & Thornden Woods, and we want to celebrate all the hard work of the local community, Kent Wildlife Trust and Wildwood Trust that got us here.

What's on?

- Never before seen footage of the bison exploring their home
- Arts and Crafts for adults and children
- Local sellers
- Tours of the woodland by Kent Wildlife Trust's safari guides and the Wilder Blean team
- Talks by the Wilder Blean Team
- Food and drinks from local businesses

Tickets

We are running a pay-what-you-can ticketing system. We would like to reduce as many of the barriers as possible for people attending our events, however, running free events costs considerable money and resources. All three tiers of tickets enable you to attend the Bison festival within which all activities are free (except for a small number of safari tours). All of the money from tier 2 and 3 tickets will be used to cover the cost of the Bison festival, and any extra will go directly into the Wilder Blean project. [Book here](#).

Tier 1: Free - There are a large number of free tickets available

Tier 2: £5 - If you are able to, please help contribute to the running of the Wilder Blean project

Tier 3: £10 - If you are able to, please help contribute to the running of the Wilder Blean project

Getting to the Event?

We would like as many visitors as possible to get to the event via public transport, by foot or by bike. Not only does this reduce the carbon impact of the event but the car park at West Blean & Thornden wood is very limited.

- We will be running a FREE shuttle bus service all day from Canterbury and Herne Bay to the event. We strongly recommend everyone uses the shuttle bus to attend the event. You can book this service as an Add-On in the Eventbrite link below.
- West Blean and Thornden Woods can be accessed via the crab and winkle from Whitstable and Canterbury.
- We will have 20 free parking spaces available for blue badge holders ONLY

If you would like to share your views about this unique project, please complete a [survey here](#).

BISON MURAL UNVEILED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT CAMPUS



An official launch of the bison mural on the University of Kent campus took place on Friday, 1st July. Situated next to the Gulbenkian, the mural was painted over five days by Mark Anthony known as ATM Street Art. The project is a nature-based solution to climate change and a ground-breaking intervention to help tackle the ecological crisis. You can see the process of bison mural painting [here](#). Beautiful vinyl artwork to celebrate the arrival of bison was also unveiled in the city centre. It is displayed in the window of the former [Debenhams store](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

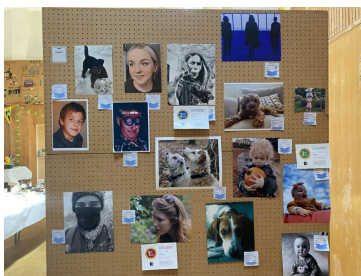


Plastic Free Foundation declared July a plastic-free month. According to National Geographic, some 18 billion pounds of plastic waste flows into the oceans every year from coastal regions. 40% of plastic produced is single-use packaging. So, what can we do about it? Here are a few simple tips to get you started:

1. Avoid using plastic straws and plastic cutlery
2. Carry a reusable water bottle or a coffee cup
3. Carry a shopping bag instead of relying on a plastic bag from the supermarkets
4. Avoid buying products which contain **microbeads**, such as polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and nylon.
5. Visit sustainable shops in Canterbury, for example, **Unboxed Kent** at 10 St Peter's Street, which is a zero packaging, plant- based refill shop in Canterbury

If you would like to know more about plastic pollution, read [Plastic pollution facts and figures](#)

FLOWER, PRODUCE, AND CRAFT SHOW, 17th JULY



The Flower, Produce, and Craft Show was back after a long absence due to Covid. It was a very enjoyable community occasion with many examples of local produce and artistic work. Who knew we had some many florists and gardeners? Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners! Special thanks go to the organisers and volunteers who worked very hard behind the scenes to make this event happen. Looking forward to the next year's event!

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE DURING HACKINGTON ROAD CLOSURE



Further to the notice regarding the Hackington Road six week closure (which is due to start 25th July), the Parish Council has been liaising with Stagecoach to facilitate a connecting bus service with Canterbury City Centre during this time.

Stagecoach have arranged for one of their services to make a detour to serve Tyler Hill. This service will be a temporary extension to the UN11 service & will operate via Canterbury Hill, Wood Hill, Hackington Road, Link Road, Calais Hill, Canterbury Hill with a temporary stop located on the grass bank before the left hand turn into Link Road.

The service will operate to & from Canterbury via the University, Whitstable Road, London road & Rheims Way for the duration of the works.

The departure times for **Monday-Saturday** are as follows (they will be published in the bus station & also on the temporary stop in Tyler Hill). Unfortunately, Stagecoach are unable to provide bus service on Sundays.

Canterbury – Tyler Hill:

09:40, 10:40, 11:40, 12:40, 13:40, 14:40, 15:45, 16:50 & 17:55.

Tyler Hill – Canterbury:

10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:04, 17:08.

TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES



Blean, Hackington, and Tyler Hill Society Meetings and Events

Society is having a well-deserved summer break until September.

Gardeners' Club Meetings and Events

TBC.

Monthly Coffee Club at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

The monthly coffee club met this month at a new time of 2:30. We welcomed Sophie McKenzie from Kent Digital who helped residents with digital queries on their iPads and mobiles. The next coffee afternoon is on **Wednesday, 3rd August at 2:30**. Sophie will be back, so if you have any digital queries, bring your tablets, mobiles or laptops and you can have a chat with Sophie over a nice cup of coffee.

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

Little Bubbles Messy Play: Tuesdays 9.30am-1pm

Rock Choir: Mondays 9am-12pm

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; 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.

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Hackington Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 15th September, at 19:30 in the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall.

All residents are welcome.

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