

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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*One of the many footpaths in and around our village.*

**What a lot there is going on in Dunton Green! We've got some really interesting articles for you, great information and all sorts of activities that you can get involved in.**

**We're always wanting to hear more about what's going on in our wonderful village so please do get in touch and tell us so that we can keep everyone in Dunton Green informed.**



**Dunton Green Parish Council**  
**Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green**

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## Chairman's Blog

### It's sad to say Goodbye...

It's always a little sad to say goodbye to fellow councillors and this month we are saying goodbye to two – both our youngest and oldest members.

Jessica Guy has brought a young perspective to meetings with her passion for politics, the environment and a keenness to get involved. She has written more about her time on the parish council on page 6 and it's well worth having a read, especially if you are interested in getting involved. We wish her all the very best as she goes to University and hope she may be back to join us again in the future.



Few people can remember a time when Brian Tingley has not been an active member of our community and parish councillor. Over the years he has been both vice chair and chair bringing knowledge and wisdom to our meetings. Having decided that now is the time to stand down I would like to offer my personal thanks for all he has done for the village and wish him all the best for the future. We'll miss you Brian. You can read about the award presented to Brian earlier this year on page 22.

Jessica and Brian demonstrate the diversity of age, gender and perspectives we have and encourage on the Parish Council. We need a range of people from different parts of our village who are willing to get involved and are looking at ways to improve village life. If you live or work in Dunton Green then you can make a valuable contribution to our community. Get in touch and I'd be very happy to meet up for a chat where I can tell you more about what's involved.

We are continuing to run all sorts of activities and events for different age groups and interests with details in this magazine. If you have a particular interest or would like to see a new group then please get in touch with us. We'd love to hear your ideas. (A monthly family film club has been suggested – let me know if you'd be interested).

This year's village picnic didn't go exactly according to plan but there is little we can do about the weather. A last minute move inside saved the day and although it was a little tight for space we had a fabulous afternoon. The highlight was undoubtedly the young people's dance display and Elvis proved a very popular attraction to many residents. Thank you to all those who helped out as well as those that came along and supported the event.

*Ian Bayley - Parish Council Chairman*

## Dunton Green Parish Council

# Photographic Competition and Exhibition

An opportunity for residents of all ages to capture the beauty and unique nature of our village.

Prizes will be awarded at an exhibition of entries to be held on **Sunday 6th November** at Dunton Green Pavilion

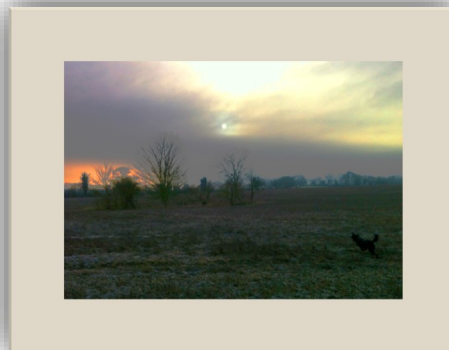
There will be 3 age categories:

- ◆ Under 12
- ◆ 12 to 18
- ◆ Over 18



The theme of the competition is **“Dunton Green –A village in Kent”** and it is open to residents of Dunton Green, those working or studying within Dunton Green and those living within two miles of Dunton Green.

- ⇒ Please submit your photographs **by no later than 5pm on Friday 7th October** (by email: [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk))
- ⇒ Photographs must be in **digital format** please (and by submitting you are permitting the Parish Council to use your photographs for the exhibition and other Parish Council promotional purposes)
- ⇒ Please **include your name, age (age category) and contact details**.
- ⇒ **Winners will be announced at the Exhibition** (details of timings will be available at the Pavilion in mid-October)



# Out and About

## Information, Gossip and news from Kate our roving correspondent



**1.** Now I don't often get to use the trains but the offer of a shopping trip to London was irresistible. I came armed with some change for the permit to travel machine (I've been caught out before) only to find that the machine has gone. I took the train guiltily to London half expecting to be pounced on by an inspector and worried as to how I was going to explain my lack of ticket when I reached Charing X. I was even more concerned while waiting for my train when ticket inspectors arrived on the up platform and accosted a number of people arriving at the station (I hadn't realised the village was so popular as an early morning destination). Enquiries reveal that we are expecting a 'proper' ticket machine at our station sometime in September.

**2.** I wondered why the old Bethel Chapel on the corner of Donnington Road had finally had its grass cut and the overgrown weeds sorted out. It's up for sale again. Not a great location but then when it was built in the 1870s there weren't too many cars to worry about. If you're interested then I'm told the guide price is £130K.

**3.** My trip to the station revealed another new addition to the village. A brand new community notice board. I rushed to see what village notices were available but its just got details of the manufacturer and installation instructions. I'm told it was delivered and erected without keys being supplied. Never mind, I'm sure they'll turn up.

**4.** I took the pushchair along the footpath that goes around Ryewood last week. Don't do it mums, you'll never escape through the entrance into Pounsley Road. I'm just slim enough to get through but I have a few friends that would struggle and there's no chance for the pushchair. On my walk back (the way I came) I was able to see a great view of the building work. Amazing to see how fast they are going up and I don't suppose they can have too many left to build.

**5.** Talking of Pounsley Road I think we should give KCC three cheers for finally patching up the potholes. Just don't ask how long it took them!



## **CLlr Jessica Guy gives her reflections on the year she has served on Dunton Green Parish Council before heading off to university next month.**

The first question of many of those with whom I speak is why I wished to join the Parish Council. The simple answer is that having completed my A-Levels last summer I was keen to support the community which had for nearly twenty years always supported me. I had started a gap-year internship with our neighbouring MP and then Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, Greg Clark, and felt inspired to get involved rather than sit on the side-lines. After attending my first Parish Council meeting I was hooked!

It will be of as much relief to you as it was to me that the Parish Council in Dunton Green is not like the factious one portrayed in *The Casual Vacancy*, JK Rowling's novel about a village behind whose pretty façade lies unimaginable strife brought to the fore by the death of a parish councillor. Nor is it akin to that in the *Vicar of Dibley*. Instead it manages our much loved community events and facilities, such as next month's fireworks and the recreation ground, along with some less glamorous but no less necessary amenities like dog poo bins.

If you have a vision for the village then I urge you to get involved be it by simply attending a meeting, volunteering to help with an event or joining the council. Those who volunteer are from all walks of life. We share our ideas, our expertise and our passion to improve the community. I know the word 'council' can be off-putting but Dunton Green Parish Council is neither big nor small 'p' political, nor is it bureaucratic.

There is no doubt in my mind that local knowledge and local solutions are best at serving local needs but sometimes it is only by teaming up with others elsewhere that we can achieve great things. Dunton Green Parish Council is a strong united voice for its community and able to lobby District, County and Westminster colleagues on matters such as planning, infrastructure and, of course, that all important surgery. It has been a real privilege – and an enjoyable one too – to help in that work, hopefully benefiting not just your life but those of your family, friends and neighbours too.

Last month's meeting was sadly my last as I am shortly to head for the city of dreaming spires where – whilst perhaps not thinking of garden-grabbing, grass-cutting or graffiti-removal – I am sure I will be dreaming of this special part of Kent which is and always has been the one I have been proud to call home.

### **Jessica Guy**

***Dunton Green Parish Council was delighted to welcome Jessica last year and now sees her go off on her next adventure! We thank her very much for introducing her youthful perspective and for her contribution to the work of the Council. We wish her the greatest success in her further studies.***

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

If you have been inspired or encouraged to get involved by Jessica's observations please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council will be looking to fill **two vacancies** as soon as possible and we are interested to hear from anyone who would like to get involved be it as a member of the Council or as an adhoc volunteer.

**PCSO Amy Hardy**

## **Autumn Crime Prevention**

**Now the nights are starting to draw in it's a good time to review to your home security. If you leave your home in complete darkness and your curtains are not drawn and no car is on the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no-one is in.**



**Ways you can easily secure your home-**

- 1. Set timer switches on lights in your home to give the illusion that someone is home.**
- 2. Secure garages, shed and outbuildings with approved locks and alarms.**
- 3. Security lighting with sensors at the front and rear of your property.**
- 4. Keep valuables out of sight.**
- 5. Keep side and rear boundaries high to restrict access and front boundaries low to remove hiding places- plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.**

**For further advice please visit [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) or call 101.**

**Kind regards**

**Amy**

### **Doing the business**

**A big thank you to all the business owners who attended the Dunton Green Business Meeting on 5 July 2016 and a big thank you to Julie for hosting us in The Social Club and Cllr Stephen Arnold (from the Sevenoaks Town Partnership), our guest speaker.**



**If you would like to attend the next meeting, please contact the Community Development Workers on 01732 227176 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk).**

# COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

My name is **Katie Stringer** and I am the Community First Responder (CFR) for Dunton Green.

## So, what is a CFR?

Community First Responders are volunteers that work alongside the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB) responding to life threatening emergency calls in their own time and working within a 5k radius of our own homes. The primary role of a CFR is to provide life-saving emergency treatment to people in their local area. Our aim

is to Prevent deterioration, Promote recovery and Preserve life. Early defibrillation within the first few minutes can save up to 75 % of all Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Whilst SECAMB performs very well, we have to recognise that there are some communities that are extremely difficult to reach and with an ever stretched ambulance service it is not always possible to deliver the speed of response necessary to get to some patients with life threatening conditions. This is where the role of the community first responder is absolutely vital. CFR's have extensive training to be able to deal with patients that are severely unwell, we carry a medical response bag that includes medicines, dressings, bandages as well as a defibrillator, all to benefit the patient whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

In addition to emergency response we also run regular FREE first aid, CPR & AED training for local residents and groups. For example we recently ran some training at the Dunton Green Pavilion.

We are a registered charity and rely completely on support from the local community to keep our responders on the Road. Sevenoaks currently has 8 active responders across the district and a strong team of fundraisers.



*Katie Stringer, CFR for Dunton Green*



It costs £1,500 to buy the kit for each responder. You will often find us doing street collections or at school fete's, or church bazaars fundraising, raising awareness of what we do, along with demonstrating the vital work we do.

*CFR Demonstration*



## A little more about me...

I have lived in Sevenoaks all my life. I have been a CFR in Sevenoaks since 2009 and I moved to Dunton Green in 2012 where I live with my husband and my 2 young daughters who are 5 & 4 years old, both of whom attend Dunton Green Primary School.

Now that my children are both of school age I have recently returned back to full time work also working for SECAMB on the front line, so you may also see me whizzing about the community in a big yellow ambulance!

Life is very busy indeed and although my family are my priority I thoroughly enjoy both my CFR work and my fulltime work.

I am passionate about the community I live in and the role that I have, it's incredibly rewarding and I get to meet and help many lovely people.

If you would like to know more about CFR's, or would like us to arrange a training session, or even become a CFR yourself, please get in touch with us via our website [www.sevenoakscfrs.org](http://www.sevenoakscfrs.org), or find us on Facebook -Sevenoaks Community First Responders.

I look forward to meeting some of you out in the community soon, but in the meantime please all keep yourselves safe and well xxx



*The Sevenoaks  
CFR Team*

## **PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS (PADs) IN DUNTON GREEN**

Dunton Green Parish Council is proud to have installed a PAD last year at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground and to announce that there will be a second PAD installed at the Broadway shopping parade before the autumn.

Thanks go to Kent County Councillor Richard Parry for his support in generously granting £1000 towards the PAD and to The Bed Post for supporting this initiative by allowing us to install the PAD and to make use of their electrical supply.

Both defibrillators are fully accessible for public use. We hope you never have to use them but they are there to help you & the CFR team to provide life-saving emergency treatment.



**LOOK OUT FOR TRAINING AT THE PAVILION LATER IN THE AUTUMN**

We are a companion animal care team based across two purpose-converted sites in North Kent, and are passionate about providing quality care to **both** your pets and you.



#### Services on offer include:

- Dedicated appointment-only consultations with fully qualified staff members, including same-day booking and home visits
- Options for budgeted complete health care plans, tailored to your pet
- In-practice referral capabilities for specialists including minimally invasive (keyhole) surgery, orthopaedics and ophthalmology
- Nurse-led clinics including puppy socialisation classes
- Digital x-ray and ultrasound facilities
- Separate wards for cats and dogs, including isolation care and in-patient facilities
- Ample free car parking

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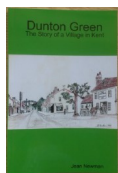
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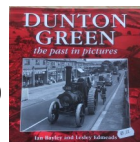
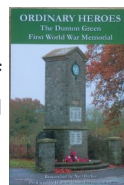
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## DUNTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL BOOKS



Ordinary Heroes retails at £5 and encapsulates the histories of those listed on the village's World War One memorial

Dunton Green The Story of a Village in Kent is Jean Newman's recollections of life in Dunton Green when she was growing up (available in paperback (£5) and hardback (£12) formats)



The Parish Council also stocks 'Dunton Green the past in pictures' at £9

**CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE (details page 2)**

Are you a  
**Local Business or Organisation**  
that would like to get noticed?

Contact the Clerk (email & phone details are available on page 2) to find out how you can promote your business or organisation and support the parish by advertising here.

## DUNTON GREEN FAITHWORKS

Dunton Green Faithworks is a group of Christians who have been working with and for the village for 10 years now. Originally made up of members from Bessels Green Baptist Church the group now includes many villagers of all ages and we would love it if more of you would get involved.

Faithworks has always sought to help where there is a local need and has done this in a variety of ways such as running the village Fun Days, helping in the school and local groups including the Parent and Toddlers and the Lunch Club, as well as running a youth club and coffee shop. So, what are we doing now?

We are still helping in a variety of ways in the school – assisting with the Breakfast and Quiet clubs, helping in the classroom, and at PTA events. We also meet with residents at Hamlyn Court and assist at the Age Concern Lunch Club when we can. Our regular activities happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10am in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground:



Faithworks Family Fun is a fun morning with a range of craft, cooking and fun challenges for all the family to get involved in while enjoying a late breakfast/brunch of bacon butties and other great refreshments. It is a really relaxed atmosphere where there is something for everyone – the older generation enjoy puzzles and good conversation with their refreshments. Come and see for yourself on Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Faithworks Cafe is a more reflective morning with a short talk and discussion on a variety of life issues over more excellent refreshments. There are also lively activities organised for children so the adults can enjoy their discussion. Join us on Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November, and look out for Christmas events in December.



The Faithworks Team are people like you – we love to get feedback on what we are doing and to know whether there is anything else we can assist with so this continues to be a good place to live. Do come and join in our activities. To send us a message or for more information, see our website: [www.dgmessage.com](http://www.dgmessage.com), or call Judy on 01732 458464.



you can take to get to the ground.  
Up here show you the route you can take to get to the foot!

DUNTON GREEN STATION

## Recreation ground? What recreation ground? I didn't know about the pavilion!

Surprisingly these are comments that we hear all too often so we thought you might like to know where to find some of the fantastic facilities that you have quite literally on your doorstep!

Dunton Green Pavilion hosts all sorts of activities including Taekwon-do, Pilates, Rainbows, Dance sessions, Youth activities and the Age UK Lunch Club. There is a more planned & we'll keep you informed as we go forward. Equally if you would like to set up an activity please get in touch!

The Pavilion is in the recreation ground which is very well equipped with a tennis court, a Multi Use Games Area complete with youth shelters, small children's play area and all sorts of play equipment. We even have some outdoor gym equipment dotted around the field for adults to make good use of too!

*If you're coming to visit please try not to come by car . We only have a small car park (albeit for pavilion & recreation ground users only) but the venue is easily accessible by foot & there are cycle racks for you to use. It's certainly the greener & healthier option!*

STATION APPROACH

RYE LANE



RYEWOOD MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT

Don't forget the Health Walks that run from the pavilion every Saturday at 10am – go explore your village!

## Dunton Green — Local Business Profile:

# Great Dunton Farm

## - Livery Yard

### We speak to Rachel who runs the Livery Yard

Many residents will be surprised to know that there is a livery yard in the village and will be unsure what you do. Can you tell us about the business?

We are a small livery yard based in Dunton Green.

Our doors have been open for the last 10 years for horse owners to keep their horses in a safe, friendly & alternative environment.

During the summer months we hold regular events including clinics with Pippa Reffold who is a local coach who teaches anything from flatwork (dressage) to jumping.

Sue Gardener comes up from Worthing once a month to hold Horse Agility at the yard. It's a great confidence giver to horses & their owners to try something new & different in a new environment. Spectators are always welcome for a small £5 fee.

We have also held 2 Open Charity shows. We supported Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance in 2015, it was a wet but great day. This year, on July 17th, we supported Help for Heroes, the sun was shining drawing in a bigger crowd resulting in fab day. We were supported by several local businesses in Dunton Green from sponsorship for classes to fab raffle prizes.

Do you have facilities for other horse owners?

The sand school is available to hire out to



horse owners who wish to use a different environment to school their horses in. Always a good idea if you compete away from home!

The Showjumping grass arena is also available to hire, again good for horses to do something not at home.

We have a unique Countryjumping crosscountry course also available, all 3 facilities are available by contacting me through [www.greatduntonfarm.co.uk](http://www.greatduntonfarm.co.uk)



**The facilities here seem quite comprehensive. Have you had to do much work to get everything up to scratch?**

Back in 2015 we had to relocate our unique cross country course. So over the winter months we worked hard to rebuild the well established course again. This involved applying to KCC for permission to ride over the permissive path running along side Donnington Manor, which was granted. We also have permission to use the Field running along Ivy House Lane but we decided that was too much work!

The paddock that sits between Donnington Manor & Meadow View cottages never really had a purpose, it occasionally was used for horses to graze but was never really big enough to be used as a regular thing, so we transformed that area into our grass Show jumping arena. This involved clearing the paddock of brambles up to our shoulders, rubbish that had been dumped including a bed & re-fencing the whole area. The derelict paddock now has a purpose & was used for the 1st time at our Help for Heroes open show back in July.

**I don't know anything about horses. What advice would you give to anyone thinking about buying a horse?**

They involve lots of time & money. If you can't commit the time to look after your new addition to the family, you need to be

able to afford to pay for daily care. You need to think of the cost of Feed, hay, equipment, regular (yearly) vet bills, unexpected vet bills, regular hoofcare, regular worming, riding kit, saddle, bridle, rugs etc..

Sharing a horse or pony is normally a good start for people who would like to take on the commitment without 100% of the responsibilities. This way, you don't own the horse but you may be responsible for some costs but not all and of course you have to be prepared to go out in all weathers if you're not paying for someone else to look after your horse. The best place to start is a riding school. Some offer short courses in "owning a pony" There are 2 very local to Dunton Green.

**Do you have a website or Facebook page for people to find out about events and activities you are putting on?**

Yes, we do. I find it's the best way to keep in touch with people, let them know what & when events are on or any changes I need to notify people of. The website is: [www.greatduntonfarm.co.uk](http://www.greatduntonfarm.co.uk) and we can be found on Facebook under: Dunton Farm Events

**Many thanks to Rachel who took the time to tell us about the Livery Yard.**



This is some of the crew who helped make the 17th July Help for Heroes show run so smoothly.



## Community Development Update



# Exciting Opportunities in Dunton Green

### Great Opportunities to get involved...

In your local community. Over the coming months we have a range of exciting opportunities in which you can get involved.

### Do you have a shed load of time on your hands?

If you love woodworking, furniture restoration, have skills to share or you want to learn something new in a supportive environment, this could be for you. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm at Abacus Furniture Warehouse, Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks, TN14 5BQ. The workshop has tools for woodworking, furniture restoration and more.

If you would like to volunteer to help set up a community shed in Dunton Green or if you live in Dunton Green and need help with transport to get to Greatness, contact us on 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



### Donate your used tools

Looking to make some room in your garage? We're looking for drills, hammers, power tools, pliers, wrenches, gardening equipment and any other types of small tools. If you have old tools that you would like to donate to help kit out the Kent Shed Project in Dunton Green, please call 01732 227176 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk) to arrange a pick up.



We are seeking volunteers and people who are prepared to become ambassadors to help deliver community development in Dunton Green.

If you want to learn new skills to improve your Job prospects or have skills you want to share, call 01732 227176 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk) to get involved



## Community Gardening Project

This exciting new project is looking for residents to help plan and plant community gardens in Dunton Green. You don't have to be Green fingered but interested in developing something new and exciting in Dunton Green. The group will decide how and when this project will run. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved.



Please call us on 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk) to register your interest. We would love to have you on board.

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## Youth Forum for 11 to 18 year olds

Many thanks to everyone that turned up for the FREE PIZZA NIGHT that took place on Friday 1 July. We need as many young people as possible to have their say about their local community. So if you want to help make Dunton Green a more exciting place to live then get in touch by emailing [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or calling 01732 227000.



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## Dunton Green Lunch Club Needs YOU!

We are looking for people to help support the Dunton Green Lunch Club which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals, set tables and clear up at the end. It's an enjoyable way to spend a few hours meeting people in your local community whilst having fun. To get involved please call 01732 227176 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk).



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## Dunton Green Health Walk — Every Saturday 10am

Come and make new friends and explore your local area with the new Dunton Green Health Walk. This friendly group meets at 10am every Saturday morning at Dunton Green Pavilion. The walk lasts about an hour and you are encouraged to walk at your own pace. Please make sure you wear suitable footwear and be prepared for a little mud! For more information, please call us on 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



## Youth Dance Sessions : COMING SOON!

When: Every Wednesday (starts in September)

Time: 5.30pm to 7.20pm

Cost: TBC

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground

LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS NEARER THE TIME!



## FREE Football Training for 10 to 18yr olds (younger if accompanied)

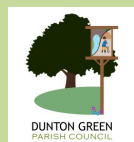
When: Tuesday

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground

No booking required – just turn up!

# KICK kent



## Older People's Lunch Club

When: First Wednesday of the month

Time: 11.45am to 2pm

Cost: £4

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground

For more information or to book transport please call Age UK on 01732 454108



## FREE Keep Fit

When: Every Monday

Time: 2pm

Where: TBC

Booking essential (spaces are limited) call 01732 227176 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



## Dunton Green Youth Project Graduation

SDC received funding last year from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver youth activities in Dunton Green. The project ran from January 2016 to July 2016 and covered weekly cheerleading & hip hop lessons; an introduction to archery course; an anti-bullying workshop in Dunton Green Primary School and anti-crime workshops at the graduation ceremony. We celebrated the achievement of the young people on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with Cllr Roddy Hogarth from SDC and Cllr Ian Bayley from DGPC presenting certificates to the young people.

### Hip Hop- Dance Showcase



Evie- I enjoyed everything about the project, great opportunity to mix with other young people within the village, from other schools and have fun



Shannon 'I would recommend this project to others because its fun, it gives you something fun to do.'



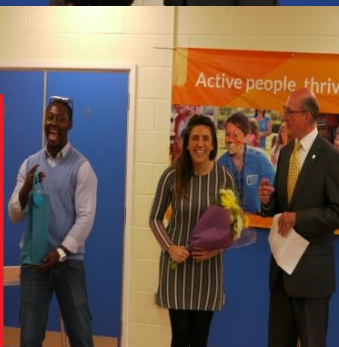
Matthew 'I quite liked making friends in the community, as we all go to wide-spread schools, it enables local friends, it's also fun to try new stuff.'



Maddie 'I enjoyed mixing with people and dancing, I would like to carry on in the future.'



Instructors Francis and Lauren surprised with a thank you gift



# Want to find out what's going on BEFORE everyone else

It's frustrating to find out about free events, great activities or general news after everyone else or even after the event has taken place. Here are a few ways to ensure you never miss out:

## Free Mailing List

Dunton Green Parish Council offers a free emailing list service to residents who want to be kept informed of what events the Parish Council is organising. If you feel that you don't know what's on then simply send your email address direct to the Clerk. You can be added to the mailing list and you'll be kept updated!

## Facebook

Search for Dunton Green Parish Council on Facebook. We make regular posts keeping you updated on all the latest news.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## Parish Council Website

Visit the parish council website at:  
[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)

The site contains useful links, agendas and minutes of parish council meetings.

Details about the Dunton Green Pavilion, including how to hire it and special rates for residents, are also available here.

## Notice Boards

Not everyone is high-tech so we still post important information on the noticeboards around the village.

The large noticeboard on the village green contains a little more extra information in a dedicated 'parish council' section.

Other posters can be informative but are not endorsed by the parish council.

## Parish Council Meetings

Another way of getting to know about the village is to come along to one of the monthly parish council meetings held in the pavilion, normally on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**

**FREIGHTER REFUSE  
COLLECTION SERVICE**

**LUSTED ROAD 11.15AM TO  
12.00PM**

**MILL ROAD 12.15PM TO 1.00PM**

**PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR EXCESS REFUSE  
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
THIS ADDITIONAL SERVICE**



**Dunton Green Parish  
Council**



### **Book Exchange**

**The Parish Council has set  
up a Community Bookshelf in the Pavilion.**

**Next time you're visiting take a look and  
see what's on offer. Feel free to grab a  
book if it interests you, returning is nice  
but not essential and if you have any good  
quality books to donate please leave them  
on the newly donated shelf (or contact the  
Clerk to arrange to drop off).**

**We will remember them...**



**Dunton Green  
Service of Remembrance**

**Sunday 13th November 2016  
10.55am at the War Memorial**

### **DUNTON GREEN HOMEWORK CENTRE**

**Relaunching in September. Venue &  
dates are still TBC but look out for  
updates via Facebook :**

**<https://www.facebook.com/dghwc>**

### **FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S**

We would like to start up a Friends of St Mary's group. This would be focused on the church in its role as a community resource, both in Riverhead and Dunton Green. We would look for the group to encourage membership and growth. The group would be seeking to put on concerts, events and other special occasions that celebrate St Mary's historical and heritage value as the centre of community life since it was built in 1831. If you are interested, or know anyone in Riverhead and Dunton Green who would enjoy being part of this, please contact The Vicar and Wardens at [stmaryriverhead@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryriverhead@gmail.com) or call 01732455736 and leave a message with contact details.



## Au revoir to a mainstay of the Parish Council



Brian Tingley has been an instrumental part of the Parish Council for very many years including serving in his time as both Vice Chairman and Chairman. Brian's mantra has always been that 'if it's not worth doing well it's not worth doing at all' and he is a man true to his word! Brian has always put in 100% commitment to everything he does for the village. At the Annual Parish Meeting earlier this year the Parish Council was delighted to surprise Brian by presenting him with a Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award in recognition of his dedication to not only the Parish Council but the whole community of Dunton Green.

Brian has decided that now is the time to step back from the Parish Council . He will very much missed but we sincerely wish him all the very best. It's been a privilege!



Brian Tingley ( r ) being presented with the KALC Community Award by Cllr. Ian Bayley (Chairman of DGPC)

### COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Any items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Parish Council Office, Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Dunton Green, Kent TN13 2UR

**1st NOVEMBER 2016**

We really do want to hear from you so please send your ideas, articles and photos in by email to [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

# Saturday 17th September **FIREWORKS**

Dunton Green Recreation Ground\*

Gates open at 7pm

There will be musical entertainment & refreshments will be available from 7pm

Beacon lighting at 8.15pm followed by the  
**Fireworks Grand Finale!**



**This event is free but as always there will be a retiring collection**

\* In the interests of Health & Safety there will be no public parking available at the recreation ground on the night.

# WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF...

## ...I NEED THE POLICE?

Dial **999** if there is threat to life or a crime is in progress.  
Call **101** for all non-emergency matters.

**PCSO Amy Hardy** Telephone **101** or Email: [csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk)

## ...I NEED TO REPORT A STREET LIGHTING ISSUE?

If the street light in question belongs to the Parish Council then you will need to report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Lusted Road
Hillfield Road	Milton Road
Ivy House Lane	Pounsley Road
Kingswood Road	Rye Lane
Lennard Road	Vicarage Lane
London Road Footpath to Station	



All other street light issues must be reported to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81**.

**PLEASE NOTE** that whenever you report a lighting fault you will be asked for the **column number** (which is on the street light) and the location. Please ensure that you have these details to enable a prompt response.

## ...I NEED TO REPORT A HIGHWAYS ISSUE?

If you identify a problem with roads or pavements such as potholes, broken kerbs or missing signs you should report these to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81** or via KCC's online reporting tool [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

## ...I WANT TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN DUNTON GREEN?

Graffiti can be reported via SDC's **online graffiti reporting form** ([www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal).) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit