

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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This beautiful scenery is on your doorstep! A wonderful photograph of bluebells in the woods taken by Cllr Ian Bayley. Why not try a walk in the woods that lie near Donnington Manor Hotel, between Otford and Dunton Green?

Summer has arrived—here's to a good one!

Inside this edition we have news about the Parish Council, articles about important issues affecting the village and a heads up of dates for the diary!

We'll have even more to tell you about in the Autumn edition but in the meantime keep looking out for updates on our noticeboards, website and Facebook page.



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

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Ex—Chairman's Blog...

It's with very mixed emotions that I stand down as Parish Council Chairman after three years in office. Three years that have seen great changes in the village and three years which I have enjoyed immensely. With the building of the Ryewood estate we have welcomed many new residents into our community and have been fortunate to be able to improve our facilities and activities in the village. Our new pavilion building is a great resource which complements our other village halls and is increasingly used for a variety of activities and community events. It is easy to forget the run-down prefab and dilapidated playground that has been replaced. I am proud to have headed the team that have worked so hard throughout the village and must thank my fellow parish councillors (both past and present) for their hard work and support. There are also many residents and community groups that have contributed to making Dunton Green such a great place to live and work – thank you all.



Whilst there are, of course, many exciting projects in the pipeline there are inevitably a few plans and ideas which I have been unable to undertake or have been too busy on other projects to move forward with. I'm confident, however, that the Parish Council is in safe hands with new Chairman, Freda England, who has supported and worked with me over the past few years as Vice Chairman and new Vice Chairman, Paul Lockey. Together I know they will be bringing fresh ideas, experience and perspectives which will see the village in good stead.

Finally, I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Tracy Godden, for her help, support and guidance. The Parish Clerk is often forgotten and it would be remis of me not to take this opportunity to express my gratitude on behalf of myself and the village for the significant work she does on our behalf.

Whilst personal circumstances have led to my standing down as Chairman I will still be continuing as an active member of the Parish Council and ask that you join others in the village to support the Council and the events and activities that are run for you. Dunton Green is a fantastic place to live and work and it is with your help that we can make it even better.

Ian Bayley

IN OUR NEXT EDITION WE WILL INTRODUCE OUR NEW CHAIRMAN FREDA ENGLAND
AND ALL OF OUR COUNCILLORS...

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

...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

...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.) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit

Out and About

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent



1. I like to think I'm as fit as the next girl but a little bit of toning up never does any harm. I was going to try the boot camp in the rec but decided a bit of focused Pilates (in the warm pavilion) was more to my liking. I hadn't realised there is a community bookshelf in the reception area and was delighted to find a couple of my favourite authors as well as a picture book for junior. What a brilliant idea. I'll bring them back when I've finished them and probably have a couple I can donate. I feel a bit guilty putting my read paperbacks in the recycling so it will be nice to know someone else is getting some benefit from them.



2. The Annual Parish Meeting was a little while ago now but I was sorry to see it was so badly attended. The reports from the school and other representatives were really interesting, especially if you're inquisitive like me and want to know what's going on. I really came to hear the talk by Ed Thompson on Wildernesse School. I never went there myself but my dad did and I was hoping to see his picture (no luck) but it was still interesting. I thought the introduction by Alan Williams on Post War Education was going to be a dead bore but it was fascinating. If you didn't go you missed out on a cracking evening.



3. A couple of trips to London recently left me able to give you all a few hot tips regarding the ticket machine in the station. Don't get me wrong, It's a great improvement and I can appreciate we're never going to get our manned ticked office back but remember it doesn't take cash – only cards. Get there early – if the train you want is only 1 minute away you can guarantee that there will be three people in front, one of which will have no idea how to buy a ticket. Don't be surprised if it's out of action – technology always goes wrong eventually so take a photo on your phone to prove to the ticket inspectors that you couldn't buy a ticket.

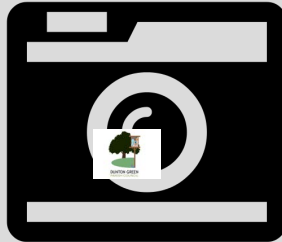


4. I'm not the greatest photographer and my phone isn't the best camera but what do you think? I might enter this year's Parish photo competition. This was taken on a walk with junior over in Crown Meadow. I don't go there very often and its lovely.



5. I went along to one of the monthly film nights last month. It was the new BFG film which was bit old for Junior but he still had a great time. The Community Development Workers Yulia and Kathryn were serving the refreshments and the all-important popcorn.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION & EXHIBITION



The Parish Council is holding its 2nd annual photographic competition and we very much hope that you will embrace this opportunity to capture the essence of Dunton Green and send us your entries!

Themes:

Over 18s: 'Life in Dunton Green'

Under 18s: 'Being Young in Dunton Green'

(U18s: 2 categories - up 11 and 12 to 18)

SUBMISSION TIME FRAME:

1st July to 31st August

All submissions in digital format please to
clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

Please ensure you provide the following details with your submissions:
your name, age category, contact telephone number and email address

All photographs will exhibited in Dunton Green Pavilion on
Saturday 30th September

Residents are invited to come along and vote for their favourites and winners will
be announced during the Fireworks Event

GOOD LUCK!





DUNTON GREEN ANNUAL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Gates open 6.30pm

Beacon lighting 7.15pm

Fireworks 7.30pm

Live music, refreshments, photographic exhibition!

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.



Parish Council Website

Visit the parish council website at: 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. Everyone is very welcome!

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Terry-the-handyman.co.uk

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Terry the Handyman

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Brickwork repairs
Garage/workshop refit
Playhouses/Sheds
Radiator covers
Mirrors/Pictures hung
Stair spindles
Storage Hooks
Kitchen units adjusted

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Dunton Green Primary School

SUMMER FETE **SATURDAY 17 JUNE**

— 12 - 3pm —

Featuring

Bezerkat Circus Performers / Vintage tea tent
Grand raffle / Hamper raffle / Secret auction
BBQ / Prosecco, beer & pimm's / Bouncy castle
Nerf gun wars / Beat the Goalie / Bungee run

Plus

Loads of stalls, a performance by the School Choir
& a demonstration by Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks!

ADULTS £1
KIDS FREE



FREE LUCKY
NUMBER WITH
EVERY ENTRY

Dunton Green Primary School's summer fete is taking place on **Saturday 17th June 12-3pm.**

We welcome the **whole community** to come and visit our lovely school and enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment, food, drink and fun!

The grand raffle, hamper raffle and secret auction gives a great opportunity to win some brilliant prizes; from days out at Wingham Wildlife and Leeds Castle to meals out at local pubs and much, much more.

We look forward to seeing you all!
Dunton Green Primary School PTA

Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan

At the time of going to press, Sevenoaks Town Council's draft consultation on its 'Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan' is causing a great deal of angst in Dunton Green and a number of other neighbouring parishes as well. Dunton Green residents have expressed concerns about the apparent inclusion in this plan of land in Dunton Green for a suggested residential development of 850 houses to help support / justify their ambitious 15-20 year redevelopment plans.

At the time of writing steps are being taken by the Parish Council to ensure that the views of Dunton Green residents are heard.

The Parish Council will keep residents informed via its website, Facebook page and noticeboards. Residents are ALWAYS welcome to attend DGPC meetings (dates on page 14).



Community Development Update



Kathryn Bone

There are now numerous events and activities in Dunton Green but if you have ideas about other activities that you would like to see (and get involved with) please do contact Kathryn & Yulia, the Community Development Workers for Dunton Green.



Yulia La-Kruz

Call 01732 227000 or send an email to communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Easy Netball

Bring a friend, mum, daughter, sister, aunt or nieces to join us for some fun NETBALL sessions. Everyone over 14 is welcome.

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6.30 to 7.30pm

Cost: £2 pay as you go

Where: Dunton Green MUGA, Recreation Ground



No need to book but entrance will be on a first come first served basis as the maximum number of participants is 20 per each session.

Our friendly and knowledgeable coach, Jodie Hummersone, has had a fantastic response to the new Easy Netball sessions. The informal session is split into drills followed by a practice game. Easy Netball is ideal for complete beginners and those who haven't played in a while. It's a great way to make new friends and meet people from your local community. For more information, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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



Street Dance (NOW AVAILABLE TO 8 to 16 year olds)

These fun and energising Street Dance classes are now open to 8 to 16 year olds. Classes are suitable for complete beginners and those who have some experience.

When: Wednesday (term time only)

Time: 5:15–6:15pm

Cost: £2.50 per person per class if paid on pay as you go basis. £2.00 per person per class if a 10 week course is booked and paid for in advance.

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground.



If you've always wanted to learn how to dance or create your own dance routine – come and give it a try! For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

8-12s Project Dunton Green

When: Every Monday (term time)

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

Cost: £2 per week

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground

WestKent

Places to live. Space to grow.

This weekly club for children aged 8-12 offers young people a safe place to meet friends where the focus is about encouraging acceptable behaviour and responsibility whilst having fun. Young people will participate in a wide range of activities and in the process children will develop their self confidence.

For more information and to refer someone to the project please contact Kate Craib on 01732 749945 or email kate.craib@wkha.org.uk.

Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

When: First Wednesday of the month

Time: 11.45am to 2pm Cost: £4

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground



To confirm that you will be attending or to book transport please call Age UK on 01732 454108

The friendly and welcoming Dunton Green Lunch Club celebrated its 1st Birthday on the 3rd May 2017. Members that attend receive a hot nutritious 2 course meal on the first Wednesday of the month. Whether you are new to the area or fancy a change, new members are always welcome.

Summer holidays—Tennis

Following the success of our February half-term activities we have arranged kids tennis workshops during the summer holidays.

Week commencing 14th Aug (Mon to Thurs)

9.30 to 11.30am - For ages 6 to 8

Week commencing 21st Aug (Mon to Thurs)

9.30 to 11.30am – For ages 9 to 12

For more information regarding the cost or to register your interest please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk. Please note that spaces are limited and priority will be given to Dunton Green residents.



PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 10th—Saturday Freighter

June 13th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

June 24th—Film Night (see page 15)

July 1st to August 31st—entries for photo competition (see page 6)

July 2nd—Litter Pick (see page 21)

July 9th—Village Picnic (see page 17)

July 11th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

September 12th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

September 30th—Photographic Exhibition & Competition

September 30th—Fireworks Display (see page 7)

October 7th—Saturday Freighter

October 10th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

November 12th—Remembrance Day Service & Talk from 10.45am

November 14th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

December 12th—Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

December 18th—Carols Around the Christmas Tree, 7.00pm

OTHER EVENTS

June 17th—School Summer Fete (see page 10)

August 7th—SDC Family Fun Day 10am to 2pm Rec (look out for posters)

Saturday 24th June

7pm—DG Pavilion

'Sing Street'

Over 18s Film Evening



Sing Street is a fantastic musical coming of age comedy-drama.

Fancy a night out without the children?
An enjoyable evening with your other half? With friends?
Then join us for a special 'grown-ups only' film evening!

Free to attend (small charge for snacks) & treats. Call 01732 462966 or email clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk for more details.

Search for us on Facebook Dunton Green Parish Council



AND LOOK OUT FOR DATES OF OTHER FILM NIGHT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT UPDATE

The Community Safety Unit (CSU) consists of Sevenoaks District Council Staff, Police, Community Wardens, Housing Associations and other partner agencies.

Partners meet on a daily basis to discuss Community Safety Concerns, local crimes and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls that have come in directly from residents or via agencies including the Police, to help keep the District a safe and fun place to live, work and visit.

The CSU is a great way for partners to address current concerns and have a speedy and effective response to residents of which all are updated. It has great initiatives for residents in rural and urban areas to keep them safe and their belongings safe.

The CSU has timer switches, shed alarms, personal alarms and card protectors to name but a few which are free to residents. To find out more e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone 01732 227000.

The CSU deals with all aspects of ASB and community safety. If you have a problem that you would like the CSU to get involved with then please contact them.

- If life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call 999.
- For non – urgent police matter call 101.
- You can give information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers 0800 555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**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 Annual Village Picnic

Sunday 9 July at
12.00 Noon



Live music, Games, Bouncy
Castle, Charlton Football, Dunton
Green Dragons, Facepainting,
Refreshments and Much More...

At the recreation ground
Don't forget to bring a picnic

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME
COME ALONG & JOIN IN THE FUN!**

KENT SHED PROJECT

Calling all the men of Dunton Green...

You are invited to join some like minded men who enjoy wood work, making or repairing things. Whether you have skills to share or want to learn new skills in a supportive environment you are welcome to come along.



Members of The Sevenoaks Shed and examples of their work

The Sevenoaks Shed is open to people aged over 18 and takes place at Abacus House, Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 5BQ.

For more information about when they meet and how to get involved please call Catherine Maclean on 01322 621239 or email Catherine.Maclean@kent.gov.uk.

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DUNTON GREEN OVER 55's SOCIAL CLUB

- 2pm to 4pm
- Third Sunday of **every month**
- Price 50p includes tea and cake

Come, have a chat and play games with friends and neighbours.

Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Rd TN13 2UR



For more information call
Dot Carpenter on **07818 081 003**

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Dunton Green

Older People's Lunch Club

Starting from 4 May 2016

First Wednesday of the month | 11.45am | Price £4
Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Road, TN13 2UR
For more information or to book transport,
please call Age UK on 01732 454109



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PLEASE JOIN US!

**FRIENDLY MONTHLY
COFFEE MORNING
(Over 50s)**

on

**THIRD THURSDAY
EACH MONTH**

at 10.30 am in

**DUNTON GREEN
VILLAGE HALL**

ALL WELCOME

**We look forward to seeing
you**

"Let's Talk Rubbish!"

Or, more specifically, litter.



No one likes to see our streets, paths and playgrounds scattered with dropped crisp packets, fast food wrappers, broken glass, drink cans and all that other rubbish people leave behind.

The Parish Council pays to have the litter collected up from our public spaces, and Sevenoaks District Council does their bit too. We also organise community litter picks to spruce up the village, but clearly this isn't enough.

Recently, reports have been received of instances of large amounts of litter, typically beer bottles, McDonalds wrappers and drinks cans, usually in the Recreation Ground and Longford Meadow areas.

It's easy to shrug our shoulders and blame 'teenagers', or 'kids', or 'other people' and arrange an additional collection to clear up the mess. But let's look at this from another angle. Everyone who drops litter is somebody's child, or somebody's friend, parent, relative, whatever.

Can we do more to educate each other about ruining our environment?

If there's no bin immediately next to you when you've finished your food, put the wrapper in your pocket until you pass one - we've got lots!

- If your car has a load of empty packets and wrappers in it, bag them up and put them in the bin at home;

- Get involved with the community litter picks events!

- If you're a parent, make sure your kids know to put their rubbish in the bin, and lead by example;

-Kids: put your rubbish in the bin;

- If you're a teenager, make sure you and your friends put your rubbish in the bin...

You can see where we're going with this I hope! Not too complicated, is it?

Now, to add some perspective: An extra litter pick costs us (and therefore you) over £100 every time. And that's on top of what we've already paid for bins, and the usual emptying and litter picking services. That's money we can't spend on something more fun or productive.

On the Spring Bank Holiday weekend the village children couldn't play in the rec due the huge amount of broken glass left in the courts from the night before.

And remember, dropped food encourages vermin - I saw a rat just this lunchtime...

So, rather than keep throwing this money away, can we just look at ourselves and make sure we're doing all we can to stop spoiling our village with our rubbish? "

Any Lapham
Parish Councillor

SO, HAVE YOU BEEN INSPIRED? WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
THEN PLEASE JOIN US AT THE PARISH COUNCIL'S NEXT LITTER PICK

Heroes Wanted.

It's time to clean up our village!

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am



Meeting at:
Dunton Green Pavillion, Recreation Ground
off London Road

Let'ss get Dunton Green gleaming!!

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)



PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

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

The Parish Council is looking to fill **three vacancies** at the moment 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 unofficial volunteer.

We could always do with more help delivering newsletters, marshalling at events and all manner of things! If you want to get involved in any way please do contact us.



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 AUGUST 2017

We really do want to hear from you so please send your ideas, articles and photos by email to clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk



Neighbourhood disputes are a sad fact of life. Noise or a minor property problem can quickly snowball in harassment, anti-social and even abusive behaviour. For those involved, a neighbourhood dispute can take over their lives. It can lead to depression, anxiety and a complete loss to know what to do next.


Problems are made worse as communication between people breaks down, escalating bad feelings and creating even greater problems. People who find themselves in such conflicts often spend time and money seeking legal advice and going through the court system. But mediation is a more effective approach.

The good news is help is at hand in the form of West Kent Mediation. Their trained volunteers can bridge the gap between warring neighbours, starting a conversation and building trust. In most cases, given time, this leads to an agreement that benefits everyone.

West Kent Mediation CEO, Amanda Bell, says “We offer a free, confidential, impartial mediation service to all those trying to cope with neighbourhood problems, across the West Kent Area, and a specialised service to help better communication between parents and their teenage children. We also offer restorative justice, homeless and workplace mediation and restorative practices within schools.

“Over the last 20 years we have helped thousands of troubled people resolve problems through the mediation process. We have an excellent success rate and if all those involved in mediation want it to work then life can be made a lot easier”.

To contact West Kent Mediation, visit wkm.org.uk or call **01732 469696**.




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 definitely 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).



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