

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

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Dunton Green Parish Council wishes everyone who lives and works in the village a wonderful festive season and all the very best for a happy and healthy 2018!



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

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Chair's Update

Thank you to all who've expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. I am very pleased to welcome Annie Norton, who is our first councillor who lives on the Ryewood development.



Is your part of the village represented?



We do still have vacancies on the council so why not come along soon?

It's been a busy 3 months. In the Pavilion we've been installing toilets into the changing rooms. This means we can now offer sports and other outdoor activities, without having dirty boots tramping through the foyer area.



The fireworks on September were well supported and once again we were lucky with the weather. Thanks to all who threw money into the collecting buckets.



All monies collected go towards improving the facilities DGPC can offer.

More and more of you have signed up the DGPC website where you can receive updates on all news and upcoming events. If you haven't signed up please do—visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

The number of volunteers for the quarterly litter pick continues to grow. Thanks to all who turned up last time and gave the new equipment a try. Turns out the picker tools weren't up to the job so we'll order some more sturdy ones for next time. Despite this over 20 black bags of litter were collected in just over an hour and a half.



Cont...

...Chair's Update



There continue to be outbreaks of anti-social behaviour and drug related incidents in the village. Please report anything you see to 101 - I know it can sometimes take ages for them to answer - or at least email the Clerk so that we can get our PCSOs involved. Just posting on social media means that the police are unaware and no action is taken.

REPORT
ANTISOCIAL
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CALL 101



Funding has been found for Our Community Development workers to continue their work into 2020. Kathryn and Yulia have been involved in setting up a number of schemes in the village including the popular lunches for the over 55's and ladies netball.



We have certainly had our fair share of roadworks this year. I know how frustrating the traffic lights have been at times. The Parish Council have arranged that when the gas board come to dig up London Road in the next couple of months, rather than dig the road up we've agreed they can dig up the village green. It won't get rid of all the road digging but it will reduce it considerably.

Have a Happy Christmas all and let's hope for the best in 2018 for Dunton Green.

Freda England, Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council currently has two half size plots available for rent.



If you are interested in taking on a plot please contact the Clerk for more details: 01732 462966 / clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk.



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

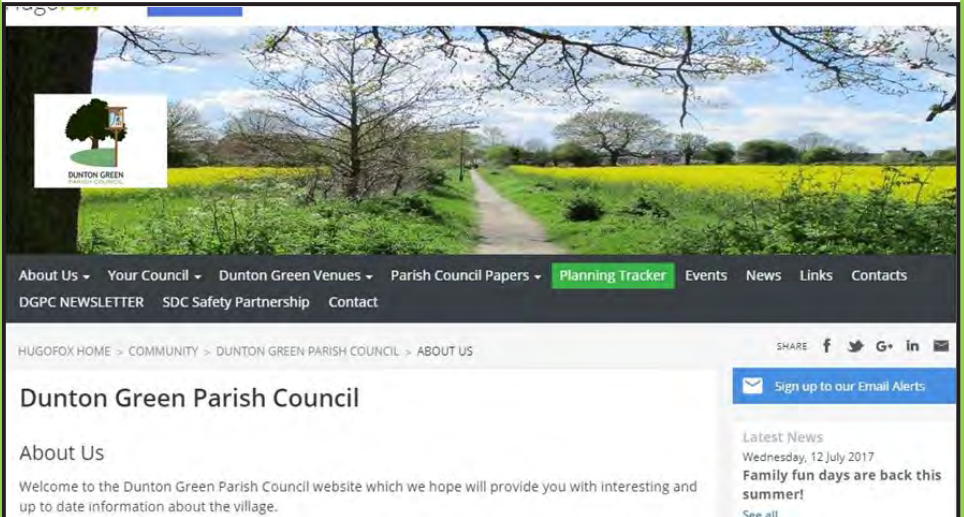


MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 7PM

VILLAGE GREEN—BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE SING ALONG & REFRESHMENTS





PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Like most communities, Dunton Green residents use many social media sites and the Parish Council has for many years had a website and more recently started a Facebook page.

The new website has been up & running for several months now and offers information on everything the Parish Council is involved in.

You can receive regular email updates (all the latest news and events information) by signing up.
We also have a 'Planning Tracker' on the website which, if you sign up, will also provide you with an update of applications in the village.

As this is a new site, and because of data protection, we cannot use any previous email databases so it is up to you to register.

Visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk today and sign up!
Don't be the last to know what's going on in Dunton Green

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

This month let's meet:



ANTHONY CARROL

I moved to Dunton Green 11 years ago and joined the Parish Council a couple of years ago so that I could get more involved. The work of the Parish Council is interesting and varied and has the good of the community at heart at all times.

I have recently taken on the role of village correspondent for the Chronicle and am

interested in Community Speedwatch as road safety is one of my big concerns.

I can often be seen walking around the village with my dog Boris as we explore what this great village has to offer.

ANDY LAPHAM

I moved to Dunton Green from South East London in March 2008 with my family. We love living here and I joined the council in 2011, so I could be more involved in the local community. I think it's important that everyone takes responsibility for our environment and community, and does what they can to protect and enhance it for everyone.



The open countryside that surrounds us here is something I'm particularly interested in, and can sometimes be found walking, running or cycling in it. I consider it our duty to protect and maintain these open spaces – once it's gone, it's gone forever! Away from my work, and the council, I have studied the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won for 20 years, learning, teaching students, as well as competing at national and international level. I run a club in Dunton Green school, twice a week.

Please see page 30 to meet another of our councillors and for District and County

Councillor details

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 - 'What Katie Saw'

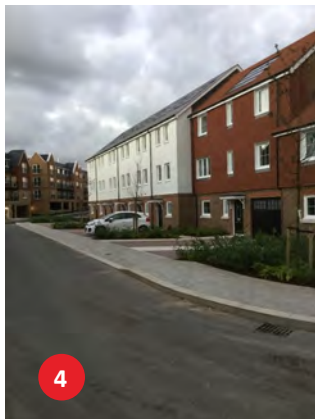
Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent

1. Tai Chi: A bit of a surprise someone waving a sword on the grass at Ryewood one evening. Turns out it was a taster session for Tai Chi which I hear is starting up sometime soon in the village.



2. Spotted a new noticeboard on the front of the Pavilion. Had a couple of posters for things happening that I didn't know anything about! Definitely worth taking a look!

3. It's been a while since I've seen football being played on a Saturday afternoon on the Recreation Ground. I think it's the new Dunton Dragons FC team that has been set up.



4. The Ryewood estate continues to grow with new roads and homes ready now monthly. I wonder how long it will be before building is finished and all the new residents are in?

I'll let you know what else I spot going on in Dunton Green in the Spring edition. Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you!





COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is an initiative that allows groups of residents to volunteer and contribute to their local safety and quality of life by helping to reduce excessive vehicle speeds on roads in their own communities.

What are the Objectives of Speed Watch?

- 1 To increase the public awareness of speeding.
- 2 To reduce deaths, injuries and collisions on Kent's roads.
- 3 To improve the safety and quality of life in local communities.

How Does Speed Watch Work?

Operating at risk assessed roadside sites during daylight in 30 and 40 miles per hour (mph) speed limits, a group typically of three CSW volunteers monitors the speed of passing vehicles using a portable speed indication device

They record the speed and identifying details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally specified speed thresholds (35 and 46 mph). The registered keepers of vehicles observed repeatedly or excessively (speed limit plus 50%) speeding anywhere in Kent in a 12-month period are then sent warning letters and advice by Kent Police.

How does a scheme for Sevenoaks District start up

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has purchased 6 speed boards which can be loaned out to volunteers.

Training is arranged by Kent Police online to all members of the community. Site areas are then e-mailed to Kent Police who will risk assess the area. The boards are then lent out when the volunteers are ready.

Kent Police also collates the roadside data and uses it to send warning letters and speed awareness advice to speeding vehicle owners.

For information on training and loan of boards contact the Community Safety Unit on 01732 227000 or community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH IN KENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When and How Often Does a Speed Watch Team Go Out?

All Speed Watch teams go out as often and for as long as the practitioners want to - during the hours of daylight.

What Data is Collected at the Roadside?

In addition to the date and location, CSWs also collect the time, speed, colour, make and model of passing vehicles. The data is transferred to an Excel-based spreadsheet supplied by Kent Police. This is then e-mailed to the Speed Watch Support Team.

What Happens to the Roadside Data?

The information sent in is added to the Kent Police CSW database. This is then analysed and used to send letters to the registered owners of vehicles detected speeding.

Kent Police also uses the data to inform its own pre-planned operations targeting speeding vehicles.

What Criteria Are Used to Send Letters to the Vehicle Owners?

- A second and subsequent detection at any Speed Watch scheme in the county within the previous 12 months for speeds between 35 and 44mph in a 30mph limit and between 46 and 59mph in a 40mph limit.
- Speeds detected that are 50%+ above the limit (45 and above in a 30mph limit and 60 and above in a 40mph limit) are considered 'excessive'. These will receive more strongly-worded warning letters on the first and all subsequent detections.

How Long Has Kent Had Active Speed Watches?

Since 2006.

What Policy Covers Speed Watch?

Policy P32 – Speed Watch.

Policy P32 is available on the Kent Police website (www.kent.police.uk) and from the Speed Watch Support Team (call 01622 798631, e-mail: speedwatchdata@kent.pnn.police.uk)

For more information:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/community-support/speedwatch/>

If you would like to register with the Dunton Green group please go to the community Speedwatch website:

<http://kent.communityspeedwatch.co.uk/>

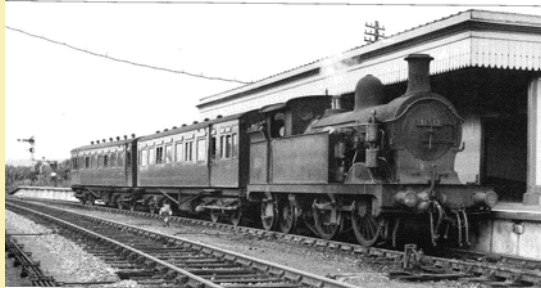


DUNTON GREEN RAILWAY STATION

We have gathered a lot of information which is available on the Dunton Green Parish Council website about the station.

Facts & figures from days gone by, right up to the present day. There really is too much to include in this edition of newsletter

but please visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk and take a look!



Anthony Carrol

Wild about Dunton Green

Something I've always loved about Dunton Green happens in the late summer/early autumn every year: the geese. Flying low, loud and in sometimes large numbers, moving between lakes and meadows just before dusk most evenings. Although they're around all year, they're really noticeable around this time. They're mostly greylag geese, a fairly large, grey goose with pink legs and an orange bill. The greylag geese can also be seen easily at the nearby Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve.



Right on our doorstep, the Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve was created from what was once a gravel pit, but thanks to the hard work and commitment of volunteers, and the Harrison family, is now a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and the first conversion of gravel pit to wildlife reserve anywhere in the UK.

Fed by the River Darent, which flows through the site, the Reserve contains 5 lakes, ponds, woodland (largely planted by hand!) and a visitor centre. As of 2006, over two thousand species have been identified on the site, ranging from



water birds like the greylag, Canada geese, tufted ducks, mallards, coots, moorhens and swans (and more!) to songbirds and woodland birds like woodpeckers, warblers and tits; and insects (including 13 types of dragonfly!).

The Reserve is easily reached by foot from Dunton Green (it actually runs alongside the Ryewood Site) via a good footpath from Rye Lane. Alternatively, there's a carpark on site via Bradbourne Vale Road. The visitor centre is open 10.00 am to 5.00pm daily.

There are some restrictions though – due to the nesting birds, there are no dogs allowed (except guide dogs), and no bicycles or jogging. The site is largely accessible to all though, with the hides and most of the paths wheelchair friendly.



You don't need to be a nature buff either, there is plenty of information to help you spot and identify the birds. A pair of binoculars will come in handy, and it's worth remembering that the birds are wild, and therefore don't perform on cue, so some quiet patience is often rewarded. The

Reserve can be reached via Tel: 01622 357879, or info@kentwildlife.org.uk

Wildlife is not just limited to the reserves though. Around the village I've seen wild deer, grass snake, slow worm, stag beetle, hedgehog, numerous song birds and woodland birds, birds of prey, common lizard, shrew, vole, fox and lots of different insects and spiders! It's all around us, you just need to be quiet, observant and in the right place at the right time!

Andy Lapham

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Terry-the-handyman.co.uk

L.E.D. lights
Doors hung
Locks fitted
Lighting / bulbs
Shelving
Curtain poles
Roller blinds
Venetian blinds
Trampolines



Sockets/Switches
Special projects
Garden furniture
Brickwork repairs
Garage/workshop refit
Playhouses/Sheds
Radiator covers
Mirrors/Pictures hung
Stair spindles
Storage Hooks
Kitchen units adjusted

TV's installed
Skirting boards
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Rye Lane-Between 5:00pm on Monday 11th of September and 3:00am on Tuesday 12th of September. Several containers at a housing development were broken into and tools were stolen.

Yew Tree Road-On Saturday 23rd of September between 5:00pm and 11:00pm. A number plate was removed from a vehicle without consent.

Donnington Road-On Wednesday 20th of September between 8:30pm and 9:00pm. A van at a residential dwelling was broken into and a portable phone and radio were stolen.

Lennard Road-Between 10:00pm on Monday 9th of October and 7:00am on Tuesday 10th of October. A vehicle was broken into and items removed without consent.

Mere Road-On Tuesday 24th of October around 9:00pm. Eggs were thrown at a property window.

London Road-Between 8:00am on Saturday 21st of October and 6:00am on Monday 23rd of October. A vehicle has been broken into and various tools, pressure jet washer and vehicle related machine(s) stolen.

Glyn Davies Close- On Sunday 5th of November between 12:00pm and 1:20pm. A residential property had four windows cracked.

Kingswood Road-Between 6:00pm on Saturday 4th of November and 7:30am on Monday 6th of November. The passenger side wing mirror was smashed on a Suzuki Vitara parked in the road.

Kingswood Road-On Tuesday 21st of October between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. A wing mirror was damaged on a VW Polo parked in the road.

Recreation Ground-On Thursday 2nd November between 8.10pm and 8.30pm at the Pavilion building there was an attempt of criminal damage (objects fired or thrown at the windows).

Fancy going for a wander?

The Dunton Green 'Health Walk' was discontinued earlier in 2017 as we could not find people to train as walk leaders (a necessity for the official 'Health Walks').

However, a number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group.

We meet on Saturday mornings at the pavilion at 10.30am.

We walk for about an hour, have a chat about various topics and put the world to rights!

If any other people would like to join us, just turn up - you would be most welcome.

PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the [DGPC website](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)

RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:

17/01944/FUL 24 Hillfield Road

Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling with amendments to add additional living space by converting the garage into habitable space and the conversion of a study to a bedroom *DGPC -Support*

17/02392/HOUSE 30 Kingswood Road

Two storey and single storey rear extension *DGPC -Support*

17/02535/FUL-Land East of Road South of M25 Morants Court Road

New cross over, hard-standing & gates to form new access onto site from London Road. *DGPC-Object*

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS:

Granted: 17/02015/FUL Land south of 25 Hillfield Road

Erection of dwelling *DGPC-support*

Refused: 17/01944/FUL-24 Hillfield Road

Erection of a two-bedroom dwelling with amendments to add additional living space by converting the garage into habitable space and the conversion of a study to a bedroom. *DGPC-Support*

Granted: 17/02336/FUL Dunton Green Free Church Station Road

Erection of a mews development comprising 2nos. detached houses, 2nos. semi-detached houses, and 1no. detached bungalow (Class C3); together with associated infrastructure including 9nos. car parking bays with electric charging points, refuse and cycle storage, hard and soft landscaping, and boundary treatment *DGPC -Object*

Granted: 17/02392/HOUSE 30 Kingswood Road

Two storey and single storey rear extension *DGPC -Support*



Sevenoaks District is the local Planning Authority. All queries relating to planning should be made direct to SDC on 01732 227000 or www.sevenoaks.gov.uk



Help is on hand from your local Mind

www.westkentmind.org.uk

01732 744950

Information given, volunteers welcome and donations needed.

We're here to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support.

LONGFORD LIDO

I am doing research on the Longford Lido hopefully for a pamphlet/talk on the Darent Lidos. I would welcome any local information/history or photographs about the Lido. Please contact Rod Shelton at rodshelton@greenbee.net or call 01959523371.

If you prefer to write:
The Corner House, The Green, Otford TN14 5PE

Easy Netball



Easy Netball has been enjoyed by over 20 people since it started in March 2017. New members are always welcome and the sessions are designed for people who have never played before, haven't played since being at school or would just like to practise their skills.

There is no pressure to attend every week. Just come along when you can.

The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age and ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. You will also often find your Community Development Officers joining in.

Age: Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 6.30 pm to 7.30pm
Cost: £2 pay as you go
Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground

For more information or to enquire about spaces, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



Street Dance

The Street Dance sessions have proved really popular with more and more young people coming along to learn some fun and energetic dance routines.

New members are always welcome to come along and have a go. The group are really friendly and welcoming and you are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

Street dance classes are suitable for both complete beginners and those with more experience.



Age: 8 to 16 year olds
When: Wednesday (term time only)
Time: 5:15 to 6:15pm
Cost: £2.50 per person per class if paid on pay as you go basis. £20 for the full 10 week course.
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground.
For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

The Dunton Green Lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. The club is a welcoming place for local residents to come along and socialise with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers and members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal.

When: First Wednesday of the month
Time: 11.45am to 2pm
Cost: £4
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground



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

8-12s Project Dunton Green

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.

Places to live. Space to grow.



When: Every Monday
Time: 3.30-5.30pm
Cost: £2 per week
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas Tree 9am (see page 22)

Tuesday December 12th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Monday December 18th - Carols Around the Christmas Tree, 7.00pm

Tuesday January 9th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday February 13th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday February 17th - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday March 13th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Sunday March 18th - Litter Pick 10.30am Pavilion

**Wednesday March 21st - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Reception
7.00pm Pavilion**

Tuesday April 10th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday May 8th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday May TBC - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday June 12th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday July 10th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday August TBC - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday September 11th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

More details on planned events will become available via the Email Alerts from the Parish Council's website—sign up to keep up to date and informed (see page 6 for details)!

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS:

**Saturday 2nd December Community Christmas Bazaar 10am to 2pm
School**

Saturday 9th (9.30am to 4.30pm) & Sunday 10th (11am to 4pm)

December Christmas Tree Festival St Mary's Church Riverhead

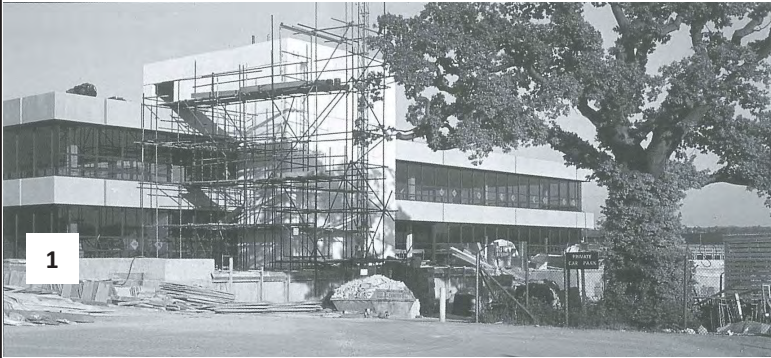
Sevenoaks Chronicle - Community

If you have any events or information that you would like advertising why not contact Anthony Carrol so that he can include this in the Dunton Green community column in the Chronicle. Due to print deadlines information is needed at least two weeks in advance so please send him the details as soon as you have them!

duntongreencommunity@gmail.com

DUNTON GREEN - Then & Now

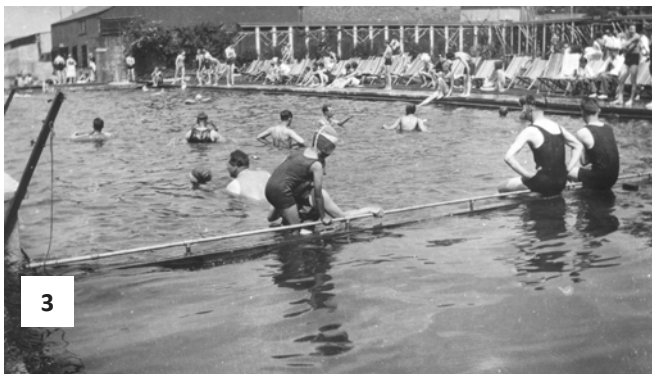
We're continuing our series about old Dunton Green and the present incarnation of the village, using photographs.



Well, do you know where this was?

It all looks very different today, but there is one constant figure...

This one isn't really very much of a mystery is it? It's probably not too difficult to work out where this is but it actually looks different in many ways to how you see it today. Can you work out what's there today?



Any ideas what this was and where it was located? They look like they are having a wonderful time, enjoying the waters!

See over the page for the 'now' shots...

DUNTON GREEN - Then & Now

So, where do you think we were in the village?



Hodder & Stoughton were located in what is now the Mill Road estate, near the southern end of Longford Meadow. The tall tree in both of these photographs is, in fact, the same tree in the 'Then' photograph! Some things do stay constant!

Well, you guessed, it's the railway station but long gone is the old station building which would have been manned in days gone by. The Sidings development provides quite a different background now too. Which do you prefer? Then or Now?



And the third photograph was the Longford Lido which was enjoyed by many right up until its closure in 1952. It's difficult to describe exactly where it was before the Mill Road estate was created in the 1990s. The Lido was next to Longford Mill which was roughly where the car sales showroom is now located. Wouldn't it be nice if we still had a Lido?

If you have any old photos from around Dunton Green that you'd like to share please let us know. We can scan them and return them to you. Just contact the Clerk (details on page 2).

www.playplaceinnov8.org



Dunton Green

Activity Sessions For Young People

Every Monday (School terms times)



New Themes every half term:

- Crafts
- Sport
- Photography
- Film making
- Dance
- Theatre



Free
 Volunteer Accredited Youth Work
 training for young leaders and adults
 Contact Maria.sone@playplace.org

6.30pm to 8.30pm
at

Dunton Green Pavilion (Recreation Ground)

For children and young people 8 to 16

Email - info@playplace.org



Starting January 2018 - contact Play Place or see the Parish Council's website for details.

Hello from one of our younger residents

My name is Jacob and I am 8 years old. I would like to thank the Parish Council for working hard to bring fun and enjoyment to the community, so we must work together and help keep this environment clean and peaceful, so we can enjoy living here.

I like the fact that DGPC does a lot for the community. I really enjoyed the movie nights for kids. It is a shame not many kids turned up but at least they tried.

At school, I have never heard any kids talk about doing any community stuff but I have done litter picking for my community in Dunton Green and I look forward to the next one.

I have lived in Dunton Green since I was a baby and I like living here. I think it's important to stop littering in our park. Let's make a positive difference to the community we live in!



Thank you
Jacob

Angel Gomes-Chodyniewski

Christmas rubbish and recycling collections 2017

Sevenoaks District Council will be working extra days over Christmas and New Year so you don't miss out on a rubbish and recycling collection.

Most collections will take place one day later than usual except the Christmas day collection on Monday 25 December, which will take place two days earlier on Saturday 23 December.

If you receive a garden waste collection, the changes will apply to this service too.

Please refer to the table below for details.

The Council has asked that you put your sacks and bins out at 7am on your revised collection day to help prevent attracting animals and the build-up of litter.

To view your refuse collection days online visit:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays

Your normal day

Friday 22 December
Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)
Tuesday 26 December (Boxing Day)
Wednesday 27 December
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Monday 1 January
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January
Thursday 4 January
Friday 5 January
Monday 8 January

Your revised collection day

No change, normal collection
Saturday 23 December
Wednesday 27 December
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Saturday 30 December
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January
Thursday 4 January
Friday 5 January
Saturday 6 January
Normal collection service resumes



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 9.00AM

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED—PLEASE!!

**IF YOU'RE FREE FOR HALF AN HOUR OR SO WHY NOT
POP ALONG TO THE VILLAGE GREEN AND HELP US TO PUT UP THIS
YEAR'S CHRISTMAS TREE.**

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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 Pavilion,
Recreation Ground, Dunton Green,
Kent TN13 2UR

1st FEBRUARY 2018

We really do want to hear from you so please send your ideas, articles and photos by email to

clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

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**

When I go to sleep

As I lay my body down to rest,
I'm wondering what way to go to sleep is best.
Shall I let my mind be grateful for what I've got
Or maybe drown in sorrow over what not



All the things big or small,
Us humans seem to want them all.

Clothes, shoes and a new car will make me happy in no time
Greed is a deadly sin but surely not a crime!
And maybe a bigger house to call my own
Might fill the void of being alone.



Happiness I know deep down it can't be bought,
Yet so often in this lie I'm caught.
This feeling that so many of us chase,
But when we truly have it, we don't embrace.

With age comes wisdom so they say,
Will find a better ending to my day!



The legs that carried me up to bed,
My appreciation for them will no longer be left unsaid.
Than you for my sound body and mind
Without it I'd lead life of a different kind.
The gift of life I just expect.
Being grateful for it I'll no longer neglect.
Appreciation to make my way of living,
Finding the beauty that lies in giving.



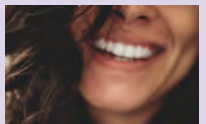
The place I live in is spared from war,
The privilege of living in peace I'll no longer ignore.
Trees, bushes, bees and all the other living creatures,
I shall never forget about Mother Nature's beautiful creatures.



Rain I'll let no longer dampen my mood.
After all it gives me my daily food.
The moon, the stars, the planets that surround be,
All living in perfect harmony.



Health, love and happiness is what I'm grateful for when closing my eyes,
Count your blessings not your sorrows – what a wonderful piece of advice!



With thanks to Veronika S

Angel Gomes-Chodyniecki

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL,
DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO...

The Community **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**



**SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER
10AM - 4PM**

At **DUNTON GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Featuring **ARTIFICIAL SKATING RINK
AND SNOW MACHINE** plus...

**SANTA'S GROTTO (12-3PM) * RAFFLE * HAMPERS * SECRET AUCTION
STALLS * GAMES & CRAFTS * REFRESHMENTS * AND LOTS MORE!**

Admission: Free for children! Adults are invited to make a donation to the school. **Skating tickets:** £3 per adult / £2 per child for a 30 minute session. Tickets are available for every session and may be purchased in advance from Bojangles, London Road, Dunton Green (cash only) or on the day at the door. 'Penguin' skating aids: Available for £1 each on a first come first served basis (limited availability). For full skating terms and conditions please visit www.dunton-green.kent.sch.uk/Parents/PTA



**Dunton Green
Primary School**



**EVERYONE IS EXTREMELY WELCOME - COME & HAVE A GREAT DAY AND SUPPORT
THE VILLAGE'S SCHOOL IN THE PROCESS!**

STAY AND PLAY



Every Thursday
9.30-11.00 am
At Dunton Green Pavilion

(Ages 0-5 Years)



Come and join our friendly group with structured activities to support your child's learning in preparation for nursery and school.

Stay & Play provides creative learning opportunities and access to activities that promote children's development with the Early Years Foundation Stage, and encourages children and their parents/carers to engage with each other.

Play, Learn, Grow

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Donnington Hall
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Take a look at our website:

www.duntongreenpreschool.co.uk

Contact Details:

Emma Dawson (Manager) 07982677676

Email :- info@duntongreenpreschool.co.uk



SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2018

**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**

NON-RECYCLABLE REFUSE (EXCLUDING METAL)

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INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

ANGEL GOMES-CHODYNIECKI



I joined DGPC three years ago now and I thoroughly enjoy getting involved with the community work and taking part in the Parish Council's events, getting the community together..

It is hard to juggle with work and being a full time mummy but I feel privileged to be involved.

Although you must have seen me running around like a headless chicken and always on the go, it would be wonderful to see more young mothers coming along to the parish council and sharing their views. I enjoy playing hockey for a Sevenoaks club, and badminton and netball when I get a spare moment. :-)

Your local representatives:



Dunton Green Parish Council (01732 462966 /
clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

Cllr Mrs Freda England—Chairman
Cllr Graham Hersey
Cllr Mrs Angel Gomes-Chodyniecki
Cllr Tim Fox
Vacancies

Cllr Paul Lockey—Vice Chairman
Cllr Andy Lapham
Cllr Anthony Carrol
Cllr Annie Norton



Sevenoaks District Council (01732 227000)

Cllr Mrs Kim Bayley (01732 458556 / cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk)
Cllr Cameron Brown (01732 740654 / cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



Kent County Council (03000 41 41 41)
Cllr Nick Chard (03000 41 10 09 / nick.chard@kent.gov.uk)

The Joy of Joining In

Our village has grown more in the last few years than it has in the previous 20 yet, increasingly, people are becoming more isolated. It's easier in our technological age to stay indoors and get everything you need from the internet – even friends and relationships – and easier still to turn a blind eye to the things around you – good and bad. But is this really the best way to build a healthy, cohesive society?

Our community has a lot going for it, aside from the lovely countryside, and easy reach of London etc. There's always something going on – martial arts clubs, netball, film nights, litter picks, senior citizens' lunch clubs, street dance, Tai Chi, youth clubs, Pilates, bootcamp and many others.

Taking the plunge and joining in with a club, an event or activity can really help, not just in getting fitter, learning to dance or whatever, but in broader terms too: the dreaded C word...



When I first moved here in 2008, I knew nobody. I worked in London and had little or no interaction with where I lived. It was pretty miserable. But through the school, local pubs, community events like raising the Christmas Tree and litter picks, as well as sports, I got to meet more of the people in the village, and found to my surprise that I



had somehow managed to put down some roots too.

Suddenly I recognised people at the station, and could exchange a nod and a smile with people I passed in the street. I found I did more locally, and took more interest in my surroundings, finding new paths to walk and things to see and do. I feel more like I belong.

I imagine there are a lot of people newly moved into the village who are going through the same experience now.



So next time you see an event or activity advertised, why not give it a go – aside from doing some good or learning a new skill, you may even meet some new friends. Have a look at page 18 for an idea of just some of the things that are going.

Andy Lapham

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