

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

Issue 013 Spring 2019



This is the footpath behind Ryewood at the junction of SR104 and SR103 that run behind Ryewood and alongside the wildlife reserve. Why not go exploring?!

**There is going to be a lot going on Dunton Green in 2019!  
Take a look at this latest edition of DG News for a taste of  
what's to come...**



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

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# Chair's Update

Welcome to our spring edition, although as I write this there is some snow on the ground and it's very cold.



It's been a busy few months on the Parish Council. The Local Plan and its possible implications on the future of the village has been out for its final consultation prior to going to the Planning Inspectorate for approval. Thank you to all for taking the time to respond to the consultation.

At the moment the proposed 250 homes running behind London Rd from the rose garden are not included. There are, however, still plans to develop the Fort Halstead site with 750 homes. Although up Star Hill, part of this site is in Dunton Green and will certainly have an effect on us throughout construction and when families move in.

Following the continuing saga of roadworks, our County Councillor Nick Chard has tabled proposals to try and synchronise utility works so that in future rather than digging a hole 3 times, it is dug once and all the utilities are done in one go.



The Parish Council is currently in the process of appointing our new contractor to maintain our recreation ground and other green areas in the village. Work will also start on the village green which had been severely damaged by the utility companies and by residents' parking.

Our Age UK Pop In Café has now started and is helping our older parishioners meet new friends and feel more confident when leaving their homes. If you'd like more details contact Sue, details on page 8. The Café has so far been very well attended and we hope that other residents will take the opportunity to come along and be involved - Sue is a real asset to the village and is very welcoming. The Parish Council



continues to support Age UK in Dunton Green and will be providing exercise bands (and other equipment) for the group.

*Cont..*

# ...Chair's Update

Also going well is our Friday Youth Club where numbers are steadily rising. I know the organisers have lots of ideas for future events and welcome ideas from all those attending. For details of how to contact the YICZ Club please take a look at our website ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)) or see page 34 of this magazine.



A couple of dates for your diaries. On Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the Annual Parish Meeting. Although this is hosted by the Parish Council, it involves many of the organisations in the village. It's a chance to find out a bit more about what is going on and there's a buffet and glass of wine. All welcome. (see page 13 for more details).

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June is going to be a community fun day. It's in the early stages of development but there will be

something for everyone. More details in our summer edition.

We'll all be getting our Council Tax bills for the coming year very soon. Thanks to the 10% growth in the village due to Ryewood, DGPC has been able to set its precept (the amount of money it receives from the Council Tax) so that there will be no increase in that element of your Council Tax bill (Band D properties) in the coming year.



As a Parish Council we still have vacancies. In May there will be local elections for Parish and District Councillors. It would be great if a few of you could join us. The



process is very easy. Details of the timings for the submission of nominations is on our website ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)) and there is an article on pages 28 & 29 providing some general information about councils and the role of a local councillor.

Let's hope some spring sunshine arrives soon!



**Freda England**  
**Chair of Dunton Green Parish**  
**Council**

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### *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.

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 in Dunton Green News and support the parish by advertising here

## RIVERHEAD LIBRARY

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Riverhead Library, 31 London Road, Riverhead TN13 2BU  
01732 459218 [www.kent.gov.uk/libs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libs) for the latest service information or follow us on Sevenoaks Libraries Facebook or Twitter



## Dunton Green Faithworks is changing!

How is Faithworks changing? We have a new logo and we have been changing how we see ourselves over the last few months.

Since 2005 Faithworks has become a part of the village community and during that time we have been involved in many ways including running a youth club and coffee shop, organising community Fun Days, helping in the School and other village activities. As I wrote in the last edition of this magazine, life in the village has changed a lot since 2005 and there are now more facilities and organisations for residents to enjoy.

What has disappeared in the last 13 years are the churches in the village with both the Free Church in Station Road and Bethel Chapel congregations gone and their sites either being developed or plans to do so. Faithworks started with a group of people from Bessels Green Baptist who decided not to establish another church but rather become part of the community and meet what needs they could. We have done this and continue to do so. Faithworks is now full of village people.

So, what is Faithworks now? Well we think we are the Christian church in the village but we are not a traditional church with formal services in a church building. We are still very much part of the community. We are the community church - people not a place!

Faithworks meets regularly at the pavilion on Sunday mornings with a Café and Family Fun where we enjoy each other's company and chat informally about the Christian faith. We are often in Bojangles and continue to help wherever we can in the village – regularly in the School, at Hamlyn Court sheltered housing and with Parish Council events. If people want to talk in more depth about the Christian faith we meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings.

We are still part of Bessels Green Baptist Church who support us and meet with us a few times a year.

The key message is that we are YOUR church in Dunton Green. Watch out for a leaflet through your door with more information, or contact: [faithworks@bgbc.co.uk](mailto:faithworks@bgbc.co.uk) ; visit our Facebook page: [fb.me/dgfaithworks](https://www.facebook.com/dgfaithworks) or see our website: [www.dgmessage.com](http://www.dgmessage.com)

# Dunton Green's Green & Open Spaces

The Parish Council owns and /or maintains a number of areas in the village. These include:

- The village green (the two areas of grass and planting north and south of the Lusted Road junction on London Road)
- Longford Meadow (accessed from the end of Mill Road and from Lusted Road)
- The Crescent on Station Road
- The small open space on Mill Road next to the river
- The Rose Garden next to the War Memorial
- The Recreation Ground
- Price's Wood (at the back of Ryewood, on the footpath towards the Wildlife Reserve)

These green spaces are maintained for the enjoyment of everyone and to ensure that Dunton Green remains 'green' but we are finding



increasingly that some of these areas are being abused.

They are not provided to supply overflow car parking when you or your visitors cannot find space on the road or on your property. The damage caused has to be repaired by the Parish Council which means that funds that could be used for community benefit have to be spent on repairs.

There is a shortage of parking opportunities in the village but we would ask that all members of the community be mindful of where they or their visitors park. We do not want to resort to putting up unsightly signs, especially when the Parish Council has plans to reinvigorate the village green this year (new hedge, improvements to the grass itself after years of utility company works, more planting) in addition to plans to increase the spread of hanging baskets through the village and projects in other areas too.

If you have any ideas about how to make Dunton Green greener please contact us - we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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*Sue is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to find out more about how you could get involved please call Sue. She'll be delighted to hear from you!*

## Dunton Green – Pop In Café

Dunton Green Pavilion, London Road, TN13 2UR



Pop in and see us for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Meet others, get help to stay independent at home, learn balance & seated strength exercises or just chat with us.

## 2nd Wednesday of each month

### 1.30pm to 3.30pm

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For more information, call **01732 454 108** & ask for **Sue Larken**  
or email

[suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk](mailto:suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.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

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Dot Carpenter on **07818 081 003**

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Parish Council Office,  
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**1st MAY 2019**

Let us share news about the village & your organisations with all residents in Dunton Green. Please forward articles & photos:  
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Go to [www.kent.fire-uk.org/safetyplanupdate](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/safetyplanupdate)

## What do you get for your money?

(2017/18 figures)



We employ **970** firefighters including 51 new on-call recruits and 24 whole-time recruits



We have **56** fire stations across the county, with 32 fire engines available during the day, and 50 at night

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## There when you need us



Our 999 operators answered **36,473** emergency 999 calls that's an increase of **29%** compared to three years ago



**20,169** incidents attended last year - that's an increase of **49%** compared to three years ago



We have specialist teams for water, mud and cliff rescue, chemical incidents, aerial rescue, explosions and terrorism

## Incidents and activity



Thanks in part to the efforts of our home safety teams, we attended just **547** house fires - the lowest number ever recorded...

...but **52%** of fires in the home still start in the kitchen



We went to **4,805** medical emergencies where our firefighters were closer than the nearest ambulance (which was mobilised at the same time)



Crimes with specialist first aid and rescue equipment went to **1,046** road crashes...



...and a vast range of other activity including grass fires, floods, industrial fires and severe weather

## Helping you stay safe



We carried out **17,687** visits to vulnerable people in the last year - up by **56%** over the last two years



**97,973** pupils given fire and road safety lessons



We provided advice and reassurance to **7,000** local people in high-rise flats



**Kent Fire & Rescue Service**

## Summer at the Pavilion

~ Save the Date ~

Saturday 29 June 2019

11.00am – 4.00pm

at Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground,  
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Please come along and join us for an afternoon of food, fun and frolics.  
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For more information please call Sarah on 07710 064 972

or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

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Full details will follow in the Summer edition of  
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## 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** or **PCSO Ellie Collins** 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 report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	Hillfield Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Ivy House Lane	Lusted Road
Kingswood Road	Milton Road	Rye Lane
Lennard Road	Pounsley 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**.



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&

PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 7PM

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**FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUNTON GREEN, CHAT WITH DGPC COUNCILLORS,  
OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS, ORGANISATIONS & BUSINESSES**

**THE EVENING WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE CRIME PREVENTION PANEL &  
YOUR PCSOs, KENT SUSSEX & SURREY AIR AMBULANCE TRUST, SDC'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
WORKERS AND DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, AMONGST OTHERS**

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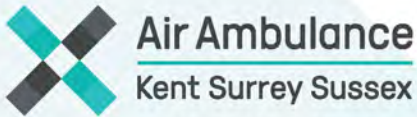
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The Sidings Between 6:00pm on Monday 29th of October and 12:00pm on Tuesday 30th of October. A white Yamaha GPD125 moped was stolen from a driveway.

London Road On Thursday 6th of December between 7:00pm and 8:55pm. A vehicle was parked, left secure then found to be missing from location

Breathing Road On Saturday 19th of January between 12:01am and 11:21pm. Garage was broken into overnight among the items stolen were a set of golf clubs which were later recovered.

London Road On Tuesday 22nd of January between 7:15am and 8:02am. Someone stole a dumper truck and a 1 tonne digger from the front driveway of a residential property whilst left unattended for a short time.

**Dunton Green has two PCSOs: Amy Hardy and Sue Harwood**  
Full details of how to contact Kent Police (including our PCSOs) please  
[see the information on page 28](#)

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



**18/03136/HOUSE 2 Vicarage Lane** Single storey side and rear extension with rooflights. *DGPC-No comment submitted.*

**18/03152/WTPO Fort Halstead Crow Drive** Works to various trees. For information only. No comments due.

**18/02682/FUL 20 London Road** Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of two storey rear extension to form 6 no.1 and 2 bed flats. Application to include change of use of ground floor existing building into residential accommodation. *DGPC- Object- The Parish Council recommends that this application be refused on several grounds: Concerns about the loss of a local business/retail premises and the negative impact that has on the commercial viability of other businesses in Dunton Green and the reduced availability of services for the local community. Loss of a traditionally designed shopfront and the detrimental impact this would have on the local street scene and street character. Over - intensification of the site (creation of six flats is excessive for a plot of this size, in this location) Lack of any parking provision (it is entirely unrealistic to expect that all potential owners/occupiers of any flats created will rely solely on public transport and that they will have no need for off street parking) Concerns about this being in a flood risk area - sleeping accommodation on the ground floor is not acceptable An application in 2000 (00/01762/FUL) for this property concerning the renewal of the existing shopfront was refused at the time for the following reasons: The proposed shopfront, by reason of its design, unsympathetic use of materials and loss of the recessed doorway, would represent an unattractive and retrograde alteration to a traditionally designed shopfront in its original form to the detriment of the visual amenities of the street scene. As such the proposal is contrary to policy EN7of the Sevenoaks District Local Plan An earlier application in November 1998 (98/2025) relating to a neighbouring property (16 London Road) was refused on the grounds of the associated flood risk of the area (sleeping accommodation having been proposed for the ground floor, contrary to planning regulations).*

**18/03451/MMA Dunton Green Free Church Station Road** Minor material amendment to 17/02336/FUL. *DGPC-Support*

**18/02747/HOUSE 21 Rye Lane** Original application now re-validated. A summary of the main change is that the floor plans did not match up with the elevation drawings. *DGPC-It was resolved that comments to the original application should be re-submitted.*



**18/03114/MMA Dunton Green Faithworks The Old Chapel 185 London Road**  
Minor material amendment to 18/02180/FUL *DGPC-It was resolved that the Clerk should inform SDC of the Minutes 2018 1188 DECEMBER 2018 following: Paperwork provided by SDC comprised of a covering letter (29/11/18) and a corrected plan. There was no plan supplied to indicate the current approved proposals with which members could compare the 'corrections. The Parish Council does not have a facility at its meetings to view planning applications online to pick up on missing documentation. The Parish Council is therefore unable to review this application.*

#### **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

**GRANTED 18/02719/MMA Ryewood Sales & Marketing Suite Campion Square**  
Amendment to 17/03609/FUL. *DGPC- No comment.*

**GRANTED 18/02953/HOUSE 17 London Road** Two storey side and rear extension and provision for 2 off-road parking spaces. *DGPC-Support. Members were pleased to see an application with good parking provision.*

**GRANTED 18/03041/HOUSE 83 London Road**

Demolition of existing single storey side extension. Erection of two storey side extension with habitable loft space and dormer window. Alterations to fenestration. *DGPC-Support*

**GRANTED 18/02983/HOUSE 57 Lennard Road** Double storey side and single storey rear extensions. Loft conversion to habitable space and dormer to rear. *DGPC-No comment submitted.*

**GRANTED 18/03136/HOUSE 2 Vicarage lane** Single storey side and rear extension with rooflights. *DGPC-No comment submitted.*

**GRANTED 18/03273/CONVAR Dunton Green Faithworks The Old Chapel 185 London Road** Variation of condition 4 (electric car charging unit) of 18/02180/FUL. *DGPC-Support (condition met)*

**GRANTED 18/03272/HOUSE 15 Mill Road** Single storey rear extension and part of the garage converted into habitable space. *DGPC-Support*

**APPEAL DISMISSED APP/G2245/D/18/320345 18/00702/HOUSE 180a London Road** Dropped kerb extension

**GRANTED 18/03417/HOUSE 53 London Road** Two storey side extension. *DGPC Support*

**GRANTED 18/03114/MMA Dunton Green Faithworks The Old Chapel 185 London Road** Minor material amendment to 18/02180/FUL. *DGPC-No comment submitted.*

**GRANTED 18/02747/HOUSE 21 Rye Lane** Single storey front and side extension. Raising and altering roof. *DGPC- Support. In principle DGPC supports development of the site but only within legitimate criteria. The proposed extensions are quite considerable in comparison to the original size of the dwelling and DGPC requests that SDC confirms that the proposal does not breach the 50% rule or any other development guidelines. Support is subject to the expansion of the dwelling being within permitted levels.*

**GRANTED 18/03484/HOUSE 2 Donnington Road** Single storey side extension. *DGPC Support*

**SDC Street Naming & Numbering - Ryewood** It was noted that names had been allocated to the two blocks of flats and the single storey dwelling currently under construction at Ryewood. The blocks will be known as Norman Court and Romney Court. The single storey dwelling is named as The Pottery.



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](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)



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# Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent



1. The Christmas Singalong was well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. Seems like a very long time ago now!



2. I wonder what's going to be in the printer's shop now? It's been a print shop for so many years, let's hope whatever it becomes that it thrives!



3. Did you see one of our District Councillors (Kim Bayley) on the BBC news when HMV went into administration?

4. There was a party in the Pavilion to celebrate Prince Charles's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and the launch of the new Pop In Café. The Sevenoaks District Council Chairman and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent joined Sue Larken & the team and cut the cake!



**5.** So that's how the war memorial clock gets wound up!

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**6.** Construction of the extra 35 flats on Ryewood is well on its way.



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**7.** Just when we thought we had had enough roadworks for a life time, a sewer collapses and we're back in the temporary traffic lights queue again!!

**8.** Spotted a new defibrillator on the village hall. One of those things where it's nice to know where one is, and you hope to never need it! Looks like this is the third one that the Parish Council has installed for us all.



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## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...

- \* The Parish Council is working with Kent County Council to have white line markings repainted on London Road, zebra crossings repainted and have new LED light globes installed at all three zebra crossing in the village on London Road during 2019
- \* Working in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council and Network Rail there are plans to replace the old privet hedge on the village green with a new hedge. This will form part of a scheme of works to make Dunton Green a much more attractive place to live and work
- \* There will be no increase this year in the Parish Council element of your Council Tax bill (for Band D properties).
- \* The Parish Council will be changing its procedure regarding donation requests from 1st April. Rather than looking at requests as they come in individually the Parish Council will review all requests once a year at its October meeting. The Parish Council supports a number of local charities and organisations for the benefit of residents (including the Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust, West Kent Mediation, Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group and others). The Parish Council will continue to provide support to other organisations who provide services in the village such as Age UK and the YICZ Youth Club.



### DONNINGTON HALL BADMINTON GROUP

We are a mixed ability group and anyone who has played badminton is welcome to get back to the game. As there is only one court we are unable to train new players.

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. It is pay as you go with no joining fee. So if you are only able to come less regularly it is OK with us. You can come and give it a go – the first session is free and we can lend you a racket. Just wear proper sports shoes.

Just turn up (Donnington Hall, Barretts Road) or for more info phone Gill on 01883 722948 or 077909 12741



### [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)

The Parish Council's website provides information on all sorts of activities and news in the village. Please check the website regularly for page updates and sign up for Email Alerts for things like events, news and planning. *Contact us by email if you have community events and activities that you would like to advertise.*

## *Dunton Green 'Might Have Beens'...*

*Everyone will be familiar with the Ryewood estate in Rye Lane, on the site of the former West Kent Cold Store and older residents will remember the Cold Store itself. But how many are aware of the plan to develop the Cold Store site as a Business Park?*

*The old brick pits were filled in the 1940s and 1950s and the Cold Store erected in stages. At its height, the site comprised of over 35,000 sqm of office and industrial buildings. However, by 2002*



Computer Generated Image of Oaklands Park from the main entrance

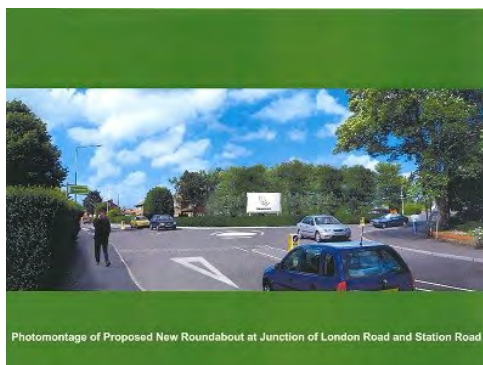
*the site was looking at closure, lorries had become bigger and could no longer easily access the site. Also, refrigerant gas that the site used was due to be banned under the Kyoto Protocol legislation, outlawing gases that damaged the ozone layer.*

*So it was that the owners of the site started thinking about alternative uses and what*

*they came up with was a development to be known as Oaklands Park. This, had it been built, would have comprised of seven office buildings, cafes, leisure facilities and up to 50 residential units. Plans were presented to the Council in 2003 and discussions & revisions went on for many months. Eventually the developers realised that there was a fundamental flaw in the plan which was that there was no market for the offices that they planned to build.*

*Thus it was that the site was sold to Berkeley Homes and the plans re-drawn as a residential scheme.*

*One aspect of the former plan that re-appeared in the residential scheme was a roundabout on London Road. It would have been slightly to the south of the roundabout that was built and the area that is now occupied by the Meadowgate houses would have been planted with trees.*



Photomontage of Proposed New Roundabout at Junction of London Road and Station Road

*Cllr Graham Hersey*

## **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tuesday March 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Sunday 24th March - Spring Clean / Litter Pick 10.30am meet at Pavilion  
Wednesday 27th March - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Reception 7pm  
Tuesday April 9th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Thursday May 2nd 2019- District and Parish Council Elections\*  
Tuesday May 15th 2019 - Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Saturday May 18th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)  
Tuesday June 11th 2019- Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Tuesday July 9th 2019- Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Saturday August 10th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)  
Tuesday September 10th -2019 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Saturday 28th September 2019- Annual Fireworks Display 6.30pm\*  
Tuesday October 8th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Tuesday November 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion  
Saturday November 16th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)  
Tuesday December 10th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

*\* More details will follow*

Visit [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) and sign up to Email Alerts to keep up to date and informed about all the latest news, meetings and events information as it is published. Meeting agendas are published in the week prior to the meeting and are available on the website



If you have events that you would like publicised please contact the Clerk and we can consider publishing your activities on our Parish Council website events listing page - we're keen to let everyone know just what is on in Dunton Green and it starts with you!

### **DUNTON GREEN NEWS**

All back copies of Dunton Green News can be found on the Parish Council's website - [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) - on the DUNTON GREEN NEWS tab.

If you could help us deliver newsletters in your road / area please contact the Parish Council - the more volunteers we have the better! Thank you.



# Let's Lunch



Join us at the **Dunton Green Lunch Club** on the first Wednesday of each month (except August).

**11.45am to 2pm**

At Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Road, TN13 2UR

To book transport please call Age UK on  
**01732 454108**

For more information see  
[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or  
[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



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# Your Local Community Update

## Dunton Green - Pop In Café



Pop along to the new Age UK Pop-In Café on the second Wednesday of every month at the Dunton Green Pavilion. It is a great chance to meet new people in a warm, welcoming and supportive environment.

You will be given the opportunity to learn how to gain strength, improve balance and build confidence to keep you mobile and independent. There is no pressure to join in with the exercises; you are more than welcome to just turn up for a friendly chat to meet old or new friends.

**When:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10<sup>th</sup> Apr)

**Time:** 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Where:** Dunton Green Pavilion, off London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UR

For more information please call Age UK on 01732 454108 and ask for Sue Larken, or email [suelarken@sevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk](mailto:suelarken@sevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk)



## Street Dance

Come along and try the Dunton Green Street Dance sessions. These sessions are lots of fun and are suitable for both complete beginners and those with more experience. You are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

**Age:** 8 to 16 year olds

**When:** Wednesday (term time only)

**Time:** 5:15 - 6:45pm

**Cost:** £3.50 per person per class  
(discount if whole term paid in advance)

**Where:** Dunton Green Pavilion  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

For more information please call 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto: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. Members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal whilst socialising with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, new volunteers are always appreciated.

**When:** First Wednesday of the month      **Time:** 11.45am to 2pm

**Cost:** £4

**Where:** Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

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

## Easy Netball

Ever fancied having a go at Netball or maybe haven't played in a long time? Then these sessions are especially for you. The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. There is no pressure to attend every week as sessions are pay as you go.

**Age:** Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend.  
**When:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 7.00 to 8.00pm  
**Cost:** £2 pay as you go  
**Where:** Multi Use Games Area  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



*Please note this session will be cancelled in wet weather: **starts 6th March again!***

For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please call us on 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## Tamz Tai Chi

Tai Chi is renowned for relieving stress, improving flexibility and balance and is associated with many other health benefits. Mindfulness, slow and flowing movements and focussed breathing make this martial art perfect for those who want to find a little relief from their hectic lives or for those who want to ease gently into physical activity.

These beginner Tai Chi sessions will be delivered by Tameila (Tammy) Brown whose enthusiasm and experience make her the perfect person to lead you on your Tai Chi journey. Sessions are open to everyone, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. So whether you are young or young at heart, you will be warmly welcomed.

**When:** Sundays  
**Time:** 10am to 11am  
**Cost:** **First class £5**, £8 per session thereafter  
**Where:** Donnington Hall, Barretts Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UN



For more information about sessions please call 07792 479772 or email [tamztaichi@gmail.com](mailto:tamztaichi@gmail.com)

## Basketball

Starting on Monday evenings at the Recreation Ground after the Easter holidays! Please be sure to look out for advertising on noticeboards and via the Parish Council's website.

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### Community Development Officers: Say Hello & Wave Goodbye...

Kathryn Bone has moved on to pastures new at SDC but is replaced until July by Sarah Tickner who is working hard on the Summer event! Sarah is supported in the Community Development Team by Vickie Smith, a graduate trainee at SDC, and will be joined at the end of April by Yulia La Kruz who will be returning to her role after maternity leave. Best of Luck to Kathryn in her new post and we look forward to working with the new members of the team!

Parish Council elections - 2nd May 2019. DGPC has vacancies and is always looking to recruit people from the community who want to make a difference. Could that be you? If you are interested in standing as a candidate for election please take a look at the information here and at DGPC's website

[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk).

## Local Councils - What Do They Do?



Parish, Town, Neighbourhood, Community or Village Councils in England are colloquially known as "Local Councils".

This leaflet tells you what they do and how you can get involved.



Kent Association of Local Councils

### So Who Controls the Local Council?

In short, you do. Parish electors vote for Local Council members every four years and are entitled to go to the Annual Meeting and say what they think.

Council meetings are also open to the public to observe (but not participate in) and there is usually an opportunity for informal discussion when the meeting is adjourned.

Local Councils are public bodies and subject to the Freedom of Information Act and GDPR laws.

Who Supports Local Councils?

Local Councils in England are supported by 38 County Associations of Local Councils that provide legal, procedural and other advice. They provide relevant training for Councillors and representational services too.

In Kent, Local Councils are represented by the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC).



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[www.kentalc.gov.uk](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk)

At national level, Local Councils are represented by the National Association of Local Councils.

[www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk)

Scan the QR code to go to the KALC website

### Could You Be A Councillor?

Any person 18 years of age and older who is a local government elector, lives or works in the parish or lives within three miles of the area of the Local Council may stand for election.

Candidates for election must complete nomination forms and submit them to their local electoral office by the closing date for nominations - usually four to five weeks before polling day. The local electoral office will be at Medway Unitary or District/Borough Council in which the Local Council is located.

A Councillor's normal term of office is four years. He/she is a holder of a Public Office. Councillors can receive expenses for their role.

Candidates may stand under a party political label, but most don't.

Councillors are subject to their Council's Code of Conduct and must complete a Declaration of Interest form which will be publicly available.

### What Will You Do If Elected?

- Attend Council meetings and raise matters that the Council can consider and formally decide to take action.
- Make informed contributions and influence debate at meetings.
- Receive training for your role.
- Represent the Council externally.

**Key dates for potential candidates to be aware of: Nominations open at 10am Thursday 21st March and close at 4pm Wednesday 3rd April. Nomination papers should ideally be taken in person to SDC's offices or posted. The offices will be open 10am to 4pm on weekdays only. Links to full information about the election timetable and process can be found on DGPC's website.**

### A Little About Local Councils

- Established by legislation in 1894, the first tier of local government in England - there are around 10,000 local councils with around 80,000 local councillors.
- Elected representative body of the local community. Provide services to meet local needs, improve quality of life and well-being in the community.
- Statutory bodies with certain duties and legal powers. They are democratically and financially accountable to the local community.
- Have the legal right to be informed about planning applications and other issues.
- Give the local community a more powerful voice.
- Help support local groups in their area. This may be through funding, provision of meeting places, or through publicity. This could include voluntary groups that help young people or the older generation to name but a few.
- May take on some devolved duties from the "Principal Authorities", Kent County Council, Medway Unitary Authority and the twelve District and Borough Councils in Kent. The Principal Authorities are responsible for Education, Transport, Planning & Development, Waste Collection and Disposal, Housing, Licensing and Street Trading.

### Local Council Services

Local Councils have a range of specific, yet discretionary powers and can provide, maintain and/or contribute to services in their community. Here are a few examples:

- Village Halls, Community Centres and leisure facilities.
- Local youth projects
- Bus shelters, car parks, and community transport schemes.
- Crime reduction measures - CCTV and dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Cycle paths and traffic calming measures.
- Festivals, celebrations, illuminations and tourist activities.
- Allotments, parks and open spaces.
- Community Safety Schemes
- Litter bins, street lighting and Street cleaning.
- Parish and neighbourhood Plans.



### And What Else?

- Local Councils can raise money to spend on public purposes through their "precept" which is collected through the local Council Tax. Most of that money is invested back into the local community to improve facilities and services. Many local councils also supplement the precept by obtaining grants. Sometimes they own property and can use the money from rents and leases. They can also generate income through running their community facilities.
- Local Councils are the least bureaucratic kind of local authority. Their funds are a tiny part of the Council Tax with an average cost across England of less than £65/year to Council tax payers. They get no general government grant so they have every incentive to keep their expenditure low and get value for money.
- The Localism Act 2011 gives more authority to Local Councils. For instance, the General Power of Competence will provide eligible Local Councils with the power to do anything an individual can do unless it is specifically prohibited by law. Other measures contained in the Localism Act include Community Right to Bid, Community Right to Build, Community Right to Challenge, Neighbourhood Planning and the Community Infrastructure Levy.



## Dunton Green Parish Council

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Kent County Council - 03000 41 41 41

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# A Brighter Future

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This may include the loss of a loved one, the loss of employment, a home, your mobility or a pet.

To find out more or to book your place please visit:

[www.westkentmind.org.uk/loss](http://www.westkentmind.org.uk/loss) or call 01732 744950

Dunton Green Parish Council supports Mind West Kent





## **Disputes - The Trump Approach? Or a Win/Win Mediation option...**

Awareness of mediation is increasing and the word is becoming more widely understood. Often confused with the 'meditation' word, it has now become much more familiar because the law has specified that divorcing couples should seek mediation before resorting to Family Courts.

Many people do not realize that mediation is not only used in divorce cases - it is also used in other very different types of disputes and arguments where communication has broken down. Mediation is often used in neighbour disputes, family disputes (parents and teenagers experiencing relationship problems) and mediation is also highly effective when working with young people who are either homeless or at risk of being made homeless.

One of the things that we know for sure is that when disputes escalate it is likely that not only the people at the centre of the dispute/row that will suffer but also other family members, friends and neighbours. The effects on the parties involved can be devastating, causing anxiety, depression and even homelessness. Some disagreements escalate and communication breaks down completely, which is when the use of skilled mediators can help...

### **The Trump Approach**

Back to President Trump and his approach to resolving disputes. He tends to use the 'who can shout loudest' or use threats as an approach to win disputes and disagreements. This type of approach may get a result but is unlikely to last, as the other party is still aggrieved and will seek to undermine any agreement or over-turn it in time.

### **The Mediation Approach**

Mediators work differently. They focus on ensuring that everyone involved is heard and the outcomes are positive for all involved. Importantly mediators



are always impartial, they want to help people have a chance to air their differences in a 'safe' situation, help everyone understand how each other feels, how the dispute has affected them and what the options are for resolving the dispute. In many cases people are very surprised by how their protagonists' feel (surprised that their own anxieties and feelings are reflected) and this brings a desire to resolve the dispute to bring about compromises that all can accept. This is the win-win situation that largely brings long-term peace and greater harmony.

Apart from the obvious benefits outlined above, people learn other new skills from mediation – take a deep breath and think how the other person might feel, what is the outcome I want, what can I do differently to diffuse a dispute, what compromises am I prepared to make. Reflection before discussion really helps...

This is also the approach that we use with young people when they are going through teenage anger. We work with them to help them deal with their anger and learn better ways of dealing with confrontation. Anger is a habit – habits can be changed.

### **Recognise the problems?**

Maybe some of the people reading this article have problems themselves or know of others who might benefit from mediation. We are here to help. West Kent Mediation is the only mediation service in the area and it is also free. Get in touch with Amanda or Gill or visit our website.

## **West Kent Mediation**

**T: 01732 46 96 96**

**W: [www.wkm.org.uk](http://www.wkm.org.uk)**

**E: [theoffice@wkm.org.uk](mailto:theoffice@wkm.org.uk)**



**Dunton Green Parish Council supports West Kent Mediation**



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# Youth Club

**Ages 8-13**

SEE [WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK) (EVENTS) FOR UP TO DATE INFO ON DATES

**Every Friday @ Dunton Green Pavilion**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Activities On Offer - Sports, Arts & Crafts,  
Cooking, Film Nights and many more**

**£2.50 per session, Tuck shop included**

**Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, London Road,  
Dunton Green, TN13 2UR**

For more information please contact us - [yicz\\_club@hotmail.com](mailto:yicz_club@hotmail.com)

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# Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the pick

Join Dunton Green Parish Council for a Dunton Green Spring Clean!

Meet us at Dunton Green Pavilion at 10.30am

**24th MARCH  
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# Support Your Local Wildlife!

We're very lucky here in Dunton Green to be surrounded by so much wildlife. Some of it is resident all year round, while some is seasonal. But what can we do to help the various animals and birds to thrive in our village?

There are many things you can do to suit your budget, the space available and the time you have spare.

**1: Food:** – seems obvious, but the best way to get animals and birds into your garden is to put food out. Birds love nuts and seeds, meal worms and fat balls, some will also eat fruit. Feeders are inexpensive and available from garden centres or pet shops, and should be hung from



trees or fences – but always where there are clear lines of sight as birds don't like to be surprised (especially by cats!). If you put out fat balls, choose the ones without the net bags – they can get caught on birds' feet and can become a hazard to other animals too. Remember some birds prefer to feed from a flat surface, so the ground, a flat roof or a bird table are ideal, but again, where cats are easy to spot. If you're putting out nuts, use the ones especially for birds, without any salt etc. on it. Birds feed during daylight, often returning several times throughout the day.



If you're lucky enough to have a hedgehog in your garden, don't be tempted to leave bread and milk – this is actually very harmful for hedgehogs – they much prefer meal worms or even cat food.



Badgers love nuts, fruit, dried dogfood and mealworms too, and

remember that they, like hedgehogs are generally night feeding.

It's easy to forget that animals need to drink too – especially in the winter when other sources of water may



be frozen.

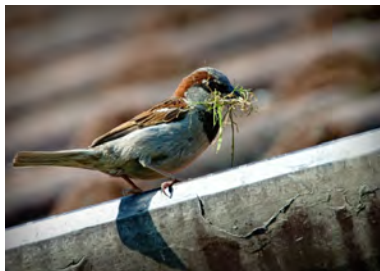
Once your food is laid out, just leave it, the birds will come when they're ready. You may be surprised what comes to eat!

For insects, worms and other invertebrates – leave fallen leaves where you can, fruit on the ground, and flowering plants are all good sources of food.

**2: Environment:** - Trees and bushes are an obvious source of shelter for many animals, but a pile of stones, bricks, sticks or logs in a quiet place can provide valuable habitat for invertebrates and even reptiles. You can buy ‘bug hotels’ from garden centres and pet shops, but a cheap and easy home for solitary bees, spiders, beetles and other ‘creepy crawlies’ can be made by tying sections of bamboo



cane into bundles and leaving it amid some dry leaves.



If your garden is big enough, you could try putting up bird, or bat, boxes, but these need to be placed away from the house normally. If you have space, leaving part of your garden to be a ‘wild space’ can often provide habitat lost to a well-manicured lawn. This is as simple as letting the grass grow long and encouraging wild flowers in a corner of your garden.



Hedgehogs tend to roam across quite a wide area, and while they are surprisingly good climbers, leaving a section of fence with a 15cm square gap at the bottom can help them get around.



**3: Don’t kill them:** Another obvious one, but many animals are killed by poisons like pesticides, and household chemicals. If you need to use pesticides like slug pellets or aphid sprays, try to find ones that are bee friendly, or hedgehog safe. Better still, by encouraging hedgehogs, birds, ladybirds, spiders etc., you may find the number of pests drops – as these animals eat them!



If you’re using household chemicals, follow the manufacturers’ instructions for safe storage and disposal, and keep them out of water sources and animal habitats.

**4: Don’t litter:** - Animals and birds don’t stay in your garden. They roam the countryside around us, visiting various places as part of their territories. Discarded cans, wrappers, bottles etc. can easily harm or kill wildlife. So, if you’re out for a walk, take a bag with you and pick up a few bits of litter if you see it on your route.



Cllr. Andy Lapham



**Kent  
Police**

NEW PAGE ON DGPC WEBSITE



‘Police & Community Safety’ is a new page on the Parish Council’s website ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)) designed to keep residents informed. There are details of our PCSOs and helpful tips and information on a range of topics. There will also be information from the Community Safety Unit. The page will be updated regularly so please check it regularly for the latest updates.

### Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU based at Sevenoaks District Council consisting of Police, Council and other agencies have been addressing local concerns over the winter months regarding drugs and drug taking in the area and surrounding local villages. There have been a number of home visits to people and some significant arrests to deal with these concerns.

Residents may not always see Police out on their street, but there have been active police patrols in the area due to reports from concerned residents. **Residents should always report any issues whether its drugs, anti-social behaviour or crime to 999 if an emergency or 101 for a non emergency.**

This can also be reported on line by going to <https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/kent-police-online-reporting/>

You can also report any concerns to the CSU to [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or by calling us on 01732 227000



## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

Dunton Green Parish Council      01732 462966; [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

Dunton Green Pavilion Bookings    07305 814 694; [bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk)

**Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, Off London Road**

Age UK Lunch Club	01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	01732 454108; <a href="mailto:suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk">suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk</a>
Faithworks Family Fun / Café	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
Holistic Core Restore	07868 129949; <a href="mailto:jo@radiantpersonaltraining.co.uk">jo@radiantpersonaltraining.co.uk</a>
Over 55s Social Club	07818 081 003
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321

Pilates (Olivia Lerner)	07434 678100
Play Place Youth Club	info@playplace.org
Stay & Play (KCC)	03000 421 137
Street Dance (Youth)	01732 227000
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988; info@oaksmartialarts.com
YICZ Youth Club	Ross 07715 441 991; Lisa 07495 799 986; yicz_club@hotmail.com

### **Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, Off London Road**

Kick Kent	keir@nkcc.org.uk
Easy Netball	01732 227000
Backyard Bootcamp	07803 050 431; enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk

### **Taking Place in DUNTON GREEN VENUES (other)**

#### **DONNINGTON HALL Barretts Road**

**Mrs J Field 01732 462429; [www.donningtonhall.co.uk](http://www.donningtonhall.co.uk)**

Donnington Hall Badminton Club	Gill - 01883 722948 or 077909 12741
Dunton Green Pre School	07982 677 676; duntongreenpreschool@live.co.uk
Tamz Tai Chi	07792 479 772; tamztaichi@gmail.com

#### **VILLAGE HALL, London Road**

**Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; [www.dgvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.dgvillagehall.co.uk)**

Coffee Morning	Third Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen; 07808 540 315
Knitting Group	01959 525569

### **OTHER Organisations and activities**

Bessels Green Baptist Church	01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk
Citizens Advice Bureau (Sevenoaks)	01732 440488; info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk
Dial-a-Ride (Compaid)	01892 832447
Dunton Green Primary School	01732 462221; office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk
Faithworks	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
Gymboree	07827 910 978; sevenoaks@gymboree-uk.com
Kent County Council	03000 41 41 41; www.kent.gov.uk
Kent Fire & Rescue	01622 692121; 999 emergency; www.kent.fire-uk.org
Kent Police	101; 999 emergencies; www.kent.police.uk
Kent Sheds	<a href="https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com">https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com</a>
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000 / information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
SDC Community Development	01732 22700 / community@sevenoaks.gov.uk

**We hope you find this list of local activities and organisations useful. We would love to include more so please email [clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk) to make suggestions or to be included.**

**The list can also be found on the Parish Council's website: [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)**

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"I am delighted with changes we have seen since Getting IT Working has managed our IT" **Penge Churches Housing**

"We now have a robust IT system that works for us" **Marketing Pro Group**

