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Chair's Update

Once again, we were very fortunate with the weather and our annual fireworks night was mild and dry. More and more of the village now come to this popular event and thanks to their generosity the leaving collection raised nearly £500 towards next year's fireworks.



Thanks also go to all those who have worked and



volunteered in the building of our new bike trail in Price's Wood. The wood had been left for years with little attention. DGPC has worked closely with SDC's tree officer and our tree contractor to ensure that dead and decaying trees have been removed and that those left can thrive. We will be planting indigenous species over the next few years as we seek to make this a wonderful woodland for all to enjoy. Wildlife will also be encouraged with bird and bat boxes and enough undergrowth left for small animal habitation.



It's fair to say that our plans and work in the wood has left some saying that it would attract anti-social behaviour. These are comments we get about almost everything we propose, yet, we manage 2 large public areas (the recreation ground and Longford Meadow) where there are very few incidents. We work closely with our PCSO's who do, if needs be, visit the homes of those causing upset and if appropriate also speak to their parents. If you see ASB call 101 and it will be dealt with. As a village we have very little ASB or other crime. If everyone takes responsibility for reporting incidents rather than just grumbling on social media, it helps keep us all safe.

Cont..

...Chair's Update

It was great to see that Station Road has a new surface and the 'invisible' chicanes have been removed. As we go to press the gas works at the Miner's Arm's end of the village still haven't started...

In our quest to make Dunton Green greener, our new landscape contractors have been working hard and I know many are pleased with the improvement especially on the village green. They are currently clearing the ditches and brambles along the recreation ground boundaries. New hanging baskets now line the green. There are also hanging baskets around the MUGA and tennis court which add colour to what was a rather drab area and planters on the railings of the zebra crossing by Longford Bridge.



Don't forget to join us around the tree on the green for Christmas Singalong on Friday 20th December at 7pm (see the back cover for more details).



Freda England
Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council

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News from Dunton Green Primary School

The Autumn term at Dunton Green Primary School has once again been an exciting one. Our pupils have been busy practising for a range of sports tournaments with other local Sevenoaks Schools including Basketball, Netball and Speed Stacking. Special mention must go to our Year 5 & 6 boys who began the football season in style with 3 wins against local schools, our best score being a 16-0 win! Huge congratulations to the whole team who showed the core value of

teamwork. In recognition of our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport, Dunton Green Primary School is proud to have been



awarded the School Games Gold Award. Our School Choir have had a really busy time, perhaps you were able to hear them perform at one of the community events they attended. They have sung outside Tesco in Riverhead, to raise money for Demelza House, at the Dunton Green

Pavilion lunch club and also at school events such as our annual Christmas fair.

In September the school took part in the 'MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning' by holding an event organised by two of our members of Staff, Mrs Chalk and Mrs Bett. The Coffee Morning was well attended, we had many donations of delicious homemade cakes, the choir sang for the visitors and we raised an amazing £602 for MacMillan Cancer Support. We have continued our Age Exchange afternoons, where older members of the community visit us to share stories and activities with our pupils. This is an enjoyable event with many benefits to both the young and old alike.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl were proud to represent the school and lay a wreath of poppies at the Dunton Green Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

The Stag Youth Theatre visited us in October to present a fantastic play on Climate Change. This was a great start in our journey to become an Eco School.



Our new Dunton Green Primary School prospectus was published in the Autumn and has been distributed around the area, hopefully you will have seen a copy. Prospective parents with children starting Reception in September 2020 were all given a copy at our Open Morning Events.

Feedback from parents visiting the school has been very positive and our aim is that Dunton Green Primary is the school of choice for all local families. Our staff, pupils and governors are all very proud of the school and its achievements. Our Prospectus is also on our website -

www.dunton-green.kent.sch.uk/Prospectus-1/



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

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

suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk



Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge registered charity number 1088213. 05/18



DONNINGTON HALL - FOR HIRE

Some residents may not be aware that there is large hall for hire in the centre of the village, tucked away on Barretts Road – Donnington Hall. Built in 1927, the hall is still run as a charity (it is owned by the inhabitants of Dunton Green and is run by a Management Committee of Trustees), providing an ideal location for local sports clubs (currently Table Tennis, Badminton, Kick boxing), hobby clubs (Model Railways etc) and children's parties. And it now boasts a brand new oak floor!!



However, after nearly 20 years of hiring Donnington Hall, Dunton Green Pre-School have unfortunately had to close and so the hall has become available for hire Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12noon and Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm. So if you run a parents and babies group, a fitness class, an afternoon dance club, a book club or discussion group, a Yoga class, a Pilates group, an Am Dram society or even a pre-school – or indeed anything else that requires a daytime venue, please get in touch:

Email: dafield703@gmail.com or phone David & Janet Field on 01732 462429

Visit www.donningtonhall.co.uk for more information.

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Dunton Green Pavilion,
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Kent TN13 2UR

1st February 2020

Let us share news about the
village & your organisations with
all residents in Dunton Green.

Please forward articles & photos:
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If you go down to the woods today you're in for a big surprise....

because...Dunton Green now has a wonderful bike trail for young people and families to enjoy in Price's Wood.

Price's Wood, near Pounsley Road, TN13 2XP was gifted to Dunton Green Parish Council to be cared for and maintained for the benefit of the local community.

The woodland, in the main, was left to its own devices prior to this change in ownership. Brambles had overgrown so much they had a strangle hold on the wood, some trees had become unhealthy and therefore a potential risk. The abandoned woodland had become a hot spot for fly tipping and it was mostly used as a dog toilet.

Now, with Dunton Green Parish Council, Sevenoaks District Council and Live Biking (www.livebiking.co.uk) working in partnership, this woodland has been given a new lease of life.

The trees have been taken care of by a specialist. The bramble has been cut back to a border that will now allow light to get to the woodland floor and encourage native flowers to bloom in the spring.

We also cleared off so much rubbish; from glass, dumped paint pots, a tyre, an abandoned wheel barrow and a shopping trolley to name just a few items

and have built in community use in the shape of a bike trail.



Please be aware that we have tried to clear as much glass from the ground as possible but some may remain. Please be vigilant and only adults are to pick it up.



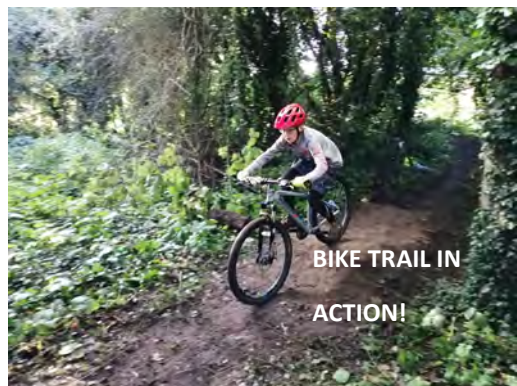
The bike trail sits within the natural environment and is designed to be as in keeping with the woodland as possible. We hope you enjoy it.

We have put together a few points below to help embed this new community asset into the village so everyone is happy:

- ◇ **Please respect the neighbours**
- ◇ **Please stay on the trail and always wear a bike helmet**
- ◇ **Do not change the trail but leave it as it is for all to enjoy**
- ◇ **The trail works on a one way basis**

- ◇ **Respect each other and have fun**
- ◇ **Please take your litter home**
- ◇ **Dog walkers must please pick up their dog poo**
- ◇ **There isn't any parking near the wood so please park elsewhere in the village, or better still, come on foot!**
- ◇ **No one is permitted to cycle on the public pathway so please keep your wheels in the wood**
- ◇ **Report any issues to Dunton Green Parish Council**

So, why not get outside as a family, enjoy some fresh air, see if you can spot a creature or two and go exploring in Price's Wood?



Sarah Tickner
Community Development Officer Dunton Green



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Knitting Group

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Every 2nd Friday of each month, 10am to 1pm
at Dunton Green Village Hall

For more information please call 01959 525569



Fancy going for a wander?

A number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group around the village.

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.



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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.*

If you'd like to let us know what you are doing in Dunton Green, if you take part in something that you think others would enjoy or would like to contribute to the content of Dunton Green News please do get in touch.

We know there is so much more we could share.

See Page 2 for contact details - we'd love to hear from you!

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PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the DGPC website - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/01545/HOUSE Sunnydene London Road

Demolition of existing garage; insertion of two first floor flank windows; conversion of loft with rear dormer; addition of three roof lights to front and erection of a single storey rear extension. *DGPC - Object. The Parish Council has concerns about the sheer size of the proposed development, particularly in Green Belt. Clarification is required, regarding the full scope of the expansion of this dwelling - both upwards and outwards. The proportion of the proposed increase appears to be in excess of the permitted percentage increase allowed - the proposed new proportions are significantly larger than the existing dwelling (which may already have been extended from its original footprint). Clarification of the percentage increase permitted in Green Belt and the extent to which this property is proposed to be extended is required. The phrase 'conversion of the loft' does not reflect the full extent of the proposal which is effectively to remove and change the roofline significantly in order to 'convert' the loft space (it is by no means a conventional loft conversion). The Parish Council trusts that SDC's Planning Officers will look carefully at size of the rear extension in relation to the size of the current dwelling and will thoroughly assess the impact on neighbours and the street scene of the proposed raising of the height of the building.*

19/01781/CONVAR North Downs Business Park Limepit Lane

Variation of condition 5 of application 19/00110/FUL to demolish existing building and ready-mix concrete plant and erection of warehouse building with amendment to substitute "very good" to "good" BREEAM. *DGPC - Support*

19/01839/HOUSE Renhold London Road

Demolition of existing rear single storey extension and construction of enlarged single storey rear extension. *DGPC - Support*

19/02150/HOUSE 61 London Road

Single storey ground floor extension with rooflights and alterations to fenestration.

DGPC - Support

19/02221/HOUSE 30 Kingswood Road

Demolition of existing double storey rear extension. Erection of a double storey and rear extension. Alteration of roof and fenestration. *DGPC - Object. LATER NOTE: There had been a misinterpretation of the original application; upon further investigation the Council withdrew its original objection (on the grounds of perceived adverse impact on parking) to the application.*

19/02279/HOUSE 33 London Road

Formation of vehicular access. Relocation of steps and retaining wall. *DGPC - Support*

19/02333/HOUSE 93 London Road

A first floor and rear extension and a loft conversion. Dormer with Juliet balconies and rooflights. *DGPC - Support The Parish Council supports the application in principle but is aware of neighbour concerns about the adverse impact in terms of privacy that have been raised in relation to the installation of two balconies rather than windows (which would*

be more in keeping with neighbouring properties). The Parish Council asks that these concerns be addressed when considering the application's validity.

19/02550/HOUSE 11 Bankside

Part garage conversion & internal alterations. *DGPC - Support*

19/02713/HOUSE Paxtons Pounsley Road

Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension with rooflights. *DGPC - Support*

19/02244/FUL 20 London Road

Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of two storey building to form 2 no. 2 bed apartments. 5 no. parking spaces (including crossover). *DGPC - Support. The Parish Council notes that concerns raised in relation to an earlier application for this site (18/02682/FUL) regarding lack of parking and the loss of a retail unit have been taken onboard and a more modest development of the site and retention of the retail unit is now proposed. Smaller, more affordable residential properties are desirable in Dunton Green and, in light of the changes to the proposals for this site, the Parish Council supports the application.*

19/02426/HOUSE Vacuna Rye Lane

Ground floor single storey side and rear extension with rooflights, removal of chimney and alterations to fenestration with a balcony at the rear on the first floor. *DGPC - Support Support is given to this application on the proviso that the extension of this property falls within guidelines and does not exceed 50%. The Parish Council would be grateful if SDC could confirm this.*

19/02447/FUL (adjoining parish consultation) Fort Halstead Crow Drive Halstead

Relocation and re-installation of six explosive magazine stores (Use Class B8) and construction of four surrounding concrete pendine block wall. *DGPC - No Comment The Parish Council members did not feel suitably qualified to comment on the merits or otherwise of this application.*

19/02254/HOUSE 1 Crescent Cottages Station Road

Single storey rear extension with roof lantern and alterations to fenestration. *DGPC - Support, with the following comment: It is noted that a drive/parking area has been created at this property with no dropped kerb and no planning permission for a drive. It appears to be being used by contractors on a development site opposite. The road in this area is especially difficult to navigate being on a bend and close to a roundabout junction and the introduction of a drive should be investigated by KCC and SDC.*

19/02244/FUL - AMENDED CONSULTATION 20 London Road

Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of two storey building to form 2 no. 2 bed apartments. 5 no. parking spaces (including crossover) 'Amended plan received showing change to the first-floor side window and internal change to bedroom 2 serving existing flat.' *DGPC - No Comment. It was resolved that the proposed amendment had no significant impact and that the comments that the Parish Council had previously submitted in relation to this application would suffice.*

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

GRANTED- 19/01545/HOUSE Sunnysdene London Road

Demolition of existing garage; insertion of two first floor flank windows; conversion of loft with rear dormer; addition of three roof lights to front and erection of a single storey rear extension. *DGPC-Object*

GRANTED-19/01839/HOUSE Renhold London Road

Demolition of existing rear single storey extension and construction of enlarged single storey rear extension *DGPC - Support*

GRANTED-19/01415/MMA 101 London Road

Amendment to 18/01859/HOUSE *DGPC - Support*

GRANTED-19/00552/FUL Whitmores of Edenbridge Ltd Mill Road

Car valeting shelter *DGPC - Support*

CONSENT GIVEN -19/02193/WTPO Prices Wood Pounsley Road

Various works to trees (TPO) [Consent to pruning works as specified within tree survey and no objections to proposed works to facilitate the cycle track with regards to tree issues.]

GRANTED- 19/02150/HOUSE 61 London Road

Single storey ground floor extension with rooflights and alterations to fenestration

GRANTED- 19/02221/HOUSE 30 Kingswood Road

Demolition of existing double storey rear extension. Erection of a double storey and rear extension. Alteration of roof and fenestration. *DGPC -ORIGINAL OBJECTION WITHDRAWN*

GRANTED- 19/01871/CONVAR North Downs Business Park Limepit Lane

Variation of condition 5 of application 19/00110/FUL to demolish existing building and ready mix concrete plant and erection of warehouse building with amendment to substitute "very good" BREEAM to "good" BREEAM *DGPC - Support*

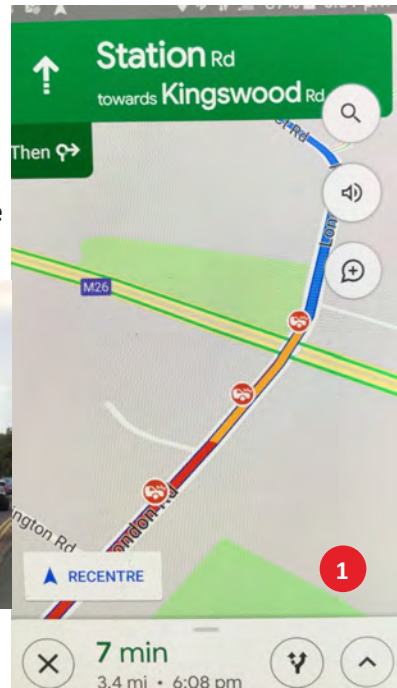


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All queries relating to planning should be made
direct to SDC on 01732 227000 or
www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent

1. Somewhat alarmed when Google maps showed 3 accidents on London Road! Fortunately, there was only one but once again on the same stretch of London Road where I'm sure I've seen at least 2 more in the past few months...



2. I was sorry to hear one of the Ryewood ducks had been killed but that was before this slow down sign appeared.



3. Talking of new signs. This one has appeared too.

4. My friend tells me that this strange looking bit of kit on the MUGA is for sloshing all the water off the MUGA and tennis court. It's like a giant windscreen wiper.



5. Work continues on extending the Taj, and I see that Bojangles has had a revamp. Still no one has moved into the printer's, although I believe the flat upstairs was broken into and some arrests were made...

6. Lots of new bollards around the recreation ground. I think they are to stop travellers setting up on site like they have a couple of times recently on Seal's recreation ground.



7. The new bollards on the village green seem to have stopped some parking although I see builders' vans are still being parked on the grass in places. It must be so frustrating for the people who have done all the work on the green this year.



If you would like to share information about faith groups that meet in Dunton Green or are attended by residents of Dunton Green please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council aims to reflect the diversity of the Dunton Green community which is why we always encourage submissions to the magazine from you.

St. Mary's Church Riverhead & Dunton Green

hold a service of Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village Hall (London Road) on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday's of each month.



The services start at 11am and are followed with refreshments and time for a chat.

All are welcome.

Contact St. Mary's to find out more or to find out about Sunday services at St. Mary's:

stmaryriverhead@gmail.com
01732 455736

Website: www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk



Dunton Green Faithworks at Christmas

This year Faithworks will follow its recent tradition of a family party and Carols on the Sunday before Christmas. Last year we had our first indoor snowball fight - come and make it happen again this year!!!



It will be at 10am on Sunday, 22nd December with lots of games, the snowballs, food, and finishing with singing some favourite Carols together at the pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Come and celebrate this very special time of year.

In the meantime, Faithworks Family Fun will continue at 10am in the pavilion on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month, as well as Café and discussion on the 1st Sunday. Everyone is very welcome.

If you want more information, to talk to us, or ask for prayer:



contact: faithworks@bgbc.co.uk
visit our Facebook page: fb.me/dgfaithworks
or see our website: www.dgmessage.com

PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...

- * Great progress has been made this last year with the Parish Council's objective 'to make Dunton Green greener'. Significant improvements in the standard of grounds maintenance have led the way and we have now introduced new hanging basket posts along the length of the village green; have added baskets at the recreation ground and even have some new planters on the railings at the zebra crossing on Longford Bridge. The baskets will provide year round colour and interest.
- * At time of print, the finishing touches were being made to the new bike trail at Price's Wood. Urgent and necessary maintenance to the trees has almost been completed, the bike trail itself has been created with the help of many willing volunteers, a new entrance to access the wood has been fashioned and signage outlining how the trail should be used is pending. We hope that many of our younger residents and their families will get an opportunity to explore the trail and enjoy the woodland surroundings.
- * There has been a good deal of unauthorised encampment across the Sevenoaks District this year. To help protect our community assets and open spaces, the Parish Council took steps to install further incursion measures at the recreation ground. The introduction of bollards is intended to prevent unwanted activities and keep the recreation ground a safe place for the residents of Dunton Green to enjoy.
- * At its October meeting, the Parish Council reviewed its donations for 2019/20 to charitable organisations. A number of grants were awarded, including funds to ensure that the Age UK Pop In Café will continue to run in Dunton Green, donations to the new Education in Full Fund and the primary school's PTA, and donations to a number of organisations that have had an impact on residents in Dunton Green. The Parish Council reviews donations each year at its October meeting and any local organisations are encouraged to submit a request that can be considered.
- * The Parish Council continues to work with Southeastern and SDC, to explore further the possibility of a project to provide a mural or 'StreetArt' in the tunnel to the station. Whilst some tentative steps have been taken, it is proving to be difficult to get everyone on board...
- * The Parish Council continues to fully fund the Tuesday football sessions at the recreation ground and the associated holiday sports sessions. See page 37 for details of some sessions scheduled for the Christmas holidays.



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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 2nd Wednesday of the month (14th Nov, 12th Dec, 9th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th Mar, 10th 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



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



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



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

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

The contract for the Community Development Officers being in Dunton Green expires at the end of March 2020 (having already been extended beyond its original three years. The team are continuing to look at opportunities in Dunton Green and we hope to have details of an exciting community art project in the Spring 2020 edition of Dunton Green News...

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday December 10th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Friday December 20th 2019 - Christmas Singalong

Tuesday January 14th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday February 11th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday February 15th 2020 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday March 10th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Wednesday March 25th 2020 - Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Reception 7pm Pavilion*

Tuesday April 14th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday May TBC 2020 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)*

Tuesday May 12th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday June 9th 2020 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday August TBC 2020 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)*

** More details will follow in the Spring edition*



Visit 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!

Friday 10 January 2020

Dunton Green Social Club

8.30pm start - **Starring Lost Voice Guy**

Tickets available at £15

Contact: richard@outofboundscomedy.co.uk
or call 07976 637804.



DUNTON GREEN NEWS

All back copies of Dunton Green News can be found on the Parish Council's website - 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.

WARNING: THIS POEM MAY OFFEND SOME

But the frustrating issue of dog fouling around our lovely village has driven one of our residents to write this verse.

Of course, the majority of dog owners are responsible,; it is the minority who let the side down.

Dunton Green doesn't need this SH*T

So you have a dog, well lucky you
But surely you must have a clue
That big or small; dogs, they poo



When walking down along our village curbs
It isn't nice to see great turds
Steaming in the midday sun
Just because your work's not done

Seeing them is not the worst
Oh no! When one is REALLY cursed
Is treading in one or cycling through
A really nasty, smelly poo

No child on their way to school
Wants to meet a fate so cruel
As to arrive with sh*tty shoes
'Cos of roads riddled with poos

And what about when at the park?
Playing with friends and having a lark
Handstands and cartwheels children do
And shouldn't then get covered in poo

For goodness' sake, do what's right
And save us from this awful plight
You got the dog, you knew the rules
Please don't take us all for fools

Your dog cannot clear it up
Not Even a truly clever pup
So I'm afraid the cleaner-up; you're IT

Dunton Green really doesn't need this SH*T!



**SO, PLEASE, DON'T GO OUT WITHOUT THE MEANS TO CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR
DOG AND DEPOSIT THE POO BAGS IN ANY OF THE MANY BINS PROVIDED
THANK YOU!**

Your local officers



Amy Best Sue Harwood

We are the neighbourhood officers for Dunton Green, Riverhead, Brasted, Sundridge, Westerham, Crockham Hill, Ide Hill, Chevening and Badgers Mount.

We are on hand to deal with your concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour where you live. We can also give you advice to help you protect yourself, your home and your property from crime.

Contact us:



Call **101** to speak to a member of your local policing team or to be put through to the officer best placed to deal with your enquiry.



Email: csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk

We have increased the number of officers in our communities to provide continuity in local crime investigation, give victims of crime a single point of contact and enhance visibility in the community. The officers named above are subject to change depending on operational need.

For advice, news and details of local engagement meetings in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk



**Kent
Police**

Call **101** for non-urgent issues.
Call **999** in an emergency.
If deaf or speech impaired text **police** and your message to **600166**.



Kent Police

CRIME REPORTED

The Sidings On Wednesday 7th August between 8:30pm and 10:30pm. Somebody damaged a Nissan Qashqai parked in the road.

London Road On Friday 9th August between 6:10am and 7:31am. Somebody broke into a parked burger van and stole the till.

Station Road Between 3:00pm on Monday 19th August and 10:00am on Tuesday 20th August. A garage at a residential property has been broken into. It is not yet known what, if anything, was stolen.

Eden Road On Thursday 12th September between 1:30am and 5:30am. Somebody broke into a residential property and took some items.



DUNTON GREEN

INFO PAGE ON DGPC WEBSITE

‘**Police & Community Safety**’ is an information page on the Parish Council’s website (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 frequently 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 that are brought to their attention.

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 via community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk or by calling us on 01732 227000

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 Sue Harwood** 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 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

...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**.





Dunton Green Parish Council

Tracy Godden: Clerk & RFO Dunton Green Parish Council
01732 462966 / clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk
Jacqueline Bowen: Bookings & Facilities Dunton Green Pavilion
07305 814694 / bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk

Your local representatives: Dunton Green Parish Council



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james@duntongreenpc.org.uk



Could this be you?!!

If you are interested in joining us at DGPC please contact the Clerk (details on page 2)

Your other local representatives:



Sevenoaks District Council - 01732 227000

ClIr Mrs Kim Bayley - 01732 458556

cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk

ClIr Cameron Brown - 01732 740654

cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Kent County Council - 03000 41 41 41

ClIr Nick Chard - 03000 41 10 09

nick.chard@kent.gov.uk

Out of disaster, comes a good news story!

The Parish Council was contacted by a new Ryewood resident who, having seen the last edition of Dunton Green News, wanted to share their experience...

There was a car crash at the Riverhead roundabout. I am a Police Officer with the Met and this happened in front of my car (off duty); I got out and had to use my first aid kit on one of the drivers. Luckily for us one of the other drivers who witnessed the crash was a Paramedic on her way to work so by the time Kent Police arrived between us we had it all covered!

One of the things that really struck me was the community spirit. Seconds after the crash people came out from their houses, other drivers stopped and local business owners offered assistance. I believe it was the staff at Franks Barbers who came out with ice cold bottles of water for everyone, which was a relief as it was a very hot day. I had my 2yr old son in my car at the time and although we weren't involved in the crash, I had my car doors open to give him some air. Another driver, who was behind me, left her car and kept my son entertained for the half hour or so whilst we waited for Kent Police and whilst I was away from the car, working on the injured parties.

Both drivers were okay in the end, with the driver of the Mini receiving cuts to his arms from impact and his window breaking. The driver of the white 4x4 was in shock and very concerned as she had her own child in her car.

Kent Police were also great when they arrived and got things moving again quickly.

Thank you to Russell Easterbrook for sharing this good news story. And we're really delighted that the local community spirit has made such a positive impression! If you have a story that you would like to share please contact us at clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk



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

TVs installed
Skirting boards
BBQ assembled
Fence repairs
Garden furniture
Flat packs built
Shed repairs
Carpentry
Jet washing
Child locks
General repairs

07729 552578

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Maintenance contractor to
Dunton Green Parish Council



e-mail Terry on: partytel@ntlworld.com

DUNTON GREEN PAVILION

Recreation Ground, London Road, Dunton Green TN13 2UR



Dunton Green Pavilion is a fantastic community facility owned and managed by Dunton Green Parish Council.

The Pavilion is located in the Recreation Ground in Dunton Green and offers excellent facilities for community activities, commercial organisations and private hire.

Please contact the Bookings & Facilities Manager to make a booking enquiry:

07305 814 694 (please leave a message if no reply or send a text)

bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk



VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

Duntun Green Parish Council	01732 462966; clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk
Duntun Green Pavilion Bookings	07305 814 694; 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; suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk
Faithworks Family Fun / Café	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
Over 55s Social Club	Dot Carpenter 07818 081 003
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Pilates (Olivia Lerner)	07434 678100
Stay & Play (KCC)	03000 421 137
Street Dance (Youth)	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
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; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Backyard Bootcamp	07803 050 431; enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk
Sevenoaks Suns Basketball	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Taking Place in DUNTON GREEN VENUES (other)	
DONNINGTON HALL Barretts Road	Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk
Tuesday Badminton Club	Gill - 01883 722948 or 077909 12741
Tamz Tai Chi	07792 479 772; tamztaichi@gmail.com
VILLAGE HALL, London Road	Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; www.dgvilleagehall.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
Holy Communion	1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays (see St. Mary's contact details)

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

DG PRIMARY SCHOOL, London Road

**School Office 01732 462221
office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk**

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks

Korean Martial Arts in the garden of England:
07963 338 544 www.kswsevenoaks.com

OTHER Organisations and activities

Bessels Green Baptist Church

01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk

St Mary's Church Riverhead & DG

01732 455736; stmaryriverhead@gmail.com

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

<https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com>

Sevenoaks District Council

01732 227000 / information@sevenoaks.gov.uk

SDC Community Development

01732 22700 / communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dunton Green Pavilion



Donnington Hall



Dunton Green Village Hall

We hope you find this list of local activities and organisations useful.

ARE WE MISSING YOUR ORGANISATION OR ACTIVITY?!

We would love to include more so please email clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk to make suggestions or to be included.

Autumn



For many people Autumn marks the end of summer, a time to withdraw into centrally heated living rooms, with a mug of hot chocolate, while outside the world descends into mist, rain, wind and fallen leaves.



However, if you can brave the elements, there are interesting and beautiful things to see...

But where to go and what to look out for? These photos were taken within a mile or two of the



village centre on morning walks, and while autumn may not have the flowers of spring or summer it makes up for it with the stunning reds and oranges of the turning leaves, the splashes of red and purple berries and curious fungi (don't eat them though, unless you know what you're doing!).



You may see squirrels busily storing food for winter, and if you're really lucky (and quiet) you may see deer early in the morning, as well as pheasants.

You can often see hundreds of geese in the fields getting ready for their migration too, which is an amazing sight!

There's a drama about autumn that isn't there in other seasons, and something satisfying about clambering through mud, maybe

with the first hint of a frost adding a crunch under foot and a clear chilly blue sky overhead.

And of course, there's always that warm armchair and mug of hot chocolate when you get home.

Andy Lapham
October 2019





Young Independent Children's Zone

Youth Club

Ages 8-13

SEE WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK (EVENTS) FOR UP T
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
 Ross Brothertonwood 07715441991
 Lisa Dornan 07495799986

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 or www.duntongreenpc.org.uk



Dunton Green Christmas Holiday Sports Activities



FREE!!

**Mini Tennis, Football
Challenges, Athletic
Competitions**
Ages 7-16



**Location: Dunton Green
Recreation Ground
(MUGA & TENNIS COURT)**

Time: 11am - 1pm

**Dates: Thursday 19th &
Friday 20th December**

FUNDED BY



**DUNTON GREEN
PARISH COUNCIL**

Thank you to Dunton Green A great community effort!!

As you can see, a great time was had by all those who attended the community Barn Dance in October. This evening and the Silent Auction that followed raised over £1,000 for the new 'Education in Full' fund which will help all children at our local School to take part in all the opportunities that are available there.



We would like to thank all those that supported the Barn Dance, donated prizes for the Auction, and/or made bids. There have also been some very generous donations which means that the fund will start with over £3,000 which is an amazing community effort.



We trust that you will continue to support this fund in the future as the need arises – we can have fun together while helping children who might miss out when their family is having a difficult time.



'Education in Full'
Fund



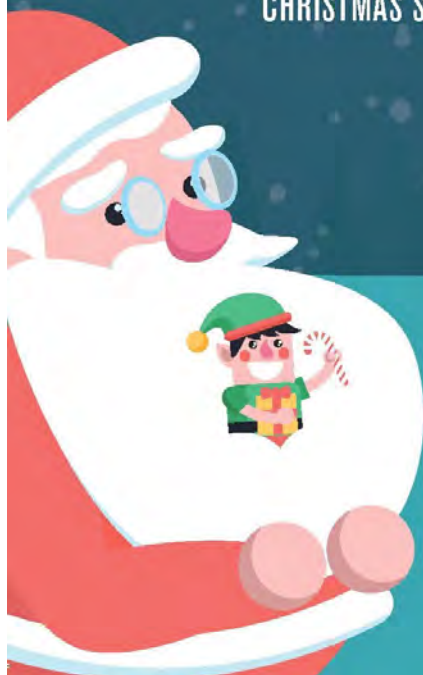
DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENT

REGISTERED CHARITY 278739

CHRISTMAS *Bazaar*

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
12PM TIL 3PM

SECRET AUCTION | SANTA'S GROTTO | CRAFT ROOM
CHRISTMAS STALLS | RAFFLE & MORE!



CHILDREN FREE
ADULTS £1 SUGGESTED
MINIMUM
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Fun for all the family!

Christmas Singalong!

Friday 20th December 2019
7pm

You are warmly invited to an evening of singing and refreshments at the Christmas Tree on the Village Green*

Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Soft Drinks will be available

*If this event is adversely affected by the weather, proceedings will be moved to Dunton Green Pavilion (Recreation Ground)



Everyone is very welcome!

Seasons Greetings from Dunton Green Parish Council



The Christmas Tree will be going up on Saturday 30th November. If you are able to come along & help (we do need some assistance!) we will be meeting at the village green at 9am. Thank you!!

