

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Autumn sky over Dunton Green by Andy Lapham

PLEASE READ ME!

Take a look at the **CONSULTATION** inside, news about the school, event information, articles about Dunton Green (its history, one of its pubs, local talent). There is so much to find out about!



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

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Chair's Update

Welcome to our latest newsletter. As we go to press, we seem to be in a halfway house with Covid. Masks are no longer mandatory, pubs and cinemas are open as usual, but there are over 40k new cases every day, and I think we're all not entirely sure what Christmas 2021 will be like. Fingers crossed our Christmas singalong can go ahead on December 17th.

We are planning far more lights for the Village Green than last year (but please bear with us as our delivery has been delayed) and our Christmas tree which although small is growing! Why not join in our 'Light up Dunton Green Campaign' again - it really brightened up the village last year and was wonderful to see.



We were so pleased our annual fireworks could go ahead. Once again, we had a mild and dry evening. It is one of the reasons we have it in September rather than November, although the tradition for the September fireworks began when we celebrated the Battle of Polhill several years ago. All being well the annual event will be in September next year too.

Our projects for Longford Meadow are progressing. A barrier has been erected at the Lusted Road/Hillfield Road end and we are waiting for delivery of the Rox project to provide activities for our older children (and adults). We have taken on board concerns about the potential for more litter and a need for somewhere for parents to sit, so more benches and bins are also on order. Some of this work has been funded by grant money initially paid to DGPC when the Mill Road estate was built and the land was gifted to the Parish Council.



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....Chair's Update

Every year we award a deserving individual who has made a difference to the Dunton Green community with a Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award. 2020's was to Dot Carpenter for all her efforts in setting up and running a social group. Covid and Dot's health issues meant that it wasn't until this September that I could visit and present the award which was awarded 'in recognition of Dot's community-mindedness in setting up the Over 55s Social Club and with thanks for all that she continues to do for the older community of Dunton Green'. The 2021 Award goes to Tracey Boanas, Headteacher at Dunton Green Primary School (we'll have more on that in the Spring 2022 edition). Thank you Dot and all our helpers, volunteers and everyone else who makes Dunton Green a better place to live.



Many in the village really got into the Halloween spirit - there were some fantastic displays for everyone to see.



A brilliant effort!

I wish that life was just the good times, but I would be remiss in not highlighting a couple of issues which are serious and which you may be able to help with.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

In our last edition I highlighted our concerns about anti-social behaviour. Throughout the past 3 months we continue to endure regular damage and graffiti throughout the village. In October some of you may have seen that there was a far more worrying incident. Enquires are still ongoing and we continue to work alongside our local PCSO in trying to identify the culprits.

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...Chair's Update



If you have any information that could lead to an arrest, **please contact the police.**

This sort of activity and these extremist views are not welcome in Dunton Green. Please do your bit by reporting to the proper agencies (Police contact details are available in this newsletter) - complaining on social media does nothing to address the concerns.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

Since our last newsletter there have very sadly been 2 deaths on our local roads.

On Saturday 15th August a cyclist riding a green Bianchi ultra bike was travelling along Star Hill when he fell. He was taken to a London hospital with critical injuries and died some days later.

There is an ongoing investigation and if you have any information or dash cam footage please phone Kent Police on 01611 798538 quoting DS/DC/082/21.

The second accident involved a Dunton Green resident, Patrick Foey. Many of you will have seen Patrick on his walks around the village. A friendly man who always had a hello for everyone. He was hit by a vehicle at about 1pm on 20th August as he crossed the road on his way to Tesco's. The road was closed for several hours. This is still being investigated and those with information should contact Kent Police quoting AH/DC/084/21.



There were several floral tributes and a plaque has been placed on one of the benches Patrick used to sit on, by the fountains on Ryewood, funded by the estate's residents.

Following these 2 tragic accidents the Parish Council has met with KCC Highways and over the next few months we hope they will install some more traffic calming signs and improvements at the Tesco roundabout. The Parish Council would like to introduce a **Speed Indicator Device (SID) scheme** in Dunton Green and there is a **consultation** in this newsletter to gauge public support. We are also calling on you, the Community, to get actively involved in **Community Speedwatch**. We will continue to campaign against the use of Star Hill as a vehicle exit from the proposed Fort Halstead development.

Keep safe.



Freda England
Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council
www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

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

{Bookings: bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk 07305 814694}

Age UK Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	2nd Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Streetdance	duntongreenstreetdance@gmail.com
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988: info@oaksmartialarts.com

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, London Road

Easy Netball	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Community Basketball	Kent Panthers - just turn up Mondays 5.30pm
Mini Tennis	Text Keir 07593 820 295 to book a place
Street Cricket	Text Keir 07593 820 295 to book a place 07803 050 431
Backyard Bootcamp	enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk

DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk}

Dance Academy of Sevenoaks	Emily Teale 07840 109 052
Darenth Table Tennis Club	David & Janet Field 01732 462429
Gauge One Model Railway Assoc	Jeff Brazier 01732 454890
Hartbeeps	Jamie Blackburn 07795 103 197
Little Learners	Helen Bakie 07889 825 727
National Kick Boxing & Karate Assoc	Hilary King 07796 858 194
Sevenoaks Table Tennis League	Janet Field 01732 462429
Thursday Badminton	Olwen Bond 01732 865938
Tuesday Badminton	Gillian John 01883 722948

Taking place in Village Hall, London Road

{Bookings: Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; www.dgvillagehall.co.uk}

Coffee Morning	3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen, 07808 540 315
Holy Communion	1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays (see St Mary's info)

Taking place in Dunton Green Primary School, London Road

{Bookings: School Office 01732 462221; office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk}

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	07963 338 544; www.kswsevenoaks.com
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PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF WE CAN UPDATE THIS LIST WITH THE DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

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
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	www.shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com

Dunton Green Village Hall
LONDON ROAD



Dunton Green Pavilion
RECREATION GROUND,
LONDON ROAD



Donnington Hall BARRETT'S ROAD

Donnington Hall was built in 1927 to serve the community from funds raised from a fete and is still doing so today.



It has been home to a variety of activities over the years ranging from amateur dramatics, chess and dance classes, children's groups and sports clubs such as badminton, karate and table tennis, not to mention numerous family gatherings and parties.

Evening bookings have always been and remain popular but there are opportunities for groups to use the Hall during the day. Anyone interested in hiring the Hall should contact the Lettings Secretary on 01732 462429.

Celebrating Local Talent – Lily Rose

In the first of what we hope can become a series of features on local artists, musicians, comedians, dancers, actors, performers...we start with a musician:

Lily Rose started playing guitar aged 7 at Dunton Green School, began playing live aged 11 and now aged 15 can be found performing on local stages and festivals, recording her own songs and even on the radio. So, what lit the spark? “I always loved music,” she says. “When I was about 3, I was fascinated by watching a guitar player on holiday, and I just knew I wanted to play. It makes me happy.”

It’s a bit of a jump from twanging away at a guitar in school to deciding to become a musician though. “There are people who just want to play music and don’t really want to do anything with it, but I’ve always loved performing to an audience and making them happy as well as me.”

Lily started writing ideas for her own songs aged 10, started to record them this year, and in September one of her original songs was featured on BBC



Radio Kent’s ‘Introducing...’ show. I asked her how that came about and what it was like. She says: “I’d heard about the ‘Introducing...’ show, and sent them an MP3 of my song ‘Moonlight’, not really expecting it to do anything, and then 2 days later I got an email! I was really excited, I couldn’t sleep, just at the thought

of being on the radio! It was unreal! I never thought it would happen until it just did! It’s suddenly not just me playing in my room, I’m actually on the radio!”

I asked her about that nervous excitement – “Playing live was scary at first, I’d been in musicals (Including at the Stag) before but that was always with other people, and I’d always loved to perform, but performing on my own for the first time was terrifying. But as soon as I’d done it, there was this

connection, and all my nerves just flew away. Now I get nervous before going on stage, but once I'm up there I'm ok, I think it makes my live performance better!" And her favourite live show so far? "Probably the Knockstock Festival this year, I loved the preparation, the rehearsals, working it all out. But I just love playing live."

Lily's live sets are a mixture of her own songs, and some covers of stuff she likes – 4 Non-Blondes, Wheatus, Queen (an early and important influence), Amy Winehouse, Alanis Morissette... The original pieces (I've heard 'Moonlight' and 'Stupid Anxiety' so far) have an integrity and maturity that belie her youth. It's more than that classic 'girl and a guitar' sound and has an indie twist and range that makes Lily Rose stand out. More Laura Marling, and PJ Harvey than more regular throw away pop.

"In the future I want to have a band to back me up sometimes, but there's something so simple about just standing there playing guitar and singing, it doesn't need some massive band behind it all the time." It certainly works for Ed Sheeran, another influence: "I love how he uses his pedals to create the songs on his own."



So, what's next? "I'm applying to colleges and performing arts schools to study music. I don't know where it will take me, I want to work in that industry, but whether that's as a performer or a manager, or a producer, I'm not sure yet. Whatever it ends up being, I'll always perform in some way, I just love it!"

Lily Rose was speaking with Andy Lapham

If you are a local actor, musician, dancer, performer or an artist, writer or poet, please get in touch, we'd love to support and promote you within our community.

Contacting Kent Police

Report a crime:



To report a non urgent crime visit www.kent.police.uk/report



Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7: www.kent.police.uk/contact



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PARISH SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE SCHEME (SID) CONSULTATION



Details of the Scheme

Parish Councils often wish to address speed related issues in their local area. Therefore, KCC has devised a scheme which is used by many parishes across Kent; the Speed Indicator Device (SID) – a flexible alternative to static electronic warning signs.

This arrangement is for a single SID unit to be used at multiple sites, on fixed poles within existing 30mph zones only. The equipment is a driver education tool, not suitable for enforcement action. It is not deemed suitable for use in 20mph areas due to the sensitivity of the radar unit.

For clarity, this scheme is not affiliated with SpeedWatch which is similar but serves a different role and purpose. Active SpeedWatch sites are not necessarily suitable for the SID and each proposed location will be assessed on an individual basis but must be within the existing highway boundary.

All SID apparatus must be procured through KCC using this agreed process, the approved sign supplier and contractor. Whilst there are several manufacturers of similar equipment, these are not authorised for use on, or adjacent to, the Kent highway network and will be removed.

Sign Equipment

Each SID is battery powered and can be moved by a single person, although this may not be practicable. The sign is supplied with a charger and spare battery to allow it to be swapped when necessary. Delivery time will be approximately 12 weeks from the order being placed.

Two versions are available: the Mini or the Advanced type. Battery life is dependent on traffic volume but estimated at about four weeks for the Mini SID and one week for the Advanced version. The Mini SID has an electronic display to show actual speed to vehicles above 25mph, it flashes for those above the 30mph limit and blanks at 40mph to discourage “high scores”. The Advanced sign has an identical speed display and includes a ‘SLOW DOWN’ legend beneath but is notably heavier.

Either SID is easily transferable between locations with the correct training,

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although the Mini SID is recommended as a more lightweight device. There is no option for a solar powered system as this creates additional risks when moving the sign, and mains power prohibits sign relocation.

Each sign can be supplied with a data collection facility at a small additional cost. Data can be downloaded for use in a spreadsheet, although any information collected is indicative only and not a substitute for a formal traffic survey.

Poles and brackets

Each proposed site will be assessed on an individual basis using our professional judgement. There are no defined criteria but each site should be within the highway boundary, at least 150m inside 30mph speed limit zones and away from existing signs, junctions or bus stops. A 4m high post will be installed at all agreed locations but these will remain empty when not in use for the SID.

A minimum of three posts is required per SID, with a bracket for each, to a limit of five sites per sign in order to comply with movement requirements and retain overall effectiveness. For maximum benefit, the locations should be well distributed and not on a single corridor.

Prior to placing any order, a local consultation exercise must be undertaken by the Parish Council to ensure that residents have an opportunity to comment on the scheme. Evidence of this will be required before progressing, as any objections will need to be considered and may affect the plans.

Sign relocation

In order to comply with traffic signs regulations, the sign must not remain in one location for more than two months and therefore requires regular relocation. A group of local volunteers need to be responsible for the regular SID movement and battery charging. As the posts will be fixed in place, no lifting equipment is required as the SID simply attaches to the installed bracket.

Initial training will be given on the device setup and mounting but it is a very simple process. The use of hi-visibility vests and PPE is essential during the SID relocation and the Parish Council must carry out a risk assessment for the movement of the signs including parking/access for each location.

A Memorandum of Understanding must be signed by the Parish Council

which defines the roles and responsibilities of each party, although the SID will be the property of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is proposing the purchase of a SID with 5 posts. The locations for the posts will have to be agreed with KCC but our initial thoughts are that there should be one on Morants Court Road at the top of the village, one in the vicinity of the school, one on the lower end of London Road (between the mini roundabout and The Miners Arms), one on Station Road/Rye Lane and possibly one on old London Road.

Depending on the SID chosen, the cost is likely to be between £7200 and £9300 (excluding VAT), although the final quote will be determined in relation to all the site-specific conditions. The Parish Council will use Community Infrastructure Levy receipts and general reserves to fund the scheme. A bid will also be placed with the local KCC Member for a contribution towards the costs.

The Parish Council needs your feedback!

1. Do you agree that a SID scheme should be installed in Dunton Green?

If Yes, why. If No, why not?

2. Do you have any comments or suggestions with regard to the initial suggestions for the positioning of the posts for the scheme? All sites will have to be assessed and agreed by KCC (what is outlined above is speculative rather than a firm indication of where the posts will be placed).

3. Would you be prepared to volunteer to be part of a team responsible for repositioning the SID? This would involve undertaking some training; with enough volunteers this need not be a time-consuming commitment.

Please send your responses to the Parish Council by no later than Wednesday 5th January:

By Email (preferred method of contact): clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

By post: Dunton Green Parish Council, Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, London Road, Dunton Green, Kent TN13 2UR



THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES!

PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...



- ◆ A new barrier gate has now been installed at the Lusted Road entrance to Longford Meadow. We hope that this will deter some of the ASB in that location by reducing access to the area by cars.
- ◆ New 'chat' benches will be installed around the village over the coming months providing more safe spaces for you to meet and chat with friends & neighbours. These are being provided via the Welcome Back Fund and so there has been a delay to the original timings anticipated but they haven't been forgotten!
- ◆ We have been working with partners to reinstate and provide new services. Details of basketball, tennis and the Age UK sessions can be found in the newsletter. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards for updates.
- ◆ The Annual Fireworks Display was a great success. Some have queried why the event takes place in September. The reason for this is that the inaugural fireworks display was held to commemorate the Battle of Polhill. The event was so well received that the Parish Council has stuck with that timing for all successive displays.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Annual Remembrance Sunday Service. It was wonderful to have the Scouts and the primary school represented. A poignant day, as always.
- ◆ Climbing Rox Project - Longford Meadow: If things go to schedule, the new Climbing Rox equipment will be installed before Christmas. New benches and tables will be installed in the New Year once we have taken delivery of the Welcome Back Fund items. Litter bins will be installed as soon as possible, and we will review ongoing any need for lighting or CCTV in the area.
- ◆ Price's Wood Bike Trail: A 'Friends of Price's Wood' group has been set up to help us ensure that the area is clear of litter, the trail is passable and to help inform of us of any works that might be needed. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards for updates and please get involved!
- ◆ Donations have been made to a number of deserving organisations including Age UK who provide the Lunch Club and Pop In Café sessions for our older residents, the school, charities that provide help and support to our residents like Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group, Citizen's Advice, Samaritans and many more.
- ◆ The Parish Council continues to work with the Police and the Community Safety Unit to identify individuals who have been involved in anti-social behaviour.
- ◆ The Parish Council is hoping to get a Speed Indicator Scheme up and running in the village but we need your help!
- ◆ There has long been a well used footpath from the recreation ground to the station. Even though it is tarmacked for the full length, the Parish Council is seeking to modify the Definitive Map and officially register the section from the 'bend' to the station as a Public Right of Way (as it is not currently officially part of SR102). **We need supporting statements from residents who can confirm that they use and have used that footpath for many years.**

DUNTON GREEN NOSTALGIA



Thanks to David Lockyer for sharing the photos and postcards

The garage that used to be on London Road, next to The Duke's Head and where the Glyn Davies Close development now is. The old bus depot can be seen across the road. (1986/7?)

A snowy London Road (1986/7?). The Duke's Head is on the left, the old bus depot on the right.



The post office that was once on London Road (1980s)

The old bus depot on London Road (where Cumberland Court can now be found, opposite the Duke's Head and the school)



OLD POSTCARDS OF DUNTON GREEN



LONGFORD BRIDGE (ENTERING THE VILLAGE FROM RIVERHEAD)



LOOKING DOWN LONDON ROAD TOWARDS THE MINERS ARMS, FROM NEAR WHERE THE MINI ROUNDABOUT IS NOW LOCATED



THE DUKE'S HEAD

FROM THE ARCHIVES

DUNTON GREEN 100 YEARS AGO...

by Cllr. Graham Hersey

Nothing Changes!

Rubbish and litter are a constant annoyance and some may imagine that this is a modern day problem but in the Council minutes from May 1922 there is a letter from the Westerham Arts and Crafts Society asking for assistance in arranging a voluntary scheme for the collection of “bottles and rubbish littered about in public thoroughfares”. The Parish Council replied expressing sympathy.

Another perennial complaint is the Bus Service. In April 1922 minutes a letter was received from the East Surrey Traction Company (who were then the local Bus Company), replying to a complaint from the Council about the service between Dunton Green and Sevenoaks and promising to ensure that buses did not leave their starting points before the scheduled times.

In the years after the end of the First World War, so called ‘war trophies’ were given to towns and villages across the country. Some may be familiar with the tank which is still on display in Ashford. Villages were awarded smaller items and in the minutes for January 1921, there is recorded a letter informing the Parish Council that a German trench mortar or small gun was available to Dunton Green. The offer was accepted and in the minutes for February it is recorded that the committee had visited the drill hall in Maidstone and had selected a trench mortar, to be displayed outside the Rose & Crown Hotel at the junction of London Road and Morants Court.

In the minutes for April 1921 there was a bill from Mr H Jones for £1.12.00 shillings for collecting the gun from Maidstone. In the minutes for May we see that an estimate of £10 for the preparation of the site and to construct a concrete platform for the trophy had been received from Mr W Banks, the local builder. The estimate was accepted.

The gun is, of course, no longer there. It was probably swept away in the scrap drives in the Second World War, but it would be interesting if anyone has a photograph of the gun as it was displayed.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

DUNTON GREEN 100 YEARS AGO...

by Cllr. Graham Hersey

Health care in Dunton Green 100 years ago

The NHS has been with us now for 73 years, so very few people now have a memory of what health care was like before that. There were hospitals and doctors, of course, but they had to be paid, nothing was 'free'. If you had money, there was no problem but if you did not then there was little help available. In the minutes for June 1921, it was proposed to donate a sum of two pounds, ten shillings to the Dunton Green Nursing Association. This body paid for a nurse to attend the village hall on a regular basis and provide basic health care. The payment was made in July under the heading of Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity.

This charity is still with us today and pays small pensions to elderly residents of restricted means but 100 years ago it paid for medical assistance. In January 1922 the minutes record the payment of seven shillings and sixpence for a pair of spectacles, one pound for medical treatment and three pounds three shillings for a surgical operation. In October 1922 children's boots, boys' garments and special surgical boots were purchased. It is a sobering thought that in 1922, children in Dunton Green really did go about with bare feet, not a happy prospect in October.

Donnington Hall History

Donnington Hall, situated in Barretts Road, was opened in 1927 and was built with funds raised at a Fete held in the Village in 1926. Since then it has been used by many clubs and societies. It has hosted concerts, dances, amateur dramatic productions and sports activities.

Today it hosts a number of sports such as Badminton, Table Tennis and Karate and clubs, including a Model Railway Society. The hall has recently undergone major renovation which involved replacing the entire floor and renewing the heating system. During this work a number of items were discovered including many empty cigarette packets from long vanished brands such as 'Black Cat', a programme from a concert held in 1930 and, most oddly, a discharged rifle bullet case.

I believe that the Hall was used by the Home Guard in the last war so perhaps Dunton Green's very own Private Pike pressed a little too hard on the trigger of his rifle and hid the evidence under the floorboards.

The Hall is open to all so if you would like details of what is available then please contact the letting Secretary, whose details will be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Parish Council website.

By Graham Hersey, Chairman of Donnington Hall Management Committee

Donnington Hall today



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The 'Musical Evening' programme found during the recent renovation works at Donnington Hall.

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Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



There has been a lot of work going on at the school over the summer.



There's certainly lots of strange stuff that gets fly tipped at the top of Old London Road but it's the first time I've seen a car!



It was so very moving to see this plaque installed on a bench at Ryewood, Patrick was clearly very well-liked and will be greatly missed.

It's not often you see someone off the telly in Dunton Green. Here's Zoe Lyons headlining the last comedy night at the Social Club. There is one every other month and they are always a great night out.



Dunton Green really went to town for Halloween - this spooky door is brilliant!

A beach in Dunton Green! Whatever next??? Let's hope Jason at Bojangles has ordered plenty of sunshine.





Not the most imaginative name for the new homes in Station Road. I wonder who thinks them up?

I like the new cut out in the hedge by the crossing. Makes it a lot easier when I've got a pram and I'm waiting to use the zebra crossing.



So lovely to see the community come together for Remembrance Sunday. A lovely service again.



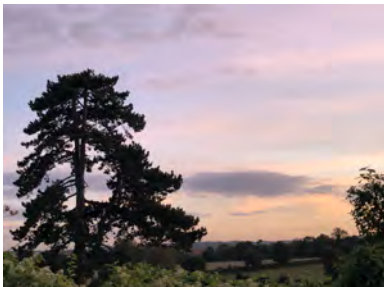


The Rose and Crown looks like It's having a big refurbishment. Hope it's open for Christmas!



Did you see this in The Chronicle? Fascinating!

We really do get some beautiful sunsets in Dunton Green!





SATURDAY FREIGHTER GUIDANCE

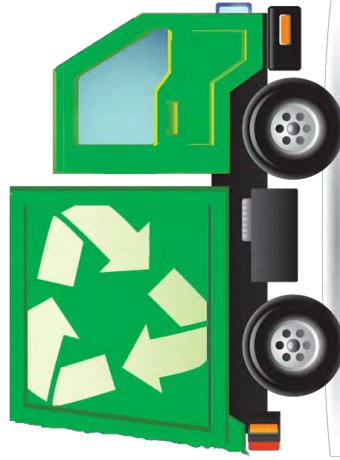
The Freighter cannot accept **white goods**, washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, large parts of engines or vehicles or hazardous waste

Hazardous waste now includes items like fluorescent tubes, televisions & computer monitors, batteries, oil tins and filters, paint and paint tins and chemical containers. These items cannot be accepted on the Saturday Freighter service and must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted



FREIGHTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE



DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE NEW BI-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

29th January 2022

12th March 2022

14th May 2022*

9th July 2022

LUSTED ROAD 11.45AM TO 12.15PM
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* PLEASE NOTE EARLIER STOP TIMES OF 8:30am - 9:00am & 9:15am - 9:45am FOR DATES IN RED

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

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

For more information, please see www.ageuk.org.uk or www.duntongreenpc.org.uk



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Pop Up Sue is Back in Dunton Green !

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

Join Sue every month (2nd Wednesday) for the Pop In Café!

Dates for the diary:

- Weds 8th Dec
 - Weds 12th Jan
 - Weds 9th Feb
 - Weds 9th Mar
 - Weds 13th Apr
 - Weds 11th May
- 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

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

Are you concerned about speeding in Dunton Green? Have you considered the benefits of being involved in a COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP?

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds.

The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them.

The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Join Community Speedwatch

To become part of CSW, **please go to CSW Online** (<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Home.php>) to register and for more information. CSW Online works on behalf of the police and communities to organise and coordinate CSW activity. Volunteers receive training, and neighbourhood policing team staff will support them.

Follow @KentSpeedwatch on Twitter to keep up-to-date with the latest information or to get in touch with them.



PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday Dec 14th 2021 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Friday Dec 17th 2021 - Annual Christmas Singalong 6.00pm Village Green

Tuesday Jan 11th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jan 29th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 24)

Tuesday Feb 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Mar 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Mar 12th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 24)

Wednesday Mar 30th 2022 - Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Reception
7.00pm Pavilion

Tuesday Apr 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday May 10th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday May 14th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 24)

Tuesday Jun 14th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jul 9th 2022 - Saturday Freighter (see page 24)

Tuesday Jul 12th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Sep 13th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Oct 11th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Nov 8th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Dec 13th 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion



DGPC will be considering the viability of its events for 2021 & 2022 in the light of whatever restrictions may be in place at the time. We remain optimistic that we will be able to continue as planned and that we can all gather together again as a community. Details will be made available nearer each event.

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!



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.*

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@PcDunton Dunton Green PC Clerk

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.

Update from Dunton Green Primary School



It has been wonderful to have all the children and staff back in school and to be able to start to get back to 'normality'. We are maintaining measures such as frequent hand washing, ventilation and frequent lateral flow tests for staff and visitors.

REFURBISHMENT

The school is getting a long-awaited refurbishment in the KS2* side of the school. Each classroom is being completely renovated. Old storage and radiators have been removed and a complete new heating system and LED lighting has been installed. The project began in the summer break and will continue until the end of the Autumn term.

ALUMNI

We are hoping to set up an alumni of past students of the school and would very much like to conduct school tours for ex pupils. If you are interested in becoming part of the alumni – please contact Mrs Shaw in the school office: office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk

SPONSORS

The school are currently looking for sponsors for each classroom so that we can match the fabulous new interior with modern tables, chairs and storage. Each classroom will cost in the region of about £3,000 to furnish. Please contact the Business Manager if you are interested in finding out more information. Susan Tickner - 01732 462221 finance@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk



Dunton Green Parish Council is proud to announce that it has agreed to sponsor one of the classrooms at the primary school, to ensure that pupils from our village who attend this wonderful school are provided with the very best kit for their classrooms, to enhance their learning environment and experience and to support the school in its efforts to have Dunton Green Primary recognised as the successful & thriving school that it is.

If you are a local business that can contribute part, if not all, of the cost of kitting out a classroom, the staff at the school would be extremely pleased to hear from you!

* KS2 = Key Stage 2 (or what many would have known as 'junior' school years ago!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The school are also looking for volunteers who may be able to provide just a few hours of help or on a more regular basis. We are particularly keen to find members of the local community who may have a skill or talent that they would be able to share with the children at an after school club. The school would undertake the necessary checks and provide any necessary training. We are also looking for additional adult help to support maintaining the grounds and help to run a gardening group with the children.

FUNDRAISING - NEW AFTER SCHOOL BUILDING

We are also fundraising for a new after school building. Our present building had to be demolished during the summer break. We are now housing the breakfast and after school club in the school hall, which is severely impacting on our ability to offer more clubs and enrichment for the children. It also means that we are severely short of additional space for small interventions such as play therapy and counselling.



The PTA will be aiming to raise in excess of £120k to

purchase and resource a new after school club. If any local residents know of any large corporate companies who support charitable organisations or anyone who has ideas for generating funding, please contact the Headteacher Tracey Boanas. HT@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk

Thank you
Staff & Pupils of Dunton Green Primary School



Dunton Green Parish Council is helping to kick start the fundraising by making a contribution of £3000 to this building project. The money is being allocated from Community Infrastructure Levy receipts so that the school, a pillar of our local community, is able to provide its pupils, the village's children, with a dedicated space for the extra-curricular activities that they so richly deserve and to ensure that the children enjoy a rewarding school experience in Dunton Green.

Please give where you can and let the school know if you have ideas about how to successfully fundraise.



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COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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

1st February 2022

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

**Please forward articles & photos:
clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk**

We have received some great photos and information from residents and we would love to be able to share more in future newsletters!

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 see the Parish Council's website for more details about the venue, including pricing.

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Never Mind the B*ll*cks, Here's the Facts

I thought it would be appropriate to look back and take stock of what's been going on in the NHS since we first went into lock-down back in March 2020 when we knew very little about a new coronavirus called COVID-19.

1. During last year, 242,307 COVID patients were treated in hospital - in January 2021 alone, 101,956 were treated
2. **More than 6 million elective treatments were completed in 2020, despite COVID**
3. More than 2 cancer procedures were carried out for every 1 patient treated for COVID
4. **There were >18.7 million A&E attendances**
5. 25,199 cancer patients started treatment in December 2020, 555 more than in the same month the previous year
6. **200,940 people were referred for cancer checks, 13,129 more than December 2019**
7. Waiting times for elective surgery fell by more than 40% between July and the end of 2020
8. **Hospitals were treating over 1,000 more patients with COVID during the second wave than they did at the peak of the first wave**
9. GPs have seen 196.8 million people to-date this year. That's up from 175.4 million in the first eight months of 2020 and 175.5 million in the first eight months of 2019.
10. **The NHS has been treating more people with COVID in critical care than hospitals did for all conditions this time last year**

(Source: NHSE web site, February 2021)

I find these facts **staggering**, particularly when the press often focuses on the negative and sensationalist, and when politicians have not been as supportive, especially of late, as I believe they should have been.

In spite of having to respond very swiftly with little information, the NHS has dealt with 450,000 COVID patients during the main part of the pandemic and most of them went home safely.

"And since we came out of lock-down this April?" I hear you ask.

Well, during April – July 2021, around 5 million patients began elective treatment, about 90% of pre-pandemic levels and almost twice the number as the same time last year.

More urgent cancer checks have been carried out this summer than were happening before the pandemic struck, while the number of other diagnostic checks is also hugely higher than last year and approaching pre-COVID levels.

Primary care, which has always been the "front door" to the NHS, has been right at the coalface, delivering over 100 million appointments, and professionals in Mental Health and Community Services have also continued to work hard to deal with the impact of COVID, in the face of increasing demand.

GPs and their teams have also played a crucial role in the vaccination programme, the biggest and most successful in health service history, and we are now in the next phase as booster jabs are administered alongside school vaccinations ahead of the winter.

All this has been achieved despite much higher numbers of COVID patients in our hospitals than we saw last summer, and those numbers have been rising. This autumn, the NHS had around 6,000 inpatients with the virus, up from fewer than 800 in May of this year and around 600 this time last year.

(Source: Twitter 21/9/21 Amanda Pritchard, Chief Executive NHSE England since August 2021 and Roy Lilley nhsManagers.net articles across summer 2021)

By anyone's standards, this pandemic has had a huge impact on NHS staff both physically and emotionally and I cannot properly express how grateful I am to everyone that has worked so tirelessly in such extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

As with every year, we are now moving into the winter period as far as health services are concerned but this time we've not been exposed to as many bugs as we normally would have been during winter last year and the current rules regarding social distancing and wearing of masks are no longer mandatory.

Those working in NHS and social care, in particular, will continue to do their best, despite being exhausted and emotionally scarred from all that they have experienced over the last 20 months.

In the week to 19/10/21, overall hospital occupancy in adult general and acute beds was higher than at any point in the past 11 months and almost certainly higher than any point since COVID struck.

Every single one of us can help by thinking about how we behave to keep others and ourselves safe, especially those putting themselves at risk to help others, as has been the case since COVID began.

Whilst this article has focused on the NHS, by everyone, I mean all those who have helped to care for us and to ensure that essential services remained as accessible as was possible given the impact of the pandemic.

This article is dedicated to all those people. Whoever and wherever you are, no matter what the politicians and press may tout, you are **heroes - always have been and always will be.**



“THANK YOU”

Clr. Annie Norton

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021



Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Act of Remembrance



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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

In our last edition, we showed photos of Ryewood up to when house construction started in 2012.

In 2013 the effects of the Section 106 infrastructure funding began to have an effect on other areas in the village.

Station Road's speed control chicanes were installed.

Unfortunately, they didn't work, as vehicles sped up and down trying to avoid having to stop and give way, and some years later after residents' objections, they were removed when the gas main was renewed.



Over 20 new streetlights down Station Road and Rye Lane replaced the 8 we had managed with previously.

Improvements to the station including new shelters were recognised by a Better Station Award presented by our MP at the time, Michael Fallon.



In December 2013 the existing Pavilion was cleared out after a successful bid by DGPC to fund a new community building. More of that and the development of the Ryewood estate in our next edition.

THE MINERS ARMS, DUNTON GREEN

Johnny, Emma and their team have run The Miners Arms for 3 years now. 'Our focus is to be a family and community led pub. Dunton Green is a great and growing village, so it is a pleasure to be involved in the community and have a business that can provide entertainment and leisure to those around us'.



Established in 1871, The Miners Arms celebrate its 150th Year in Dunton Green. The pub was originally built to serve the newfound 'locals', in the shape of Welsh navvies who were contracted to dig the Polhill and Sevenoaks railway tunnels in the 1860s. Interestingly enough, The Miners Arms is the last

remaining railway pub in the Sevenoaks area. I am currently working on a history project to find out as much about the pub throughout its years. Pubs are a massive part of our heritage and communities, so I feel it is important to preserve those we have left.

If anyone has stories or photos relating to the history of the pub or surrounding area, it would be great to hear from them. Contact us on 01732 462214 or theminers7oaks@gmail.com



The Miners Arms in 2021!

Our team has worked extremely hard to restore some of the pub's original features. This includes the Kidd & Sons' signage which had been damaged and hidden away for almost 90 years! Last year presented us all with interesting challenges during the associated COVID-19 Lockdown periods. We used the time to come back stronger and were proud to re-open our doors in April this year. We have an improved outdoor, covered & heated seating area, self-contained children's play area and refurbishment inside to ensure the safety of our customers.

We welcome coffee mornings, charitable functions, community groups and can cater for special occasions and events.

Our Facebook page (The Miners Arms - Dunton Green) has details of all upcoming events, live music, quiz nights. Please come by and see us, there is always a warm welcome at The Miners Arms.

Thank you, Amy & everyone at The Miners Arms





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Could this be you?!!

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

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cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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Light Up Dunton Green 2021

After everyone's fantastic efforts last year, we'd like to encourage you all to once again share a bit of happiness and make this a new annual tradition!

Let us all try to spread some Christmas cheer and put some smiles on all our faces. We're still in the midst of a pandemic and whilst restrictions are not what they were, we aren't back to the normal we used to enjoy.

Please light up your front window to show your support for all those who have continued to work tirelessly this year to keep us safe and well and to create some well-deserved festive relief for our community.

Put up a string of lights, pop some lights in a lantern or a jar and let us illuminate the whole village!



If you don't have lights why not put a picture of a star instead?

This will create lovely attractions and a warm atmosphere for us all to enjoy around the village through December.



Christmas Singalong!

Friday 17th December 2021
6pm

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 Duntun Green Pavilion (Recreation Ground)

Everyone is very welcome!

Seasons Greetings from Duntun Green Parish Council

