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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR CLLR CHRIS McCREEDY

With Christmas fast approaching it is time to reflect on what has been another unusual year for our village. There have always been various social clubs and associations that we have benefited from for many years, which during the pandemic had to close. It has been so pleasing to see them slowly open up again. It is not until something is gone that you realise how important these social activities are for our personal wellbeing and the community as a whole.

During the past year, because of the situation it has been easy to miss some major changes in the village but I do feel I need to mention the Eastbridge Road improvements. After many years of campaigning by successive Parish Councils and with the help of KCC councillors the long awaited substantial construction works to stabilise the road were finally carried out at the beginning of the year by KCC highways. Our thanks go to them.

It has also been pleasing to see that FODR have continued to work on the proposals for the new pavilion and have been able to restart their funding activities. In addition they have already had initial discussions with potential funders for the project.

I am sure like me, you are looking forward to meeting friends and family over the festive period and on behalf of all the members of the Parish Council we wish you all a very happy Christmas and an even better new year for 2022.

TAKE YOUR SEAT

(or should we say bench!)

Dymchurch Parish Council have now employed a contractor to bring the Parishes stock of benches back to their former glory. The work to refurbish and repair the seats has started and is due to be completed by the end of March 2022.

After this a yearly maintenance programmed will be implemented. The Parish Council thank residents for their reports regarding benches and their patience while the new contractor was appointed.



NEW PROPOSAL PAVILION AT THE RECREATION GROUND

Having secured the Recreation ground from future development with Fields in Trust, the Parish Council are working with the Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground Charity on the future arrangements for the Pavilion to become a Community Asset. Over the next few months the Charity will hold consultation events to get as many opinions from our residents to provide a facility suitable for all. The picture shows an initial idea (not decided) for a pavilion which offers disabled access, open internal spaces, a kitchen with serving hatch to the outside and a meeting room. The consultation process will include options for funding the proposed building and of course the Charity continue to raise funds through events and seeking outside funding sources. In order to make this a sustainable venture it is proposed that the Charity will lease both the Pavilion and the recreation ground and will manage this independently of the Parish Council for the benefit of the Community.

If you would like to volunteer to support the Charity in the future please contact Parish Clerk at Dymchurch Parish Council on 01303 872708 or email dymchurchpc@outlook.com

Bloomin' Dymchurch Winners

Despite what proved to be a very chilly Spring, green fingered residents of Dymchurch put on quite a show for the recent judging of our 1st Blooming Dymchurch Garden Competition. The judges were impressed by all the entrants and awarded three top prize winners. Cllr McCreedy & Cllr Coker are pictured below with the prize-winning gardeners who received a certificate and garden center vouchers for their wonderful garden displays.



BEACH SAFETY TALKS UNDERWAY

Those of a certain age will have memories of Pamela Anderson and Michael Hasselhoff donned in red swimwear running in slow motion along a sun drenched Sandy beach. Well, we can't provide the first two mentioned stars but there is perhaps the chance of the second two, especially with our amazing sandy beach!

First stage talks have taken place with Folkestone Rescue as to whether Dymchurch could be a location for them to expand their Beach Safety and advice service. Folkestone Rescue, an independent charity, was founded in 2014 by former rescue boat volunteers and provide Life Guards and Life Boats to keep people safe on the Coast. It is hoped that further talks will take place early in the new year with the agreement of the Parish Council and the new service could start during the next season. We are keen to hear your comments on this proposal so please let us know at Dymchurch Parish Council contact details on the back page. For more information about Folkestone rescue please visit their website at www.folkestonerescue.org



CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

Its that time of year to check your lights, fluff up your tinsel and polish your baubles and for our Highstreet traders the opportunity to enter this years best Christmas shop window competition. This year we will be awarding the winner with the most number of votes from our residents and visitors. You can vote by sending a note to the office at 13 Orgarswick Avenue Dymchurch with the name of your favourite or by completing the voting form at the link on our website at www.dymchurch.org. Just click on the Christmas Window Competition.

The last date for entries will be Monday 20th December 2021

NEW CROSSING PRELIMINARY DATE AUTUMN 2022

It was in July 2019 that the Parish Council after being contacted by residents started to push for an additional pedestrian crossing at the West end of the Village across the A259. Initial plans and ideas were submitted, first with the previous KCC Councillor Martin Whybrow and now with the support of KCC Councillor Andy Weatherhead, KCC hope to secure funding from the Community Infrastructure

Levy. If finally agreed by the Joint Transportation Board at KCC it is hoped that the new crossing, which will be in the area of Tesco, could be installed by next Autumn.

This is not a finalised deal but definitely a huge step in the right direction to improve the safety of residents and visitors trying to cross the very busy A259.

If you have any comments on road safety issues please contact the Parish Council— Details rear page



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Are you blessed with green fingers and would like to help keep our village looking good. We are looking for volunteers to take on the responsibility for keeping our village planters blooming. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk—contact details on the rear page— Thank you

CHRISTMAS A TIME FOR COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS-BUT IS THIS THE STORY FOR EVERYONE

Age UK report on their website that Christmas is the loneliest time of the year for over 1.5 million older people with those who have lost a loved one struggling the most.

For the elderly in our community loneliness is a problem all year round but at this time of year it can be magnified. Age UK offer a befriending service which is available all year round.

You can register for on their website at <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/services/befriending-services/sign-up-for-telephone-befriending/>

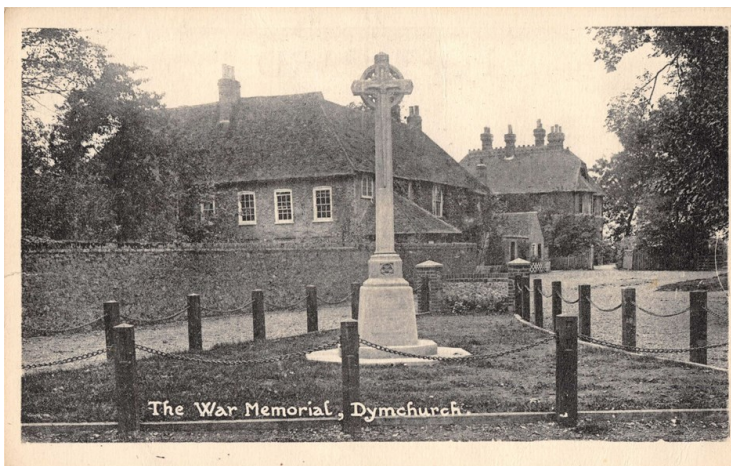
For those fortunate to be with friends an family this year please find some time to consider your neighbours and may be check they are ok, a friendly hello could be the start of contact for those who suffer through loneliness and isolation.

Advice can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk .

WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN GOING UP IN THE WORLD

A proposal due to be heard at the Parish Council December meeting will hear of plans to make the Garden of Remembrance a safer place for those to visit and pay their respects. This year due to the current ground levels a man of mature years was seen to struggle to get into the garden and lay his wreath and the Council have heard that this is becoming more of regular occurrence. The picture below

shows how the garden was at ground level. As the years have gone on with new road surfaces and sinking levels the base of the garden requires people to negotiate steps down on to the grassed area and then up to the memorial and this does not allow for easy access for all. The proposal, if accepted, will suggest that the garden is



There have been reports that people have received an email impersonating the NHS requesting them to click a link and supply personal details to obtain a Covid

passport and at the same time to confirm an appointment for a Covid-19 booster vaccine.

There were some clues to it being bogus, firstly the email address was not from @nhs.net. Secondly the email stated that the intended victim was required to reply to this invitation within 12 hours of this notification, which the NHS would never do. Finally, the email also did address the person by name but by their actual email address, E.G MrJones@youremail.com. Remember the NHS will never ask you for personal data or financial details to book a booster vaccine.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or calling 0300 123 2040.

raised to match the current road level thereby removing the need for steps and reducing the risk of injury or trips for those attending services or for moments of personal reflection. If you have any comments regarding this proposal please contact the Parish Council details rear page-

The Council would like to thank our Volunteer Gardener Mr Morris who year after year tends the memorial garden keeping it looking wonderful for our visitors.

**HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN AND TIDY AND SET AN EXAMPLE TO OUR VISITORS
PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME WHERE POSSIBLE TO SAVE OVER FILLING COUNCIL REFUSE BINS
THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR LITTERPICKING
VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN KEEPING OUR VILLAGE TIDY**

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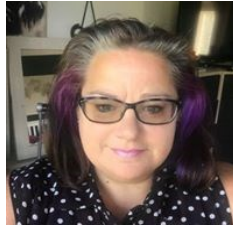
Your local council working locally for you



Cllr. Chris McCreedy
Chair



Cllr. Deana Coker
Vice Chair



Cllr.
Sandra Leverick



Cllr. Dan Noonan



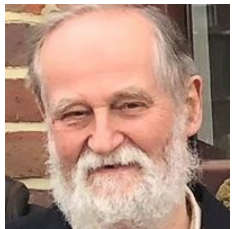
Cllr. Marc Wright



Cllr. Dougie Young



Cllr. Ann Goode



Cllr. John Williams



Cllr. Cathy Young

DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Dymchurch Parish Council as follows:

In writing to

The Clerk, Dymchurch Parish Council,
13 Orgarswick Avenue
Dymchurch TN29 0NX

By E mail- dymchurchpc@outlook.com

By Phone- 01303 872 708

If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk.
Council meeting dates are published.

Please check our website and notice boards if you wish to attend a meeting in person or on line.

All are welcome to do so.

If you have any District or County Council issues that you wish to raise please contact the following with your concerns

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

ANDY WEATHERHEAD

Andy.Weatherhead@kent.gov.uk

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TERRY MULLARD

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KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Erica Evans can be contacted on 07969 583915
or Erica.Evans@kent.gov.uk

For help and advice on home security and safety and how to access Council services

Supporting you in the local community



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative partnered by Police Forces where members of the community use speed detection devices to monitor local speed levels. Information can be found at www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch

If you are concerned about road safety and want a new challenge for 2022 contact the Parish Clerk and express your interest. If there are sufficient numbers interested the Clerk will make arrangements with Kent Police to set up a new group for the Parish of Dymchurch.

**JOIN COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH AND MAKE
A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**