

DYMCHURCH NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

CLLR DOUGIE YOUNG



Welcome to the Summer Newsletter and to our new Vice-chair Cllr Liam Finch. The Sunbeds and Parasols are being readied, the traders are

gearing up once again for a busy summer and welcoming visitors to our beautiful Dymchurch and the gardens and seating areas are in full bloom.

Its been a busy year so far with councillors attending meetings regarding Water Quality, Flooding issues in the Redoubt Estate while investigations are still ongoing.

D-Day celebrations began with lunch (supplied by Beach 48) at our Dementia Cafe, and was enjoyed by the patrons, followed by a Tea Dance and Swing Band organised by FODR. and a great time was had by all. The celebrations culminated in the lighting of the Beacon by the Fire Service and I was honoured as the Chairman to read the Tribute to all those living and deceased. Thank you to all attended to pay their respects. The RBL organised a parade on the Seawall and the Youth Service Cadets paid their respects. The local Clergyman held a service on Seawall to all who had fallen.

Thank you to the residents of Dymchurch.

Beach Wardens

The Parish Council will again be employing 2 Beach Wardens this Summer to help keep both residents and visitors safe whilst at the beach. The wardens are based at the rear of the kiosk by the central slipway and are on duty daily through to September.



D-Day Celebrations 6th June

The 6th June marked the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, which was marked by both local and national events. Preparations in the village began in May with the relocation of the beacon to a new safer position further along the seawall. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved for their time and effort in completing the work ready for the D-Day celebrations.

On the morning of 6th June the Dymchurch Dementia Café kicked off events with a performance by the Seaside Singers followed by a quiz and fish and chip lunch in the village hall.

The afternoon saw The Friends of Dymchurch Recreation holding a 40's style vintage afternoon tea for 120 guests. The Village Hall was transformed back to a war time venue with a Performance by Miss Holiday and The Swingtones who had lots of the audience up on their feet dancing for most of the afternoon.

The culmination of the day was the lighting of the beacon on the seawall at 9.15pm, which was accompanied by the Chair of the Parish Council who read the international tribute to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice on D-Day and throughout WW II.



Changing Places

One of the Districts new Changing Places toilets has been opened in Dymchurch in the central car park toilet block behind the main bus stop.



Changing Places toilets are designed to meet the needs of disabled children and adults with complex needs who rely on Carer support. Specialist equipment inside includes ceiling hoists and changing tables.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council secured £205,000 for the project from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Changing Places Fund.

Katrina O'Leary from Need2Change said: "These facilities, with specialist equipment and more floor space, are really valued by those who cannot use a standard accessible toilet.

"They make such a difference to daily life – making outings possible and much less stressful, so a massive thank you to Folkestone and Hythe District Council."

Access to the facility is by RADAR key.



Twinning Association

Fifteen Dymchurch and District Twinning Members made it to Salbris for the weekend 31st May - 3rd June, where they enjoyed a visit to the local primary school to meet some of the students learning English. In the evening the party enjoyed a welcome buffet, where Dymchurch were given a new flag for our village, look out for it flying from the flagpole!

Saturday saw the group and hosts travel to Blois for a fantastic day, visiting the Museum of Magic before pausing for lunch, where they enjoyed a meal in a typical French restaurant. A visit to the Royal Chateau was then followed by a very enjoyable ride around the ancient streets in a horse and carriage.

Sunday was spent with the host families and the evening saw everyone regroup for a farewell buffet and thank you speech.

The entire weekend was excellent as usual, although exceptionally there was no sunshine and it was unseasonably cold! The Twinning Assoc. are looking forward to welcoming our friends from Salbris back to Dymchurch at the beginning of September.

Future Twinning Events

- 14/07 - Twinning BBQ
- 24/08 - Bottle Tombola at Day of Syn
- 05/09 - Salbris to visit Dymchurch
- 12/10 October Bingo, 16/11 - AGM and Quiz
- 13/12 - Christmas Taskmaster

Police surgery – Romney Marsh

Your local officer will be holding a police surgery on:

12th October 2024

Dymchurch Parish Council Office

16:00-17:00 hours



Come and speak to local officers about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour

Your local officer is **PC Steve PUTLAND** and will see people individually on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact your local policing team by calling **101** or **Online Reporting and Live Chat** via **Kent Police website**.

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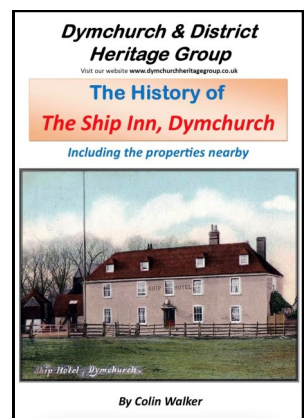


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Local Publication

The Dymchurch and District Heritage Group recently launched their latest book "The History of The Ship Inn, Dymchurch" which also includes stories of other properties nearby.

Copies are available directly from the Heritage group.



Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground

Total funds raised towards the new pavilion at the recreation ground now stand at over **£50,000** !

In June we passed the 1st anniversary of opening our FODR village charity shop, and what a great difference this has made to our fundraising and has also become a great asset to the village. Over the last year the charity shop has offered children's school uniforms free of charge, we have sent bras and spectacles to Africa, donated toys and books to nurseries and over the Christmas period we had a free of charge table offering Xmas decorations, trees and gifts.



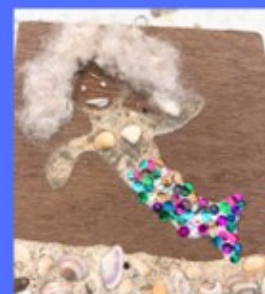
We have held many fundraising events throughout the year including, Jumble sales, Christmas Markets and our wonderful D-Day tea dance which was huge success featuring Miss Holiday & The Swingtones and a superb afternoon tea served and organised by our trustees and volunteers.

A big thank you goes out to our amazing volunteers who keep the Charity shop open daily throughout the year, their support is invaluable we would not be able to run the shop without them.

Events planned for the rest of the year, include a tombola at the Day of Syn in August, Quiz and Chips in October, Christmas fare in December and a **Grand New Years Eve Dance** at the village hall with a party band and licensed bar.

Thank you all for your continuing to support this great community project for Dymchurch!

Workshops on Dymchurch Seawall 2024 **FREE, family craft workshops & activities throughout August**



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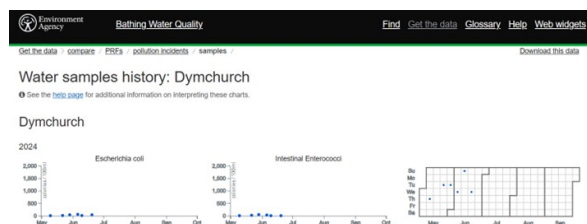
Look out for the **blue trailer** near the slipway.



- Drop-in workshops - no need to book!
- Scan the QR code for dates, times and more info.
- Check the Living History Workshops FB page for details.



Bathing Water Quality



The Parish Council will be publishing the latest water quality results throughout the bathing season on the Parish Council website and on the Seaside Award notice board by the Central Slipway. The latest Environment Agency water sampling results for Dymchurch can be found online at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/>

Dymchurch Parish Council

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If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk. Council meeting dates are published. Please check our website and notice boards. Council meetings are open to the public and all are very welcome to attend.

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