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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

CLLR CHRIS MCCREEDY



I think as we enter the autumn period we will all appreciate the onset of cooler days. This summer has been exceptional, with day after day of clear skies and soaring temperatures. On the plus side, that

has been perfect weather for visitors to the village, which in turn benefits the local traders, something sorely needed after the long period of lockdown.

This year we had more entries for the Garden Competition but the extreme weather meant some of competitors had to withdraw as their gardens suffered badly in the heat. Despite this we were able to give awards to gardeners in the three categories that had somehow managed to keep colourful gardens. In case this hot weather does become the norm, the committee has agreed to move the judging day to the beginning of July next year. This year at the end of May, members of the Dymchurch and District Twinning Association were able to travel to France to visit our friends in Salbris for the first time in three years. (See Picture). As always we received such a warm welcome that the three missing years just faded away and everyone had a most enjoyable time. Every visit we learn something new, and this year we learned that in the 19th century, it was an Englishman who had introduced new farming methods to the region enabling increased productivity. In September, members of the Salbris Twinning will be visiting Dymchurch and their hosts will be boosting tourism by showing them more of the local attractions, culminating with a fish and chips supper, which always produces a cheer from them.

Dymchurch Hub – First Phase

Sunday 17th July saw the official unveiling at the Recreation Ground of the first phase of the Dymchurch Hub with a new circular stone seat, built by local craftsmen. Further phases of the Hub will see the installation of information boards, including a new village map and new link between the recreation ground & RH&DR station. The work on the Hub has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund in conjunction with Fifth Continent.



GETTING CREATIVE

ON THE WALL



A satisfied young man with his creation

Visitors and residents welcomed the return of the Parish Councils funded beach activities provided by Living History Workshops. Using natural items found on the beach people, young and old were given the opportunity to make all sorts of wonderful things as a memento of their day at our wonderful beach. With many letters of thanks we hope to provide this facility again next Summer.



VOLUNTEERS
WANTED
DYMCHURCH
BEACH

Dymchurch Rescue are currently recruiting beach lifeguards for Dymchurch Beach. If you live in

Dymchurch or the surrounding area and are looking for something a little different, then why not try out as a new Lifeguard. Working as volunteer beach lifeguard you will be assisting our team with ensuring the safety of visitors & the local community. This role has many benefits such as in-house training, career progression and developing key skills. To find more information about the role please come and speak to one of the team when we are on duty or contact the Parish Clerk at Dymchurch Parish Council (contact details last page) who will forward your details onto us.

DYMCHURCH GARDEN COMPETITION



This year's garden competition saw several of the entrants having to withdraw due to the effects of the extreme heat affecting their normal amazing displays. Perhaps we should have included a desert section for next year!



However, this did not deter some. Cllrs. McCreedy, Young and Coker went to visit those who had entered and were overwhelmed by the creativity of those who put so much work into creating some beautiful spaces. Certificates with garden vouchers were presented for the best small garden, formal garden and themed garden to those shown in the photographs.



The Council would like to thank all the businesses in the Highstreet who have managed to keep the hanging baskets provided by the students at the Canterbury Oast Trust looking so healthy this year, made even harder by the prolonged period of hot weather-Thank you



SANTA NEEDS YOU!

The Rotary Club of Romney Marsh are looking urgently for volunteers who would be able to assist in the annual Rotary Sleigh runs this year due to the drop in members at the club. The Christmas decorated sleigh, with music and a jolly Santa visits all of the streets in our area bringing joy to families at Christmas time and of course raising money for Charity. If you are able to help please contact either the Parish Clerk or email the Rotary Club on Harrison5255@sky.com for details.

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Do you like to meet new people and make friends, try new activities and learn new skills then come along to our meetings at 10.00am on the second Thursday of every month in the Masonic Hall in Dymchurch, opposite The Ship Inn. Look forward to seeing you.

If you would like any further information ring Julie—07753 335 962

PUBLIC SAFETY– A PRIORITY IN THE FINAL MONTHS OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL.

The current Dymchurch Parish Council are now in their final year of their 4 year term but are still working hard to improve village amenities, road safety and to finalise projects before the elections in May.



Residents will be aware that the new Zebra crossing has been installed at Tesco (pictured)

which has been well received. This does not mean that the concerns over speeding vehicles at the Fairway with no safe crossing area, or in the area of the Queensway has been forgotten. While a crossing at The Fairway is still open for discussion work is in hand to install bus shelters, which have been requested by residents and communications are in hand regarding extending the 30mph zone on the Eastern side of Dymchurch. This sort of thing always takes time, but rest assured we will keep trying!!

The closure of the High Knocke slipway has increased safety concerns at the main slip way in the village with the launching of jet skis. Dymchurch Parish Council arranged a joint meeting with various organisations to find a solution to this problem. The District Council having responsibility for Public Safety have taken on the mantle with discussions continuing on the 20th September. We hope to get this important public facility reopened as soon as possible.

As always we need to hear from you with suggestions for improvements within our wonderful coastal community. Contact details are on the last page

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH

In conjunction with residents we are in the process of establishing a Dementia Memory Cafe with the support of Romney Marsh Community Hub. If you would like to volunteer your services to make this a success please contact the Parish Council or leave your details at the Parish Council office in Orgarswick Avenue. More details will follow in later newsletters.

DYMCHURCH GARDENING COMMUNITY

A new group is being formed of like minded people which is open to everyone interested in gardening and our community . The group consists of local residents and the parish Council. If you would like to drop in on our next meeting please look out for details on DPC website, Social Media and Parish Notice boards. Look forward to seeing you.

FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Older residents facing financial hardship could now be eligible to get more help from Folkestone & Hythe District Council. The council has been allocated funding by Kent County Council from the Household Support Fund Extension (HSFE), which runs until 30 September 2022. Unlike the original scheme, the HSFE will focus on energy bills and for people over pensionable age. F&HDC will be directly contacting households that could be eligible. Food will also remain a priority, but the HSFE can be used to support households with wider essential costs. Vulnerable households are defined as those that are struggling to afford essential food and utility bills and have no other available support. Cllr Tim Prater, Cabinet Member for Revenues, Benefits, Anti-Fraud and Corruption, said: "The extension of the Household Support Fund is a welcome boost and will help some of the most vulnerable in our district who are struggling with the increased cost of living." Leader Cllr David Monk added: "We are pleased to be working with Kent County Council again to offer this extra support to those who most need it. Funds are limited so we encourage people to apply as soon as possible." Applications for an award may be made via a self-referral or via a request from a council officer, councillor, or voluntary/community organisation. For full details of the criteria and to make an application, visit folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/household-support-fund. For people who are unable to go on line please ring 01303 853555 (The above is taken from the District Council Website)

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2023

Following on from the last edition of this newsletter we remind our readers that local Parish Council elections take place in May next year. Are you the type of person who wants to make their local neighbourhood better, do you have a can do attitude, do you want to see change at local level– Well now is your chance.

If you want to know more about becoming a local Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk Jeff Lawrence at dymchurchpc@outlook.com . You can make an appointment to visit him and find out what it is all about!! You can also find out information at the Kent Association of Local Councils website using the following link

www.kentalc.gov.uk/

[Becoming_a_Local_Councillor_22718.aspx](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk/Becoming_a_Local_Councillor_22718.aspx)

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Cllr. Andy Weatherhead



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
Council meeting are open to the public and
all are very welcome to attend.

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

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NEW KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Grace Walker can be contacted on
07969 583915 or grace.walker@kent.gov.uk

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

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DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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OUR NEW WEBSITE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT

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the surrounding area that you could donate to us
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