

DYMCHURCH NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

CLLR DOUGIE YOUNG



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

We welcome our new district councillor Tony Hills we are sure that he will be working with the Parish Council for

the benefit of the Romney Marsh District.

The previous seating area by the main toilet block at the junction of Orgarswick Avenue has undergone refurbishment which includes new planters and tree and a new memorial seating area has been erected in memory of Margaret Walker. I had the honour of performing the opening ceremony with family members, residents and members of the Parish Council present. As you will have noticed we have a new gate at the slipway which was designed to allow access for wheelchair users and prams. We will also have a dropped kerb allowing wheelchairs and prams etc unrestricted access to the memorial garden. The Charity shop in the high street run by FODR has so far raised the magnificent sum of over £30,000. This is being made possible with help from volunteers.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

LED Information Display

The Parish Council have recently been given permission to install a new LED information display by the seawall kiosk. The information panel will be installed in the

next few weeks and will provide beach information and guidance, including tide times and the local weather forecast.



Dymchurch Beach Gate Central Slipway

The Parish Council commissioned Sam Briggs from Orgarswick Forge to create a new ornamental ironwork gate for the Central slipway. The gate has been hot dipped galvanised to protect it from the elements and will hopefully be in place for many years to come.

The gate proudly announces the way to Dymchurch beach and ties in with the existing village sign designed by Sam, located by the footpath near the Ocean Inn. The gate features the local area with references to the legend of Dr Syn, smuggling and shipwrecks with the ship anchors and rope, sea fishing and flying kites on our long sandy beach. Look out for the secret ice cream cone!



Bloomin'
Dymchurch
2024



Entries are now open for Blooming
Dymchurch 2024, to nominate yourself or a
neighbour, please email
DymchurchPC@outlook.com



Categories to be judged:
Best Hanging Basket
Best Garden Display



Judging will take place 1st week of July

Good Luck

2024 Village Hall Car Park Pass

2024 Village Hall car park passes are now available to purchase. This year charges will be in force from 29th March to 31st October 2024

2024 Fees - including VAT

Dymchurch ratepayers £30.00

Employers and Employees of Dymchurch £35.00

Car park passes can be purchased in person from the Parish Council Office on Orgarswick Avenue:

Monday or Tuesday Mornings: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Payment by Cash or Debit/Credit Card.

Please bring along proof of address

Alternatively passes can be purchased online via the Parish Council website www.dymchurch.org

Dymchurch 10k Run

The annual Dymchurch 10k took place on Sunday 18th February and by the time the event started conditions were dry and partly sunny, with a slight headwind for the competitors as they headed back to the central slipway finish line. With over 110 competitors taking part, the men's race was won by Mark Penny from Bexley in a time of 39 minutes and 01 seconds and the Women's race by Amy Stimson in a time of just over 45 mins.

For anyone who missed out and wants to start training early, next year's run will take place on Sunday the 9th February 2025 and is organised by MCC promotions.

<https://www.mccpromotions.com>

The pictures below show the podium winners receiving their trophies from Cllr Young.



D-DAY 80th Anniversary



The 6th June marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, an event which stands apart in our nation's history, when so many paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we

know today. As a mark of remembrance and to pay tribute to them a number of events are planned both nationally and locally. Look out for events organised by the British Legion & The Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground, who are organising of a 40's style vintage afternoon tea with a swing and jive band. The event takes place in the village hall. Tickets are available from the FODR shop on the High Street. Later, during the evening there will be the national lighting of "the light of peace" and beacon lighting at 9.15pm

Friends Of Dymchurch Rec

80th Anniversary of D-Day

Vintage Afternoon Tea



Supported by
DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
& F&HDC Ward Grant

LIVE Music By

MISS HOLIDAY & THE SWINGTONES

40's dress optional

"WANTS YOU"

Come and celebrate D-Day with a 40's afternoon tea and jazz/swing band

GOD SAVE THE KING

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Village Hall, Dymchurch
2pm-5pm Thurs 6th June
Tickets £7.50
FODR charity shop 51 High Street

With the exceptionally heavy rainfall over the Winter period the Parish Council are actively working with other agencies on alleviating the risk of flooding in the village. The Parish Council hold a supply of sand bags (no sand) that are available to local residents in an emergency. Any flooding issues should be reported to the Southern Water 24/7 Contact Centre on 0330 303 0368

Summer Beach Dog Ban from 1st May

A reminder for Dog owners that seasonal beach restrictions come into force from the 1st May to ensure everyone can enjoy our beaches. There are 2 areas locally where the ban applies:

Between Sycamore Gardens and the Martello Car Park and between The Fairway Estate and the river outfall in St Mary's Bay.

Penalties of up to £1,000 can be issued to those who don't adhere to the restrictions. More information of the summer beach ban can be found on the Folkestone & Hythe District Council website.



The Council are now actively looking to recruit two beach wardens for the Summer 2024 season. If you would be interested in applying for a temporary (full time) role starting in July 24, please email Dymchurchpc@outlook.com

District Councillor Surgery : Cllr Tony Cooper

Drop in sessions held every 3rd Saturday of the Month Dymchurch Parish Council Office, Orgarswick Ave. 10.00 - 12.00 No appointment necessary

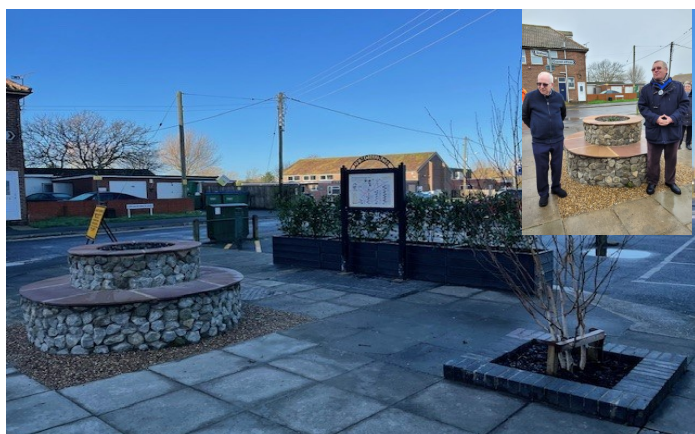
Twinning Association

Our last event was the ever popular Race Night which was very well attended despite the ongoing wet weather. Race Night was devised by our late member Ray Moses and we have continued the tradition with his wife Pauline kindly loaning us all the equipment. The last race is always closely contested with winner being presented with the Ray Moses memorial trophy and the photo shows Pauline Moses presenting the cup to this years worthy winner.



Orgarswick Junction Revamp

The Parish Council have recently completed a revamp of the area on the corner of Orgarswick Avenue to complement the new memorial ragstone bench commissioned by a local resident. A new ornamental white Birch tree has been planted in one of the beds and sits along side new planters and an evergreen hedge. The area was recently officially opened by the Chair of the Council and Colin Walker who commissioned the bench.



Bathing Water Quality

The annual 2023 bathing water classification rated the main beach area in Dymchurch as "sufficient". This means the bathing water still meets the strict guidelines for water quality and bathing at the beach remains open for everyone's enjoyment. The Environment Agency are working with southern water on identifying water contamination, but in the meantime we can all do our bit, by keeping the beach litter free and not feeding seagulls on the beach or in your garden. The latest water sampling results can be found at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/>



Dementia Café -10.00 –12.00 noon

Peter Sloper Room - Village Hall

2024 dates—4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec - Refreshments. All welcome

Dymchurch Parish Council

Your local council working locally for you



Cllr Dougie Young
Chair



Cllr Chris McCreedy
Vice Chair



Cllr Cathy Young



Cllr Marc Wright



Cllr Ann Pegler



Cllr Liam Finch



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Cllr Andy Weatherhead



Cllr Vanessa McCreedy

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

JENNI HAWKINS

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KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Giles Barnard can be contacted on
07969 583915 or giles.barnard@kent.gov.uk

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

Supporting you in the local community

Police surgery – Romney Marsh

Your local officer will be holding a police surgery on:

9th April 2024

**Dymchurch Town
Council Office**

18:00-19:00 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**.

For news, safety advice and information about policing in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk



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