



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council March Meeting

- The Parish Council has purchased wildflower seeds to be sown near the Village Sign at the junction with Roughetts Road, Woodgate Road, Park Farm Road and The Street. Gallagher have agreed to prepare the area ready for planting.
- An application has been made to TMBC for double yellow lines from the junction with Roughetts Road to 3 or 4 houses along Woodgate Road. This is to protect sight lines, as parked cars in this area are proving hazardous. It is a long process to get double yellow lines installed.
- The Parish Council agreed to renew its membership of the Joint Parish Councils Traffic Consultative Group (JPCTCG). Cllrs McKinlay and Martin will attend the meetings.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place just before the April meeting on Monday 12th. The May meeting is being changed to Wednesday 5th May so that it can take place remotely. The June meeting will be cancelled and plans are being made for a return to face to face meetings which are likely to start in July.
- Cllrs McKinlay and Martin attended a recent training course and are now qualified Flood Wardens.
- Cllr McKinlay is attending a strategic meeting with Matthew Scott the Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent Police. She will raise local concerns about shed and garage break ins and catalytic convertor thefts.



Kent County Council

- County Councillor Hohler has contacted the KCC Cabinet Member to ask whether there is a link between the increase in fly tipping in the area and the booking system for the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC). She has been told that during the pandemic there has also been an increase in rubbish left in litter bins, and that the rubbish which is fly tipped is not the worst taken to the HWRC's, so they don't think there is a connection to the booking system
- One You Kent is providing support to help people be healthier and feel better - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/one-you-kent>
- Traffic flow through Kent is stable following Brexit. HGV drivers are covid tested before they reach Kent so they are not waiting in the County. 1,354 vehicles have been clamped since 11th January and drivers have to pay a fee to remove the clamp and also a parking fine, although this is not in operation in Tonbridge & Malling.



Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

- Cllr Montague reported that the Inspector has rejected TMBC's defence of the Local Plan. TMBC have written to Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities

and Local Government, asking him to intervene. If this is not successful, TMBC will have to put together a new Local Plan, which is likely to have to include a greater number of new houses.

- Cllr Montague has worked with Cllr Robin Betts, Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services, to make fly tipping a higher priority. TMBC are putting notices up in hot spot areas and inspectors are being sent out.



Kent Police

East Street - On Monday 15th of February between 12:01am and 5:30pm. Somebody broke into two sheds and have stolen various items.

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Old School Lane- Between 11:59pm on Tuesday 16th of February and 10:00am on Wednesday 17th of February. Somebody broke into a shed at a residential property and have stolen various items including gardening equipment.

Our PCSO James Robinson has asked us to warn people to be extra vigilant with their animals due to several reports of suspicious males enquiring about people's dogs when they are out walking. There is a concern that they are looking to steal dogs.

Ryarsh Village Hall

David and Ba Storey have carried out a lot of work to make the Village Hall safe and hirers will be returning shortly. The Hall is also available for new bookings and more information from the Village Hall Management Committee is at the end of this newsletter.

Census 21 March 2021

Census Day is on Sunday 21st March and a leaflet about this, together with contact details if you need support in completing the Census, are at the end of this newsletter.

Next Parish Council meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held by Zoom on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.45pm and the monthly Parish Council meeting will follow at 8pm.

You can contact the Clerk by email at clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk.

For more information, please go to our website www.ryarsh-pc.gov.uk



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Monday-Friday 9-4.30pm

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Ryarsh Village Hall Birling Road Ryarsh Kent ME19 5LS



We would like to introduce you to Ryarsh Village Hall which we and our hirers, believe is one of the best in Mid-Kent.

Ryarsh is a small, charming village situated midway between Sevenoaks and Maidstone having a direct access onto the A20 with the M20 being within easy reach via nearby junctions 3 and 4.

The hall is situated in the centre of the village fronting the 4 acre village green, and with designated car parking for 60 vehicles but with a capacity to park considerably more. To the north it enjoys outstanding views of the North Downs.

At the time of writing this article we are delighted to advise after a year of shutdown due to pandemic restrictions as of the 21st June these will be lifted, and normal service can be resumed.

At this point we are talking with former regular hirers all of whom wish to return but are now in a position to consider new hiring's from the June date such as new classes parties' receptions etc. Interested parties should contact our Booking Clerk :

Ba at ryarshbookings@gmail.com 07891 307833

For any other information hall details etc. contact the hall manager :

David at wvernproperty@aol.com 07831 642902

ACCOMMODATION

Main Hall



Measures 10300mm (33ft 9ins) by 17000mm(55ft) clear height 4metres

Recommended capacities (persons) - Close Seating 250, at Tables 180, Dancing 190. The hall is fitted with a sound system which includes an impedance loop to assist those hard of hearing, also incorporating a series of ceiling speakers for talks speeches etc. by microphone but not suitable for band use. Many standard chairs and tables are available.

It also has an electric drop-down screen, but projectors need to be provided by hirers.

Davison Room



Accessed directly from the main hall and with a similar access to the village green.

Measures 5000mm(16ft5ins) by 10300mm (39ft3ins). Normal domestic ceiling height It also has a drop-down electric screen but projectors again to be provided by hirers. There is hatch access to the bar, and also to the main kitchen. Many standard chairs and tables available

Main Kitchen



Modern with fridge (no freezer), cooker, tea urns, and a limited supply of crockery and cutlery. If meals are to be prepared on site, we are required to see the certification held by the person involved. There are serving hatches to both the Main Hall and Davison Room.

Library



A wide selection of books jigsaw puzzles etc. available to members of the public when the hall is open and on Saturday mornings subject to holidays from 9 30am until 10am.

Reception



Main hall straight ahead, toilets Davison Room and main kitchen to the, left cloakrooms right.

Meeting Room

A small room behind the bar with chairs and tables able to seat 10/12 persons and ideal for small meetings. Often used as a changing room for weddings or to let granny have a quiet cup of coffee at a busy event.

Facilities and General Information

Gents and Ladies toilet together with a disabled cubical. Two cloakrooms.

Central Heating (radiators) and Hot water are provided by a Gas Boiler installed in 2019.

The building is fitted with a modern fire alarm system and all facilities as required are regularly serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

The hall is insured for third party risks, but this does not cover issues arising within a hire or persons attending such.

Bar



A servery and storage area with hatch access into the Davison Room and doors to the main hall and patio. There is also a small kitchen facility.

The on licence is held by the licensee of the nearby Duke of Wellington PH who can run bars to suit all occasions. He is also able to provide an extensive catering facility from a finger buffet to a full a la carte feast. If the bar is to be run by a third party a copy of the events notice is required at least 10 days in advance of the event.

Car Parking



The car park is accessed by short service road from Birling Road. Its entire surface is tarmaced and there are 60 marked parking spaces including 4 disabled. Circulation space is very generous and additional parking space, although unmarked, is available for large hirings. There is full LED lighting, PIR operated.

Children's Playground



Adjoins the hall mostly modern equipment regularly inspected.

Useful and helpful information



A facility available for wedding, parties etc. is the installation of an internal marquee in the main hall. This can be tailored to specific requirements, a typical layout shown above. The hall management are in no way involved or earn from the facility. It is run by a local company and we put interested parties in contact with them to negotiate their requirements. The company are also able to offer quality chairs, tables, lighting facilities etc.

We hope you have found this site interesting and hope we may hear further from you in respect of future hires. Contact details are above on page 1. We can in addition help with catering, discos, bands etc.

Best Wishes Ryarsh Village Hall Management.