



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Updates

- The Parish Council were pleased to resume meetings in the Davison Room of the Village Hall and welcomed the members of public who attended
- Peter Read has resigned as a Parish Councillor and it is hoped the vacancy will be filled by co-option at the October meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the clerk for more information – clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk
- There has been a problem with contractors working on a property on Roughetts Road parking on the pavement, so that pedestrians have to walk into the road. This is a dangerous situation. Cllr McKinlay has spoken with the contractor and hopes the situation will improve.
- The Parish Council is arranging for vegetation around the perimeter of the play area to be cut back.



Kent Police

The next Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings for Tonbridge & Malling will be held on Wednesday 22 September and Wednesday 8 December and will start at 7pm.

Kent Police Rural Task Force Newsletter contains lots of interesting information and is available on the Parish Council's website.



Kent Highways

The Parish Council is drafting a Highways Improvement Plan – HIP. This essentially represents measures that Councillors and residents believe will improve roads and safety in the village. Kent Highways then look at the HIP and say what is and what isn't possible, and what will and what won't work. However, this does not mean that money is made available for the measures that are left on the HIP, but it is a good starting place.

If you have any measures that you think should be added, please notify the clerk.

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – Consultation

The Kent County Council consultation 'Booking to visit a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) runs to Thursday 30 September 2021 - www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation.

TMBC Refuse Collections



TMBC are pleased that collections are up to date with recycling, black bins and food waste, but that is at the expense of the garden waste service which has been suspended. TMBC have a joint partnership contract with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, and hold regular meetings with them and Urbaser. TMBC want to reinstate the garden waste collections but not at the expense of black bin and recycling collections.

The Saturday Freighter service cannot resume until garden waste collections are in place, but the service does require a lot of drivers, and the waste goes to landfill so it does not fit in with TMBC's green strategy. It was a great service and well used, but is not offered by any other council in Kent. There will be a return of the service at some point but it will be in a different and more effective format.

Regular updates about TMBC refuse collections are circulated by the Parish Council and are available direct from TMBC if you contact them or through the TMBC website

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting which will be held in The Committee Room of Ryarsh Village Hall is on Monday 11th October 2021 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



Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful Kent countryside within Tonbridge & Malling and surrounding areas. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace over a distance of 5-6 miles. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join.

Advance booking is not usually required; you can just turn up on the day. However, if you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

To find out more, visit our website: www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on a walk soon!

Date	Route	Distance
Sunday 3 October	Circular walk from Bearsted	5.5 miles
Thursday 7 October	A flat walk along the Medway Valley Path to Burham old church and on to the Roman memorial and return.	6 miles
Sunday 10 October	Circular walk from Otford	5.5 miles
Wednesday 13 October	From Kemsing through St Clere Estate then up the North Downs Way and back	5.5 miles
Sunday 17 October	Flat farmland walk from Golden Green	5 miles
Thursday 21 October	A varied circular walk from Speldhurst with some hills and views of the Medway.	5.5 miles
Sunday 24 October	Hosts of Oasts! A flat field and track walk from Hunton, with short sections on roads. This walk includes rivers, ponds and a waterwheel, with fine views of the ridge.	5 miles
Thursday 28 October	A gentle climb from Ryarsh to the Pilgrim's Way	5.5 miles
Sunday 31 October	A gentle walk from Wrotham along the bottom of the Downs to the Pilgrims' Way	5 miles
Non-members are welcome. Walks start at 10.00 or 10.30 - for meeting points, details and walk leader contacts, see the programme link at: www.tonbridgandmallingsramblers.org.uk .		



Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership

Neighbourhood Engagement Meeting

Wednesday 22 September 2021
7pm until 8pm

Via MS Teams (a link will be sent to you).

If you live in Tonbridge & Malling this is your opportunity to talk to the Police and other agencies about community safety issues in your area. This might include issues around anti-social behaviour or community tensions.

To register your interest in attending this online meeting contact csp@tmbc.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday 17 Sept.

For further information contact:

**Tonbridge & Malling
Borough Council**
csp@tmbc.gov.uk

Kent Police on
[csu.Tonbridge.and.malling@kent.
police.uk](mailto:csu.Tonbridge.and.malling@kent.police.uk)



 www.tmcommunitiesafety.org.uk

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KENT'S PLAN BEE



August 2021 Newsletter

August's Blogs – Butterflies and Bees

In July, we celebrated Bees Needs week and the Big Butterfly Count by showcasing some of the amazing species you can find in Kent. If you missed any of our butterfly identification tips, or ways to help Kent's bees, we have put it all into two handy blogs for you. Find them both on the Explore Kent website.

Bee Needs Blog: <https://explorekent.org/blog/2021/08/24/kent-a-hotspot-for-wild-bees/>

Butterfly ID Blog: <https://explorekent.org/blog/2021/08/23/kents-amazing-butterflies/>



Early Bumblebee



Marbled White butterfly

Summer Reading Challenge – Pollinator Week

Over the summer, children across Kent have been encouraged to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, where they must read 6 books, eBooks, eAudio or eMagazines. Across the 9th -15th August, we helped Kent Libraries celebrate their Pollinators week by posting a range of reading related activities on our Facebook page. The Reading Challenge is still on until the 11th of September for those who need to complete their 6 books. If you are struggling to pick your last book, then see the titles suggested by Kent Libraries on their website:

https://kent.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/SUMMERREADINGCHALLENGE?HOMEPRMS=UD_READINGCHALLENGE

Other Pollinators

Sometimes we forget that there are other pollinators besides bees, butterflies, and moths. To raise awareness of these overlooked pollinators, we highlighted a few species of beetles, wasps, and flies on our Facebook page that you can find in Kent. Beetles and flies have been pollinating flowers long before bees and butterflies evolved, and although wasps have a bad reputation, the majority are important pollinators. We have added a few to our "What to look out for in September" list below but check out our Facebook page for more species and details.



What to look out for in September

Fisher's Estuarine Moth



Image credit: Peter Maton

This rare, European Protected Species has a stronghold in Kent and is one of the few places in the UK it is located.

Fisher's Estuarine moth can be found on coastal habitats where there is plenty of coarse grass.

Appearing in autumn, the adult moth is seen circling Hog's Fennel, where it will lay its eggs and the caterpillars will feed on the roots until emerging the following autumn.

Want to see these moths for yourself? Kent's Magnificent Moth Project will be holding a walk in late September to visit one of the moth sites. Follow their Facebook page for the event details and other Kent moth and butterfly updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/ButterflyConservationKent>

Social Wasps in Autumn



German Wasp

Coming to the end of summer means coming to the end of the brood season for social wasps. During the summer, worker wasps caught prey for the developing larvae to eat, and drank the sugary secretion produced by the larvae.

Now the larvae have grown and left the nest, the workers are out looking for more sugary snacks, like nectar and rotting fruit. Whilst collecting nectar, they now play the important part of pollinating late flowering plants.

Learn how to tell the difference between Common and German Wasps with our cheat sheet available on our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/KentsPlanBee/photos/a.107187048198490/161749399408921>

Second-brood Butterflies



Red Admiral

A lot of butterflies have been able to quickly reproduce this year and the butterflies you see this month come from eggs laid back in the spring. The purpose of these butterflies now is to produce offspring that will overwinter to become next **spring's butterflies**. Here are some species you may see on a warmer day this September:

- Holly Blue
- Red Admiral
- Comma

As we come to the end of the season, you may notice that their wings are looking a little ragged and tired. This usually does not stop them from flying.

Ivy Mining Bee



Rose Chafer



Hornet Mimic Hoverfly



Your Pollinator Photos

Since our last newsletter, you've been sending us some of your pollinator pictures. This month we have been sent a lovely picture of bumblebees on an Angelica plant by Steve Corbett. Anne McGregor has also sent us some photos of a Six Spot Burnet moth on Hemp Agrimony, plus a Passionflower which the bees and hoverflies love. There are also lots more submitted on our Facebook Page, go to the **"Community" tab** to see them all.



Bumblebees on Angelica

Six Spot Burnet moth on Hemp Agrimony

Bees on a Passionflower

We love to see your finds and are always looking for more photos to use in our Newsletters and on our Facebook page. If you would like to see your photos of pollinators featured, why not email us your pictures at planbee@kent.gov.uk or post them on our Facebook page directly.

Newsletter Back Issues

If you have missed any of the previous editions of the Newsletter, they have now all been added to our webpage. You can download them as PDFs or share the website address on your social media. Find all the Newsletters on the Pollinators section of Kent County Council website, or follow this link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/nature-and-biodiversity/pollinators/kents-plan-bee-pollinator-action-plan/kents-plan-bee-newsletter>

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