



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Updates

- The Parish Council agreed to support the Village Hall by paying for the grass cutting of the Recreation Ground again in 2022
- The Parish Council is setting up a scheme, Ryarsh in Bloom. The idea is that residents are encouraged to become involved throughout the year, and care for their property or an area of the village. This may be with bedding displays, hanging baskets, window boxes, gardening, trees, creating areas for wildlife, caring for the environment, litter picking etc. There will be a competition, with judging taking place at a date to be announced. Full details will be circulated nearer the time, but we hope everyone is encouraged to take part and make Ryarsh an even more beautiful and friendly place to live. This project will be run by Cllr Caroline Martin, who already runs the Spring Litter Pick in the Village which is very popular and widely supported.
- Due to supply issues, the delivery of the new picnic bench for the play area has been delivered. Having been offered a free upgrade, the bench has now arrived. It will be installed in the Spring.



Kent Police



The Police ran a crime prevention stall at Ryarsh Village Hall on Friday 3rd December. Five PCSOs attended and supplied security items such as shed alarms, personal alarms, purse chains and marker pens. The police were able to provide information around personal safety and measures for preventing burglaries and shed break ins. Councillors hope that those who came to the event and had the opportunity to speak directly to the police found this useful. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the police for their time.

Please continue to communicate and report back on either the Kent Police website for retrospective incidents, suspicious events and anything that needs a Police attendance to call 101 or 999 for a threat to life.

Crime Reports:

Birling Road in <i>Ryarsh</i>	On Saturday 20th of November between 17:00 and 23:00. Somebody broke into a residential property.
Birling Road in <i>Ryarsh</i>	On Sunday 21st of November around 00:13. Somebody tried to break into a garage at a residential property.

The Winter edition of Tonbridge & Malling's Community safety Partnership newsletter is available on the Parish Council's website.

The December edition of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter can be read here https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2021-12/Dec%202021%20OUR%20NEWS_0.pdf

Community Awards Scheme

The Parish Council is taking part in the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Awards Scheme. Do you know someone in Ryarsh who deserves to be acknowledged and recognised for making a significant contribution over a considerable period of time to our local community? Please send nominations to the clerk by Friday 8th January 2022.

Christmas Tree



The lighting ceremony for the Christmas Tree with an amazing firework display took place on Sunday 5th December. The tree is magnificent, and on behalf of the Village the Parish Council would like to thank Mark and Deborah Nankivell for arranging the tree and the event. The Parish Council was pleased to be able to offer a donation of £200 towards the purchase of the tree.



Councillors would also like to congratulate the Church on the Nativity Scene installed at the entrance to the Play Area.



No Dogs Allowed

Just a reminder, that dogs are not allowed on The Recreation Ground or in the Play Area

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting which will be held in The Committee Room of Ryarsh Village Hall is on Monday 10th January 2022 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

Countryeye.co.uk - Country Eye is a free App for people living and working in the rural community in Kent; it records and disseminates information using smartphone technology. It was designed to help communities and residents in Kent to receive information and to report issues quickly and efficiently. The Country Eye team analyse the information and disseminate it as appropriate. This may include email, text or broadcast to other subscriber's smartphones. For more information about this app please see www.ourwatch.org.uk/country-eye-app



Floodline - The Environment Agency issues flood warnings to protect people or property at risk of flooding. They provide warnings both to the public and organisations responding to emergencies. Their Flood Warning System (FWS) is a multimedia messaging system that disseminates warning messages via multiple channels such as telephone, mobile phone, email, and SMS text messaging. You can sign up to FWS by calling Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or by registering online at: gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings.

Useful numbers:

*Floodline 0345 988 11 88 (24 hr)

*Environment Agency 24 hr flooding incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

*Local Environment Agency Office 03708 506 506

*Reporting flooding / blockages 0800 80 70 60



Your Flood Wardens for Ryarsh are below, please do get in touch if you require further information.

Cllr Mary McKinlay mary.mckinlay@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Caroline Martin caroline.martin@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk



Kent Police supports annual drink and drug-driving campaign

Kent Police will once again be supporting the national drink and drug-driving campaign this festive period.

Throughout December officers from the Roads Policing Unit will be targeting motorists who they suspect are impaired.

In a bid to drive down fatal and serious road traffic collisions, officers will also be requesting roadside breath tests from all drivers who commit a moving road traffic offence, irrespective of whether or not they suspect a drink driving offence.

Drug-wipe sample kits will be used on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs, which provide an instant roadside indication before the driver is taken to custody to provide a blood sample for further analysis.

Officers will also be carrying out intelligence-led fixed site checks, as well as engaging with motorists on the risks of getting behind the wheel after a drink or taking drugs. Last year's campaign saw more than 460 vehicles stopped and 225 people arrested for being impaired.

My Community Voice - let's talk together

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. On our Sunday morning and mid-week morning walks we explore the beautiful countryside within Tonbridge & Malling and surrounding areas. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace over 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 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. More details at: www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on a walk soon!

Non-members are welcome. Walks start at 10.00 or 10.30 and usually finish at a local pub. There is a short break about half-way through the walk (bring refreshments). For meeting points and walk leader contacts, see the programme link at: www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk .		
Date	Route	Miles
Sunday 2 January	Circular winter amble from Leigh via Cinder Hill, Charcott, and Coppings Brook. Some stiles, short road stretches, mostly fields and tracks.	5.5
Thursday 6 January	Circular walk from Cobham via Sole Street and the recently planted vineyards of Henley Down and Luddesdown, with stunning views over the valley.	7
Sunday 9 January	Circular walk from Godden Green	4
Wednesday 12 January	Leisurely circular walk from Aylesford	5
Sunday 16 January	Circular walk from Detling	5
Wednesday 19 January	Circular walk from Kemsing through the St Clere Estate and up a steep slope to the Pilgrim's Way.	5
Sunday 23 January	Moderate circular walk from Ide Hill with some hills.	5
Sunday 30 January	Circular walk from West Peckham along the Wealdway towards Hadlow Tower, returning via Oxon Hoath estate and the Greensand Way.	6.7





We now have details of Christmas collections available on the website. Over the Christmas & New Year period we are asking that residents have their bins & boxes out by 6am to help the crews complete collections each day. For ease of reference the day changes are:

Normal collection day	Christmas collection day
Monday 27 December 2021	Tuesday 28 December 2021
Tuesday 28 December	Wednesday 29 December
Wednesday 29 December	Thursday 30 December
Thursday 30 December	Friday 31 December
Friday 31 December	Monday 3 January 2022
Monday 3 January 2022	Tuesday 4 January
Tuesday 4 January	Wednesday 5 January
Wednesday 5 January	Thursday 6 January
Thursday 6 January	Friday 7 January
Friday 7 January	Saturday 8 January

- There's a link from the usual Updates page: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/check-waste-collection-updates/1>
This has details of the scheduled changes to collection days over Christmas & New Year (no changes on Christmas Eve), details of charity Christmas tree collections, and handy hints for recycling at Christmas.



Sign up to the Kent County Council Residents' e-newsletter where you will receive:

- updates and news
- information and guidance about our activities and services
- useful advice and suggestions on where to get help and support.

You can sign up to the mailing list on our [website \(www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/residents-e-newsletter\)](http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/residents-e-newsletter).

We look forward to keeping you informed.

Kind regards,

KCC's Engagement and Consultation Team

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