

## **RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **May Parish Council Meeting**

- The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held just before the monthly meeting. Cllr McKinlay has been re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Ivor Emson has been re-elected as Vice-Chairman.
- There were no crime reports in Ryarsh for April.
- The dog waste bin at the end of Old School Lane near the motorway bridge has been overflowing. The Parish Council has reported this to TMBC. If you find a bin that has not been emptied, you can report direct to TMBC – [waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk).
- The Financial Reconciliation for the year 2021-2022 is at the end of this newsletter.



### **County Councillor Report**

- KCC have received a lot of responses about the bus services consultation.
- The Peel Report on Kent Police has rated them as outstanding and good in 5 areas and needing improvement in 3.
- There is an average increase in costs of 24% for fruit and vegetable growers in Kent.
- The Amelia Scott building has opened in Tunbridge Wells. It is a listed building conversion and incorporates a library, art gallery, museum and café.
- The Household Waste Recycling Centre in Addington has opened. You can book online and it is open Sundays 9am-4pm and Monday-Saturday 8am – 4.30pm. It is already a finalist for an award in excellence in waste management for its design and has countless environmental measures.
- TMBC have said that if you see someone you think may be about to fly tip and take a photograph, and then have a later photograph with their empty van, that may be enough to prosecute. It is difficult to actually catch someone in the act of fly tipping.
- KCC is doing a lot of work relating to the Ukraine. In Kent we are taking more Ukrainian refugees than anywhere else in the country and the west of the County is taking the most in Kent. Property checks are carried out at District and County level to ensure that properties offered are suitable. 13,000 Ukrainians are expected in Kent, with 19% needing secondary education and 10% needing primary education which is quite a challenge for KCC.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The Parish Council wanted to find a modern way to help commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the children of Ryarsh. Working with the Primary School, the Parish Council is pleased to be able to provide a commemorative Water Bottle for every child at the school. Made out of recycled plastic, it will have a long-term practical use and benefit. There are also a number of children of primary school age or under who live in the Village and are not at the

Primary School. Please get in touch with the Parish Council if you want to arrange to collect a water bottle for a child who lives in the Village.

**Platinum Jubilee – Afternoon Tea in Ryarsh Village Hall**

The event is being held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and a leaflet is at the end of this newsletter. This event is being organised and run by St Martin's Church, but is supported by the Parish Council, Ryarsh WI and The Duke of Wellington.

**Next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting which will be held in The Davison Room of Ryarsh Village Hall is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 8pm.**

You can contact the Clerk by email at [clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk). For more information, please go to our website [www.ryarsh-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ryarsh-pc.gov.uk)



## KCC helps Kent get set to celebrate Platinum Jubilee

From pudding competitions and national tree-planting schemes, to commemorative 50p coin launches and civic and County Park awards, including for [Lullingstone](#), events to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee are already well underway.

But activities will reach a whole new level when people across the UK enjoy an extended bank holiday weekend next month to mark Queen Elizabeth II's unmatched 70 years of service to the nation.

And Kent County Council (KCC) is busy working to ensure Kent's communities can celebrate the historic occasion, and the contribution of the world's longest-serving monarch, in style.

After waiving the regular road closure application fee, KCC Highways received an incredible 595 requests for road closures to host street parties over the central Jubilee weekend from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June.

An impressive 575 applications have now been assessed, safety-checked and granted. The full list of approved road closures, by District, can be found on our website here: [Traffic Order - Platinum Jubilee \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

20 applications were turned down for various reasons, including they breached traffic laws because they covered, for example, a main road or bus route, or were commercial events, or for other authorities to determine.

An additional 7 applications to hang bunting or signs from street lighting have also been received and approved so far. While the deadline for road closure applications is now passed, requests to hang bunting or signs from street lights can be made up to 4pm, Friday 27 May. If you want to apply visit: [Street lights - Kent County Council](#)

**Kent County Council Leader Roger Gough** said: "I am very proud to say KCC was one of the first authorities in the UK to make it free for people to apply for a road closure to host street parties over the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

"I am equally proud to say Kent's response was incredible and we received a fantastic number of applications.

"After the huge challenges of COVID there could be no better time to get together and celebrate The Queen's 70 years of amazing service to the nation and we want to make it as easy as possible for Kent communities to enjoy the four days of exciting, focused festivities."

With the big Platinum Jubilee weekend just a few weeks away, KCC has also today launched a Jubilee page on the [LetsTalkKent website](#) to provide a range of information about the celebrations in Kent.

The page includes:

- A map showing the Beacon Lightings taking place across the county – to form part of a national network of lit beacons, on Thursday, 2 June
- Links to apply for permission to hang bunting or signs on streetlights (closing date 27 May at 4pm)
- Links to events taking place in Kent's libraries
- Opportunity for residents to share Jubilee updates, including volunteering
- Check before you travel advice, 'Every Single Journey', with a link to road closures, and

- Information about the Jubilee on other websites, such as [the Government's GOV.UK 'How to get involved' and 'Events' pages](#) and the [Lieutenancy of Kent](#), which represents The Queen in the county.

The LetsTalkKent page will also document KCC Members' efforts to collectively give 70 hours of time to volunteering in their local community through May.

The challenge for County Councillors to collectively give an hour of time for every year of service by The Queen, was laid down last month jointly by Leader Roger Gough and Chairman Lesley Game, with Lesley kicking off the initiative by volunteering at Kitchen Social in Margate. Vice-Chairman Gary Cooke also volunteered at the Heart of Kent Hospice Shop in Park Wood, Maidstone.

Lesley Game has also launched a *Schools Platinum Jubilee Baking Competition*, open to children and young people in key stages 2, 3 and 4. Full details can be found on the [LetsTalkKent page here](#)

**KCC Chairman Lesley Game** said: "Throughout her 70 years of service, The Queen has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.

"The Platinum Jubilee is a fantastic opportunity for us to recognise this significant public contribution.

"The Central Weekend also gives us all a chance to pay tribute to how Kent united through the pandemic and bring family, friends, neighbours and our local communities even closer together."



## Positive action and help

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you.

We are committed to engaging with communities to increase trust and confidence and to help protect people from harm. Police, partners and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>



## June 2022 group walks

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas.

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. 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.

We look forward to welcoming you on a walk soon – see our website for more walk dates.

Sunday 5 June	Leisurely, flat walk from Haysden Country Park, round Haysden Water and along the Eden riverside. Return is via Enfield and Lower Haysden.	4 miles
Sunday 12 June	Circular walk from Southborough Common through woods and fields with views to the Greensand Ridge (moderate difficulty).	6 miles
Wednesday 15 June	Circular walk from Snodland to Birling along the Pilgrim's Way with beautiful views (two stiles). Walking poles advisable to climb the slopes. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 19 June	Circular walk from Ightham Mote, around Scathes Wood, the Greensand Way and up Wilmot Hill, passing the hopper huts. Moderate difficulty.	4 miles
Wednesday 29 June	Leisurely circular walk from Offham to West Malling via St. Leonard's Tower and the lake at Manor Park Country Park. Return through farmland and woodland passing Ryarsh and Offham churchyards.	5.7 miles

Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short break half-way through the walk (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub.

For start times and walk leader contacts, see [www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk) or email: [info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

## Ryarsh Parish Council - END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022

**Balances held**

Unity Trust Account	£ 21,846.99
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**Less: any unrepresented payments at 31 March 2022**

Payee	Description	cost	
PSR	Street light Maintenance March 2022	£ 116.40	
N Power	Electricity Supply 01.01.22 - 31.01.22	£ 152.64	
N Power	Electricity Supply 01.02.22-28.02.22	£ 130.19	
N Power	Electricity Supply 01.03.22-31.03.22	£ 138.09	
			£ 537.32

**END OF YEAR BALANCE** **£21,309.67**

**Total Receipts for Year**

TMBC	Precept	25,755.00
Inland Revenue	VAT reclaim	941.94
Misc	Other	<u>205.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>26,901.94</b>

**Total Payments for Year**

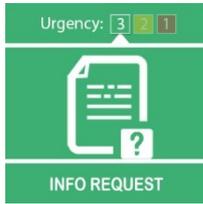
Clerk	Salary, Allowance, expenses	10,184.49
HMRC	PAYE, NI	1,176.96
Misc	Office expenses & Administration	12.89
Misc	Professional fees	1407.28
KALC	Training	96.00
Councillors	Expenses	-
TMBC	Election Costs	-
Misc	Donations	355.00
Misc	Subscriptions	394.06
Streetlights	Electricity and Maintenance	2,714.09
Misc	Play Area	948.33
Landscape		
Services	Grass Cutting Recreation Ground	2,065.38
Parish Property	Maintenance	497.61
rroc	Village Hall	1,000.00
St Martins PCC	Churchyard Gardening	1,200.00
Gallagher	Insurance	1,128.66
Misc	Audit	290.00
		<u>23,470.53</u>

**Add:** Vat to be reclaimed for the year

1,221.08  
**TOTAL PAYMENTS** **24,691.61**

**Balance carried forward**

Balance B/F from 2020-21	<b>£19,099.34</b>
Plus receipts	26,901.94
Less Payments	<u>24,691.61</u>
	<b><u>£21,309.67</u></b>



## Positive action and help

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Dear members

With the power of social media and other methods available to yourselves could i kindly request you forward on details of MY COMMUNITY VOICE to friends and families. As im sure with your friends and associates we could look to increase our members tenfold. The more people we get to join the bigger our goals and messages can be promoted far and wide.