



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

April Parish Council Meeting

- The Parish Council election in Ryarsh is uncontested. After the elections on 4th May 2023, the Parish Councillors continuing will be Cllrs Mary McKinlay, Andy Betts, Sam Payne and Jon Sutton. Cllr Caroline Martin will join the Parish Council again in May. There are two vacancies and two candidates have put their names forward to join the Parish Council in June. They were welcomed to the meeting.
- The vacancies have arisen following the resignations of Cllrs Ivor Emson and Mel Barton. Cllr Emson has been on the Parish Council for 33 years, and has been Vice-Chairman for many of those years. He has contributed an enormous amount to the Parish Council and Village and was thanked for all his work over more than three decades. Cllr Barton has been a Councillor for about 8 years, being actively involved in a number of projects and also carries out regular work. He was also thanked for everything he has contributed. Ivor and Mel will be enormously missed on the Parish Council.
- Cllrs voted to support the Parish Alliance Buses Transport Agreement, supported by local Parish Councils together with Nu-Venture. Parish Councils will fund the weekly “shopper bus” which runs on a Friday from Ryarsh. If the bus is widely used it is likely to continue, but if not then this service will end. “Use it or Lose it”.
- Kent Highways are carrying out Traffic Counts on Woodgate Road and Roughetts Road, to provide information to look at whether any measures can be taken to combat the speed of traffic in the village. Kent Highways have agreed to install Pedestrian Warning Signs at the top of Woodgate Road, where there are no footpaths and traffic can speed around the bend.
- Cllrs Barton and Sutton have carried out an annual inspection of fire hydrants in Ryarsh, to make sure they are not damaged and are easily accessible in case of emergency.
- Cllrs noted the high cost of electricity for streetlights, which will have a great impact on the budget for the year. Alternative providers will be considered for the end of the current contract.
- There have been unfortunate incidents of fly tipping again on Park Farm Road. A request for mobile CCTV in this area has been made to TMBC.
- It is hoped there will be a litter pick before the Coronation Event.
- The Parish Council agreed to provide up to £150 towards the cost of the Coronation Event.
- Tickets are free for the event, but you should contact the organisers for a ticket, so they can have details of numbers attending – carolinesmartin@googlemail.com.
- The next monthly Parish Council meeting has been moved to Monday 15th May and will also include the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting.



TMBC

Borough Council Elections take place on 4th May 2023.

Due to the ward boundary changes, Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Piers Montague are not standing again for the Birling, Ryarsh and Leybourne Wards. Cllrs Kemp and Montague were thanked for their work with Ryarsh.

Cllr Mary McKinlay is standing for election as Borough Councillor for Birling, Ryarsh and Leybourne.



Police

On Thursday 16th March around 00:01 somebody stole eight drain covers from a building site in Brooks Drive.

A group of youngsters have been knocking on doors in Ryarsh Park causing a nuisance. If this happens to you, please report to the police online or using the 111 non emergency number.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting which will be held in The Davison Room of Ryarsh Village Hall has been moved to **Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.45pm**. The meeting includes the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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

**FREE
EVENT**



CORONATION Picnic and Fun Day

**Monday 8 May
from 2pm on Ryarsh Village Green***

**Bring your
own picnic
(no glass
please)**

**Family
rounders
match**

**Fancy dress
competition
(Kings &
Queens)**

**Traditional
sports day
games**

**Face
painting
and
crafts**

**Teas &
Coffees
available
in the
Village
Hall**

**Raffle
(proceeds going
to the Ryarsh
fireworks &
Christmas
Tree Fund)**

**Please remember
your cash for the
raffle as we are
unable to
take
cards**



**If you wish to attend, please contact Caroline Martin at
carolinesmartin@googlemail.com or John at the Duke of Wellington**

**Election of Parish Councillors to Parish Council
Ryarsh Parish
Notice of Poll and Statement of Persons**

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Notice is hereby given that:

This election is uncontested			
The number of Parish Councillors to be elected is 7			
The following people stand nominated for election to this Parish.			
Candidate name	Description of candidate	Address of candidate ¹	Names of the Proposer and Seconder to the nomination
BETTS, Andrew Christopher		The Bungalow, Old School Lane, Ryarsh, Kent, ME19 5LP	Andrew Christopher Betts(P), Jonathan Gregory William Sutton(S)
MCKINLAY, Mary	Project Manager	(address in Tonbridge and Malling)	Melvin A Barton(P), Linda Barton(S)
PAYNE, Samantha Ann		(address in Tonbridge and Malling)	Wayne A Oliver(P), Neil Casselle(S)
SUTTON, Jon		Duke Of Wellington, Birling Road, Ryarsh, West Malling, Kent, ME19 5LS	Jonathan Gregory William Sutton(P), Andrew Christopher Betts(S)

¹If a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the relevant electoral area in which their home address is situated (or the country if their address is outside the UK) will be provided.

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**Election of Borough Councillors to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Birling, Leybourne & Ryarsh Ward
Notice of Poll and Statement of Persons Nominated**

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Notice is hereby given that:

A poll will be held on Thursday, 4 May 2023 between 7am and 10pm			
The number of Borough Councillors to be elected is 2			
The following people stand nominated for election to this Ward.			
Candidate name	Description of candidate	Address of candidate ¹	Names of the Proposer and Seconder to the nomination
BANKS, Bill	Liberal Democrat	29 Harvest Ridge, Leybourne, West Malling, ME19 5LY	Paul Andrew Boxall(P), Patrick S Tootal(S)
BOXALL, Paul Andrew	Liberal Democrat	73 Bridgewater Place, Leybourne, Kent, ME19 5QS	William H Banks(P), Deborah Boxall(S)
EVANS, Deirdre Ann	Labour Party	(address in Tonbridge and Malling)	James Makin(P), Ellen E Makin(S)
MCKINLAY, Mary	Conservative Party Candidate	(address in Tonbridge and Malling)	Ivor J Emson(P), Veronica V Emson(S)
WEBB, Sam	Conservative Party Candidate	(address in Tonbridge and Malling)	Robert A Ulph(P), Paul David Young(S)



Elections Act 2022

The Elections Act 2022 received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022. This ensures that UK elections remain secure, fair, modern, inclusive and transparent. The UK Government is making changes to the UK Electoral system. The Act contains measures that affect the elections and the way we vote, campaigning and the rules on campaign spending and funding, parliamentary oversight of the Electoral Commission.

From 4th May 2023, all voters will need to show photo ID at all polling stations. Accepted forms of Photo ID are:

- Passport
- Driving (this includes a provisional) Licence
- A Blue Badge
- Bus Passes

If your ID is out of date, you can still use it as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same you registered to vote.

If you don't have the correct form of ID then you can apply for a free Voter ID document called a "Voter Authority Certificate". You will need to register to vote before applying for this. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm Tuesday 25th April 2023.

Relaunching
STEPPING STONES!



Friday 28th April
Friday 26th May
Friday 30th June
5:00 - 6:00 PM



Ryarsh Church Hall,
Church Road (off
Roughetts Road),
Ryarsh
ME19 5LD

Stepping Stones is a **free** church youth group for
primary school children, aged 4 - 11.

Come along for a fun filled
session with bible stories, arts
and crafts, and games,
as well as cookery, drama and
the occasional outing!



For more information, contact Sarah:
sarahsherhod@gmail.com 07740 306051

St Martin's Church Ryarsh

Spring Newsletter 2023

Dear Friends of Ryarsh,



Rev David Green

For the last 12 years, I have had the privilege of looking out my study window in West Malling and observing the slow changing of the seasons. The snowdrops have just given a spectacular start to the year and

now the Daffodils are starting to emerge with that spring-time dash of colour and joy. Here in our parishes, there's a changing of the seasons taking place also.

The recent appointment of Rev Canon Dr Helen Burn to serve as our Team Rector completes the trio of paid Clergy who will work across seven parishes. I'm delighted to be working with Helen and I look forward to supporting her as she seeks to lead us all.

My previous patch of West Malling and Offham is expanding and, for the first time, I have team-mates in the task of Christian service as a Minister. But inevitably, I know change can sometimes feel daunting. One of the things that makes it feel much less scary is the love and support of friends and colleagues and a gracious sense of generosity between our parishes; seeking the best for one another and for all, rather than jealously guarding our own interests.

I'd like to say thank you to the good people of Ryarsh for already making me feel welcome as Team Vicar. I've enjoyed being able to carry out a Christening, a school assembly and a Sunday service and as rotas start to align, I'm sure there will be lots more to come.

Onwards and upwards!

Rev David
e-mail vicar@stmaryswestmalling.org.uk
telephone 01732 842245



Rev Canon
Dr Helen Burn



Curate Rev
Kelly Parson

NU-VENTURE		Buses 58 and 70 from 13 February 2023	
<p>Kent County Council financial support for buses 58 and 70 ends from 12 February 2023 and school-time buses 558/578 also cease to serve the Malling area. However, until July 2023, Nu-Venture will continue to operate a limited replacement daytime service on certain days of the week as shown below.</p> <p>Please - use it or lose it! Continuation beyond July 2023 will be dependent on usage in coming months.</p>			
Fridays only - starts 17 February 2023		Nu-Venture Bus 58	
BOROUGH GREEN STATION	0930	MAIDSTONE King St (Boots)	1300
Wrotham Square	0935	also stops at Town Hall and West Stn	
Addington opp The Green	0945	Aylesford (A20) Sainsbury's	1318
Trottscliffe opp The George	0954	A20 Ditton Corner	1321
Wrotham Heath adj The Vineyard	0959	Larkfield Wealden Hall	1323
Addington opp Jungle Café	1003	East Malling opp King & Queen	1326
Ryarsh opp Duke of Wellington	1008	West Malling High St opp Tesco	1334
Birling opp Nevill Bull	1011	Leybourne adj The Old Rectory	1339
Leybourne Baywell	1016	Birling adj Nevill Bull	1345
West Malling High St opp Tesco	1023	Ryarsh adj Duke of Wellington	1348
East Malling King & Queen	1031	A20 Addington Jungle Café	1353
Larkfield opp Wealden Hall	1035	Addington opp The Green	1356
A20 Hall Road opp Sainsbury's	1039	Trottscliffe opp The George	1401
MAIDSTONE TOWN CENTRE	1055	Wrotham Heath adj The Vineyard	1408
		Wrotham Square	1413
		BOROUGH GREEN STATION	1418
Mondays only - starts 13 February 2023		Nu-Venture Bus 70	
Wrotham Square	0930	West Malling High St opp Tesco	1145
BOROUGH GREEN STATION	0937	East Malling King & Queen	1153
Platt, A25 Long Mill Lane	0942	TESCO LUNSFORD PK Chaucer Way	1200
Wrotham Heath Royal Oak	0945	Leybourne Chase Costcutter	1210
Offham Green	0950	West Malling High St Tesco	1220
West Malling High St opp Tesco	0956	Offham Green	1225
Leybourne Chase opp Costcutter	1006	Wrotham Heath Royal Oak	1230
TESCO LUNSFORD PK Chaucer Way	1016	Platt, A25 Long Mill Lane	1233
East Malling opp King & Queen	1024	BOROUGH GREEN STATION	1238
West Malling High St Tesco	1032	Wrotham Square	1243
<p>Code M = Mondays only - No service on other days. NO service on Bank Holidays Code F = Fridays only - No service on other days. NO service on Bank Holidays</p>			

Buses serve all bus stops on line of route.

When boarding, please give a clear hand-signal as the bus approaches.

Pay on the bus with cash or card. Single and return fares available for all journeys.

We welcome the English National Concessionary Travel Pass.

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Nu Venture Bus Service

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However, until July 2023, **Nu Venture** will continue to operate a limited replacement daytime service on certain days of the week. Parish Councils are helping to fund this service. The 58 Bus Service for Ryarsh is on a **Friday**.

PLEASE USE IT OR LOSE IT

Continuation beyond July 2023 will be dependent on usage in coming months. The number 58 Friday Bus Service leaves Ryarsh opposite Duke of Wellington at 10.08.

The service stops at Leybourne, West Malling High Street opposite Tesco, East Malling King and Queen, Larkfield opposite Wealden Hall, Hall Road opposite Sainsburys and Maidstone Town Centre.

The return service leaves Maidstone at 13.00 and arrives in Ryarsh at 13.48.

The full timetable is available at www.nu-venture.online/bus-times

Are you or is someone you care for affected by Dementia?



Does your work involve caring for or spending time with someone who has dementia?

KENT DEMENTIA SHOWCASE 19TH MAY 2023

Meet local professionals, connect with dementia support services, learn about cutting-edge research, try different activities and attend the Dementia Friendly Kent Awards 2023 at 2pm

Free Entry - 10am - 3.30pm



Doors open at 9.30am for professionals to network

Kent Event Centre,
Kent Showground, Detling

www.kentdaa.org

07846 238 925



HOW TO REPORT FAULTS AND PROBLEMS

KENT HIGHWAYS



Report a problem on a road or pavement. You can report non-urgent issues online including: street light faults, potholes, drainage, traffic signal faults, overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass).

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

To report any emergency issues outside of normal office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am till 5pm), please telephone 03000 41 91 91.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY



You can report non-urgent issues online including: broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or dangerous path surfaces, damaged or missing signposts.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL



You can report issues about refuse collections, fly tipping and litter and street cleaning.

waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk

Customer.services@tmbc.gov.uk

Telephone 01732 844522

POLICE



Emergency 999. Call 999 if:

- a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

You can also text 'Police' to 60066 if you're deaf or hard of hearing.

Silent 999 calls - If you're in danger but you can't talk on the phone, you should still call 999, then [follow the instructions](https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/us/contact-us/how-to-make-a-silent-999-call/): (<https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/us/contact-us/how-to-make-a-silent-999-call/>) depending on whether you're calling from a mobile or a landline.

Non-emergency 101. Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

You can also text 'Police' to 60066 if you're deaf or hard of hearing.

Anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321. Call the UK Anti-Terrorism Hotline if you've seen or heard something that you think could suggest terrorist activity.

Report online at www.kent.police.uk

PCSO - csu.tonbridge.and.malling@kent.police.uk

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS



Motorways and Major A Road problems - To Report a problem on the network -

<https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk>

General Enquiries - info@nationalhighways.co.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5000

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

New WhatsApp Scam

Action Fraud has received over 60 reports relating to a scam that steals access to a WhatsApp user's account. The scam begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact. The criminal, posing as your friend or someone that's a member of a WhatsApp group you're in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you.

However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out.

The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

What you need to do

Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account: Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

- THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS)
- You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.



Preventing fraud

← Account Two-Step Verification



Two-step verification on your phone to enter your phone number on your account is not being used.

Turn Off

never Believe

always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice!




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Kent Police

Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
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If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to 60066

www.kent.police.uk   



Guided group walks – May 2023



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.

Luddesdown Valley (25 May walk)

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. If you're new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you. For details of all our mid-week and Sunday walks, and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk.

Thursday 4 May	Tudeley Hale Circular Walk towards Five Oak Green and Capel, through Half Moon Wood, with views of Hadlow Tower. Mainly flat; moderate difficulty. Short break at Capel Church to see the medieval wall paintings.	5.5 miles
Sunday 14 May	A leisurely Spring stroll from Leigh passing Cinder Hill, Charcott, and Coppings Brook. Some stiles, minimal road walking, mostly fields and tracks.	5.5 miles
Thursday 18 May	Circular Walk of Contrasts from Platt to Borough Green via Basted Mill, returning across fields and Platt Woods. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Thursday 25 May	Circular walk from Meopham through the quiet Luddesdown Valley and vineyards to Great Buckland, returning via The Wealdway. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles
Sunday 28 May	Leisurely circular walk from Wrotham to Trottiscliffe; mainly flat; some road walking.	6.5 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.

Tonbridge & Malling Police Community Safety Newsletter

Ryarsh

Contacts

csu.tonbridge.and.malling@kent.police.uk Contact your local team

<https://www.kent.police.uk/> Report online, check statistics, information on your area.

<https://www.crashmap.co.uk/> Road Safety Information

March 2023

Information provided by: PCSO 59862 James Robinson Community Safety Unit

Crime Series or Crimes of Note

16 March – Theft of drain covers. Brooks Drive.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

Items of good work:



For more information about policing in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk

To report a non-urgent crime online, visit www.kent.police.uk/contactus

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Crime Prevention Information:

- Number plate theft is on the rise again. Please ensure you have tamper proof screws holding your number plate on to the vehicle.
- The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.
- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- Make sure the door is always securely locked.
- Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents' policy.
- Please report non-emergency crimes online where possible.
- The Community Support Unit can gain a better picture where reports have an official reference number so we can collate data effectively.

Tonbridge & Malling Police Community Safety Newsletter



Be the first to find out what's happening in your area

My Community Voice is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police.

Whether you live, work or socialise in Kent or Medway, My Community Voice provides real-time messages directly from our police officers, staff and volunteers, about matters that may affect you or your community.

Your voice is important to us and we want to hear what concerns or views you may have in the area that is important to you. You can also share messages with others or reply to our alerts if you have information to share.

From crime prevention advice, to the latest updates on scams, appeals or events – you control what information you receive and how you receive it, by email, text or voice message.



Sign up today or to find out more visit www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk




Report a crime

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Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**.

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