



## RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

### May Parish Council Meeting

- The Parish Council elections were uncontested. Cllr Mary McKinlay has been re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Jon Sutton has been elected as Vice-Chairman. Your Parish Councillors are:



Mary McKinlay  
Chairman



Jon Sutton  
Vice-Chairman



Andy Betts



Caroline Martin



Sam Payne

- There are vacancies for two Parish Councillors, and it is hoped new members will be able to join at the June meeting.
- Parish Councillors have completed an annual inspection of fire hydrants to check that there are no maintenance issues.
- Councillors carry out regular inspections of the play area equipment



### TMBC

Borough Council Elections took place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Cllrs Bill Banks and Paul Boxall were elected for the Birling, Ryarsh and Leybourne Ward. Ryarsh Parish Council looks forward to working with our new Borough Councillors.



### **Kent Highways**

The results of traffic surveys carried out at two locations in Roughetts Road and one location on Woodgate Road have now been shared with the Parish Council. The Parish Council is working with Kent Highways to fully understand these results. 85% of vehicles on Woodgate Road are travelling at speeds of less than 35mph in a 30mph zone. On Roughetts Road, 85% of vehicles are travelling between 42.1 and 45 mph in a 40mph zone. These figures are slightly in excess of the speed limit, but it only takes one speeding vehicle to cause an accident. Councillors will be asking Kent Highways what work can be done to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

One way that the community can work together to improve speed is through Speedwatch - [Community Speedwatch | Kent Police](#)

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a road safety initiative that's coordinated by Kent Police and run by local communities. Trained volunteers monitor the speeds of vehicles using approved 'speed indication devices' (SIDs).

The aim of the initiative is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Speedwatch helps reduce speed. Kent Police collect the data about vehicle speeds and assess it. If problems with speeding and dangerous driving are shown, appropriate action is taken. This may include:

- raising the issues with Kent County Council Highways officers
- enforcing speed limits with help from the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership and their Special Constabulary
- enforcing road safety laws using local officers

If you are interested in taking part in the Speedwatch Initiative, please speak to one of the Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk – [clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk). If there are enough volunteers the Parish Council will look into arranging training and purchasing the necessary equipment. Speedwatch encourages drivers to slow down but also provides us with evidence to use when asking Kent Highways or the Police to take action.



### **Police**

### **KALC Community Award**

This year's Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award was given to Mary McKinlay. Cllr Andy Betts presented the Award at the Coronation Picnic. Mary has been on the Parish Council for over 10 years, has been Chairman for 4 years and has represented the Village at numerous groups including TMBC Standards Board, Tonbridge & Malling Kent Association of

Local Councils, Joint Parish Councils Transport Consultative Group, TMBC Parish Partnership Panel

*“Mary's dedication and commitment to Ryarsh has been steadfast and unwavering. Her encyclopaedic grasp of local politics and willingness to gain knowledge to better life for residents has benefited everyone.”*



### **Next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting which will be held in The Davison Room of Ryarsh Village Hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 8pm.** 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](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)



## Coronation and Picnic Fun Day - Ryarsh

Thank you to everyone that came to the Coronation Picnic in Ryarsh. Thankfully the weather held up for us! Lovely seeing so many happy faces and people enjoying the games played on the green. We are pleased to announce that over £700 was raised for the Ryarsh fireworks for 2023, thank you to everyone that donated prizes and bought tickets and helped on the day. What a fantastic village we have!





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
Trottiscliffe 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	Trottiscliffe 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>			

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