



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JULY 2022 EDITION

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – LIGHTING OF THE BEACON

At 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June 2022, John Couchman lit the beacon for Horsmonden to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. John has served the village for over 40 years and the Parish Council were honoured when he agreed to light the beacon on their behalf.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a special evening.



COUNCILLOR LITTER PICK

On Sunday 29th May, a group of Parish councillors decided to get together to clean up the centre of the village in time for the Jubilee celebrations. It was very worthwhile as they managed to fill 4 black bin liners, leaving the village green and the surrounding area looking much better.

KENT HIGH WEALD PARTNERSHIP (KHWP)

The Parish Council invited Cally Fiddimore from the Kent High Weald Partnership to speak at their Annual Parish Meeting in May. The KHWP is a non-profit organisation hosted by KCC with offices at Bedgebury Pinetum. Cally had prepared a very interesting presentation detailing the work of the KHWP and their vision for the future. She also highlighted some local projects they have recently been involved in including assisting with the development of the Horsmonden Community Garden and reptile relocation at the Furnace Lane development.

You can see the full presentation from KHWP on the Parish Council website under the news section.

HORSMONDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you waiting for an allotment or wanting to grow your own vegetables this year? The Community Garden in Horsmonden would love to welcome newcomers with beds ready to be put into production. Please call 01892 722566 if you are interested in finding out more.

HORMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

We are pleased to confirm that the Parish Council's recent decision to close the public toilets every day at 3pm was effective in reducing the rates of vandalism and it was great to see the toilets in such good order for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

However, unfortunately, shortly after this event there was another act of vandalism which required emergency works to be carried out.

The Parish Council will continue to closely monitor this situation and will regularly review the opening/closing hours of the toilets. If you witness any anti-social behaviour or anyone causing damage in this area, please report it to Kent Police immediately.

WORKS AT THE INSTITUTE BUILDING (SOCIAL CLUB)

It has been a busy few weeks at The Institute. The new windows and doors have now been fitted giving the building a much lighter and brighter feel. We hope you agree that they look fantastic.

In early June, work began to install the William Lambert Plaque at the front of the building in the disused doorway to the left of the main entrance. The plaque (1893) commemorates William Lambert, known as the maker of steam engines in the village.

It is hoped that once the plaque has settled into its new home there will be a grand unveiling event where the whole community can come together and celebrate the renaissance of this very special piece of history. Further details regarding this will follow.

LORRY WATCH

If you regularly notice lorries that are using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions on our local roads, you may wish to consider joining 'Lorry Watch'. This is a scheme run by Kent County Council where information on lorries that are thought to be using unsuitable roads can be collated and passed on to Kent Police for further investigation. Kent Police can find the vehicle's registered keeper and if the vehicle is

ignoring the legal limits and restrictions, the police will contact the company and warn them that if they continue it may result in formal action. Anyone can be a member of Lorry Watch, you simply email freight@kent.gov.uk or use KCC's online reporting tool.

The Clerk is also available to help either by email and phone:

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

Clerk to Horsmonden Parish Council

Telephone: 01892 724989 (to leave a message)

Mobile: 07484 904765

E-mail: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)