



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

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We are all very much looking forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations this month. The Parish Council have been working closely with HoVEC to make sure all the events planned run smoothly and the village green is looking its best. We are certain that it will be a long weekend to remember!

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the Parish Council have installed a commemorative bench. The new bench is located on the village green under the large Horse Chestnut tree and features a circular plaque within each armrest showing the official Platinum Jubilee logo. We hope that you agree it is a very special addition to the village.



SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

There is now a dedicated website created by the community in Tunbridge Wells which provides useful resources for Ukrainian guests coming to stay in the Borough. The link to the web page is: <https://twhelpsukraine.info/>

We also have a local Welcome Pack available so if you are hosting a Ukrainian family in Horsmonden please let us know so that we can arrange for a pack to be sent out.

SPEEDWATCH – CAN YOU HELP?

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record the speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around 90% of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months.

We already have an active Speedwatch group in Horsmonden, who do a great job, but they are always in need of more volunteers. If you would like to join the group and help reduce speeding vehicles in the area, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office.

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

Unfortunately, the difficult decision has been made by the Parish Council to lock the Public Toilets from 3pm each day due to a spate of continuous vandalism and unsociable behaviour. This is a temporary measure to see if things improve and the Council will continue to monitor and reassess the situation at regular intervals.

WORKS AT THE INSTITUTE BUILDING (SOCIAL CLUB)

Work will soon begin to install the William Lambert Plaque at the front of the Institute building in the disused doorway to the left of the main entrance. The plaque dates back to 1893 and is an intricate piece of commemorative stone work which was rescued from the former Boddington's factory site, located where Oliver's Court is now. William Lambert was an important character in Horsmonden history, owning a large engineering site located where Lamberts Place is currently, where he made and kept many steam engines. The plaque has been in storage for some years whilst the Council searched for a suitable place to display it.

We are looking forward to seeing the plaque in its new position soon for everyone to admire.

The building is also having smart new windows installed and work on this will have already started by the time you read this article!

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH AND PLANNING

You can stay up to date with new planning applications in the Parish by keeping an eye on our monthly meeting agendas, which are published on our website and put on our noticeboards. Our next meeting is

Tuesday 21st June at 7.30pm in Horsmonden Village Hall.

You can also view and make comments on applications as well as set up email notifications to receive details of planning applications in the local area by using the TWBC planning portal:

<https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

GIBBET LANE / FURNACE LANE DEVELOPMENT

Thakeham Group have recently issued an update to residents confirming that the site is progressing at an encouraging pace and is still on track for delivery of a completed development by the end of the year.

You can view the full update on our website:

https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/_VirDir/CoreContents/News/Display.aspx?id=49239

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)