



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

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – LIGHTING OF THE BEACON

Horsmonden Parish Council will, in conjunction with HoVEC and other volunteers, be lighting their beacon on the Village Green at **9.45pm** on **2nd June** to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Village Choir will at the same time be singing the Song for The Commonwealth – "A Life Lived with Grace".

We hope that local families and friends will come to join in this celebration on the Village Green. For more details about the weekend packed with special events please visit the HoVEC website:

<https://www.hovec.co.uk/summer-festival-2022>

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

We are all deeply shocked and saddened by the current situation in Ukraine.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council now have a dedicated page about the support which is being offered by the community and how you can assist.

<https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/news/ukraine>

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.

ROAD CLOSURES

The village and surrounding areas are experiencing a lot of disruption due to Kent County Council roadworks. We are often advised of temporary road closures very close to or even after the start date but we make sure that the details we receive from KCC are published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page as quickly as possible. You can sign up on our website for all the news to allow you to stay up to date with what is happening in the Parish.

ALLOTMENTS

The Council continues the search for a suitable site for allotments and would like to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas of space which could be made

available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

WORKS AT THE INSTITUTE BUILDING (SOCIAL CLUB)

The Parish Council have commissioned new windows and replacement doors at the side and rear entrances of the building and these will be fitted once more settled weather is with us.

Work has also now been commissioned 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) 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. It is hoped that this work will commence in mid-June.



2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 16 May at 7:30pm**. It will be an opportunity to hear about what the Council is, and has, been doing over the past year.

If you have any particular issues which you would like to raise or discuss, please come along, and take advantage of the opportunity to speak. In particular, this year, the Council will be asking parishioners to give their opinion about increasing the Christmas lighting for 2022 and updating the parish on the progress of the Horsmonden neighbourhood Plan.

The Council wants to support the Parish in as many ways as it can during these changing times, so do contact the Clerk with whatever queries or concerns you may have, or come along to the meeting if you can.

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)

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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)