



DETLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Our first newsletter has been well received and we have had so many positive comments as a result of which we have now had several residents who have offered to help with the distribution.

Sherrie informs us that the parish council used to have its own Newsletter, as a stand alone from the Detling News, and also a group of villagers who assisted councillors to deliver it. We have come full circle.

The newsletter forms part of a layered communication strategy that we will be developing over the coming months.

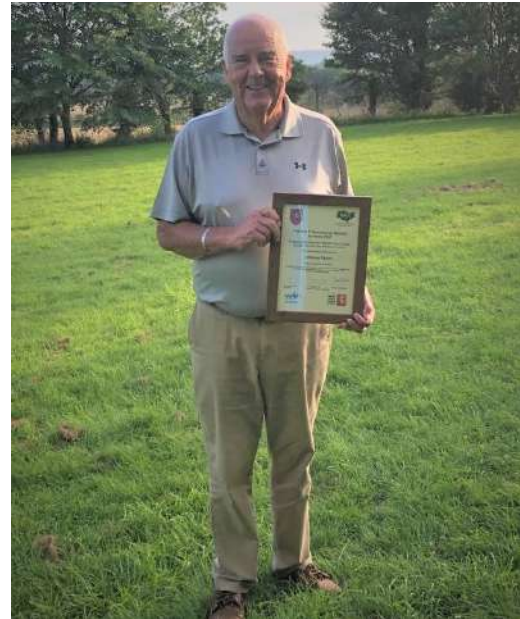
Summary Arising from Detling Parish Council meeting 22nd July 2021 (not covered else where in the Newsletter)

- The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/21 was approved by the Parish Council for submission to the external auditor.
- The purchase of 5 new lockable noticeboards was AGREED. KCC Cllr Shellina Prendergast has given a grant of £1000 towards the cost.
- A budget of £2500 was AGREED for the Communications Group
- A budget of £500 was AGREED for the Village Cricket Match
- A section 101 Scheme of Delegation was adopted. This provides delegated authority to the Clerk to facilitate effective decision making when necessary.
- It was AGREED that the Highways Group would investigate the possibility of additional parking in the fields adjacent to the Old School Playing Field
- Tony Taylor provided his monthly maintenance report

The following recommendations from the Open Spaces Committee were AGREED:

- To obtain quotes from an arborist for a yearly tree survey and ongoing maintenance of the trees in the Old School Playing Field.
- To progress a Management Plan for Monks Meadow
- A £500 budget for Planting in our Open Spaces
- To purchase two litter bins for the Old School Playing Field to encourage our younger residents to put their litter in the bin.

Kent Association of Local Council (KALC) Community Awards Scheme 2021



The **KALC Community Awards Scheme** is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community, it is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council.

The Parish Council nominated **Tony Taylor** because *'he is the epitome of the community volunteer. A selfless and committed resident who works tirelessly to preserve, maintain and enhance the beauty of Detling'*

Irene Bowie Chairman of the Parish Council, presented Tony with his award at the 22nd July Parish Council Meeting.

Old School Playing Field - The parish council is delighted to support the **Village Picnic** on the **21st August** by providing the venue. We have also provided a £30 gift voucher for the Community Shop as a prize for the raffle

However, during the playground inspection it was clear **the benches in the Old School Playing Field** had rotted beyond repair and would not be safe for use. Unfortunately we have had to remove them completely. The new benches, which were ordered earlier in the year are expected very soon. Thank you Tony for the prompt removal.

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PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillors : Bryant, Bowie and Coles

Since the beginning of the year, the planning committee has had a particularly busy time with a large number of planning applications to consider.

The details of all of these, together with any new applications, can be found on the Detling Parish council website.

Total number of new applications in May, June and July – 10
Total number of decisions by MBC – 13 (10 permitted, 3 refused)

Appeals pending -3

- Ref. No: 21/500063/REF Hall At Former Detling Church Of England Primary School The Street Detling
- Ref. No: 21/500059/REF Land Rear Of 7 The Street Detling Kent ME14 3JU
- Ref. No: 21/500050/REF Lynch Bank Farm Barn Detling Hill Detling Kent ME14 3EX

Shortly, the DPC planning committee will be engaging with MBC to discuss updates to the **Detling Conservation Area Management Plan**, which can be found at maidstone.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/19694/Detling-Management-Plan.pdf.

Should anyone have any comments that they would like to make on this plan, please send them to our clerk, Sherrie Babington at clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk by the end of September please.

Members of the Planning Committee are always happy to meet with applicants to discuss their planning applications.

Princes Way Alleyway Update:

We understand that some residents who may not have a printer or access to the internet and can not print off the **Public Right of Way User Evidence Statement**. If that is the case, and you would like a form, please contact Sherrie Babington on **01634 867173** and one will be posted to you.

These forms are needed to provide written evidence that, collectively, the public have used the alleyway for a full 20 years. The forms are still available to download from the parish council website from **or by telephoning the Clerk on 01634 867173**. The closing date for these to be returned to the Parish Clerk is **Wednesday 8th September**. **The forms cannot be emailed they must be posted to the Clerk.** Sherrie's address is on the contact information at the end of the newsletter and is also on our website.

The Parish Council will submit the returned statements with the necessary forms to KCC as soon as possible after the 8th of September.

Monks Meadow:

A sewage spill occurred at the Meadow on Tuesday July 20th during flash flooding.

This was immediately reported to Southern Water by a neighbouring resident who also very kindly informed the Parish Clerk.

Southern Water attended rapidly and made repairs. The Parish Council, as landowners, sought updates from Southern Water and reported this event to the Environmental Health Agency for urgent action and advice.

On Sunday 8th August the problem re-occurred and was reported again to Southern Water who attended the site.

Residents are encouraged to report to the Parish Council any incidents that occur on Parish Council Land so that we can then formally address the matter with the appropriate agencies. Many thanks to the **local residents who have contacted us**.

At the time of printing we have been notified that a significant blockage was cleared by Southern Water on 19th August. An update will be provided in the September Newsletter

Detling Community Store

Is looking for volunteers for the store and the post office. Do you have a couple of hours you might be able to spare? If so please contact them on 01622 631305

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PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS GROUP

Councillors : Coles, Clayton and Bowie

The Lower Thames Crossing :

The preferred route has been chosen by Highways England and the latest consultation closes on September 8th 2021. 'Have your say !'
Tel : 0300 123 5000 or use the website link
info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP):

A Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) is a method whereby KCC will consult with Parish Councils to create a plan for highway improvements in a parish area. The idea is for the Parish Council to list their ideas for improvements in priority order with as much information as possible to allow KCC officers to then investigate the ideas initially as a desk top study and then be able to discuss the ideas a little more in depth.

The benefit of this approach is that there is then an agreed document setting out the various schemes and the recommended action going forward.

KCC have no specific allocation of funding for a Parish HIP. Therefore, it is very likely that there will be no, or limited, funding available from KCC. KCC see it as an opportunity to work with Parish Councils with the potential for possibly jointly funding projects or looking to Parishes to fund a scheme possibly in conjunction with the local KCC Member and his/her grant fund.

Kent Highways have advised us that the **new format of this document has now been approved** and will be shared with all Kent parish councils **in September** and that each Parish can only nominate 2 priorities per year regardless of who is footing the bill!

Parking :

The Highways Committee have proposed a Multi-agency meeting is arranged for discussion of off road parking proposals and also consideration of options for on road parking restrictions between the pub and the Village store. We hope to report on options at the next Parish Council meeting.

Speeding vehicles:

Any personal incidents involving speeding traffic in the village should be reported in the first instance to the Police by calling 101, or by contacting the current PCSO, Matt Adlington (07870 163508).
Please also submit any details to the clerk eg. photo of vehicle/ vehicle registration /date and time of the incident, in order that the Parish Council can keep a log of incidents for discussion with the police.

Jade's Crossing:

Wear and tear/ weather damage to the steps on Jade's Crossing opposite the village store has been reported and also escalated- an Inspector from Kent Highways is now due to visit and assess for further action.

HGVs:

Hopefully, residents will have seen the recently installed signage on the A249 prohibiting HGVs from entering the village. Kent Highways kindly agreed with the DPC Highways Committee to fund the cost of these signs and also the installation.

Weight restriction permanent signage: is under discussion for installation at appropriate points of the village

Reporting a fault on our roads:

KCC Reporting:

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<https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

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Photographs provided by Jeanette Macleod



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Did You Know?

The Parish Council owns Monks Meadow, Horish Wood, The Old School Playing Field and **The Village Hall**.

The Village Hall was opened in March 1976. Led by Mrs Win Williams the village raised over £20,000 by its own efforts, a truly tremendous achievement. This funding was then supplemented by substantial grants from The Kent Education Committee the Department of Education and Science and Swale Borough Council.

We lease the Village Hall to the **Village Hall Management Committee**, which is a registered charity (Charity number: 269784).

The Chairman is Edward Rubie, Phil Nelson is the Treasurer and Penny Day is the Bookings Clerk. They are joined by additional Trustees representing Village Organisations.

If you haven't had a look at what's on at the Village Hall recently please do, as the management committee are doing an outstanding job in looking after and promoting the use of this wonderful community asset.

Detling Village Hall



Photograph by Julia Coles

New Litter bins for the Old School Playing Field



PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllrs Finn, Clayton, Baker-Anderson and Mr T Taylor (non Cllr)

Guest Contributor Derek Whitehead Writes:

Horish Wood

"**Medway Valley Countryside Partnership** lead an award-winning community volunteer team – the Thursday Action Group.

This group has been carrying out task days in Horish Wood since the autumn of 2019 and has been following the prescriptions of a Forestry Commission plan for the site.

Whilst carrying out these duties 10 different species of lepidoptera have been recorded, most notably Green Hairstreak, Silver Washed Fritillary and Silver-ground Carpet Moth.

On a recent Orchid Walk, three species of orchids were spotted – loads of pyramidal, four common spotted and one bee orchid.

These are all to be found on the recently created bund that is the spoil from the high-speed rail link. These species were out trumped by the Lizard Orchid on the road verge nearer to the village.



Pyramidal Orchid



Common Spotted Orchid



Silver Washed Fritillary Moth

E-mail: derek.whitehead@kent.gov.uk
Partnership Officer / Medway Valley Countryside Partnership

Tel: 03000 414 842/03000 422997 / www.medwayvalley.org /
www.kentcountryside.org.uk

Part of the Kent Countryside and Coastal Management Service.

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Open Spaces Committee:

Cllrs Finn, Clayton, Baker-Anderson and Mr T Taylor (non Cllr)

Guest Contributor Kathryn Barton writes:



31 July 2021

Forest School returns to the woodlands

During the past few months, children have enjoyed spending time in Horish Wood on Forest School programmes delivered by Medway Valley Countryside Partnership. This beautiful ancient woodland site is ideal for children to learn, have fun and re-connect with nature.

Dee Pickerill, Principal of Snowfields Academy, the first school to attend Forest School on this site since lockdown, said,

“Our students have a wonderful opportunity to take part in Forest School at Horish Wood, right on our doorstep. Forest School at Horish Wood gives our students, who all have autism, the opportunity to learn transferable skills in a woodland setting. They learn problem solving, team building and independence, all highly worthwhile attributes for our students.”

Favourite activities included making a woodland swing and a zipline (which provided much entertainment, if not being the fastest zipline). Using a stout rope, thrown over a sturdy branch taught many skills, including safety, teamwork, sharing and problem solving. Everything is removed from the woods at the end of a session, meaning that they have to work out how to put it up take it down securely and safely, in addition to the enjoyment of using the swing.

Forest School’s learner-led process allows them to make choices and direct their own learning, leading to improved confidence, self-esteem and resilience. Students gain practical skills and knowledge whilst engaging in exciting, fun activities, such as building shelters, using hand tools, crafts and art. Play is also a vital element of learning, and the pandemic has meant that children have had limited opportunities to play with others. In addition, spending time in nature is shown to improve children’s physical and mental health and wellbeing, so time spent in the woods or other natural environment, is beneficial for children in so many ways.

For more information, please contact:

Kathryn Barton | Forest School Development Officer
Medway Valley Countryside partnership
Email: Kathryn.barton@kent.gov.uk



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HELEN WHATELY'S PARISH UPDATE – SUMMER 2021

Learning to live with Covid

For the past 18 months our lives have been determined by Covid.

It has cancelled plans, pushed businesses to the brink, and taken loved ones from us. While the pandemic is far from over, our phenomenal vaccine rollout has put us in a position where we can begin to learn to live with the virus.

Thank you to everyone continuing to work or volunteer in our local vaccination centres who've helped make this moment possible. Over 2.3 million vaccinations have been given out across Kent, with two thirds of adults in the county having received both jabs.

I know just how important easing restrictions has been for local businesses – especially our pubs and the hospitality sector, and in making life worth living again for so many people.

In the months ahead I'll continue supporting people and businesses affected by Covid and do everything I can to help our local NHS and councils through these crucial next few months.

More than at any point in the pandemic, people need to use their judgement to help keep the virus under control. Everyone can play their part by taking up the offer of being vaccinated and getting tested regularly.

It's up to all of us to think about how our actions and decisions can keep ourselves and others safe. If we're on a crowded train or busy shop, then wearing a face mask is the sensible thing to do. We have our freedoms back, let's use them carefully.

More money for our schools

Schools in Faversham and Mid Kent have been allocated £59 million by the Department for Education – up £4 million on last year.

Minimum funding levels will mean that every primary school will receive at least £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525 per pupil.

I've heard first-hand that our fairer funding formula is already making a difference to schools that have historically been under funded.

This month has also seen a number of our schools take part in virtual visits to Parliament – including The Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Park Wood and Oaks Primary Academy in Shepway.



Backing our tourism businesses

I visited Leeds Castle again recently to meet their new Chief Executive, Helen Bosner-Wilton.

I know the past year has been incredibly tough for tourism and hospitality businesses. I'm glad the Government has published a new strategy to help the sector back on its feet, which includes an extra £352 million in support.

With summer here, and restrictions eased, there's never been a better time to support our local hospitality businesses.



Shepway regeneration plans taking shape

I called into Shepway in July to see for myself how plans to redevelop Cambridge Crescent in Shepway could benefit the local community.

The proposals announced by Golding Homes would see Cambridge Crescent turned into 240 new homes, an updated shopping area, and new public spaces.

Flexible fares become a reality

June saw the introduction of new flexible season tickets for train passengers.

I've been campaigning for fairer fares on our railways, with a ticketing model that better reflects how people live and work, so I'm pleased to see this become a reality.

Under the new scheme, people can purchase a season ticket allowing travel on any 8 days in a month. For commuters from Maidstone, a flexible season ticket could save £832.00 per year on travel to London.

**Helen is the Member of Parliament for
Faversham and Mid Kent.**

**Minister of State (Minister for Care) in the Department for
Health and Social Care.**

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helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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Shout OUT CORNER



Derek Lawrence(L) and Tony Taylor (R)

Derek and Tony have lived in the Village for 8 and 28 years respectively. They have completed some more recent work together by the Village Hall and on the Old School Playing Field. Thank you to both for their continuous efforts in keeping the village safe and tidy.

Andy Shewan - Postman



Andy has been a postman for a total of 41 years. For the last 17 years, he has provided a very reliable service to the many residents in Detling - sorting our mail, and delivering letters and packages in all weathers !

Andy is a popular postman - friendly, happy and knowledgeable, with a cheerful wave and a quick chat for everyone he meets. Thank you

John Monk , Donna and Darren Seal

Who are the volunteers who keep Monks Meadow in such excellent shape for everyone to enjoy.

Brian Monk

For lending his SUV and Trailer for the laying of chippings from Detling Cricket Club by Tony Taylor on the badly rutted areas of Horish Wood.

Paul Thomas

Pollyfield Barn Scragged Oak Road for purchasing a defibrillator and making it available to residents.

Tricia - Oak View Holiday Park

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Jeanette Macleod

For taking and sharing the most wonderful photographs of Detling.



Detling Shopper Bus



Diane and Amanda have been driving this Detling Shopper bus from Detling to Maidstone, via Grove Green Tesco and Vinters Park for over 4 years now. They kindly pick up and drop off residents within the village, always ensuring that they are safely home !

The service is operated on behalf of KCC and is delivered by Compaid Trust, Monday to Friday, in vehicles which are fully wheelchair accessible.

Brian and Tom Stymest

For providing the soil and helping to construct the flower bed at the Community Shop

A Wild in Art event in support of Heart of Kent Hospice

Elmer's in Maidstone and bringing some much-needed colour and joy!

<https://elmermaidstone.co.uk/art-parade/>

Farewell Weekend Lockmeadow
Friday 3 September until Sunday 5 September

How many Elmers can you find in the Newsletter?



DETLING PLAYERS

Photographs provided by Jennie Cosgrove



The Detling Players have been in existence since the late 1970s. Started by Rosemary Hawthorne the actress wife of John the then part-time curate; she said "you couldn't have a village without a drama group".

Since then with a short Covid pause The Players have put on two performances a year...usually a light hearted production in November and a more serious play in April. In addition, for a number of years **Gavin and Sue Mclaggan** produced an open air production of a Shakespeare play at The Croft. This was always a huge team effort including the need for raised seats and a lighting gantry and often included cast from other local amateur dramatic companies. As well as Gavin another regular director of many successful productions was **John Munson** who directed pantomimes and serious plays, including the award winning production of The Importance of being Ernest, the most recent of which was Dancing at Lughnasa. Many of the productions have had local children in the cast including **Tom Clayton and Emma Johnson**.

Over the years The Players have **won many awards** in the **Kent Full-length Play Festival and the Duncan Rand One-Act Play Festival**; Arcadia, a difficult play directed by Gavin was a great success winning Best Actor, Best Set and Best Costumes.

More recently **Ladies in Lavender** won **Best Set and Best Actress**, and in the One Act Festival, Tides, written by Helena Jaques-Morton, the daughter of one of our longstanding actors won Best Production, Best Director, Best Play, Best Actress and Best Set.

The Players have produced a number of actors who have moved on to work professionally including David Vale and Charlie O'Connor, and a number of young budding actors who went to drama school including Shaun Williamson and Megan Vernon.

As is obvious from the list of awards its' not just the Actors that make a good drama group. There are usually far more backstage than there are on the stage. We have been, and still are very lucky to have people in the village and in Maidstone who commit many hours to making wonderful costumes, building excellent sets, creating sound and lighting to support the plays and working front-of-house on the box office, marketing and the Bar.

Our next production in the Village Hall from November 10-13th will be Pressure, a much Covid-delayed play about the D-Day landings by the well-known actor David Haig.

Detling Players is proud to be a vital part of the village community.

If you are interested in acting or in backstage support please email our Secretary Gill Munson at gillmunson@fastmail.fm



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DETLING VILLAGE HALL

Monday

10am Detling Watercolour Group Contact Brian Howe at Valerie Howe valeriejanehowe@gmail.com
 10.30am Medau Fitness Class with Sue Tapp. Contact at suemedau@aol.com; Home: 01795 410525, M: 07731777114

6pm Yoga for Beginners with Rachael Webb. Contact rachaelwebb7@hotmail.co.uk
 7.30pm Detling Short Mat Bowls Contact Olive Monk 01622 736903

Tuesday

10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:

Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>

Phone: 07540462571

10am Baby Massage: Contact Becky on 07540075797
 email: babybe223@gmail.com

6pm Yoga Contact Julie Dodd at julie@doddhome.com or 01795 559777

7.30pm Ju Jitsu Contact Simon Long at [simon <simon@admsl.uk.com>](mailto:simon@admsl.uk.com)

Wednesday

9.30am Hilary's Pilates Contact Hilary at Hilary's Pilates [<hilaryspilates@gmail.com>](mailto:hilaryspilates@gmail.com)

4pm Amelia Appleby School of Performing Arts Contact Debbie at aamaidstone@gmail.com

7pm 3rd Wednesday of the month: WI – Contact Ann Spain on 01622 676773

7.30pm 2nd Wednesday of the month: Marmite Ukulele Club – Contact Anna at marmiteukuleleclub@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday

10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:

Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>

Phone: 07540462571

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/footyfortots/>

12pm 1st Thursday of the month Making Miracles Knitting/Craft contact Sally Howells at sally@makingmiracles.org.uk or on 01622735230

1pm 2nd Thursday of the month: U3A – Contact Wendy at wendy-west@sky.com

7pm Invicta Photographic Club: Contact Tony Bentley at [tony- Bentley@btconnect.com](mailto:tony-Bentley@btconnect.com)

7.30pm Ju Jitsu Contact Simon Long at [simon <simon@admsl.uk.com>](mailto:simon@admsl.uk.com)

Friday

9.30am Creative Cooks: Contact Carly at: creativecooks enquiries@gmail.com

10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:

Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>

Phone: 07540462571

5.30pm Badminton Contact Aaron at TMAJM1 [<TMAJMSOLUTIONS@yahoo.co.uk>](mailto:TMAJMSOLUTIONS@yahoo.co.uk)

8pm Ringcraft Contact Jacquetta Brown brownfjord38@outlook.com

Or email: detlingcs@gmail.com

Saturday

9am Kidz Kung Fu Contact Lorraine or Kim at kidzkungfu@gmail.com

9am Spangles Spanish Contact Jimena Shafto on 01622 735292 or info@spangles.org. Website: www.spangles.org

1pm Amelia Appleby School of Performing Arts Contact Debbie at aamaidstone@gmail.com

Sunday

9am (dates on request) Medway Towns Rabbit Fanciers contact Bob Bushell on 01622745314

9am (dates on request) Remote Control Trucking Club contact Noel Dollimore at endee2013@gmail.com

2.30pm (1st Sunday of the month variable) Boxer Dog Club. Contact Sandra Galloway on 01843 867100 or email: CASBAHSANDI@aol.com

7pm (Last Sunday of the month) Ballroom Dancing contact Steven Porter at steven@best-ballroom.co.uk

BONFIRES IN DETLING

The Parish Council would like to encourage everyone within the parish to consider the **impact having a bonfire** may have on others in the community.

It is a common misconception that local by-laws exist to control bonfires. They do not. There are no local by-laws or regulations affecting your right to have a bonfire. It is not illegal to have a domestic bonfire for the purpose of disposing of **your own garden waste**. It is not an offence to light a garden bonfire.

It is however an **offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to cause a statutory smoke nuisance**. A statutory nuisance happens when smoke causes unreasonable interference with a person's use or enjoyment of their property. Smoke nuisance can occur at any time of the day or night.

- The Parish Council does not have the authority or legal powers to take action against residents who have caused a statutory smoke nuisance. We are not being obstructive the authority rests with MBC.

You can report air quality issues including nuisance bonfire smoke at:

https://self.maidstone.gov.uk/service/report_anti_social_behaviour of call MBC on 01622 602202

If you are bothered by smoke you can **approach your neighbour and explain the problem**. You might feel awkward, but they may not be aware of the distress they are causing and it will hopefully make them more considerate in the future.

If an informal approach does not work and MBC are satisfied that the problem amounts to a "statutory nuisance" they may take legal action by serving an "abatement notice", requiring your neighbour to stop. The maximum penalty for failing to comply with the requirements of such a notice is a £5000 fine, (£20,000 in the case of a trade or business).

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BONFIRES?

Burning garden waste can be a convenient way to get rid of bulky and messy waste; but what happens to it when you burn it?

The process of burning it causes it to disintegrate and undergo chemical changes. The result is smoke. Smoke contains many unpleasant and **harmful** components, including **carbon monoxide, dioxins** and **particles**, which are lifted into the air by the heat from the fire.

But that's not the end of it. Put simply, what goes up must come down.

Depending on the atmospheric conditions, smoke may be dispersed over a wide area, causing no visible effects. Alternatively, the combination of careless burning and adverse weather conditions may mean the effects are felt more locally.

- **Health effects** - Some of the chemicals emitted by bonfires can have serious health effects. People with existing health problems such as asthma, bronchitis, and heart conditions are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution. We therefore urge you to think about your neighbours and avoid having garden bonfires. Instead of burning garden waste, we ask that you consider the use of more environmentally friendly methods of disposal.
- **Air Pollution** - The materials released into the atmosphere by a garden bonfire will damage the quality of the air. The effects may be transient and harmless most of the time, however, if there are several people with the same idea in the same area at the same time, or the material being burned is damp, and allowed to smoulder or contains plastics, rubber or painted material, then the resulting smoke will contain many more dangerous chemicals and the pollution will be much worse.
- **Nuisance and Annoyance** - The localised pollution from garden bonfires can prevent other people from opening their windows, hanging out their washing and generally enjoying their gardens.
- **Safety** - Fire from garden bonfires can quickly spread in dry conditions. Sheds, fences and other structures may be at risk. Don't forget also that stray sparks carried off with the smoke can have a devastating effect on some buildings.

Simple Steps to avoid trouble:

There are some simple steps you can take to reduce the impact of your bonfire, **or to avoid having one altogether**:

- *Compost garden waste or use an alternative disposal service for green waste.*
- *DO NOT burn any oily rags, rubber, plastics, damp garden waste or other materials that would create heavy smoke or toxic fumes*
- *Never light a bonfire when your neighbours have washing drying, or are out enjoying their gardens or have windows open.*
- *Advise your nearest neighbours before you light a bonfire so they can be prepared for any minor inconvenience that may arise.*
- *Choose the time of day and weather conditions that will cause the least inconvenience to neighbours.*
- *Never leave your fire to smoulder for long periods and do not allow a bonfire to continue burning beyond dusk.*
- *Burn material quickly in small quantities in a hot fire so the minimum amount of smoke is created. Choose your bonfire site carefully, well away from trees, fences and windows.*
- *Beware of attempting bonfires on very windy days as it can so easily get out of control.*
- *Have a hose-pipe and buckets of water handy just in case.*
- *Never leave a fire unattended.*

Bonfire Smoke Can Harm Others



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USEFUL CONTACTS



Police Information

PCSO Matt Adlington

Eastern Sector Maidstone Neighbourhood Team

To report a crime in progress call 999

To report any other incident call 101

To make a general enquiry call 01622 604390, or email at maidstone.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Kent County Council:

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

Report a problem on a road or pavement:

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<https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

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- fly tipping,
- litter,
- parking
- street cleaning.

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/>

Highways England for motorways and major A road problems

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/>

Kent County Councillor :

Shellina Prendergast

shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk

Maidstone BC Councillor :

Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Sheppard

07788 923495

nickdewiggondene-sheppard@maidstone.gov.uk

Village Hall:

To contact the booking clerk,

<https://www.detlingvillagehall.co.uk/booking-enquiries/>

call 07950 290 589 after 6pm

or email penny@detlingvillagehall.co.uk

Community Shop:

<https://www.detlingcommunitystore.co.uk/contact-us>

01622 631305

Environment Agency Incident Hotline: 0800 807060

Electricity Problems:

0800 7838866

Fly Tipping and Waste Collection:

Including bulky items 01622 602162

To report a problem on a PROW (Public Right of Way

– Footpath) please contact KCC on 03000 41 41 41

or report online: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

Parish Council Emails:

All Councillors and the Clerk now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. All Parish Council email communication is conducted via these dedicated email addresses

Councillors will no longer use their personal email addresses.

In the first instance please contact Sherrie and she will direct your email to the relevant Councillor.

clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Please contact the Parish Clerk - Sherrie Babington

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ROAD WORKS AND CLOSURES



M20 J7 Overnight bridge work (East side)
Work scheduled 8pm-6am Sunday August
22nd-Monday September 6th (excluding
 bank holiday weekend 27th-30th August)

Some residents received a letter from Highways England ref. M20_609233 on the 11/8/21 regarding the diversion of traffic through Detling Village. Upon receipt of this letter, **Councillor Coles** immediately contacted Highways England and Kent Highways for correction of and clarification on the diversion routes.

Highways England and Kent Highways have now confirmed the following :

ALL traffic is to be held at J5 on the M2 and no traffic other than residents' (for access), low cc motorcycles, cyclists or horses will be allowed access to the A249 S.

- Motorway traffic will be diverted from M2 J5 along the M2 and the A229 S.

(Non-motorway traffic will be diverted from M2 J5 along the A2 and the A229 S)

- Local traffic wishing to access the A249 N : travel through Detling to Bearsted via Hockers Lane and then return past Notcutts across the west side of the bridge at J7 on the M20.

- Local traffic which is London bound : from the A249S take the M20 East bound to J8 and return on M20 towards J7.



Temporary Road Closures:

Kent County Council have provided the following information: (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 TEMPORARY ORDER MAY 2021

For the safety of the public and participants whilst events are held at the Kent Event Centre, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily restrict through traffic on various roads in Maidstone.

This Order will come into operation at times when required on:

- **Military Odyssey - Saturday 28th August 2021 to Monday 30th August 2021**
- **Paws in the Park - Saturday 18th September 2021 to Sunday 19th September 2021**

The following restrictions will be imposed whilst an event is being held, as shown opposite.

SCHEDULE

It will be necessary to impose temporary mandatory speed limits on the following roads:

Detling Hill, Detling & Sittingbourne Road,

Thurnham(Northbound) - 40 mph speed limit will be imposed from the junction with Scragged Oak Road up to the vicinity of the Shell Garage.

Scragged Oak Road, Stockbury - 30mph speed limit will be imposed between the junctions with Cox Street and A249 Detling Hill.

Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham & Detling Hill, Detling (Southbound). - 50 mph speed limit will be imposed from the junction with Chalky Road to the off-slip near the junction with Scragged Oak Road.

Detling Hill, Detling (southbound) - 40 mph speed limit will be imposed from the off-slip near the junction with Scragged Oak Road near to the junction with The Street.

Vehicles will be prohibited from turning right, expect upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicles to turn right, on the following roads between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 only:

Scragged Oak Road, Stockbury - from turning right into A249 Detling Hill southbound.

A249 Detling Hill, Detling - from turning right into Scragged Oak Road. **Rumstead Lane, Stockbury** - from turning right into A249 Sittingbourne Road northbound.

A249 Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury - from turning right into Rumstead Lane. South Green Lane, Sittingbourne - from turning right into A249 Sittingbourne Road northbound. Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury - from turning right into South Green Lane.

A249 Detling Hill, Detling (northbound) will have a lane closure in place on lane 1 from the main gate to the exit located near the Shell Garage, to allow for vehicles to join the A249 safely.

A Clearway Restriction will be imposed on both the northbound and southbound carriageways of Sittingbourne Road, Detling, A249 Detling Hill and Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury between junction 7 of the M20 and Junction 5 of the M2.

The alternative route for any through traffic affected by the above restrictions are either:

Traffic travelling northbound is via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway

Traffic travelling southbound is via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway.

For information regarding this Order please contact Kent Event Centre on 01622 630975, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

This notice is also available on the Parish Council website.

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CHILDREN'S COMPETITION



CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART COMPETITION!



Do you know a budding young artist? Are you looking for something fun for your children to do during the holidays? We have just the thing!

Detling Village Children's Art Competition - "What I did in my Summer Holidays". Draw and colour a picture (A4 size) of your favourite summer holiday activity!

There will be three age groups pictures can be entered into - Nursery, Primary and Secondary.

Please make sure you write your name, age and contact address/telephone number on the back.

Winning entries from each group will be published in the next Detling Parish Council Newsletter.

When: entries no later than 4th September 2021

Where: Detling Community Store

CROSSWORD SOLUTION JULY By Gary Bryant

Did anyone manage to complete this one? There were no correct entries.
Can anyone find the solutions to the new crossword?

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Across

- 1 Exclude sensitive publican (9)
- 6 Copper gets put off, upset (3,2)
- 9 Doctor covering up a space (3)
- 10 Embarrassments for a newspaper from radical or a centrist (11)
- 11 A plane has difficulties in this country (5)
- 12 Couple designing fine art near church (9)
- 14 Becoming enamoured on the way down? (7)
- 15 Thinks about things in an abstract way (7)
- 17 Number entire ingredients after mixing in gram (7)
- 19 Took it, mass due for new arrangement (7)
For example, go to the shed with little Hugh and you'll see the animals (9)
- 20 Deceitful oldie is lubricated (5)
- 24 Point bromide out - socialist exaggerated (11)
- 26 Did you say thanks, for the stuff on the road? (3)
- 27 For example, hearing part of famous ensemble (5)
- 28 Detain again; settles after getting back (9)

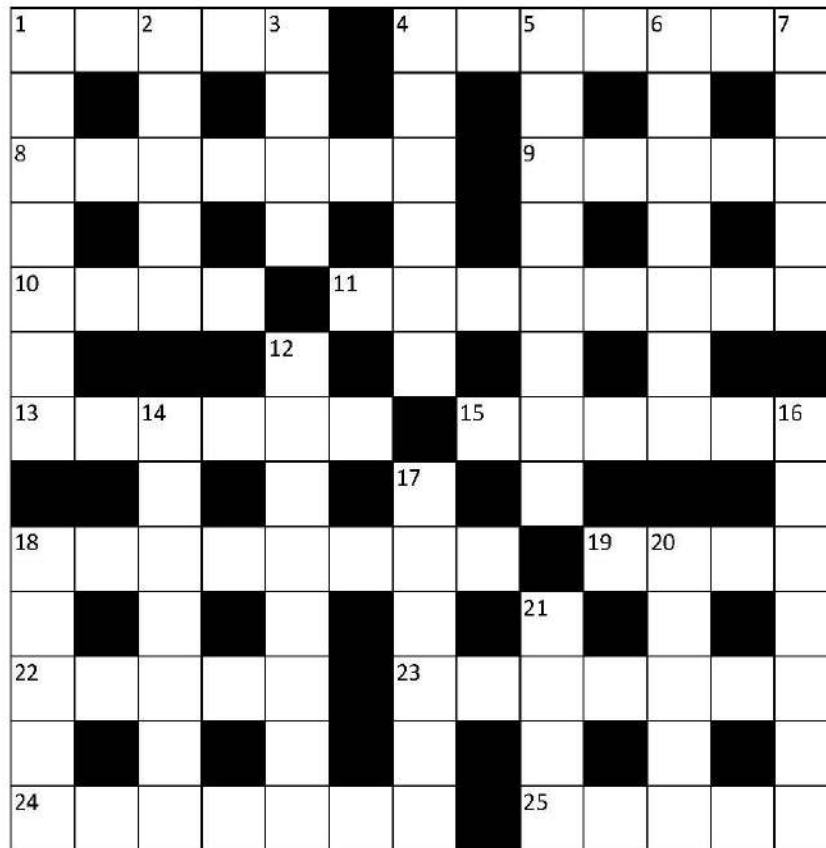
Down

- 1 Start for example in rubbish container (5)
Provided inhabitants again, may see troupe pedal repaired (9)
- 2 Registering when long liner is at sea (9)
- 4 A village in the sun glinted strangely (7)
- 5 It's criticised when cooked (7)
- 6 Smarter way to break a truce (5)
- 7 Some of the nicest women identified a couple (3)
- 8 Stewardesses so polite holding back berserk (9)
- 13 He takes it all in when I assist that disturbed male (11)
- 14 Spooks right inside marshy areas (9)
- 16 Cut more traditional feature of the Oval (9)
- 18 Make new arrangement of instrument removing note (7)
- 19 Country a pound lighter than Australia (7)
- 21 Extract a memory, "All right, inside first lady" (5)
- 23 Dashes for the game in public house (5)
- 25 Receptacle that's been mispronounced (3)



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Coffee Time Crossword By Gary Bryant

**Across**

- 1 Group Tutorial (5)
 4 Basic ingredient of porridge(7)
 8 Vehicles using public roads (7)
 9 A place or scene of activity, debate, or conflict (5)
 10 Sloping surface joining two levels (4)
 11 International event held every leap year (normally!) (8)
 13 Rural and simple (6)
 15 Performed for the public (6)
 18 Offspring (8)
 19 Road between mountains (4)
 22 Din, ruckus (5)
 23 Make a recovery, recuperate (7)
 24 Halves of one quarter (7)
 25 This side opposite the left (5)

Down

- 1 One who supplies food, often for social occasions (7)
 2 Noise made to attract attention (5)
 3 Not hard (4)
 4 Relating to the supernatural (6)
 5 Fellow member of side (4-4)
 6 Early night-time (7)
 7 Springs through the air from one point to another. (5)
 12 Breeziest (8)
 14 traveling on water (7)
 16 Opposition, defiance (7)
 17 Very clever person (6)
 18 Kayak, for example (5)
 20 Moving forward (5)
 21 Trade words or punches (4)

Please take your completed crossword to the community shop , by the 4th September, the winner/s will be announced in the next edition.

The solution will be published in the next edition and on the parish council website.

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AUGUST 2021

VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH 30TH AUGUST 2021

Entrance is Free



VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH

30th August 2021

Fun Cricket Match for the entire family



- It doesn't matter if you are a novice or an expert
- The regular players will be mixed with anyone who wishes to play
- Cricket Tea provided for all Players
- This is an opportunity to support Detling Cricket Club and also have a super afternoon out.

Detling Cricket Ground Pilgrims Way
1pm - 4.00 pm
Grounds open from 12 midday

We hope you will join us either as players or perhaps bring a hamper and have a pleasant afternoon in the sun.

Please contact Simon Norcott on 07894 516038 for more information