

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

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Bluebells - Photo DGPC

Updates from the Parish Council, news from Dunton Green Primary School, information about the Forest School, a Bus Survey and more!



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CLLR. FREDA ENGLAND

Chairman's Update

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

It's certainly been a busy time since our last edition, with so many Bank Holidays!! We are very proud of our new flag commemorating our new King and Queen.

In April we hosted the Annual Parish meeting which brings together many of the organisations that help make Dunton Green a better place. Our speaker was the Town Crier of Sevenoaks (Chris Conlon) who gave an informative and amusing presentation, which I know he has now given at the AgeUK lunch club too [see page 35].



We also awarded our annual Kent Association of Local Councils award. This was presented to Sue Harwood who has been our



PCSO on and off for years. The citation read: *In appreciation of Sue's dedication to Dunton Green – passionate about her role in our community, always willing to go the extra mile, Sue is a much-respected and valued community officer.*

Kent Police is being reorganized and we are sad to see Sue go. She has been so pro active in helping curb many aspects of antisocial behaviour in the village. We wish her well in her future role.

Cont...

....Chairman's Update

In May there were the local elections. The Parish Council was uncontested (meaning not enough candidates to fill all the vacancies and so all were elected unopposed). Following some co -options at the May meeting we now have the same as before the election with 9 councillors and 2 vacancies. There doesn't need to be an election if you want to join the Parish Council. Applicants are welcome any time.

There were also elections for our District Councillors. We have 2 which we share with Riverhead. Cameron Brown stood down. Kim Bayley was re-elected with Graham Clack. Both Conservatives. Thank you to all who voted for myself standing as an Independent.

There will be changes at Sevenoaks District Council as Peter Fleming, who had been leader for 18 years, lost his seat. We look forward to seeing what the new leader Julia Thornton will bring to the role.



Annual Charge Calculation:	Annual % change
Kent County Council	£2219.70 3.0%
Kent County Council Adult Social Care Precept*	£337.35 2.0%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	£405.25 6.6%
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Sevenoaks District Council	£394.50 3.0%
Dunton Green Parish Council	£172.53 -0.3%
Annual Charge for your property	£3674.83 4.7%

Some things haven't changed.

As promised, there was no increase in Dunton Green's precept - the share of your council tax which funds our activities.



We continue to work with SDC and the Environment Agency to try and stop further activity on Morants Court Road where tons of rubble and other waste have been left on site over the last 18 months.

SEE PAGE 28 ON HOW TO REPORT

We were very disappointed when the Chevening Parkland scheme to build 3 bunds was allowed at appeal. We now must hope that the predicted lorry traffic does not come through Dunton Green.

Cont...

...Chairman's Update



Potholes are a recurring problem in the village, however with your help it is possible to get them filled quickly. This photo is of a nasty deep one taken on 18th March when it was reported to KCC on their fault reports page which is very easy to complete. Give it a look next time you want to report .



By 21st March the Highways Steward had been to mark it up. By March 25th it was filled.



Another recurring issue has been the regularity with which the lit bollards in our small car park are knocked over. In order to try and protect them we've recently had some protection put around them. Fingers crossed, they work.



As part of our making Dunton Green Greener campaign we now have hanging baskets on the Rose Garden by the Village Hall, The Crescent on Station Road, and Longford Spinney on Mill Road.



Rose Garden

These were funded by CIL money received for development in the village.



The Crescent, Station Road



Longford Spinney, Mill Road

Cont...

...Chairman's Update

Finally, it was lovely to visit the school and see their fantastic new Forest School Classroom and



also the plaque recognizing DGPC's contribution to a classroom refurbishment.



Tracey Boanas & Freda

We will miss Tracey who has been a fabulous headmistress who has made such a lasting and positive contribution to the lives of many children in the village.

Good news. Following our appeal for helpers at our Fireworks later in the year, we now have a few extra volunteers and hope to see everyone on Saturday 30th September.

Obviously, if anyone else could give us a hand with our events we would love to hear from you!

Enjoy the summer.



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Dunton Green Education in Full Foundation



Registered Charity no.: 1195704

The cost of living is a challenge for so many. When you are struggling financially, how do you decide where to cut costs in the family budget?

It can mean that the extra activities and opportunities available to your children at school have to be denied – painful for parents and children alike. It could even mean making shoes and other school uniform last longer so that your child looks different to their peers.

The Dunton Green Education in Full Foundation (Education in Full) was established to meet this sort of need for families whose children attend Dunton Green Primary School.



Library picture, not local children

Applications have to be supported by a professional who knows the family's circumstances and all applications are dealt with confidentially enabling parents to look for support in confidence to ensure that their children are not seen as 'different'.

If you are from a family who would welcome this sort of support, please do contact us for information on how to apply for a grant or speak to staff at Dunton Green Primary School who know your circumstances.

Education in Full is in its second full year as a registered charity and has just published its first Annual Report which shows that almost £500 was allocated to over 20 children in its first year.

If you would like to read more about the charity, do email us for a copy of the Report. We are local organisation and like all charities, Education in Full welcomes financial support. If you are in a position to make a one-off or a regular donation to help a local child, we would love to hear from you. Just email us at the address below.

Thank you.

Judy Collins, Chair Education in Full

info@eifdg.org.uk



SATURDAY FREIGHTER GUIDANCE

The Freighter cannot accept **white goods**, washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, large parts of engines or vehicles or hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste now includes items like fluorescent tubes, televisions & computer monitors, batteries, oil tins and filters, paint and paint tins and chemical containers. These items **cannot** be accepted on the Saturday Freighter service and must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted.



FREIGHTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE



DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE NEW BI-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

18th JULY 2023

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Dunton Green Primary School Update



Dunton Green has had come to the end of another fun and learning packed Spring, culminating, as we write, with celebrations for the Kings Coronation on Friday 5th May when the children had a red, white and blue themed day, a coronation picnic on the field and learned to sing the



National Anthem amongst other fun activities. All children will be receiving a badge to commemorate the day in due course.



Forest Schools – Mrs Grainger has been transforming our pond area with the help of some lovely volunteers who have made planters, laid a bark pathway for the children to navigate the area more easily, planted ferns and plants that have will bring a sensory element to the area and attract



insects, rebuilt an old shed for storage - in addition to much weeding, rubbish clearing, pond clearing. We are very grateful.

The Reception class has already started their Forest School experience despite the wet weather exploring the wildlife, flora & fauna with a magnifying glass and generally having great fun, finishing each session with a hot chocolate and a biscuit.

There was a focus on our Art and DT and children have enjoyed developing their clay work & painting skills (see pictures below) and will be learning about a range of artists over the summer term.



Year 2 ceramic bowls



Year 3 Stone Age pottery



Year 3 Stone Age pottery



Year 6 perspective

We are also passionate to teach the children about food and nutrition, the link with exercise, brain function and how a nutritious diet can aid learning power. Children are being taught food technology in every school year from Reception to Year 6 for at least half a term as part of the DT curriculum.

We have many events planned for the summer term including a year 6 residential trip and end of year performance, a walk to St Mary's church in Riverhead and a visit to Arundel Wetlands Centre.

Dunton Green School and PTA will be holding their annual Summer Fayre on Sunday 2nd July so look out for further details.

Dunton Green Pavilion



Dunton Green Pavilion is a fantastic community facility owned and managed by Dunton Green Parish Council.

Located at the heart of the village on the Recreation Ground with excellent facilities — a modern and spacious Main Hall, plus a clean and well-equipped kitchen and a smaller room ideal for meetings.

If you are thinking of setting up a new class or activity, please do get in touch to see how we can help. The Pavilion is also available to hire for birthday parties and other private events.

For more information including pricing and availability, please contact Wendy Jackson, the Bookings and Facilities Assistant on bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk / 07305 814694

Or take a look at our website: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

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Could this be you?!!

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Cllr Nick Chard - 03000 41 10 09

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PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday Jun 13th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Jul 8th 2023 - Saturday Freighter

Tuesday Jul 11th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Wednesday 26th July - SDC Family Fun Day 10am - 2pm Rec Ground

Tuesday Sep 12th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday Sept 16th 2023 - Saturday Freighter

Saturday 30th September 2023 - ANNUAL FIREWORKS EVENT

Tuesday Oct 10th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Nov 14th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Sunday Nov 12th 2023 - Remembrance Sunday Service 10.45am War Memorial

Saturday Nov 18th 2023 - Saturday Freighter

Tuesday Dec 12th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

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about all the latest news, meetings and events information as it is published.

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1st August 2023

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Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



Great to see the pavement by the school was repaired. It was certainly rutty in places.



Is it my imagination that the signs on London Rd and by Station Road roundabout are getting hit much more since they started building the McCarthy Stone flats??!



The building that was just a huge red metal cage is finally taking shape.

Good luck to Dunton Green Underwater Lights Ltd in their new building.



KCC have planted a couple of trees opposite The Miners which will be great when they are established. I think DGPC said this was done following a parishioner's suggestion!

Meanwhile the Old Vauxhall site development changes every day with the heavy equipment providing hours of real 'Bob The Builder' entertainment from the side-lines for our younger residents.



Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



On one of the many May Bank Holiday Mondays several hundred scooters rode through the village.

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From the commercial director we learned that the contactless terminals installed at Bat & Ball, Otford, Shoreham, Eynsford and Dunton Green are in preparation for contactless fares to come in this summer. Details have not yet been finally agree with TfL, but will be based on an extra 'Zone 9' to include these stations, with fares set by TfL, while Sevenoaks fares will be set by DfT. It's the same solution as at Watford - which we suggested in 2015.

So we got there eventually!
Sometimes it all seems worthwhile.

Tony Clayton

Chair,

Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association
Bayham Road, Sevenoaks

I found this extract from the letters page of The Chronicle very interesting.

Fingers crossed it comes to fruition.

At the beginning of April The Mayflower steamed through the station.



Built for the London & North Eastern Railway, 61306 is one of two surviving B1 Class locomotives.

The B1's were designed as mixed traffic locomotives capable of hauling express passenger trains as well as freight traffic. As powerful, go anywhere engines, the B1's worked across most of the UK rail network from East Anglia to Scotland. Mayflower was built in 1948 by the North British Locomotive Company in Glasgow but was delivered post-nationalisation and acquired the number 61306 by British Railways. She was first allocated to Hull Botanic Gardens Depot followed by a spell at Hull Dairycotes Depot before being finally transferred to Low Moor Depot, Bradford. She was the last B1 in service, her final trip was hauling the 'Yorkshire Pullman' from Leeds in September 1967.

Extract from <https://www.steamdreams.co.uk/tours.php?loco=6335> - take a look for more info!

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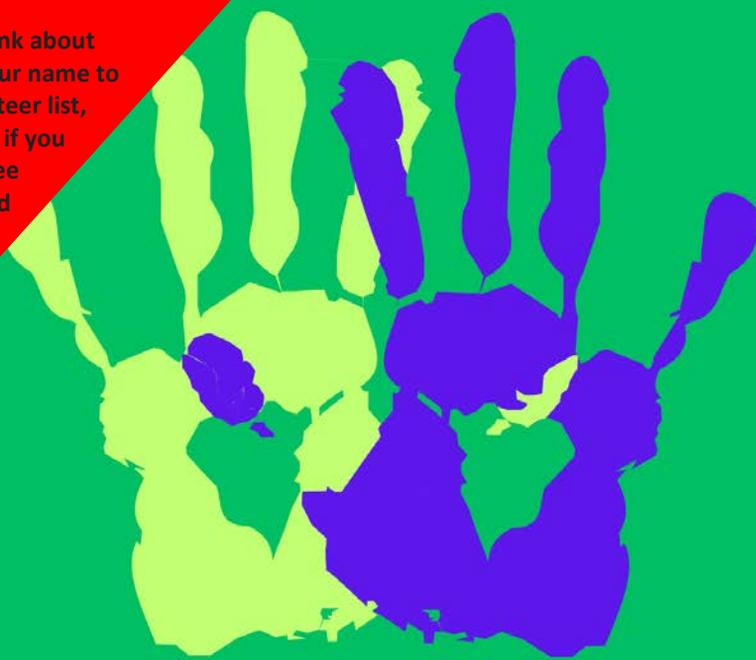
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Club founded by NBA draft pick Ryan Richards
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We still need your help!

Please think about adding your name to our volunteer list, especially if you want to see events and activities!

Thank You!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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To register please contact us:
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PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights

- ◆ **Annual Parish Meeting (APM).** The Annual Assembly of the village took place in March and was a super



evening. Thanks to Chris Colon, Sevenoaks Town Crier, for an thoroughly entertaining and informative presentation, after the main business of the actual meeting. Reports were received from various organisations (which you can read on the website with the draft minutes of the APM).



- ◆ **Kent Police's new structure is now implemented.** We understand that there are not enough staff in place yet to roll out the structure in full and we will have to see how things pan out. For now, please report any concerns or issues via 101 or the Kent Police online reporting tool.

- ◆ **The Parish Council is planning to upgrade its play spaces in the recreation ground and Longford Meadow by making use of the existing fencing.**



We are discussing with play specialists and hope to have a date soon for a public consultation where we will invite residents to come and trial games and tell us which they prefer.



- ◆ **The Parish Council is now involved in a project to have a gov.uk domain and work on a pilot of new Government helpline for its digital services (working with the Central Digital and Data Office).** We will almost certainly have a new website and new email contact details as a result. We will publicise when we transition to anything new.

- ◆ **We will be working with KCC and Cllr. Nick Chard over the coming months in regard to our Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).** This is a document that lists some non-urgent improvements that the Parish Council has identified.

PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights

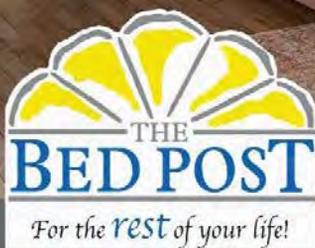
◆ We have now installed three new hanging basket shepherds crooks at each of three locations in the village - the Rose Garden, The Crescent in Station Road and at Longford Spinney in Mill Road (pictured here). This is part of our ongoing project to improve the attractiveness of many areas of the village.

◆ Over the next month we are expecting to install new signage on Dunton Green Pavilion and in the Recreation Ground. There will then be additional signage installed around the village on land that the Parish Council owns and maintains.

◆ We will be working with SDC councillors to ensure that as the development at Fort Halstead moves on, that the Parish Council secures a share of any Section 106 monies. A significant area of the development falls within the boundary of Dunton Green and the Parish Council believes that the village should be compensated for the effects of any development.



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LAND AT MORANTS COURT ROAD

The Parish Council has been urging various agencies over the last year or so to act to ensure that no illegal activity is taking place at this site - there have been no planning permissions for this area.

The Parish Council has most recently been advised that the Environment Agency (EA) and Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) continue to monitor the plot which has seen a good deal of material imported to site over the last 18 months. That said, the Parish Council remains unhappy about the progress being made to remove all materials.



Should local residents have any concerns that material is being imported this information can be passed to the EA using their Incident Hotline number – 0800 807060. Incidents can be reported 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

Planning enforcement at SDC can also be contacted (01732 227000 / planning.enforcement@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Support from the community in continuing to highlight this as a matter of concern would be very much welcomed.

BUS SURVEY

Recently, many of you will have received a survey from SDC councillors Kim Bayley and Graham Clack, which included questions relating to extending the existing Number 8 bus service to Dunton Green to enable residents to travel in and around Sevenoaks.



If you didn't receive the survey, or haven't yet had the chance to complete it, you can do so, either using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/Nc08iaMAeD> or scanning the below QR code

If you are unable to use either of these methods, and would like to have your say, then please contact Cllr Clack on 07769 644576 and he will arrange to bring round a paper copy to your house.

Dunton Green Survey



REPORTING SCAMS

Did you know that if you receive a suspicious text you can forward it to 7726 free of charge?

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**Kent
Police**

REPORTING DAMAGE / ISSUES

Kent County Council look after the roads, pavements and traffic signs. If you need to report damage please do so via the online reporting tool: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>



There is an option to use a map to pinpoint exactly where the issue is and direct KCC's team to the correct area. You can also upload photos of the issue and there is opportunity to provide a description. When you submit the 'fault', you will get a reference number which can be used to check progress.



If you find broken glass anywhere, you can call Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000 or email information@sevenoaks.gov.uk and ask

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Call Judith on 07836 525 938

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Dunton Green Parish Council has provided funding to Age UK so that arrangements can be made for Dunton Green residents to be brought to the Pavilion every month. All you need to do is contact Judith!



DATES FOR 2023
Wednesdays:

**7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September,
6th October, 1st November, 6th December**

Let's Lunch



Join us at the **Dunton Green Lunch Club** on the first Wednesday of each month (except August)

11.45am to 2pm

At Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Road, TN13 2UR

To book transport please call Judith
07836 525 938

For more information, please see
www.ageuk.org.uk or
www.duntongreencpac.org.uk





DUNTON GREEN LUNCH CLUB

The Sevenoaks Town Crier was welcomed to the May Lunch, where there was a Coronation theme! Clients were treated to an entertaining presentation and super meal, commenting that the atmosphere had been brilliant and the best lunch ever!!

Thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work - to come along please contact Judith (see page 23).

Some of the volunteers are pictured here with Chris Conlon, Sevenoaks Town Crier, and the special guests for the day - King Charles III and Queen Camilla!

Sadly, it will soon be time to say farewell to Tracey Boanas. Below are extracts from the school's report to the Annual Parish Meeting (available in full on the Parish Council's website).

Message from Headteacher Tracey Boanas



It has been my absolute privilege and pleasure to have been the Headteacher at Dunton Green for the past 6 years.



The school and the community are uniquely special and I have met an extraordinary number of selflessly dedicated and generous people during my time here.

As I prepare to leave at the end of the summer I know that I will be handing over the reins to a Headteacher who will take on a very different school to when I arrived.

After just a year in post I was able to lead the school through a successful Ofsted achieving good in all areas in July 2018. The following year in 2019 we were able to evidence the impact of the continued rise in standards with the excellent attainment outcomes in every key stage.

The pandemic unfortunately thwarted our pace of improvement and like most schools across the country we continue to work on regaining lost learning. The school has come a long way over recent years and with a committed team of staff and Governors, and incredibly supportive parents Dunton Green is well placed to flourish.

I am immensely proud of the school that Dunton Green has become and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, residents and local community who have supported its journey.

Finally I would like to thank every member of staff past and present who has helped to shape the future of this wonderful village school.

Message from Paul Geraldine, Chair of the Governing Body

The immediate priority for the School is to identify a new Headteacher with the right attributes to build on the significant progress which the School has made over the last six years under the leadership of Tracey Boanas.



She will be a hard act to follow but we still have the benefit of Tracey's commitment and leadership until the end of the school year in July.

Dunton Green Primary is a friendly, happy & caring school, empowering lifelong learners



Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, as well as re-iterating our thanks to Tracey Boanas for her outstanding commitment to the School over the last six years, I would like to thank the pupils, the staff, parents, carers and wider community for their support for the School. The continued support of the whole community will be vital as the School moves forward under new leadership.

The School is central to village life. A vibrant hub of the community, a wonderful place of learning & development for our young people and Tracey's impact over the last six years is unquestionable.

The Parish Council wishes the Governing Body every success in appointing a suitable successor and sends it thanks to Tracey for her commitment to Dunton Green and the very best for the future.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, London Road
{Bookings: bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk 07305 814694}

Age UK Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	2nd Wednesday each month, 01732 454108
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321
Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988: info@oaksmartialarts.com

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, London Road

Easy Netball	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Community Basketball	Kent Panthers - just turn up Mondays 5.30pm
Mini Tennis	Text Keir 07815 039497 to book a place 07803 050 431 enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk
Backyard Bootcamp	

DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk}

Dance Academy of Sevenoaks	Emily Teale 07840 109 052
Darenth Table Tennis Club	David & Janet Field 01732 462429
Gauge One Model Railway Assoc	Jeff Brazier 01732 454890
Hartbeeps	Jamie Blackburn 07795 103 197
Little Learners	Helen Bakie 07889 825 727
National Kick Boxing & Karate Assoc	Hilary King 07796 858 194
Sevenoaks Table Tennis League	Janet Field 01732 462429

Taking place in Village Hall, London Road

{Bookings: Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610}

Coffee Morning	3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen, 07808 540 315
Holy Communion	1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays (see St Mary's info)

Taking place in Dunton Green Primary School, London Road

{Bookings: School Office 01732 462221; office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk}

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	07963 338 544; www.kswsevenoaks.com
Bujinkan Sevenoaks Dojo	bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org 16+ Thurs eve
The Gathering Church Service	Sundays 2.45-4pm

**PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF WE CAN UPDATE THIS LIST WITH THE
DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE**

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

OTHER Organisations and activities

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St Mary's Church Riverhead & DG	01732 452112; stmaryriverhead@gmail.com
Citizens Advice Bureau (Sevenoaks)	01732 440488; info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk
Dial-A-Ride (Compaid)	01892 832447
Dunton Green Primary School	01732 462221 office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk
Gymboree	07827 910 978; sevenoaks@gymboree-uk.com
Kent County Council	03000 41 41 41; www.kent.gov.uk
Kent Fire & Rescue	01622 692121; 999 emergency; www.kent.fire-uk.org
Kent Police	101; 999 emergencies; www.kent.police.uk
Kent Sheds	www.shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com

Dunton Green Pavilion & Outside Space
RECREATION GROUND, LONDON ROAD
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Dunton Green Village Hall
LONDON ROAD
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T.S. Eliot*

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The Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green, Kent; now part of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

The telephone number for St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead is now 01732 452112
Rev Mark Bridgen, Team Rector for West Sevenoaks Benefice.

The monthly 'Open Church' on the first Saturday in the month is still being held
9.30am - 11.30am. All are welcome for prayers and refreshments.



**SAVE THE DATE!!
30th September**



**Dunton Green
Annual Fireworks**

FOREST SCHOOL

We are delighted that Dunton Green Primary School has developed a Forest School area to offer our children the opportunity to engage in community learning in nature.

This has been led by Mrs Grainger, our Early Years lead and Reception teacher, who is forest school trained and joined our staff team in September 2022. She has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers and started sessions with our current Reception cohort every Friday morning when the children returned after Easter. We have lots of exciting plans to further develop the area and we will be able to do this thanks to a generous contribution by Team DG, our PTA.

We hope that this development, and the ongoing plans for the development of our outdoor space, will offer a wonderful learning environment for our pupils, improve health and well-being for the school community, and give our students the best possible start in life.

We would love to invite members of the community into our school, including those considering joining our Dunton Green family in the future, to meet Governors, our staff team and to find out more about our warm, friendly, inclusive, one-form entry community school.

Jen D'Souza - Parent and Governor, Dunton Green Primary





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