

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Rainbow at the Recreation Ground—by Phil Lee photographics (www.phil-lee-photographics.co.uk).

Inside the bumper Summer edition you'll find information about all sorts of events and activities we have going on in the village, articles from some of your local organisations and general information about your village.

If you would like to get involved in anything that's happening or have ideas about what services and activities you might like to see, please do get in touch!



Dunton Green Parish Council
Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green

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Chairman's Blog

Thank You for your continued support...

I greatly appreciated the support I received at the May Parish Council meeting and am delighted to have the confidence of fellow councillors to continue as Chairman for another year. This is my third year in the role of Chairman and I feel privileged to be actively involved in the village at such an exciting time in the Parish's history.



We have an enthusiastic team of councillors and I am very pleased that Freda England was again elected as Vice-Chair. Together we have a team that are working to maintain and improve our community at a time when local services are increasingly under pressure. Whilst we currently have a full complement of parish councillors (our team consists of 11 councillors plus Tracy Godden our parish clerk) we would very much like to hear from residents who would be interested in joining in the future or who would like to get involved in parish council activities now. Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Our next parish council event is the annual parish council picnic which this year takes place on Sunday 12 June at mid-day at the recreation ground (further details can be found in this magazine). The picnic is one of my favourite events and quite a low key family friendly affair. You are encouraged to bring a picnic and a rug to sit on to enjoy a relaxed afternoon in (I hope) the sunshine. The date was brought forward this year to avoid clashing with summer holidays and to coincide with the celebrations of our Queen's 90th birthday. We will have a royal flavour to the event so feel free to bring your union flag and dress in red, white and blue. We will have entertainment and a few local stalls but there should be plenty to keep the children occupied with our new play equipment in place. Let's hope for good weather and I hope to see you there.

Ian Bayley - Parish Council Chairman



Dunton Green Parish Council

Photographic Competition and Exhibition

An opportunity for residents of all ages to capture the beauty and unique nature of our village.

Prizes will be awarded at an exhibition of entries to be held in the Autumn.

There will be 3 age categories:

- ◆ **Under 12**
- ◆ **12 to 18**
- ◆ **Over 18**



The theme of the competition is “Dunton Green –A village in Kent” and it is open to residents of Dunton Green, those working or studying within Dunton Green and those living within two miles of Dunton Green.

Full details of the competition and the exhibition will be available in the Autumn issue but start taking photographs now for submission. Need some inspiration? Take a look at some examples of photographs of the village on the Parish Council’s Facebook page.



Out and About

Information, Gossip and news from Kate our roving correspondent



1. Its about time but finally Berkeley Homes have opened up the footpath from the estate through to Pounsley road. I can't tell you how many miles that's going to save me - all the times we run out of some essential and I need to make a dash to Tesco. Mind you, I expect his lordship will take the opportunity to sneak down to the Miners for a quick half in the belief I won't notice he's missing for 20 minutes.



2. Another bonus to the above mentioned path is the new play area right by the entrance. Somewhere to park the pram and take a few minutes break while little junior knocks himself out on the fun new equipment. Not as good as the Rec but still nice.



3. Well, its finally gone. The old free church in Station Road is nothing but rubble now awaiting yet more houses. I thought it a rather sad little church when I visited one Sunday but I'm told it was thriving a few years back. My neighbour was married there way back but I guess there'll be no more church weddings in the village now.



4. Have you noticed all the new Dog Fouling notices on the lamp posts? About time too, I'm sick of dodging the little piles of poo. There's nothing worse than finding you've picked up something on the buggy and left tramlines down the hallway carpet. Disgusting. I don't blame the dog but just let me get hold of the owner.



5. I had every intention of getting along to the litter pick last week but my leg waxing appointment over ran and I just didn't get along in time. Mind you, there must have been a lot of leg waxing going on that day as I don't think many turned up for it. When I finally arrived at the Rec it was all over but I did take a look at the new tree. It's been put in to replace a tree that came down last year and has also been planted to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Happy Birthday Ma'am, I hope you like it.



DUNTON GREEN RAINBOWS

Girlguiding is pleased to
announce Dunton Green
Rainbows!

Rainbows is for girls aged 5-7 years old and is a charity organization. The unit is funded by termly subs and fundraising. We provide a safe, fun, caring environment for all girls who attend the session. Rainbows love to have fun, get messy, get baking and explore the local community.

We currently have vacancies for volunteers to help run or set up more units for the girls in and around the Sevenoaks area. Our sessions run every Friday 4.30—5.30 during term time in the Pavilion.

Please take a look at the Girlguiding website Girlguiding.co.uk for more information on what we are all about and how you can help volunteer with us or to register your daughter.

Rose O'Keefe
Dunton Green Rainbows

Are you a
**Local Business or
Organisation**
that would like to get noticed?

Contact the Clerk (email & phone details are available on page 2) to find out how you can promote your business or organisation and support the parish by advertising here.

PCSO Amy Hardy

Summer Crime Prevention

As its now getting warmer, it's a good time for me to remind you of a few security tips.



- If you're gardening always remember to lock doors and accessible windows.
- Put all garden tools and equipment away after finishing the gardening in a locked and secure shed or garage, you can also consider property marking these items as an extra preventative measure.
- Going Cycling? Remember to lock your bike with a decent lock even if you're only leaving it for a few minutes.
- Remember to shut and lock your car windows and sunroof even if you're parked on your drive.
- Work together with your neighbours; watch out for suspicious and unusual behaviour in your neighbourhood. Get to know your neighbours so you can look out for one another.

If you require advice or assistance please contact me (PCSO Amy Hardy) via 101.

As always, stay safe!

Amy

Business Meetings

A big thank you to all the businesses owners who attended the business meeting on 27th April 2016. Thank you to Jason for hosting us in Bojangles and Ian Bayley (Dunton Green Chairman) for supporting the meeting.

It was fantastic to find out that there were so many shared interests and support available. If any business would like to attend the next meeting please contact us and we will add you to future meetings and events.



To get involved please call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



Dunton Green Primary School

Since Christmas it has been an incredibly busy period here at Dunton Green Primary School. We have dealt with school closures, OFSTED, new testing, countless sports and musical events, a wonderful new outside area created by our fabulous parents, a Healthy Week led by the Community, World Book Day, St Georges Day, and the Queen's Birthday to name but a few.

Despite an incredibly disappointing OFSTED report in March the school continues to go from strength to strength and its reputation continues to improve as all of the staff remain committed to work towards a school that is able to provide an excellent education for the children of the village and retain our ethos and vision of holistic education which values manners, behavior and achievement not just in core subjects but across, sport, art, music and the humanities and at the same time to stay firmly part of the community. All of our efforts have been increased by the desire to "prove the inspectors wrong", a new action plan for School Improvement is in place and is being worked on relentlessly.

The tests that all our children sit during the month of May, both nationally reported and for our own records, have shown that year on year over the last 3 years progress of children has improved. Through this we have developed a strong moral code and duty of care towards the well-being and work life balance of staff as well as for our children which is reflected in the positive comments in our inspection report about how we develop our young people's mental and social conscience.



Isn't the playground looking fabulous! Landscaping courtesy of the School's PTA.

As well as our usual plethora of clubs and trips new opportunities for the children include KS1 dance club, coding club, sewing club and advanced writers club all of which have added to our already rich catalogue of opportunities for the children!

The school has continued its sporting successes with teams competing in rugby, mini-sports, swimming, football and netball as well as the many dance festivals that we take part in. To much delight of staff and students, we won the local partnership rugby tournament.

We do need and welcome any support that you can give us, now more than ever. We have a huge list of children who would benefit from additional reading opportunities which perhaps some of you in the local community would be able to help us with, this would greatly improve these children's outcomes. If this is something that you would enjoy then please do contact the school and we can tell you more.

Yours

Laura Masson. Headteacher, Dunton Green Primary School

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The school's outside space has seen great improvements in the last year:

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL & ITS HARDWORKING PTA BY VISITING THEIR SUMMER FETE—SATURDAY 25TH JUNE. More details will be made available by the school nearer the time. Look out for posters!

Dunton Green — Local Business Profile:

The Dukes Head

We speak to Tom Phillips who is Landlord of the Dukes Head in London Road



Chris and Lorraine were Landlords here for many years. When did you take over?

Chris and Lorraine are still involved with the pub but are now living in Spain. They are still the owners but I am now the Landlord and am running the Dukes Head. I've been here since November.

Are you local to the area?

My entire career has been in the pub industry and prior to coming here I worked for a major chain running pubs in Guildford and the New Forest. I have close family living locally so know Dunton Green

well and jumped at the chance to come here when the opportunity arose.

The Dukes Head is certainly one of the older businesses in the village. Do you know much about its history?

You can find lots of photographs in books of the pub stretching right back into the history of Dunton Green. I haven't found out a lot of its history yet but it's something I want to know more about. It's been at the centre of the community here for so long and it's great to be a part of it.



The Dukes Head garden area

What facilities do you have here?

We have quite a spacious bar with plenty of room for people to spread out. We don't currently do food but that's something I hope to change in the next few months. Even if we just start off with simple meals and light bites. We do show a lot of football and have Sky which is very popular. We also have a pool table and regular darts matches. The large garden area behind the pub includes children's play equipment as well as seating which is fantastic in the summer.

Do you hold other events and activities?

Yes, we're very keen to be a part of the community and want people to be involved. We hold regular quiz nights as well as holding live music events and other activities. On 2 July we are having an event here with lots of live music in the afternoon, a bouncy castle and other activities and then another band in the evening. I'm hoping the weather will be kind to us but it's going to be a great day whatever happens.

Is it mostly local people that come here?

We are very much a local pub catering to local people but we do get people coming from further afield. The Dukes Head has a good sized car park and we do get visitors

who want to come out to the countryside and enjoy the country location of Dunton Green, especially in the summer.

What would you say was the best thing about Dunton Green?

Dunton Green is a fantastic little community. We have several pubs, restaurants and some great local shops. I think it's a great place to live and work.

Are there any aspects of the village you think could be improved?

You've put me on the spot there. I haven't been living and working here for that long so I can't think of anything off the top of my head.

Do you have a website or Facebook page for people to find out about all the events and activities you are putting on?

A proper website and social media is definitely something I want to put in place but it's still on my 'to do' list. Residents are welcome to drop by for a drink and we can always let them know what's going on.

Thank you to Tom who took the time to talk to us. The Dukes Head is on London Road between the school and the recreation ground.



The Dukes Head, London Road



Community Development Update



Exciting Opportunities in Dunton Green

Meet your Community Development Officers...

Introducing Alberta Atkinson & Kathryn Bone. They both work part time for Sevenoaks District Council, but spend a lot of time in Dunton Green, so if you see them about please stop them to say hello as they would love to meet as many of you as possible. This role is a 3 year funded role from Section 106 money from the old West Kent Cold Store redevelopment.



ALBERTA



KATHRYN

Great Opportunities to get involved...

In your local community. Over the coming months we have a range of exciting opportunities in which you can get involved.

Do you have a shed load of time on your hands?

Do you love making or repairing things, have skills to share or want to learn new skills in a supportive environment? We're setting up a community shed in Dunton Green with access to a site for woodwork and gardening. If you would like to take part or volunteer, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Community Gardening Project

This exciting new project is looking for residents to help plan and plant a community garden(s) in Dunton Green. Gardening experience is not required, just an interest in developing something new and exciting in Dunton Green. The group will decide how & when this project will run. So please do get in touch if you would like to be involved.



Please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk to register your interest. We would love to have you on board.

It's nearly a year since the initial consultation was completed with residents and we would like to know what you think of what's been done, is there anything that hasn't been addressed yet that you would like to see in the village or do you have any new ideas. To be in with a chance of winning a £25 Amazon voucher, log on to the Survey Monkey link below and have your say!!!
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DuntonGreen>



Donate your used tools

Looking to make some room in your garage? Donate drills, hammers, power tools, pliers, wrenches, gardening equipment and any other types of small tools. Your used tool donations will go toward kitting out the Kent Shed Project. Call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk to arrange a pick up

Older People's Lunch Club

Following the success of the first Dunton Green Lunch Club we are now looking for volunteers to help once a month for a couple of hours to help continue the good work. The role involves helping prepare & serve meals, setting the tables and clearing up at the end. It's an enjoyable way to spend a few hours meeting your local community whilst having fun. To get involved please call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



New Dunton Green Health Walk

We are launching a new Health Walk in Dunton Green. If there is enough interest we hope to run it every Saturday morning. Walking can improve your health, your happiness and joining this group will give you the chance to explore the outdoors, get to know your local area and meet new people. To express your interest call 01732 227 176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.



We are seeking active volunteers, and people who are prepared to become Ambassadors to help the community development projects in Dunton Green.

If you want to learn new skills to increase your employability or have skills you want to share, call 01732 227176 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk to get involved

What's on in Dunton Green

You'll find information here about some of the activities in the village. If you want to get involved please do!

There is a new youth project planned for Mondays after half term. Full details were not available at the time of print but please take a look out for the Parish Council's Facebook page & posters around the village for all the information!

FREE Youth Cheerleading & Hip Hop Dance Sessions

When: Every Wednesday

Time: Cheerleading 5:30- 6:20pm and Hip Hop 6:30- 7:20pm

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Booking essential – please call 01732 227176 or email Communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



FREE Football Training for 10 to 18yr olds (younger if accompanied)

When: Tuesday

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground

No booking required – just turn up!

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FREE Archery Crash Course for 10 to 16 year olds

When: Tues 31st May to Fri 3rd June

Time: 10am to 11am or 11am to 12pm

Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground

Booking essential -
please call 01732 227176 or email
communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Older People's Lunch Club

When: First Wednesday of the month

Time: 11.45am to 2pm

Cost: £4

Where: Pavilion, Recreation Ground

For more information or to book
transport please call Age UK on
01732 454108



FREE Keep Fit

When: Every Monday

Time: 2pm

Where: Hamlyn Court, Darenth Lane

Booking essential (spaces are limited) call
01732 227176 or email
communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



FREE Youth Bus for 11 to 18yr olds

When: Every Monday (term time)

Time: 6.15 pm

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion Car Park

No booking required – just turn up!



Want to find out what's going on BEFORE everyone else?

It's frustrating to find out about **free events, great activities** or **general news** after everyone else or even after the event has taken place. Here are a few ways to ensure you never miss

Free Mailing List

Dunton Green Parish Council offers a free emailing list service to residents who want to be kept informed of what events the Parish Council is organising. If you feel that you don't know what's on then simply send your email address direct to the Clerk. You can be added to the mailing list and you'll be kept updated!

Facebook

Search for Dunton Green Parish Council on Facebook. We make regular posts keeping you updated on all the latest news.



Parish Council Website

Visit the parish council website at: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

The site contains useful links, agendas and minutes of parish council meetings.

Details about the Dunton Green Pavilion, including how to hire it and special rates for residents, are also available here.

Notice Boards

Not everyone is high-tech so we still post important information on the noticeboards around the village.

The large noticeboard on the village green contains a little more extra information in a dedicated 'parish council' section.

Other posters can be informative but are not endorsed by the parish council.

Parish Council Meetings

Another way of getting to know about the village is to come along to one of the monthly parish council meetings held in the pavilion, normally on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

NEW Dunton Green Youth Forum

Invitation to a **FREE** Pizza Night
11 to 18 year olds

Friday 1st July 2016

Drop in any time between
6.30pm & 8.30pm



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

We would like to invite young people from Dunton Green along to a FREE Pizza Night at the Dunton Green Pavilion. Whilst there we will be asking you for ideas and suggestions about what young people in Dunton Green would like in the village.

This is your chance to have your say!!

Please complete the attached form and bring it with you.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

If you are under 16 please ask your parent or guardian to sign below to confirm that they are happy for us to record your information.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Data will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Personal data will only be used for the purposes of this project and to keep you informed of future events. Your information will not be passed onto a third party.

Dunton Green Parish Council

Village Picnic

We're bringing forward our Annual Village Picnic to **Sunday June 12th** so that we combine with others around the country to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday



Local Stalls

Face
Painting

Live Entertainment

Bouncy Castle

Sunday JUNE 12th — Starts 12.00 Noon
At the Recreation Ground
Don't forget to bring a picnic

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Any items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Parish Council Office, Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Dunton Green, Kent TN13 2UR

1st AUGUST 2016

We really do want to hear from you so please send your ideas, articles and photos in by email to clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk



Saturday 17th September
FIREWORKS

VIKINGS & SAXONS THEME
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW....

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF...

...I NEED THE POLICE?

Dial **999** if there is threat to life or a crime is in progress.
Call **101** for all non-emergency matters.

PCSO Amy Hardy Telephone **101** or Email: csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk

...I NEED TO REPORT A STREET LIGHTING ISSUE?

If the street light in question belongs to the Parish Council then you will need to report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Lusted Road
Hillfield Road	Milton Road
Ivy House Lane	Pounsley Road
Kingswood Road	Rye Lane
Lennard Road	Vicarage Lane
London Road Footpath to Station	



All other street light issues must be reported to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81**.

PLEASE NOTE that whenever you report a lighting fault you will be asked for the **column number** (which is on the street light) and the location. Please ensure that you have these details to enable a prompt response.

...I NEED TO REPORT A HIGHWAYS ISSUE?

If you identify a problem with roads or pavements such as potholes, broken kerbs or missing signs you should report these to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81** or via KCC's online reporting tool www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

...I WANT TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN DUNTON GREEN?

Graffiti can be reported via SDC's **online graffiti reporting form** (www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal.) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.