

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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As another year draws to a close, Dunton Green Parish Council wishes everyone who lives and works in the village a suitably festive season and looks forward to a fulfilling 2019!



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

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Chair's Update

Finally, the roadworks have gone, or at least for the time being. Gas main replacements are



essential works being carried out throughout the County but they have certainly been a blight on the village, its



residents and businesses, for a great deal of this year. In the process the village green, as well as being dug up, has been used to dump rubble and park vehicles on and is in a sorry state. In the new year the Parish Council will be arranging for it to be restored and given some proper boundaries. We will have a new contractor looking after our green areas throughout the village next year and hope to spend the year making Dunton Green 'greener'.

Clearing work has now started on Price's Wood off Pounsley Road and we hope by the end of the winter to have it all tidied up and ready for others to enjoy. The wood was gifted to the Parish Council this year by former resident Francis Price to ensure that it remains a wooded open space within our community, in perpetuity.



In the last edition we asked you all to comment on Sevenoaks District Council's first draft of a new local plan. Thank you to all who took the time to do so. As we go to press we do not know whether either of the two sites nominated in DG will be included in the next draft plan. Keep an eye on our website (www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) as we will let you know what is

happening as soon as we do.

I know it's a bit early for New Year's resolutions but one of DGPC's going into 2019 will be about helping our older parishioners. Age UK (particularly its fantastic band of volunteers),



supported by the Parish Council, are now running a very successful monthly lunch club and we have an Over 55's Social Club every third Sunday of the month, run by Dot Carpenter. New people are always welcome. And there is more good news....

Cont..

...Chair's Update

As we go to publication we are just finalising our plans with Age UK for a Pop In Café to run once a month. Sue Larken, the organiser, is trained in helping those with mobility issues and it is hoped these sessions will not only help some of our older parishioners to meet new friends but also to feel a little more confident when leaving their homes. Full details are on pages 8 & 9. This project in Dunton Green is fully funded and supported by Dunton Green Parish Council and we are very much looking forward to developing even closer ties with Age UK for the benefit of our residents.



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Annual Fireworks Display on 29th September. The PTA raised over £400 for the school with their BBQ and the Parish Council is really grateful to everyone who was involved in making it such a spectacular evening. We have already started plans for next year!



Many of you will have attended the Annual Service of Remembrance this year, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

You'll no doubt have seen 'Tommy' standing next to the War Memorial, a poignant reminder of those who are 'There But Not There'.

As always, I am still hoping for some of you to join us as Parish Councillors and help do even more for the village. Why not make it your New Year's resolution to get more involved in local activities?

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.



Freda England
Chair of Dunton Green
Parish Council



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AGGRESSIVE DOGS

The public spaces, lanes and footpaths around the village are there to be enjoyed by everybody in safety. Whilst the vast majority of dog owners are considerate individuals who are fully aware of their responsibilities, there have been a number of recent incidents involving aggressive dogs putting the public at risk. Owners are reminded that there is an unlimited fine or prison sentence of up to six

months (or both) if your dog is dangerously out of control in a public space, in addition to which you may be banned from owning a dog in the future and the dog may be destroyed. In the event of injuries to people, pets or livestock then more severe penalties may apply.



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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 in Dunton Green News and support the parish by advertising here

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Fancy going for a wander?

The Dunton Green 'Health Walk' was discontinued earlier in 2017 as we could not find people to train as walk leaders (a necessity for the official 'Health Walks').

However, a number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group.

We meet on Saturday mornings at the pavilion at 10.30am.

We walk for about an hour, have a chat about various topics and put the world to rights!

If any other people would like to join us, just turn up - you would be most welcome.



DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tracey Boanas, the Head teacher of Dunton Green Primary School, is delighted with the outcome of the most recent Ofsted inspection in July this year.



Even though the inspection was conducted in the last week of term, the day to day expectations for teaching and learning were clear to see.

The inspection team observed 18 lessons over two full days and they were impressed with the significant improvements in the school.

Dunton Green pupils receive a good education with fantastic outcomes at all levels. This year 96% of pupils passed the phonic screening check and there were equally impressive results at EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

Ms Boanas warmly welcomes visitors to the school. There are currently spaces in a few year groups. Please contact the school office if you would like to come and see the changes for yourself and meet the inspirational Head teacher to hear how your child would be warmly welcomed into the Dunton Green family and reach their learning potential: School office - 01732 462221

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2019 we have our final open morning on November 21st at 9am. There is no need to book – please just turn up. If you've missed that and would like to arrange another appointment time, please contact the school office: admin@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk

The school Christmas bazaar will be held on December 8th @ 12.00 – 3.00pm. We warmly welcome the whole community to attend the school bazaar on this day. (See page 15 for more details).

Dunton Green Primary School has been at the heart of this village for longer than most can remember. The fantastic news that the school has been graded as 'GOOD' marks a great achievement for all at the school - the teachers, the staff, the governors, the parents/carers and most importantly the children. Well done everyone!!

The Ofsted report accurately reflects the provision which is now GOOD in all areas.



Pupils make strong progress across year groups in reading, writing and mathematics. Pupils' attainment in reading and mathematics is above the national average.

The Early Years Foundation stage provides a very effective springboard into Year 1. Children are well prepared for school life because of carefully planned teaching and high-quality care.

The head teacher has made rapid improvements in the quality of education. She has inspired staff to raise their expectations. As a result, pupils' outcomes have quickly improved.

Compared to 2017, Year 6 pupils' attainment increased significantly in reading and mathematics in 2018. Overall the proportion of Year 6 pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined has increased dramatically. Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the quality of education. They believe that their children are happy and safe, and make good progress.

The full report can be accessed on the Ofsted website;
<https://reports.beta.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/118272>



'WE ARE A GOOD SCHOOL '
Dunton Green, you certainly are!!



Meet Sue...

This lovely lady is Sue Larken and she is coming to Dunton Green! In fact, you may well have met her already as she has been very busy in recent months getting to know the village and meeting residents.

Sue works for Age UK and, as a result of the funding provided by Dunton Green Parish Council, has launched her Pop In Café in Dunton Green. The Café got off to a great start on November 14th and Sue hopes to see you again on 12th December and each month throughout 2019.

This is a fantastic opportunity for residents to come along to Dunton Green Pavilion to see and make friends, talk to Sue and enjoy a good cuppa and some biscuits! Sue has a proven track record of success with similar Pop In Cafés in places like Chiddingstone, Leigh and Penshurst and we hope that the Dunton Green project will be well supported!

Dunton Green Parish Council is delighted to be forging stronger links with Age UK and the Pop In Café is the latest addition to the charity's presence in the village. We would like work further with the team at Age UK to extend the range of activities and services on offer over the next few years, so please let Sue (or the Parish Council) know what sort of services you would find most useful.

A local charity, originally formed in 1947, Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge has been known under several different guises. They provide products and services for the over 50's in the local communities.



For more information about the vast range of services that Age UK offer please take a look at their website www.ageuk.org.uk/sevenoaksandtonbridge/
Or, of course, you are very welcome to come along to the Pop In Café and have a chat with Sue!
suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk
01732 454108 - ask for Sue Larken

Dunton Green – Pop In Café

Dunton Green Pavilion, London Road, TN13 2UR



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or email

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It's been a JOLLY good time...

After a business presence of 55 years in Dunton Green, and various formats, the Jollies are leaving the village.

My parents, Ray and Carol Jolly, bought what was then a Hardware Store in 1963, renaming it Jolly's Stores, and the family lived on the premises - Mum, Dad, myself and my brother Nick. The shop was at the front - part of the ground floor - and the back was our living room with a teeny kitchen. We had to walk through the shop to access the stairs to the bedrooms and bathroom!

I still remember to this day my first meal in Dunton Green despite only being just over 3 years old - Tomato Soup in what was then The Broadway Cafe and what is now the Taj Tandoori.

Over the years the format and shape of the shop and business has changed several times, including the taking out of a wall downstairs to expand the size of the shop to the size it is now, at which time we all lived ONLY upstairs - converting the smallest bedroom to another teeny kitchen, largest bedroom as a lounge, and all four of us in the bedroom (bunk beds for us kids). However, this only lasted for a relatively short time, being somewhat impractical, and my parents eventually rented a property in Bitchet Green for a couple of years, which is probably where my brother's and my love of the countryside was fostered.

During the Bitchet Green period my father went into partnership with Mahmoud 'Mac' Sultani (after whom the original Mac's Newsagent was named) and they got involved in the development of Tubs Hill Parade near Sevenoaks Station where a second hardware store was opened; Home and Garden Centre. During that time, I became friends with Margaret (Mac's assistant Monica's daughter) and that friendship still endures to this day.



Meanwhile here in Dunton Green, Jolly's Stores continued in the original business premises (although the black cloud of out-of-town discount stores was on the horizon) and as well as a china and cutlery loan facility, my father then developed a local business promotion scheme for new residents, with another business partner, which was run from the premises. In 1982, after the closure of Jolly's Stores, the promotional business - Welcome Directories - took over the whole shop with dad, myself and Nick running it (with a bit of assistance from mum) after the illness and subsequent death of dad's partner Stewart Littlepage. Not long after we decided to concentrate on business printing and phased out the promotional part of the business, eventually becoming Welcome Printing. Despite Nick leaving for other interests in 2007, and dad's subsequent illness and death in 2009, I have continued with copying and managing print work for a huge range of customers and formats, meeting many people over the years, some of which I would say are now friends, and of course watching the parade and village develop, seeing long term residents and

their families go, and life for all of us changing.

SO - time for a change for me now as the business will eventually close, there no longer being sufficient need for copying and the like; someone else will own the shop and a new chapter will open on The Broadway, which I hope will benefit everyone in the village.

However, don't think it's the last you've seen of me - I will still be managing some work in the area, and have many dear friends in Dunton Green and Sevenoaks so will almost certainly pop up on a regular basis. I probably won't be recognised as I won't be "wearing" the shop!



Sally Jolly - Welcome Printing

The Parish Council wishes Sally all the very best as she moves on from Dunton Green. The Jollys have been mainstays of the village for many years and it is sad to lose a longstanding business. Time's they are a-changing! We're especially grateful to Sally for her help and assistance with the printing of Dunton Green News. We're very fortunate, not to mention extremely pleased, that she has indicated that she'll continue to manage this for us for a while longer. All the best Sally!



COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2019

DGPC will take part in the scheme for the fourth year. It is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of Kent County Council and Mayor of Medway.

Serving Parish & Town Councils in Kent The KALC Community Awards is to acknowledge and give recognition to a resident/group who in Dunton Green has/have made a significant contribution to this community over a period of years. This year DGPC is asking for nominations from the community. So, if you know of someone who has given this sort of service and merits an Award then please let us know. The person must live or work within the Parish/Town Council boundary.

The Award will be presented by the Parish Council Chairman at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27th March 2019. Nomination forms will be available from Dunton Green Pavilion or can be emailed to you if you contact the Clerk (see page 2).



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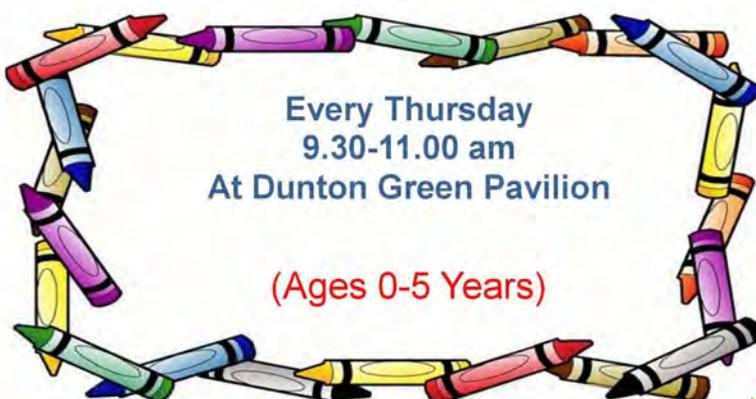
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The Sidings Between 10:00am on Wednesday 1st of August and 10:00am on Saturday 4th of August. A vehicle parked in a parking bay in the road was broken into and items were stolen.

Centenary Close Between 6:30pm on Tuesday 31st of July and 4:00pm on Wednesday 1st of August. A vehicle parked in the road was keyed.

Polhill On Thursday 23rd of August between 12:01am and 12:15pm. A hole was cut into a fence surrounding a field. A Horse was able to escape through the gap. Enquiries are ongoing.

Hillfield Road On Thursday 11th of October around 1:45am. Some insurance documents, deed and other legal docs went missing from a BMW parking on the driveway.

Rye Lane Between 6:30pm on Wednesday 24th of October and 7:40am on Thursday 25th of October. Four outbuildings at a residential property was broken into. Still awaiting list of stolen property.

Dunton Green has two PCSOs: Amy Hardy and Sue Harwood

Full details of how to contact Kent Police (including our PCSOs) please see the information on page 28

PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the **DGPC website** - www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:

18/02180/FUL The Old Chapel 185 London Road

Conversion of existing building to dwelling and associated works DGPC - *Support The Parish Council supports conversion of this dwelling to a residence. The only slight concern is the limited amount of parking available for what will be a three-bedroom dwelling.*

18/02384/FUL & 18/02385/LBCALT Donnington Manor Hotel London Road

Painting of wood / composite fencing around the NW and NE boundaries. The internal cladding timber of the SW boundary and the planting of ivy on the interior of all fencing and the provision of external hedgerow planting on all three boundaries. The removal of five floodlights columns and their replacement with five low tamlite led-lit bollards and the installation of 18 fence mounted led-lit lighting units. DGPC - *Support (both applications)*

18/02489/HOUSE 14 Kingswood Road

Conservatory to rear DGPC - *Support*

18/02719/MMA Ryewood Sales & Marketing Suite Campion Square

Amendment to 17/03609/FUL-DGPC-*No comment*

18/02809/WTPO Prices Wood Pounsley Road

Various works to trees (TPO)

DGPC -*No recommendation (not required as TPO application, sent for information only). Additionally, there is a conflict of interest as DGPC is the land owner.*

18/02953/HOUSE 17 London Road

Two storey side and rear extension and provision for 2 off-road parking spaces DGPC-*Support. Members were pleased to see an application with good parking provision.*

18/02747/HOUSE 21 Rye Lane

Single storey front and side extension. Raising and altering roof. DGPC-*Support. In principle the Parish Council supports development of the site but only within legitimate criteria. The proposed extensions are quite*

considerable in comparison to the original size of the dwelling and the Parish Council requests that SDC confirms that the proposal does not breach the 50% rule or any other development guidelines. Support is subject to the expansion of the dwelling being within permitted levels.

18/03041/HOUSE 83 London Road

Demolition of existing single storey side extension. Erection of two storey side extension with habitable loft space and dormer window. Alterations to fenestration. DGPC-*Support*.

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS:

GRANTED 18/02180/FUL The Old Chapel 185 London Road

Conversion of existing building to dwelling and associated works

REFUSAL OF CONSENT 18/02809/WTPO Prices Wood Pounsley Road

Various works to trees (TPO)

DGPC -*No recommendation (not required as TPO application, sent for information only). Additionally, there is a conflict of interest as DGPC is the land owner.*

SDC-*Refusal in part only; most works given consent*

The Clerk was asked to establish with SDC when a sapling would be defined as a tree (the understanding being that anything shorted than 6 inches cannot be covered by a Tree Preservation Order).

It was noted that all permitted works would be undertaken during w/c 5th November and that bramble & vegetation clearance would be undertaken prior to this during w/c 22nd October.

GRANTED 18/02384/FUL & 18/02385/LBCALT Donnington Manor Hotel London Road

Painting of wood / composite fencing around the NW and NE boundaries. The internal cladding timber of the SW boundary and the planting of ivy on the interior of all fencing and the provision of external hedgerow planting on all three boundaries. The removal of five floodlights columns and their replacement with five low tamlite led-lit bollards and the installation of 18 fence mounted led-lit lighting units.

GRANTED 18/01130/HOUSE 88 London Road

Erection of a single storey rear extension

DGPC-*Support*

GRANTED 18/01801/FUL 40 Lennard Road

Demolition of shed. Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, Erection of a new dwelling to the side. Erection of a dropped kerb and widen crossover. DGPC-*Support*

GRANTED 18/01802/FUL 36 Lennard Road

Conversion of existing extension. Erection of a first floor extension, and widening of crossover, all to form a new attached dwelling. DGPC-*Support*

GRANTED 8/01859/HOUSE 101 London Road

Proposed demolition ground floor at side. Erection of a two-storey side extension. Erection of a single storey front and rear extension with rooflights.

Erection of new porch at front. DGPC-*Support*

GRANTED 18/02489/HOUSE 14 Kingswood Road

Conservatory to rear DGPC - *Support*

GRANTED 18/01735/FUL 30 Kingswood Road

Demolition of existing double storey and single storey rear extension. Erection of a two storey and singled storey rear extension with rooflights. Insertion of new windows to front and side. DGPC- *Support*



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Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent



1. Looks like work on the new homes on the old chapel site on Station Road has started.

2. I joined some friends for the



fireworks in September. There were lots of people there. The PTA were cooking burgers and there was a guitarist singing. Brilliant fireworks.

3. Some of the rubbish several of us picked up in the village on the last litter pick. I hope



some more residents turn up for the next one!



4. I went through one of the gates opposite the Ryewood estate and found some lovely new woodland paths. A bit short of litter and dog bins though.

5. The weather was lovely when I took the kids to the Family Fun Day on the recreation ground in July.



6. Did anyone else spot the massive generator that was in the Pavilion car park after we all lost our power one weekend in August?



7. Brilliant news! Our primary school has been graded good by Ofsted.

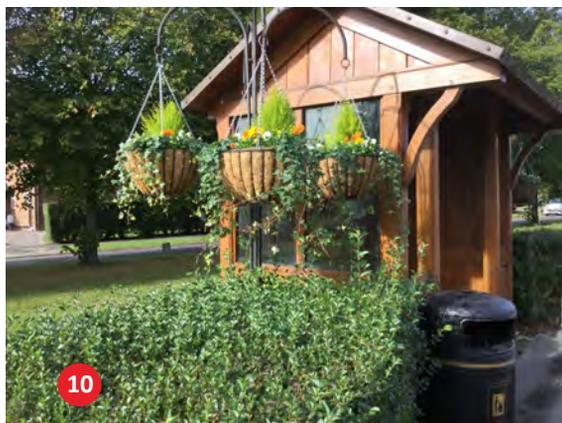
8. What a shame a recent storm has caused some dreadful damage to one of the

large trees on the footpath between the station and the recreation ground.



9. Very glad that now the roadworks have finally finished that the end of Longford Meadow has been cleared of all the heavy machinery and rubble that was there for months!!

10. What lovely winter hanging baskets on the bus shelter and the shopping parade.



Dunton Green Parish Council welcomes residents to attend its meetings. Full council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm at the Pavilion and there are meetings of its committees on a less frequent basis, as the need arises.

Dates of meetings are detailed in the events section of the website (and in the Dates for the Diary section of this magazine) and agendas are issued on the website in the week before the meeting.

You can find out about all sorts of things that are going on in and are affecting the village at these meetings. Get more involved in your community; come along, have a cup of tea, meet your councillors and find out. You'll be made very welcome!



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Dial **999** if there is threat to life or a crime is in progress.

Call **101** for all non-emergency matters.

PCSO Amy Hardy or **PCSO Ellie Collins** 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 report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

Barretts Road	Hillfield Road	London Rd Slip Road
Donnington Road	Ivy House Lane	Lusted Road
Kingswood Road	Milton Road	Rye Lane
Lennard Road	Pounsley 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**.



PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights...

- * All Parish Council streetlights will be upgraded to LED lanterns in an effort to become more energy efficient. The work will be completed before the end of April 2019
- * The Parish Council has fully funding Age UK's latest venture in Dunton Green - the Pop In Café to ensure that we are providing for older residents
- * Kent Association of Local Councils Community Awards Scheme: the Parish Council has signed up to this for the fourth year running. Previous recipients of the award include former Parish Councillor Brian Tingley, current Parish Councillor Graham Hersey and local volunteer Jean Woods. This year we would like to receive nominations from you. Forms will be available from the Parish Council office at the Pavilion or email the Clerk.
- * At last we have installed the latest defibrillator in the village. It is the third one that the Parish Council has funded and can be found on the front wall of the Village Hall. The others are at Dunton Green Pavilion and outside The Bed Shop on London Road.
- * Works to make Price's Wood (next to Ryewood and Pounsley Road) more pleasant and accessible for the community have begun, the land having been gifted to the Parish Council in 2018
- * The Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract will be going out to tender in December. Information will be available on the Parish Council's website at that time.
- * We're aiming to make Dunton Green greener. It will take time but we'll be looking at improvements to the village green, the small open space on Mill Road and Longford Meadow. We'll also have more hanging baskets through the village next year. If you would like to get involved in making Dunton Greener a prettier place to live please contact us at the Parish Council - new volunteers are very welcome!!



DONNINGTON HALL BADMINTON GROUP

We are a mixed ability group and anyone who has played badminton is welcome to get back to the game. As there is only one court we are unable to train new players.

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. It is pay as you go with no joining fee. So if you are only able to come less regularly it is OK with us. You can come and give it a go – the first session is free and we can lend you a racket. Just wear proper sports shoes.

Just turn up (Donnington Hall, Barretts Road) or for more info phone Gill on 01883 722948 or 077909 12741

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday November 17th 2018 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)
Saturday December 1st 2018 - Christmas Tree installation 9am Village Green
Tuesday December 11th 2018 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Friday December 21st 2018 - Christmas Singalong 7pm Village Green
Tuesday January 8th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Tuesday February 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Saturday February 16th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)
Tuesday March 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Wednesday 27th March - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Reception 7pm*
Tuesday April 9th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Thursday May 2nd 2019- District and Parish Council Elections*
Tuesday May 15th 2019 - Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Saturday May 18th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)
Tuesday June 11th 2019- Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Tuesday July 9th 2019- Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Saturday August 10th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)
Tuesday September 10th -2019 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Saturday 28th September 2019- Annual Fireworks Display 6.30pm*
Tuesday October 8th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Tuesday November 12th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
Saturday November 16th 2019 - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)
Tuesday December 10th 2019 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

** More details will follow*

Visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk and sign up to Email Alerts to keep up to date and informed about all the latest news, meetings and events information as it is published. Meeting agendas are published in the week prior to the meeting and are available on the website

If you have events that you would like publicised please contact the Clerk and we can consider publishing your activities on our Parish Council website events listing page - we're keen to let everyone know just what is on in Dunton Green and it starts with you!

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 Age UK on
01732 454108

For more information see
www.ageuk.org.uk or
www.duntongreenpc.org.uk



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JOIN US AS A GUEST OR GET INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER—WE'RE A REALLY FRIENDLY BUNCH!

Your Local Community Update



NEW Dunton Green - Pop In Café

Pop along to the new Age UK Pop-In Café on the second Wednesday of every month at the Dunton Green Pavilion. It is a great chance to meet new people in a warm, welcoming and supportive environment.

You will be given the opportunity to learn how to gain strength, improve balance and build confidence to keep you mobile and independent. There is no pressure to join in with the exercises; you are more than welcome to just turn up for a friendly chat to meet old or new friends.

When: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month (14th Nov, 12th Dec, 9th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th Mar, 10th Apr)

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, off London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UR

For more information please call Age UK on 01732 454108 and ask for Sue Larken, or email suelarken@sevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk



Street Dance

Come along and try the Dunton Green Street Dance sessions. These sessions are lots of fun and are suitable for both complete beginners and those with more experience. You are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

Age: 8 to 16 year olds

When: Wednesday (term time only)

Time: 5:15 - 6:45pm

Cost: £3.50 per person per class
(discount if whole term paid in advance)

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

The lunch club will be celebrating their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 5th December. If you haven't been before then this is the perfect opportunity to come along and join in the festivities.

The Dunton Green Lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. The club is a welcoming place for local residents to come along. Members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal whilst socialising with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, new volunteers are always appreciated.

When: First Wednesday of the month
Time: 11.45am to 2pm
Cost: £4
Where: Dunton Green Pavilion
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



To confirm that you will be attending, to book transport or enquire about volunteering please call Age UK on 01732 454108.

Easy Netball

Ever fancied having a go at Netball or maybe haven't played in a long time? Then these sessions are especially for you. The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. There is no pressure to attend every week as sessions are pay as you go.

Age: Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend.
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 7.00 to 8.00pm
Cost: £2 pay as you go
Where: Multi Use Games Area
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

Please note this session will be cancelled in wet weather.



For more information or to be added to the What's App group , please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Tamz Tai Chi

Tai Chi is renowned for relieving stress, improving flexibility and balance and is associated with many other health benefits. Mindfulness, slow and flowing movements and focussed breathing make this martial art perfect for those who want to find a little relief from their hectic lives or for those who want to ease gently into physical activity.

These beginner Tai Chi sessions will be delivered by Tameila (Tammy) Brown whose enthusiasm and experience make her the perfect person to lead you on your Tai Chi journey.

Sessions are open to everyone, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. So whether you are young or young at heart, you will be warmly welcomed.

When: Sundays
Time: 10am to 11am
Cost: **First class £5**, £8 per session thereafter .
Where: Donnington Hall, Barretts Road, Dunton Green,
TN13 2UN

For more information about sessions over the Christmas period please call 07792 479772 or email tamztaichi@gmail.com



Contacting Kent Police



Find your answer online. Browse our A to Z question finder www.kent.police.uk/askthepolice



Email your local policing team. Visit www.kent.police.uk/yourarea



For non-urgent issues, call **101**



In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**



If deaf or speech impaired, text '**police**' and your message to **60066**



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Young **I**ndependent **C**hildren's **Z**one
Youth Club
Ages 8-13

SEE WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK (EVENTS) FOR UP TO DATE INFO ON DATES

Every Friday @ Dunton Green Pavilion
6:30pm-8:30pm
Activities On Offer - Sports, Arts & Crafts,
Cooking, Film Nights and many more
£2.50 per session, Tuck shop included

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

For more information please contact us - yicz_club@hotmail.com
Ross Brotherwood 07715441991
Lisa Doran 07495799986



Dunton Green Parish Council

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nick.chard@kent.gov.uk

Christmas Singalong!

Friday 21st December 2018
7pm

You are warmly invited to an evening of singing and refreshments at
the Christmas Tree on the Village Green*

Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Soft Drinks will be available

Everyone is very welcome!

*If this event is adversely affected by the weather, proceedings will be moved to Duntun Green Pavilion (Recreation Ground)

Seasons Greetings from Duntun Green Parish Council



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OPCC, Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone ME15 9BZ

Matthew Scott Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner



Emergency services to join forces for jobs fayre in Dartford

Police, fire and ambulance staff are joining forces for a special event later this month to showcase various jobs opportunities with the emergency services.

The BlueLight Jobs Fayre during October half-term in Dartford is free and open to everyone. It has been organised by Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who said:

'I encourage anyone - especially those out-of-work, studying, or considering a change in career - to drop in to North Kent College on Friday 26 October anytime between 10am and 4pm. Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have and find out how to apply.

'Kent Police, for example, is currently in the middle of its [biggest recruitment drive for a generation](#). The force is looking for police officers and staff to help make us all safer in Kent.'

Superintendent Tracey Quiller from Kent Police said:

'This event is a great opportunity for people to come and find out more about an incredibly varied and rewarding career with the emergency services. It is an extremely exciting time to join Kent Police as we continue to recruit both police officers and police staff for a number of roles across the county.

'We will have representatives on hand to discuss the different roles available and how you can become part of the Kent Police family.'

Karen Irvine, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Learning at Kent Fire and Rescue Service, said:

'We are actively recruiting on-call firefighters at a number of stations around the county. The role is part-time and is done by all sorts of people and can be done alongside another job,

The PCC Matthew Scott invites you to his BlueLight Jobs Fayre

Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have, and find out how to apply. There'll be representatives of:

- Kent Police and British Transport Police
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service
- South East Coast Ambulance Service
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Prisons and rehabilitation, and more!

You can also find out more about volunteering with:

- Victim Support
- Independent Custody Visitors
- Appropriate Adults
- Kent Special Constabulary
- Restorative Justice

Use the hashtag #BlueLightJobs
Follow @PCCKent
Like 'Kent Police and Crime Commissioner'



When?
Friday 26 October
10am - 4pm

Where?
North Kent College
Dartford Road
Dartford - DA1 2UT



college or around caring for children.'

She added: 'Firefighters aren't the only heroes we employ. Behind the scenes, there are many professionals working hard in essential roles the public doesn't see, including our fire and rescue control team, community safety, information systems, finance and more. We also have a range of apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities. Not all of us are frontline staff, but we all play a vital role in keeping people safe.'

South East Coast Ambulance Services' Paramedic and Operations Manager Phill Morris said:

'We have a number of careers to promote at SECAmb. There are opportunities to take up clinical and non-clinical roles and we'd encourage anyone who's interested in a career which saves lives to come and speak to us.

'The roles include Emergency Care Support Workers across our whole region and also roles working as 999 Call Handlers and NHS 111 Call Handlers at our locations in Ashford, Coxheath and Crawley. We're really looking forward to meeting everyone at the jobs fayre and showcasing the variety of career opportunities we have to offer.'

As well as the three main blue light services, the event will feature stands from partner

agencies including: British Transport Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company

And there will be the chance to find out more about volunteering with groups like Kent's Special Constabulary, the fire service, Victim Support and the Young Lives Foundation which provides appropriate adults to help vulnerable people, including children, detained in police custody.

Nikki Franks, Curriculum Manager for Public Services at North Kent College, said:

'We are delighted to be hosting this event and working in conjunction with the blue light services who support our courses and students year after year.

'Public Services Courses at North Kent College are designed to prepare learners for a career improving and safeguarding the communities which they are a part of. The jobs fayre will give them the opportunity to learn more about the careers they wish to pursue.'

For more information about the event and to register your interest, please visit [our Facebook page](#).

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News in Brief

Excellence in Policing Conference speech

Matthew attended and spoke at the Excellence in Policing Conference in September. He spoke as the APCC national leads for performance and Mental Health, highlighting the work PCCs have done in these areas and the future work and support that is necessary going forward. The full speech can be read [here](#)



Annual Policing Survey: Tell the PCC how safe you feel where you live

Matthew Scott would like to hear from you about what matters to you in your local area, where Kent Police can improve and what priorities Kent Police should be focusing on. [Please do so by completing his short survey here.](#)



The latest episode of the [Police and Crime Podcast](#) is [here](#). You can hear an excerpt of Matthew holding Kent Police's Chief Constable to account; he reports back on the mental health Conference he attended and he makes an exciting announcement: [Please click here](#)



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Matthew Scott Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner



First officers from Kent Police recruitment campaign begin service

The first batch of new officers appointed under Kent Police's biggest ever recruitment campaign are set to start their duties.



The 34 officers took part in a ceremonial Passing Out Parade on Friday 28 September in front of their friends and families who were joined by the Chief Constable of Kent Alan Pughsley QPM and the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott.

The new recruits are part of an uplift in the number of officers keeping the county safe. In February, Mr Scott increased the 2018/19 council tax precept, meaning a Band D household pays an extra £1 a month, funding an additional 200 Kent officers to support local policing.

There will be a further planned recruitment of 240 officers to maintain existing numbers, while an additional 80 staff will also be employed.

Chief Constable Alan Pughsley said:

'It was a privilege to attend the Passing Out Parade for our newest officers and welcome them into a police force that has been graded as 'outstanding' for the way it treats the public and the people who work for it.

'It was fantastic to see the officers showing a great deal of pride in their achievements during the pa-

rade and they will now begin protecting our communities and putting victims at the heart of everything we do as a police force.'

Kent Police's will be recruiting into the New Year and applicants should visit [the force website](#) for more details. Successful applicants will be placed on a training programme which will include physical fitness, legal training and tutoring with local policing teams.

Mr Scott said:

'Residents across Kent consistently tell me they want to see more police officers, being more visible, in their communities.

'I've used council tax to invest in up to 200 more police officers this year. I am sure residents will join me in wishing the latest recruits all the best for their future careers. We all look forward to seeing them on our streets soon.'

Kent Police is also open for the recruitment of volunteer officers to join its award winning Special Constabulary, where they can receive training to the same standard as a regular full-time police officer in support of their community.

Matthew's engagements

Last month saw Matthew engage with the communities in Ashford and Swale. He handed out his annual policing surveys to members of the public and listened to views on policing and crime in their local areas. Matthew attended a Morrison's in the Isle of Sheppey, the Forum Shopping Centre in Sittingbourne and spoke on SFM radio during a live interview. Additionally, Matthew visited a coffee morning in the rural area of High Halden, Ashford and the County Square Shopping Centre to gauge the different views across rural, urban and coastal areas around the county.



£800 for Heart Research UK and local charity the Young Lives Foundation.

Matthew Scott, who also took part in the event on Sunday 16 September said:

'It was a pleasure to run alongside the young cadets and lend them my support. They give up their time for their communities and I couldn't be more proud of them.'

Matthew also joined 16 of Kent's Volunteer Police Cadets for a fundraising run at Mote Park, Maidstone.

All the cadets completed the Subway Helping Hearts Family 5km course in under an hour and in doing so raised more than



What is a Police and Crime Commissioner?

Matthew Scott was elected Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2016.

His role is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan.

He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent Police to account for the delivery of that plan. He sets the council tax precept for policing, is responsible for the overall policing budget, and com-

missions services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects. Mr Scott also serves as the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' portfolio holder for Performance, and also as the portfolio holder for Mental Health.

He lives in Swanley with his wife and young daughter, is a fan of cricket and football, enjoys real ale and is a keen musician who has played in cover bands across the South East.

Get in touch

To raise an issue with Mr Scott or to invite him to a meeting or event please visit the OPCC website: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us

Please note that the PCC cannot interfere in operational policing or demand that the Chief Constable changes how he uses his policing resources. Equally, his office (the OPCC) cannot provide updates on how a crime is being investigated.

Community is what we are!

*Some thoughts from Judy Collins,
Dunton Green Faithworks*

As I write this there has been considerable media coverage about community and the positive impact on individual health and well-being from being part of a caring community. If you were cynical you could say that promoting this is a way for those with power and control over public finances to delegate their responsibilities to local communities. However, my experience of being part of the community in Dunton Green is that this is a place that does demonstrate the real benefits for people of being part of a community.



Creating strong communities does not happen on its own though, it takes thought, time, people and involvement. I have just listened to a BBC programme discussing research into what makes communities robust and resilient in times of trouble, places where people feel they belong and benefit from good health and longer lives. It is simple things like feeling safe when you are out and about; having somewhere to meet others; observing and sharing with people of all ages and being in places that people feel belong to them. You only have to flick through this magazine to understand how many of these factors are present in Dunton Green.

Dunton Green felt a very different place when I started visiting regularly about 12 years ago. The public spaces were tired, some felt unsafe with poor lighting, there was nowhere just to 'hang out' apart from the places selling alcohol like the pubs and Social Club. Many of the activities in the various halls were running for people who did not live in the village. We have to thank many people for these changes, such as the Parish Council, the Community

Development workers and local businesses. However, it is only by you and me getting involved that things really change.

I hope you will think that Faithworks, your community church, has also helped along the way. We started in the village by cleaning up the War Memorial and went on to run the community fun days, youth clubs and the coffee shop in the old vets before Bojangles opened. We were also pleased to be part of the PACT (Police and Community Together) group that addressed community safety issues.

Now Faithworks is still 'hanging out' regularly in the village and it is



somewhere for YOU. We are community with people of all ages, from babies to elderly people getting together to enjoy friendly company, good food and have fun. We are, as the song from 'Cheers' says, 'Somewhere everyone knows your name', and

somewhere to share your joys and troubles. If you are hesitant about coming somewhere new or need transport, just give me a call as we are happy to meet you beforehand or give you a lift.

I hope you find something in this magazine that helps you feel part of this great little village. Do come along and try out the community that is Dunton Green Faithworks. We are definitely not church as you would imagine it – see you there. 10am on Sunday mornings in the pavilion on the Recreation Ground,

Judy
01732 458464 or 07790 281462



Since being involved in the local community I have met some very interesting people that have had great experience and have wonderful tales to tell about their lives. It would be good to hear from them. In the meantime, let's start with a boring one!

An Old Gits Tale!!

I moved to Dunton Green in 2004. How did I get to live here? Well, it's a long story and I need to go back to the 1940s. I was born in Little Sodbury Manor in South Gloucestershire - to be more correct in the gardener's cottage in the grounds of the manor. When I was a year old the family moved to a very modest house outside the small village of Westerleigh. We had no electricity, no hot water and an outside toilet. The only heating was a coal fire in the sitting room, frost was on the inside of the bedroom window in the winter. We did not feel hard done by, it was a wonderful childhood. You did not care what clothes you wore, off across the fields, climbing trees, making dens, having mud fights, making carts from old pram wheels and making bows and arrows. Money was not a problem as we did not have any!



From a young age I always had jobs. My Father said if you want money you have to earn it. I went to the small village primary school and transferred to the local secondary modern school. Not a great academic and had problems with reading, my greatest nightmare was having to read out loud around the class. I enjoyed school life and the practical subject and gained a love of sports. I had a careers interview and told the officer I wanted to be a teacher of physical education. He laughed in my face, he said people from this school do not go into higher education. In those times you left school at fifteen but I stayed on for another year and took exams. I passed enough to transfer to sixth form at the local Technical High School to take A levels. Outside of school I was a member of the Scouts, passed the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award and played rugby for my local club.

I passed A levels and obtained a place at teacher training college in Exeter. I got very involved in college life being a member of staff/student committee and chairman of college clubs, I was never known to be in the college bar!!! I played lots of sports, rugby being my main game and was probably the worst ever pole vaulter!

I was a B level student but did get an A for my final teacher practice. I passed the course and gained a Certificate of Teaching (it would be a Bachelor of Education these days) - so much for the Careers officer!

I secured a teaching post in Sussex and was at the school for three years, becoming Head of Physical Education and Head of Fifth Year. I then moved into Special Education and taught in a large residential school in Kent dealing with children who

had emotional and behavioural problems. I was there for eleven years and became head of the Post Sixteen Unit. While there I passed an Advanced Diploma in the Education of Handicapped Children.

A friend of mine persuaded me to join his company. I became his overseas Recruitment Co Ordinator and worked in London, the USA, Canada and Libya (quite a change). When the company split, I was involved in property development in the UK, France and Spain but the company failed and I was out of work. I spent time doing any job I could, driving minibuses, painting and decorating, cleaning offices and I even made sausages in West Kent Cold Store where the new Ryewood development now is!

I was 40 years old and going nowhere. I decided my best option was to go back into teaching. I obtained a short-term contract in another residential special school. I was



offered a full-time contract after two months and stayed there for eleven years becoming Deputy Headteacher and being Acting Headteacher on three occasions. Whilst there I passed the National Professional Qualification for Headship. In 2004 The local authority decided to close the school and all staff

were made redundant. As I lived on site I was also evicted! Looking for somewhere to live I saw a house for sale In Dunton Green. It was tired but I felt sure with lots of work I could make it my home.

The local people were friendly, welcoming and Dunton Green seemed like a good place to live. Therefore, this Old Git has told you all about how he came to be in Dunton Green. After being made redundant from the school I secured a position with the local authority as Elective Home Education Consultant. This involved monitoring children who were being home educated. I did this for ten years before finally retiring in 2014. *I have probably bored you to death!*

I am sure others in the village have much more interesting stories to tell. If you would like to share your memories get in touch with Tracy, the Clerk, or myself - I could always be your scribe.

QUESTION: One summer job I did was as a Chain boy! Any ideas? Let me know – you may receive a small prize!

Cllr. Tim Fox





As the evenings start to become longer Kent Police is reminding home owners to take simple crime prevention steps to keep their properties secure.

With residents leaving their homes throughout the winter months to attend festive events, such as Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas there is typically a spike in burglary reports across the county.

Target those responsible

To combat this rise Kent Police is launching its annual campaign to help prevent burglaries and target those responsible.

Officers will be taking a proactive approach throughout the course of the campaign and will continue to advise home owners of the simple steps they can take to protect their properties.

How to protect your home:

- * Ensure doors and windows are secure before leaving your property
- * Keep keys, cash and expensive items out of view
- * Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your home look occupied
- * Keep gates locked and boundaries secure
- * Lock away bikes, tools and garden items that could be stolen or used to break into your home

You can also:

- * Security-mark items including bicycles, smartphones and laptops
- * Keep receipts and serial numbers safe
- * Photograph and insure expensive or unique items
- * Register important items for free at www.immobolise.com. This can help us return them to you if they are stolen and then recovered.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

Dunton Green Parish Council 01732 462966; clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk

Dunton Green Pavilion Bookings 07305 814 694; bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, Off London Road

Age UK Lunch Club	01732 454108
Age UK Pop In Café	01732 454108; suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk
Faithworks Family Fun / Café	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
Holistic Core Restore	07868 129949; jo@radiantpersonaltraining.co.uk
Over 55s Social Club	07818 081 003
Pilates (Bryony Tilley)	07973 345 321

Pilates (Olivia Lerner)	07434 678100
Play Place Youth Club	info@playplace.org
Stay & Play (KCC)	03000 421 137
Street Dance (Youth)	01732 227000
Taekwon-Do (Oaks Martial Arts)	01732 759988; info@oaksmartialarts.com
YICZ Youth Club	Ross 07715 441 991; Lisa 07495 799 986; yicz_club@hotmail.com

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, Off London Road

Kick Kent	keir@nkcc.org.uk
Easy Netball	01732 227000
Backyard Bootcamp	07803 050 431; enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk

Taking Place in DUNTON GREEN VENUES (other)

DONNINGTON HALL Barretts Road

Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk

Donnington Hall Badminton Club	Gill - 01883 722948 or 077909 12741
Dunton Green Pre School	07982 677 676; duntongreenpreschool@live.co.uk
Tamz Tai Chi	07792 479 772; tamztaichi@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL, London Road

Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; www.dgvillagehall.co.uk

Coffee Morning	Third Thursday of each month, 10.30am
DG School of Ballroom Dancing	David & Sandra Coppen; 07808 540 315
Knitting Group	01959 525569

OTHER Organisations and activities

Bessels Green Baptist Church	01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk
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
Faithworks	Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462
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	https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000 / information@sevenoaks.gov.uk
SDC Community Development	01732 22700 / community@sevenoaks.gov.uk

We hope you find this list of local activities and organisations useful. We would love to include more so please email clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk to make suggestions or to be included.

The list can also be found on the Parish Council's website: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

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"We now have a robust IT system that works for us" **Marketing Pro Group**

