

Herne & Broomfield Community News



Proud to be working with our residents in Herne & Broomfield since May 1996

We have lots of exciting events for all the family coming up over the next few months:

8th June - Garden Safari

20 gardens available to view, plus cafe and a display by the Rose & Gardening Club at the Herne Centre, and Vincent's Nurseries & Plant Centre, the event's sponsor, will be selling plants and garden items. See p6 for full poster

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

asks for posters about the environment. See p15 for more details!

21st June - **Summer Solstice party**

- music from the 70s and 80s, licensed bar available, food available to purchase - see p6

6th July - **FAMILY TREASURE HUNT**

- back by popular demand. Bring your young pirates, purchase a treasure map and explore the parish in a way you've never seen it before! The cafe will be open during this event and there will be a

PRELOVED TOY & BABY FAIR

at the Centre - book a table to sell items you no longer need. See p8 for both of these events

And looking forward to a Produce Fair and Competition in September!

Plus:

meet our new councillors

hear about organisations and news around the parish

read reports on past events

learn how the local government reorganisation is going and how it could affect assets in our parish



If there is a problem in your area then talk to us and we will try to help.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public

You do not need to wait for a meeting to raise matters of concern.

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Local Government Re-organisation Update

Kent County Council (KCC) and Medway Council (MC) were unsuccessful in their request to be included in the Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) to create a Mayoral Strategic Authority. Therefore, the KCC elections scheduled for 1st May 2025 took place as planned.

Although KCC and MC were not included in the DPP, the Local Government Re-organisation to create several Unitary Authorities (UA) across Kent and Medway will continue to take place. The proposal is that these will take effect from 2028. Some initial thoughts are that Kent and Medway be divided into 3 or 4 UAs, but this is a long way from being decided.

The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) is working with KCC, MC and the district/borough councils to support parish and town councils through the transition process. This includes engaging with other authorities that have already undergone re-organisation, to identify good practices and mistakes

to avoid. Nationally, support is being provided by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

There are many unknowns, particularly regarding the transfer of assets from the existing authorities to the UAs. The general advice has been to act now to identify local assets and start conversations with the relevant authorities, in conjunction with consulting residents. Taking responsibility for these assets at a local level is likely to have financial implications.

There are several assets within the parish that are currently the responsibility of either KCC or Canterbury City Council (CCC). The parish council is working to identify these assets and where possible register them with CCC as Assets of Community Value. Public consultation will take place to enable residents to submit their views regarding the future of the assets identified.

Dogs

There has been an increase in dog poo being left in bags across the Parish, especially across the fields near the Ridgeway. We are trying to get more litter bins put in across the area but please can you take the dog poo bags to the nearest bin. Also, on Lower Herne Road footpath that leads to the Redrow estate there has been an increase in fouling on the footpath - this is used a lot by school children going to and from Herne Bay High. Please can you clear up after your dog and be responsible.

New Councillors

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed two new parish councillors, who have been co-opted onto the council. Brian Austin has first-hand experience of the Redrow Estate, while Gill Lambkin has been active at the Herne Centre, running the bar for events, and also helping maintain the Centre garden.

The council is now up to full numbers again.

Parking

We have been made aware of work vans and skip lorries parking on Canterbury Road on the grass verge. Please DO NOT do this, the vans and cars damage the tree roots, we have also noticed broken branches off the trees. There used to be lots of bulbs in this area too in the spring but due to the constant vehicles these now do not appear. If you are having work undertaken, please advise the tradespeople to park away and walk if there is no spaces.

Request for volunteers for Speedwatch

We are looking for volunteers for Speed watch, we currently do not have enough to do regular checks. We also have some posters and bin stickers - they must be displayed off the highway and, on your property, if you would like "some watch your speed" signs or take part please contact the Parish office.

Our Parish Councillors

Our Parish Council Office is located at the Herne Centre
☎ 01227 742700, access via School Lane Car Park.



Brian Austin



Victoria Binstead



Ann Blatherwick



Debbie Checksfield



Monica Collins



Carol Davis



Julia Davison



Linda Hill



Gill Lambkin



Derek Maslin



Tony Strong



Linda White



Jeremy Wilson

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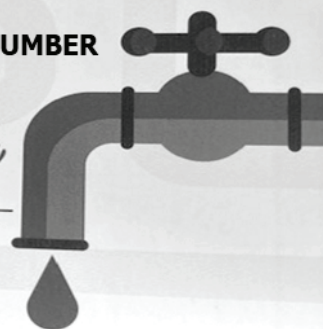


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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

The parish council has identified the following important assets

- Curtis Wood Park
- Cherry Orchard Playing Field, including changing rooms and toilets
- School Lane Car Park
- Herne Windmill
- Broomfield Community Park/BMX Track
- Herne Bay Cemetery

These could be under threat if responsibility for them is not transferred to a new Unitary Authority (UA).

Herne Windmill is already under threat as Kent County Council (KCC) continues with the process of disposing of its eight windmills.

What your parish council is doing

Submitting requests to Canterbury City Council (CCC) to register Curtis Wood Park, Cherry Orchard Playing Field, Broomfield Allotment and School Lane Car Park as Assets of Community Value. Herne Windmill is already registered.

Working with the Friends of Herne Mill and KCC to identify potential ways of maintaining the windmill for community use. One possibility could be a Community Asset Transfer on a Repairing Lease. KCC and its successor would potentially keep ownership of the windmill and the Friends of the Mill, in conjunction with the parish council, would be responsible for the costs to run and maintain it.

Starting conversations with KCC and CCC regarding the future of local assets.

The options now

Do nothing and take a chance that responsibility for the assets is automatically transferred to any new UA. This could result in assets being disposed of and being permanently lost.

Take steps to identify how assets could be safeguarded, including the possibility of transfer of responsibility to the parish council.

How would this impact residents

The main impact would be increasing the Parish Precept. Additional assets would create increased expenditure, although some would also generate income. Will residents be prepared to contribute more?

What you can do

Engage with parish council public consultations.

The parish council needs to know the views of residents.

These are community assets, for the use and benefit of the community, therefore the community needs to be involved with their future.

Let your voice be heard!!

Broomfield Art — meeting in Herne Community Centre

Recently we had a free style exhibition in the Groups Community Day and once again, were delighted by the positive feedback from visitors, many of whom spent time discussing various aspects of art in our world today.

**Broomfield Art
Group**



It is now acknowledged by experts in the medical world, that creative art groups including painting, drawing and music, are good for us and help to relieve stress, create confidence and promote friendships. We are always delighted to watch our club members, whether experienced artists or beginners, improve week by week and enjoy each other's company and share tips and support.

During the past year we have grown in number but we do have a couple of spaces left for anyone interested.

We meet on Thursday mornings from 10-12 so just call in to have a chat or call Anne on 07747 080 675 to find out more.



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HERNE & BROOMFIELD

Garden Safari

Sunday 8th June
11am—5pm*

* Check programme for specific garden opening times

Programmes available from the Herne Centre from 2nd June, and on the day from 10.30am.
£5 per adult, children go free.
(You MUST have a program to join the trail)

Half the funds raised will be equally divided between Strode Park Foundation and Crossroads Care; with the other half being used for community projects across the Parish.

The Community Café will be open at the Herne Centre offering food and drinks, as well as a display from the Herne Rose and Gardening Club. Vincents Nurseries & Plant Centre, this years programme sponsor, will be selling plants and garden items

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We hold monthly meetings throughout the year (excluding August) which cover a wide range of horticultural activities. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at St. Martin's Hall Canterbury Road CT6 7EH

We host a number of enthusiastic speakers from all walks of horticultural life at our club evenings followed by a cuppa, homemade cake, a raffle and a plant stall.



We arrange trips to local gardens and those further afield, and host social and fundraising events.

Recent events - At our March meeting our Spring Mini Show at which our members contributed to a jolly display of spring flowers, tempting Easter treats and craftwork. We were given an interesting presentation and demonstration by Mrs. Jean Scofield entitled "The Power of Flowers" .

- In April we were given an enlightening talk by Mr Stephen Harmer namely "Arts & Crafts Movement and its Gardens."



- On April 12th we held our Quiz Fun Night which was a lively evening. Our Quizmaster Pauline Greenhead and her Team gave us a fantastic time which resulted in a close finish.

- To come in May we have a club trip to RHS Wisley to look forward to. Our May meeting on Tue 20th Mrs Jean Scofield will return to present a talk on "The Magical and Mysterious World of Bees".

- On June 8th The Club will be taking part in The Garden Safari, we will have a display at the Herne Centre and 2 member's gardens will be open to visit. We look forward to meeting people on the day, maybe we can entice some new members.

For further information please see our Facebook page and our website online which has all sorts of interesting facts relating to the club's long history.

Happy gardening,

Elaine Maslin.

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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- best four fruit scones;
- best homemade sponge cake.

Homegrown fruit & vegetable category:

- Best selection of produce (displayed in box or trug);
- best wonky vegetable

(All items must have been grown by the participant)

Judges' decision is final. All items must arrive at the Herne Centre no later than 10am on Sunday 13th September with a completed entry form.

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Saturday 13th September
10am - 2pm

Event Updates

Past events —George Egg and Craft Fairs

Thank you to those that attended George Egg, we had a wonderful evening of cooking and humour. The poached eggs cooked with a wallpaper steamer, and aubergine grilled with a laptop were things we won't forget in a hurry. We are looking at some more theatre events in 2026 so watch this space.

We have also held two craft fairs recently which have been very successful. We have had a variety of local crafted and made items for sale here, including crochet items, paintings, jewellery, cards, pottery to name a few.

Garden Safari

We are very excited about our Garden Safari this year!

We have 20 gardens that will be opening with half the proceeds going to the Strode Park Foundation and Crossroads Care. Some of the gardeners are offering plants for sale, cakes, drinks and even a ploughmans. Adults are only £5 each and children go free.

Here at the Herne Centre, we will be offering a few activities as well as plant sales from the wonderful Vincents Nursery - our programme sponsor again this year - and a display from the Herne Rose and Gardening Club. We will also have a cafe open offering a variety of refreshments.

Programmes go on sale at the Herne Centre from 2nd June, but they can be bought on the day from either the Herne Centre, or from the open gardens themselves - at the gardens will be cash only, and you must have a programme to enter a garden.

Treasure Hunt

During our treasure hunt on 6th July we are looking at running a baby and toy fair, where people can sell their pre-used toys and baby items. This will be between 11.30am - 3pm and is only £10 a table. To book email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk. Treasure maps will go on sale from the Herne Centre from Monday 30th June with half the proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support, they will also be available on the day. We are also offering a prize for the best dressed pirate.



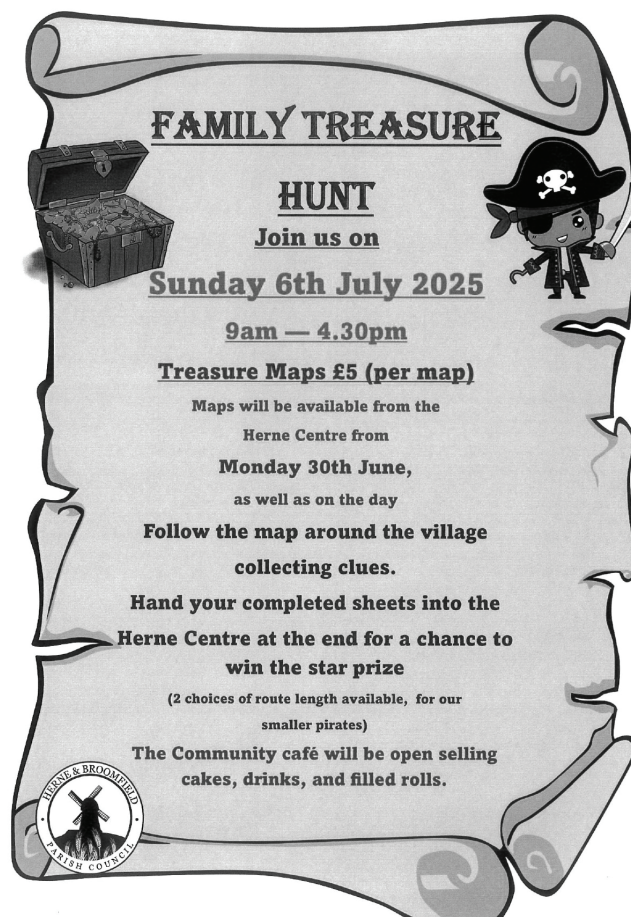
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HUNT

Join us on
Sunday 6th July 2025
9am — 4.30pm

Treasure Maps £5 (per map)

Maps will be available from the
Herne Centre from
Monday 30th June,
as well as on the day

**Follow the map around the village
collecting clues.**

**Hand your completed sheets into the
Herne Centre at the end for a chance to
win the star prize**

(2 choices of route length available, for our
smaller pirates)

**The Community café will be open selling
cakes, drinks, and filled rolls.**



Produce Fair

We are hoping to run a produce fair in September, you must be registered with Canterbury City Council and have a food safety certificate to sell at this fair, as well as having any produce correctly stored and labelled. If you are interested in a stall, please contact assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk or call 01227 742700. We are holding a produce competition for residents and are on the lookout for some brilliant bakers and good gardeners. We have many categories so please see the poster for more details. There will be two age categories of under 16 and over 16, so get growing and baking.... - see page 7

Quiz Nights

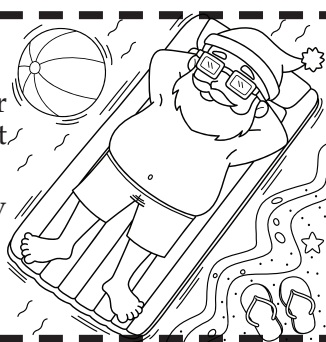
We held our first quiz night in April, this sold out very quickly and our next quiz night on the 30th May has also sold out. Watch this space for further quiz opportunities!

Tickets are £5pp with tables of 8. All drinks must be purchased from our bar, food you can bring your own.

Christmas Float

Our Santa float has been a well-loved event for years, but having lost our regular driver, we are still looking for someone to tow the Santas float, otherwise we will not be able to do this anymore.

We need someone with a suitable vehicle for two nights in December, we will pay them fuel costs.



Consultation Updates

Cherry Orchard MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)

We have wonderful news that we were successful with a £15,000 grant from the Community Fund at the National Lottery. This is for the Multi Use Games Area to be revamped. The grant will fund part of the project with the rest coming from the relevant Parish Council reserves. The revamp will include repairs and cleaning of the MUGA surface, repainting the sports lines, new backboard and hoops for the basketball, totally new fencing, gates, lighting and a new bench. The current MUGA was well past its life expectancy, it is well used by the community - including for our free football sessions. As residents will know the fencing has been falling apart and now is missing in some areas, and the lighting has stopped working. We are hoping a revamp now will save paying for a total replacement in a few years. Unfortunately, the shelter next to the MUGA is now dangerous and will be replaced by a bench which will be a lot more comfortable to use. The works should start mid to late May, (the MUGA will be closed whilst the work is undertaken) and it should be completed and open from mid-June - weather dependant. We will keep you up to date with progress on our Facebook page and website.

Gym Equipment and Eco Show Consultation

You were asked in the last newsletter to take part in two consultations.

The first being the replacement of the gym equipment, we only had 43 people that voted: 26 voted to keep the gym equipment with 17 wanting it removed. As there was such a low response rate and the voting was relatively close the current cost of replacement of the equipment would be a vast expense compared to the amount it is used. The results have been passed to full council to make the final decision. We have received requests for additional seating to replace it.

If you would like to send any other ideas, please email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk.

The second consultation was for the Eco Show, only 14 voted: 50% wanted to keep the show and 50% didn't. This year we have decided to amalgamate the eco show with the garden safari. In the main hall we will have plant sales, as well as information on bees, wildlife etc.

Looking for an allotment?



Herne and Broomfield Allotment Society runs the site at Ford Road, near the BMX track. If you want to join the short waiting list, email HABAS@coinlea.co.uk or call Lin on 07910 570250.

The Herne Centre Public Activities Timetable (February 2025)

	Morning	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Evening
Monday	Football Futures Mini Ballers 9.30-10.30am	<u>Gentle Pilates</u> 10.45-11.45am	Knit & Natter 2-4pm	Pilates 6-7pm Al-Anon UK Group 6-7.30pm	Salsa Class 7.30-9.30pm Sewing Club 6.15-9.15pm 3 rd Monday in month
Tuesday	<u>Café</u> Orders till 1.30pm Mixed Ability Pilates 9.30-10.30am	<u>Café</u> Orders till 1.30pm Gentle Pilates 10.45-11.45am		Karate 6-7pm	
Wednes- day	Little Music Stars Various times by age between 9.30 & 12pm		Tai Chi 2-3pm		Bounce 7-8pm
Thursday	Art Group 10-12pm	<u>Café 10am</u> Orders till 1.30pm	Gentle Workout 12.30pm	Karate 5-6pm	
Friday	<u>Café</u> Orders till 1.30pm Hartbeeps Various times by age	<u>Café</u> Orders till 1.30pm Community Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30am	Tea Dance 1.30-4pm (3 rd Friday of the month)		
Sunday	Bounce 9.30-10.30am				

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What's Coming Up at The Herne Centre

Activity	Date	Details	
Pokémon Trading Club	Sunday 18th May Main Hall Sunday 15th June	A walk-in event from 12pm to 4pm - an opportunity to trade spare cards with others. Advice available on collecting, trading & grading. Refreshments available to purchase – teas, coffees, soft drinks, cake, snacks	No booking, £5 entrance ticket includes a mystery booster pack (Pokémon Vmax Ex or higher)
Book Share Pre-School Story Time	Friday 23rd May	Come and join Herne Book Share for a free fun story session with craft activities.	No booking, just come along for 11am. A donation towards craft materials is welcomed if you can
Quiz Night	Friday 30th May	Our second fun quiz for all (designed for adults), the first was a great success! Tables of around 8 – come as a group or make up a table with others - £5 a ticket, numbers limited.	Bring your own snacks, purchase soft or alcoholic drinks from the licensed bar (please don't bring your own).
Pop Up Toddler Group	Saturday 7th June	Merry Mates will be returning after their very successful "Play with Cars" session in January – lots of positive comments on their interactive playgroup.	Visit merrymates.co.uk for more information & to book
Garden Safari	Sunday 8th June	Our wonderful garden safari is back – with familiar gardens returning and some brand new ones too, generously opened by their owners to anyone with a program (adults £5, children free). We also have a children's art competition running alongside this event.	Our Community Café will be open and there will be a display from Herne Rose and Horticultural Society in the Centre
Summer Solstice Dance Party	Saturday 21st June	Join us for some floor filling tunes from DJ Mama Feel-good from the 70's & 80's!	Tickets just £5, licensed bar, food available to purchase Ring 01227 204325
Family Treasure Hunt	Sunday 6th July	Follow the map around the village collecting clues, hand your completed sheets in at the Herne Centre for the chance to win the star prize – café open for cakes, drinks & filled rolls.	Treasure Hunt Maps £5, choice of shorter route available
Blood donor sessions	Tuesday 29th July Tuesday 19th Aug Tuesday 30th Sept	The Herne Centre is a donation venue for NHS Blood Donation, these are our next dates – appointments are usually from around 1pm through to late evening.	Visit blood.co.uk to register or book an appointment, you can drop in during the session for more information.

More information & details at www.thehernecentre.co.uk,

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Lunch Club coming soon!

Starting September, we will be offering a lunch club on the first Wednesday of the month. Check the noticeboards, website and Facebook for details. If you would like to volunteer serving lunch and clearing once a month, please let us know.



Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to those that came to the Annual Parish Meeting. Like the Community Groups Day, this meeting gives a chance to get to know about community groups and societies in the parish. This year we had ten local organisations in attendance, including Scouts, Guides, the WI and the Friends of the Windmill, all of who presented a report on their activities over the past year and hopes for the future, plus another six reports provided by those who could not attend.

It's always a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish and learn about the wide variety of events and meetings that go on. We were pleased to welcome our new City Councillor, Grace Paget, to the meeting.

We also presented an award for outstanding contribution to the community and had a chance to say farewell and thank you to Kent County Councillor Alan Marsh, who has served our Parish for over 20 years. We wish him a long and happy retirement.



Chairman's Report

So many things have happened in the Parish in the past year, mostly good but we have had to deal with a few extra challenges, some of which are on-going.

I would like to start by thanking our excellent staff and volunteers for all their hard work, without them the parish would be much the poorer. I include our parish councillors, who are also volunteers and every one of them helps in some way, not just attending meetings to make decisions but also helping with community events, tree planting at Broomfield Community Park and the Cherry Orchard, maintaining the Herne Centre garden, helping in the café, etc. etc.

You may have noticed, that there is a lot more going on in the Herne Centre, from Theatre Shows to Craft Fairs, Quizzes to Music events, as well as private bookings for family celebrations. There are new regular classes and activities for residents to take part in, the Blood Donor Unit has booked several sessions and other health and social care organisations hold meetings here.

Everyone has been working really hard to make the venue a success, with a real sense of community.

You may remember, that last April, the fees for the School Lane car park went sky high. We are delighted, that by working with our City Councillors and with the support of residents, the City Council recognised that the car park is a small community one and they reduced the fees on 1st April.

We are finally honing in on the issues with the heating in the Herne Centre, and although it is going to be expensive it is something that needs to be fixed. We will also be carrying out maintenance and decorating during the summer.

We have been working to engage with the complexities of local government devolution, you may be aware that the City and County Councils will disappear and we will have an Unity Authority in their place.

Parish Councils are likely to have a greater role to play. We want to make sure that assets, like the Cherry Orchard Playing Field, Curtis Wood Park, Ford Road Allotments and School lane Car Park, are safeguarded, giving our local residents the opportunity to acquire them, if they become at risk of being disposed of.

We are applying for these assets to be registered as Assets of Community Value. These must be nominated by an organisation with a local connection and meet certain legal criteria. There may be other assets we wish to register too. In case you are wondering, Herne Mill is already registered.

If we are successful with this, we will consult with residents to ask whether they wish to support the parish council's proposals.

We were sorry to lose two of our parish councillors this year and Kevin Saunders and Malcolm Harlin will both be missed.

Following interviews, we have co-opted Brian Austin, and another applicant is awaiting approval, so hopefully we will soon be up to full strength again.

I would personally like to thank Lin White for taking over as editor of our parish newsletter, especially as I didn't need to twist her arm too much!

As many of you will know, we have been fortunate to have former parish councillor, Ian Sargent, tow our Santa's float around the parish at Christmas. Unfortunately, he is no longer able to do this, so unless we can find another person with a suitable vehicle, we may have to discontinue this popular activity, which will be a great shame and disappoint our younger residents.

We were delighted to host the Community Groups Day last month. As visitors were a little down on previous years, we would like to hear from participants and residents whether they are happy with the current format and frequency?

I am pleased to congratulate our Admin assistant, Jo McCann, for passing her Introduction to Local Council Administration qualification (ILCA).

Also volunteers and staff who work in the Community Café have gained or updated their Hygiene Certificates.

Congratulations also go to Liz Sinacola, our Amenities Manager, for gaining her Personal Alcohol Licence and she will shortly take over as Premises Supervisor for the Herne Centre. Thank you to our volunteer Gill Skinner, who has held this post for more than a year on our behalf.

Finally, we are grateful to our City and County Councillors for their help over the past year. We are

sorry that City Councillor, Joe Howes, has resigned due to health issues and we wish him well. We welcome Grace Paget, who was elected at the recent by-election, and we look forward to working with her.

We are also sad that our County Councillor, Alan Marsh will stand down in May. I would like to thank him for all his support over the last 20 years, not only to our parish council but also for bringing happiness to children and adults alike, by giving away 16,000 free tickets for pantomimes over the years!

Alan has also organised 19 Remembrance services at St Martin's Church, and this has been much valued by the people of Herne & Broomfield. Alan was presented with a Certificate.

Carol Davis

Parish Council Chair

Annual Parish Meeting - Financial Report

The opening balance was £492,060.92, income for the year £327,741.28, expenditure for the year £318,092.13, giving a balance of £501,710.07.

£314,655.97 is in earmarked reserves and the balance of general reserves is £187,054.10.

The Herne Centre income continues to increase. It is still not where it needs to be to cover all the centre expenditure but is gradually getting there.

The parish council has received £15,000.00 from the National Lottery towards the costs to refurbish the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The remainder will be funded from parish council earmarked reserves.



Parish Council Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community

At the meeting we were delighted to present Marion Freeman with a Parish Council Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, for all her work in setting up and running the Book Share and Pre-School Story Time at the Herne Centre, which is for all ages. The focus is to encourage reading, especially with children and families. Marion sorts out the book donations, offering free books for the community, and also runs a browse and borrow event here once a month as well as a well-attended pre-story time which includes craft activities for younger children.

Through the holidays we had families in choosing free books to take home which was wonderful. Marion is also involved with reading activities at the local schools.

Marion also supported our Community Groups Day, as well as looking to coordinate a possible story scarecrow event, around Herne and Broomfield later in the year.

So, thank you Marion and Congratulations.



Grace Paget - our new City Councillor

I was delighted to be elected as a Canterbury City Councillor for Herne and Broomfield following the by-election on 6 March and have enjoyed meeting many of you since then at various events in the area. I'd like to say a huge thank you for putting your trust in me and remind you that I am here to support all residents alongside Cllr Robert Jones on the City Council.

If you see me around the ward walking my greyhound Buddy, at a local event or carrying out my bin audit, please do stop and say hello as I am happy to help.

I have already started working on some of the issues you raised with me on the doorstep during the election including speeding and litter and will continue to take action working in collaboration with my colleagues and the Parish Council.

Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with:

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There are lots of things to do as a Brownie, including badge work, learning new skills such as cooking, singing, glass painting, playing parachute games, completing challenges, taking part in quizzes and trips out.

This term we took part in the big garden birdwatch learning about what we can see in our gardens.

We have played with our giant garden games such as bowling, snakes & ladders & the parachute.

For Easter we held our annual Easter egg hunt, and the girls completed Easter crafts.

We have completed our innovate stage 2 skills builder. Activities included creating our own inventions, tower building with newspapers, performing mines and mini boat building.

We are always looking for new members to join and welcome anyone to come along for a taster meeting to see what we do.

Just drop an email with your daughter's name, date of birth and contact number to

alison1owl@hotmail.co.uk

Alison – Brown Owl – 1st Herne Brownies



1st Herne Brownie leaders at the Community Groups day

1st Broomfield Guides

We've had a busy few weeks, with visits from the fire service and police service, as part of our personal safety badge. We learned about checking smoke alarms, how to stay safer online and a little about safety while out and about. We also got to sit in a fire engine and police car!

This term we're busy exploring, and we're looking forward to stargazing at a sleepover (weather permitting!).

If you're interested in joining Guides, as a child or as an adult volunteer, please sign up at the website:

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Cat - Unit Leader 1st Broomfield Guides



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Age Categories:

- 1) 0-4years
- 2) 5-7 years
- 3) 8 - 11 years
- 4) Age 12+

All entries must be A4 sized, with name, age and telephone number on the reverse.

They must submitted to the Herne Centre by 3pm on the 8th June—(during the safari).

Entries will be accepted from now until 8th June.



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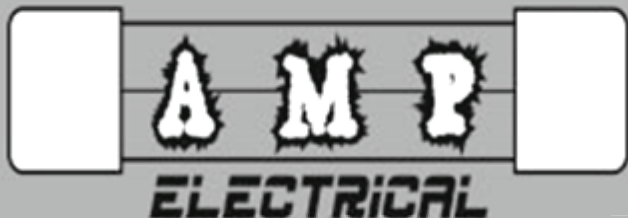


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The following is part of our report for the annual Parish Meeting held on April 17th.

Last year we had some varied, well attended talks; two particular ones with military interest were;

Operation Fortitude - The Secret Success of D Day - an illustrated talk by Len Howell; Operation Fortitude was part of the successful Military Deception Strategy by the Allied Army prior to the D-Day Normandy Landings on June 6th 1944. This was quite relevant as the History Group provided displays at the Herne Centre on June 6th as part of an event commemorating 80 years since the D Day Landings. Included in the displays were wartime reminiscences of the St Martin's Vicar at the time, Rev Giles Daubeney; as well as activities undertaken by Herne's schoolchildren during the war.

The Isle of Sheppey's WW1 Royal Naval Air Station was the subject of another meeting when Martin and Rosemary Hawkins volunteers at Eastchurch Aviation Museum highlighted the history of this important site in the First World War leading to the origins of the Royal Air Force. Other talks and activities included; The Story of Bourne Park Bishopsbourne and a visit, talk and tour around Whitstable Castle.

Our October meeting was very well attended when we had many of our archives on display at the Herne Centre. Members and visitors were able to look at photographs of Herne & Broomfield in past decades; school registers and maps of the area. Videos of the late Historian Harold Gough's walk about Herne in the 1950s & 60s were also shown.

For the current season we have some interesting subjects to look forward to, they include; the Sights along the River Stour; Changes to Kent in WW1; Herne's Rosarian Vicars and hands on with St Martin's Hand Bells. On some occasions our speakers waive their fees in lieu of a donation to charity, these have included Cancer Research, Alzheimer's Society and the RNLI.

This year's visit on Tuesday 1st July 2.00pm, is to **St Peter's Church Whitstable** - a hidden architectural gem in Whitstable's backstreets. Anyone interested in joining us on this tour and talk; please contact myself Sylvia McKean smckean22@tiscali.co.uk. Cost £6.00 per person includes refreshments.

We are busy preparing material to support the Herne Centre event on Thursday May 8th commemorating 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Our next meetings are; **Tuesday June 3rd THE CINQUE PORTS**; We welcome popular speaker Len Howell and his illustrated talk on the Cinque Ports, formed in the 11th century as a group of important trading and defence ports along our South East coast

Tuesday July 1st visit and tour of St Peter's Church Whitstable as above.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings as well as suggestions for subjects for talks and future projects. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm at the Church Hall, Our meetings are posted on our website. Herne & Broomfield Local History Group and on Facebook.

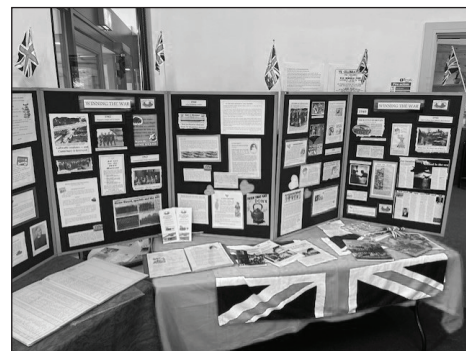
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VE Day Celebrations

Thank you to all those that came to celebrate 80 years since VE Day at the Herne Centre. We had a marvellous time celebrating the event with live broadcasts, the choir from Herne Junior School, free refreshments and a wonderful display of memorabilia. We think around 300 people



visited us during the day, and the donations we received will be split between local community projects in the Parish, SSAFA and the Royal British Legion, who were in attendance. A special thank you to Cllr Wilson for organising the event, as well as Jackie, Penny and Christine who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, Cllr Austin who was on tea duty, Cllr Davis for all her input, Herne and Broomfield Local History Group and all those that made the event possible.



Report from Friends of Herne Mill

Since our last report things have moved on slightly with regard to the disposal of Kent Mills. The current administration has said they want the divestment moved forward 'at pace'! However the elections on 1st May could change things; our best hope would be a U turn on the decision to change the ownership of the mills; ideally they should stay in public ownership.

So, where are we currently, as Herne is listed as a community asset, any attempt to sell allows the community to register an interest in taking on the mill, this needs to be done within 6 weeks, there is then a process of producing a business plan and putting in an offer, the whole process takes 6 months. We have been informed that there is also another option which is asset transfer, this is usually a repairing lease of about 25 years.

This option means KCC retain ownership and can cover things like insurance and also offer advice on risk assessments and other surveys, annual inspections required etc. The downside is whoever takes the lease on is responsible for the repairs. The Friends are currently asking KCC for details of costings over the last 5 years, to give us an idea of what the annual liability would be; the Friends have also said they will continue to carry out the day to day maintenance required and will continue to fund raise, to pay, at least some of the cost of materials etc.



We are hoping that perhaps the parish council will survey residents to see if they are willing to look after their mill and keep it in public ownership. We can then move forward from there, hopefully as a joint project.

We received a grant, from County Cllr Alan Marsh, this allowed us to replace the water heaters in the Wootton Room and purchase some display cabinets, which are now in place, in both the Wootton Room and the mill.



The sweeps have been returned from the millwrights and we are told, will be put back on the mill, once the cap has been taken off and repaired, sadly this is not likely to happen until next year.

From our side, it is business as usual, the mill will be open 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, along with special open days (see Facebook and website for details). Membership for Friends is £5pppa, this entitles you to a visit on any of the open days.

If you would like to be involved in the maintenance, our dedicated volunteers meet Wednesday morning from 10-12. Thanks also to Robert & Tracey Jones for the work they are doing in the mill garden.

Please come along and see the mill stones turning and watch the grain turning into flour.



**Herne and Broomfield
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The Knit and Natter group meets Mondays 2pm until 4pm £2 per session at the Herne Centre

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Whether you are a beginner or have been knitting for years, everyone welcome, advice gladly given and often patterns passed on.

Contact: Carol 07866264093

St. Martin's Matters

June brings the Garden Safari to our village – a wonderful way to share the joy of outdoor spaces and the natural environment around us, as well as the hard work of those with green fingers. We're pleased to invite people as part of this into the churchyard at St Martin's and to enjoy the pleasant natural and quiet space there at the heart of the village, in the shadow of the medieval church building – and to share in some refreshments and children's activities as takes your fancy!

Of course, the churchyard is there as an open space for all to enjoy whenever you want to wander in. Our churchyard is a place where people can enjoy a quiet moment contemplating or admiring the nature that grows in and inhabits them. There are some interesting gravestones, including of course links to smuggling in the past. We are working on ways to open up the church building too, so that the history and the peace of the historic building can be enjoyed by local residents and visitors – as well as protecting ancient and valuable contents. Watch this space for further progress!

Taking time to be in the presence of God and to find quiet, peace and reflection is something for me – like many other Christians – that is something precious and life-giving. I try to keep one day a month as a "quiet day" to be with God. When Jesus says in Matthew 11

'walk with me' – I try actually doing that and going for a reflective walk, feeling close to God in the outdoors and in creation around. It increases my sense of knowing and being in relationship with Jesus. It stills my soul.

As a Christian, when I enjoy the wonders of creation I am in awe of the Creator God who I believe is behind all these amazing things. Christians are also called to live our lives in a way that demonstrates responsibility for the care of creation. Parishes in the Canterbury Diocese are working towards becoming, or have been awarded, an Eco Church award – demonstrating that care for creation in how we use resources and care for our buildings and outdoor spaces. Our churchyard is cared for by a wonderful team of keen volunteers (thank you!) – maybe you'd like to be involved?

Whether it is on the Garden Safari, or any time you have a quiet moment outdoors or perhaps wandering around your local churchyard, enjoy an opportunity to reflect, wonder and admire. May your soul be stilled – and stirred!

God bless

Chris



The Rev'd
Chris Dyer

Special Services coming up at St Martin's:

29th May 7pm – Ascension Day Service

8th June 10am – Pentecost

6th July 10am – Celebration of St Martin

13th July 10am – Disability Awareness Sunday

31st August 10am – Pet Service

Usual Sunday Services:

8am traditional said service of Holy Communion

9am on 2nd and 4th Sundays: *NEW* Bubble Church for families with young children

10am: on 2nd and 4th Sundays – Holy Communion with Sunday group for children

on 1st Sunday – All-Age service with craft for children and worship band

on 3rd Sunday – "Sausage Sarnie Sunday" at St Peter's Greenhill (café-style worship)



Monday Coffee at the Mill

Why are bank holidays more often than not on a Monday and why have we had so many lately? We've missed out on 3 Monday coffee sessions in the April/May period and some of our customers are complaining of withdrawal symptoms from the lack of coffee, cake and company. Never mind lovely people, only one more bank holiday before Christmas. Despite tariffs and chaos in the world economy, we still charge only £1 for a slice of

delicious home made cake and £1 for a cup of tea or coffee. This is thanks to our wonderful volunteers whose wages are 2 cups of coffee per week – thanks guys!





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