

Herne & Broomfield Community News




**Summer
2026**

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

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th June - Curtis Wood Wildlife Picnic

A free wildlife event for everyone, children and families or solo - register your interest, details inside

Friday 12th June - The Almost Complete History of Britain

Entertaining comedy for children and adults

Friday 10th July - Summer Quiz

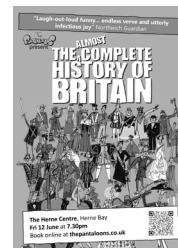
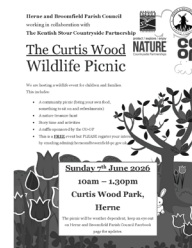
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Future events, repeated by popular demand:

Friday 2nd October - Barn Dance

Sunday 4th October - Herne and Broomfield Scarecrow Trail

Register your interest and start making!



Our community
cafe is open three
days a week - check
out page 11 for news
on our updated menu

PLUS

Celebrating 30 years of the Parish Council - see inside for some of the things we've achieved

Our parish is home to a wide variety of clubs and organisations - read reports inside

Timetable of events and regular activities at the Herne Centre

Details of Strode Park's Theatre in the Park summer events

We need your help!

Please keep an eye out at the end of June / early July for a flyer that will be coming through your door to find out your opinions on the priorities for our Neighbourhood Plan. We will be also asking your opinions on Community Assets in the Parish. We are hoping to hold a public information event at the Herne Centre in July. The flyer will contain all the information you need but please also keep a look out on our website and Facebook page for updates.

Keeping you informed about 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

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Welcome to Our New Herne Centre Deputy Manager

We are pleased to welcome Phill Morris as the new Deputy Manager at the Herne Centre.

Phill lives with his family in the Parish, and brings valuable experience from a previous career in the ambulance service. We are confident he will be a great asset to the Herne Centre.

He will mainly be working at the Herne Centre during weekends and evenings and is already enjoying meeting the regular Herne Centre users.



30 Years of Your Parish Council

We recently celebrated 30 years of Herne and Broomfield Parish Council with a live band and free event at the Herne Centre. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed a dance and the buffet. Thank you to the band, The Breeze, who kept everyone entertained. Thank you also to the Herne and Broomfield Local History Group and Cllr Carol Davis who found out lots about the history of the Parish and the Parish Council to make some very informative displays.

Herne & Broomfield Parish Council was formed after a five-year campaign by residents who were concerned about lack of representation. At this time there were many housing developments that were being granted planning permission, seemingly without any public input.

The first Election of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council was held on 2nd May 1996. Thirteen councillors were elected. A week later, the Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council called the first Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the inaugural Parish Council Meeting on 9th May 1996.

A few of Herne and Broomfield Parish Council Achievements and Activities in the last 30 years include:

2002 - First Garden Safari was organised, with thirteen gardens opening.

2004 - Fundraising events were organised to raise funds for the Multi-Use Games Area (Ball Court).

2006 - Liaised between the water company's contractors and Kent Highways to have a new footpath installed in Mill Lane. Parish Council short-listed in the top six for National Council of the Year.

Our Clerk Monica gained 3rd place as Parish Clerk of the Year.

2007 - Agreed to pay for free football training for youngsters. Supported Herne Junior School, with a grant, to help them build their music room. Children's first free Christmas Party, with magic show, refreshments and a gift from Father Christmas.

2008 - BMX Track at Broomfield officially opened on 4th May, by Kaddy Lee Preston. Santa's Float tours Herne and Broomfield for the first time.

2010 - Started negotiations to lease Church Field in Ford Road to provide allotments for residents of the parish.

2011 - Free Data Link Pots sourced for vulnerable residents. Purchased St Pauls Catholic Hall, off School Lane, for the community in July.

2012 - Organised a public meeting for 12 January, to discuss Tesco's plan to move into the Upper Red Lion Pub. Almost 500 villagers turned up, to voice their fears. 700 residents marched through Herne against the plan.

2013 - Held public meeting on 19th February to listen to residents' views on proposed development on Strode Farm and former Golf Course. Over 300 people attended.

2018 - New Community Centre in Herne officially opened by Cllr Carol Davis on 9 June.

2020 - Organised first Community Groups Day, in March, to highlight what local clubs and activities are available in the Parish.

2025 - Commencement of low-cost monthly lunch club.

Our Parish Councillors

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



Victoria Binstead



Ann Blatherwick



Debbie Checksfield



Monica Collins



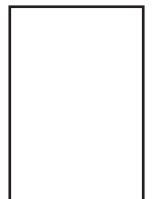
Carol Davis



Julia Davison



Linda Hill



Position Vacant



Gill Lambkin



Derek Maslin



Tony Strong



Linda White



Jeremy Wilson

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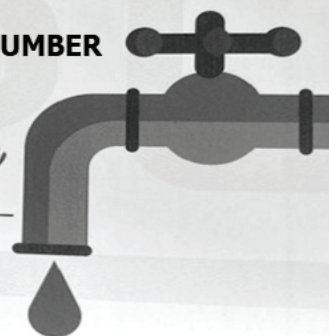
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We are open for girls aged 7-10 years of age.

Did you know that between our 4 leaders we have over 50 years experience in running the unit!

This term we have enjoyed activities including dice aerobics, an owl themed morning of games and crafts, and even planted our own sunflower seeds in painted pots.

Brownies have gained their celebrations badge by learning about Chinese new year and other worldwide celebrations as well as tasting some Chinese themed food, making birthday cards, creating their own celebration banners and paper chains for a party.

Girls had the chance to learn some basic first aid techniques at one meeting and enjoyed our annual market day challenge game.

We also attended the Parish community event to meet with local people to promote the Brownies and gave potential new members a chance to try out some of our most enjoyed craft activities.

This term we are looking forward to a trip to Howletts Wild Animal Park, our Brownie Breakfast, some fabric painting and an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine which includes parachute and water games!

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 Broomfield Guides (ages 10-14) have been having fun over the past few weeks, working on baking, first aid, making friends and having fun, finishing up with a visit to the trampoline park to celebrate the end of term. Some of our older girls are on the point of completing their Gold award, a big achievement!

This term we're looking forward to being outside, cooking, visiting the seafront and learning about the RNLI.

If you're interested in helping out, we'd love to hear from you! More adult volunteers means we can take on a wider range of activities.

Lin – Cat – 1st Broomfield Guides





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Scouts

Great news for 1st Reculver and Herne Beavers, Cubs and Scout group - we are now based in the green room at Strode Park, Lower Herne Road, CT67 7NE.

We also now have a Squirrel (4yrs -6yrs) section and are linked to Neptune Explorers (14yrs-18yrs).

If you or your child are interested in getting involved please contact

Group lead volunteer all sections
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SUMMER QUIZ

Friday 10th July 2026
 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
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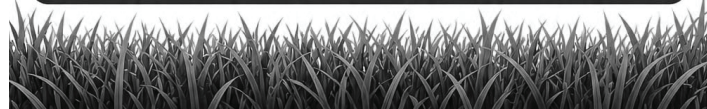


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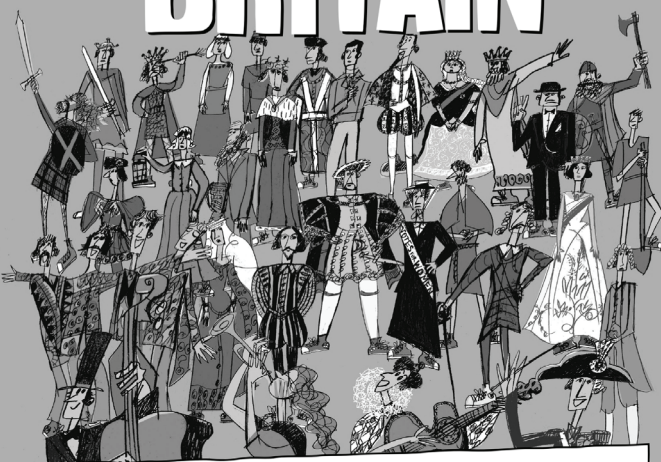
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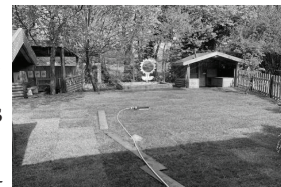
We are having a very busy term, enjoying lots of different activities centred around our story of the month 'The Smartest Giant in Town' which was closely linked to our previous topic 'The People that Help Us'. We were very fortunate to have visits from the police, the fire brigade and a dentist who allowed the children to explore their vehicles and equipment.

The children have been out about enjoying spring walks, taking note of the environmental changes during these months. We have been investigating life cycles of frogs and butterflies and have also enjoyed planting seeds and monitoring their growth. Our forest school garden has had a revamp and the children have been busy exploring this!

To celebrate Easter, we had a fabulous Easter bonnet parade and an Easter egg hunt.

To end the term, we held an open afternoon where we welcomed in our parents/carers to join in with various crafts and activities. We also held a swap shop for parents to take any second-hand children's items.

Our registers are currently full for September 2025 to July 2026 and we are operating a waiting list for the September 2026 intake. If you wish to add your child onto our waiting list, please email to the above address.



Strode Park Foundation Summer Quiz Night

Join us for a fun Summer Quiz Night under the open sky in aid of Strode Park Foundation's Wheels Appeal, funding accessible vehicles for people with disabilities.

Date: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Location: Ampitheatre, Strode Park House, Lower Herne Road, Herne, CT6 7NE.

Time: 6.30pm **Tickets:** £5 per person. 5 people max per quiz team.

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Our 2026 line-up includes:

Friday 26th June - Not The Rolling Stones bring the timeless hits of The Stones' Golden Age to life.

Saturday 25th July - Country Superstars Present... Dolly and Friends celebrating the icons who shaped Country music history.

Friday 14th August - Uncle Funk's Disco Inferno delivers a dazzling live disco extravaganza guaranteed to get you dancing.

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30th Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council Chair's Report

I would like to begin by congratulating our Assistant Clerk, Jo McCann, on passing her Certificate in Local Council Administration, known as CiLCA. She worked so hard to achieve this, despite dealing with personal challenges. We are very proud of her. We were fortunate to be able to take on Emma Sharp as a temporary admin assistant at this difficult time.

Over the past year our Planning & Highways Committee, chaired by Cllr Ann Blatherwick, has scrutinised over 80 planning applications, that affect Herne or Broomfield and have forwarded their comments to the City Council; taking into account residents views and highlighting local knowledge.

Many of the applications have included the Strobe Farm and the Golf Course developments, plus there were 15 applications for tree felling or maintenance work, mainly within our Conservation Areas.

We were also consulted on the proposed Broad Oak Reservoir.

Members also consider residents requests for double yellow lines, which are forwarded to the Joint Transport Board, with mixed results.

In March the parish council invited both Herne schools, Herne Bay Harriers, our city and county councillors, local police and some resident representatives to a meeting, to discuss the on-going concerns regarding the parking issues in Streetfield and School Lane; especially at school drop off and pick up times and football games held at weekends. Residents have had vehicles blocking their driveways and experienced verbal abuse, when they were asked to move.

All participants at the meeting were keen to seek solutions to these problems.

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Our Environment & Leisure Committee, chaired by Cllr Derek Maslin, has had a busy year.

In the Cherry Orchard Playing Field, the Multi Use Games Area was upgraded and the damaged teen shelter was removed and replaced by a bench. The old outdoor fitness equipment was also removed, as it was becoming dangerous. A new bench has been installed in its place.

Volunteers planted five new Cherry trees last spring, at the top of the field. We have ordered a new sign for the Sarah-Jayne Memorial Play Area, as we did not think the one the City Council provided was adequate as a memorial.

We are grateful to developer, Mark Quinn, for installing a new Parish Council notice board, on the Redrow estate (former Golf Course site), to help keep the residents that live there informed.

We continue to organise community events including the recent Community Group's Day, Craft Fairs, the ever popular children's Christmas party and Santa's float, plus the recently added and well supported Quiz Nights.

We work with our City Cllrs, Grace Paget & Robert Jones on local issues, including requesting additional dog & waste bins to be installed where needed.



Volunteers planted 500 more native trees and shrubs, above the car park area, at Broomfield Community Park last December. They also cut back the weeds that had grown round the Living Henge Birch Trees.

Thank you to all the councillors and other volunteers who help make all these things possible.

Ongoing work at the Community Park, includes repairing the fencing of the BMX track, control measures to get rid of the Hemlock and repairs to the rear steps and permissive path.

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Over the last year the Herne Centre Committee, which is also chaired by Cllr Ann Blatherwick, has been dealing with the heating problems at the Centre, we are pleased to report that it is now working as it should. The Community Café has seen an increase in customer numbers and we hope this will improve further, now that we have replaced the defunct coffee machine and have also purchased an air-fryer, making it easier to diversify our menu.

Our popular monthly lunch club hosts about 30 guests and is generally fully booked, sometimes with a waiting list.

The Herne Centre is busy with regular weekly and monthly bookings, as well as ad hoc bookings, especially at weekends. There is a wide range of activities, from family parties to blood donation sessions, from Melody Singers to Dance Classes, Baby & Toddler's fun to Coffee Mornings, plus much more.

Unfortunately, our Amenities Assistant, Kealy Ward-Shaw stood down at the end of the year, but we are pleased that she has agreed to carry on with her Gentle Exercise Classes, a popular community session.

Following interviews, we are happy to report that we have taken on Mr Phill Morris, as Deputy Centre Manager, who will work full time, including weekends. Thanks to our Centre Manager, Liz Sinacola, our Café Supervisor, Jackie Keen, all our casual staff and volunteers, for helping to make the Centre a real community hub.

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The Finance & Resources Committee, chaired by Cllr Monica Collins, meet at least 4 times a year to budget the council's income and expenses, as well as dealing with any staffing issues and recruitment.

We are grateful to our County Councillor, Mark Mulvihill for using some of his KCC members grant to pay towards a new freezer for the kitchen.

There is more finance detail in our Parish Clerk, Michele Nicholson's annual report.

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Our Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) & Asset working group, was formed last year to evaluate the LGA, which would end the two-tier system and establish new single-tier unitary councils in their place, and its impact on the parish council and local assets. The group has also been tasked with putting together a draft Neighbourhood Plan; which will include public consultations and are considering the impact of the Canterbury City Council's Community Governance Review, which gives an opportunity to review parish boundaries.

Putting together a Neighbourhood Plan is a massive piece of work, but one that will be vital to the parish council, in securing a local voice for its residents, especially given the uncertainty surrounding LGR.

Kent County Council is already working to divest itself of the windmills that it owns, including Herne Mill, so this is one new asset that the parish council could become responsible for.

Our other working group, chaired by Cllr Linda White, was formed in response to the Kent Resilience Plan. They have met a couple of times, to discuss what emergencies might befall the parish, what resources we have to call upon and to plan out a structure of who is responsible for what, in any case of emergency.

This includes what the Herne Centre itself might be able to offer and what expertise/equipment is available to us.

It has also been highlighted in our quarterly newsletter, the importance of being prepared for domestic emergencies too, including reminders to register with utility companies if you or someone you know is considered vulnerable.

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free UK wide service, which provides extra advice and support, including when there's an interruption to your electricity, gas or water supply.

*Cllr Carol Davis, Chair
16 April 2026*

Annual Parish Council Financial Report

Opening balance £501,710.07

Income for the year £370,967.18

Expenditure for the year £449,809.02

Balance of £422,868.23

£258,097.98 is in earmarked reserves and the balance of general reserves is £164,770.25.

Reports from local organisations and clubs to the Annual Parish Meeting are available on the parish council website.

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CiLCA congratulations

Congratulations to Jo McCann on successfully achieving her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). This is a significant accomplishment and reflects her dedication and commitment to developing her skills in local council work. Jo is now stepping into her role as Assistant Clerk, where she will continue to grow and gain experience under the guidance of Michele Nicholson, the Parish Clerk. We wish Jo every success as she continues her journey.

Outstanding Contribution to the Community

Congratulations to Christine Rogers and Penny Gimes. Both of them received an award from the Parish Council for Outstanding Contribution to the Community at our Annual Parish Meeting. They volunteer every week in the cafe at the Herne Centre, as well as helping at our monthly lunch club and other community events, delivering the Parish newsletters and posting notices in our Parish noticeboards. They give up lots of their free time for the benefit of the Parish. Thank you very much.



Penny and Christine in the kitchen with Jackie for the D-Day commemoration

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The Curtis Wood Wildlife Picnic

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- Story time and activities
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Sunday 7th June 2026

10am – 1.30pm

**Curtis Wood Park,
Herne**

The picnic will be weather dependent, keep an eye out on Herne and Broomfield Parish Council Facebook page for updates.

Coming Up at The Herne Centre...

Activity	Date	Details	
Blood donations	Tuesday 26th May Tuesday 28th July	The Centre will be a blood donor station for appointments between 1.30pm and 9pm.	Visit blood.co.uk to register or book an appointment, or drop in during the session for more information.
Pop in Clinic Dog behaviour & Training advice	Thursday 4th June	Run by Heather from Wildshaped, this will run from 6.30-9pm – without dogs though for safety reasons.	To book or for more information please contact: contact@wildshaped.co.uk
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 10th June	Our popular lunch club provides a main meal with tea or coffee for £5 and £3 for a pudding. We love helping people meet new friends! Food served between 12.30 & 1.45pm, menu changed monthly.	Booking essential by the Friday before – ring 01227 742700 or email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
The Almost Complete History of Britain	Friday 12th June	An entertaining comedy performance from Pantaloons about the History of Britain – adults £16, children £10	Book online at thepantaloons.co.uk
Pilates	Saturday 13th June	In addition to our weekday classes, Megan is running her popular Saturday sessions on this date – 2 classes, between 9 & 11am	To book contact megan.jenkins21@icloud.com , more information available on Instagram page 'wellnesswithmegan'
Scorpio Soul Club	Sunday 14th June	Playing only vinyls – Northern Soul, Motown, Modern Soul, R&B and more! Find Scorpio Soul Club on Facebook, Instagram or Tik Tok for more information.	2.30-6.30pm Tickets £7 on the door
The Herne Bay Brick Event	Saturday 20th June	We're proud to have our first Brick Event here – 10am-3pm. Entry £3 per adult, £2 per child. Sets & minifigures for sale, displays and activities – there will be something for everyone.	The Local Brick Event have their own Facebook page if you would like to find out more
Pokémon Trading Club	Sundays 21st June 19th July 16th August	A walk-in event from 12pm to 4pm. Advice available on collecting, trading & grading. Refreshments available to purchase – teas, coffees, cake, bacon rolls and more...	No booking, £5 entrance ticket includes a mystery booster pack (Pokémon Vmax Ex or higher)
Book Browse	Thursday 25th June 16th July	Our lovely Book Share team are on hand with our stock of books all out on display to be browsed & borrowed!	Until 1pm
Book Share Pre-School Story Time	Friday 26th June 17th July	Come and join Herne Book Share for their popular fun story session with craft activities.	Starts at 11.15am. A donation towards craft materials is welcomed if you can
Herne Summer Quiz	Friday 10th July	Join us for our fun Herne Centre & Parish Council quiz – Tables of up to 8, come as a group or make up a table with others - £5 a ticket Bring your own snacks, purchase soft drinks or alcohol from our bar (please don't bring your own)	01227 742700 to book or assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Herne Bay Model Railway Exhibition	Saturday 24th October	We're delighted to have the Model Railway Exhibition back with us after their super successful day back in 2024. There will be 14 layouts plus trade support.	10-4pm Adults £6, Kids £1 (5-16) Families £12 (2+3), u-5s free
Christmas with the Crooner	Friday 27th November	Martin will be back with an afternoon of music and festive fun following the success of last year's afternoon	Tickets £15 per person Includes light bites at table, licensed bar open



New or changed at the Centre this month – it's all about fitness across the range, something for everyone!

We are proud to be launching a second class run by Kealy due to popular demand! The existing class is a Gentle Workout on Thursdays 12.30-1.30pm, the new class is Gentle Toning which will be running on Tuesdays from 12pm to 12.45pm. Both classes are "pay as you go" £5 per person per session, no booking necessary. Neither class will have any floor work and both are suitable to do from a chair if necessary.

Our lovely yoga instructor Janice now offers a Pregnancy Yoga class on a Wednesday morning from 10.45am after her usual yoga class has finished – she is fully trained in pre-natal yoga as well as many other things!

Our Saturday morning sessions with the fabulous Kristy from Fitness Perks have changed to be Assassin every week now & the classes start at 8.30am offering high energy combat training with options for all levels.

The Herne Centre Public Activities Timetable from May 2026

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
Monday		Gentle Pilates 10.45-11.45am weekly	Knit & Natter 2-4pm weekly	Pilates 6-7pm weekly Al-Anon UK Group 6-7.30pm weekly	Salsa Class 7.30-10pm weekly Sewing Club 6.15-9.15pm 3rd Monday in month
Tuesday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Mixed Ability Pilates 9.30-10.30am	Café Orders till 1.30pm Gentle Pilates 10.45-11.45am	Gentle Toning 12-12.45pm weekly	Care to Dance 5.30-7.30pm weekly	
Wednesday	Football Fun Factory 8.50-10.20am Yoga 9.30-10.30am	Pregnancy yoga 10.45-11.45am Little Music Stars Times by age 9am – 12.30pm	Lunch Club 12.30-2pm 2nd Wednesday in month		Bounce 7-8pm weekly
Thursday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Art Group 10-12pm	Baby Yoga & Massage 11am-1.00pm	Gentle Workout 12.30-1.30pm weekly	Puppy Socialisation Class 6.30pm monthly	
Friday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Hartbeeps Times by age 9am-1pm weekly	Café Orders till 1.30pm Community Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30am weekly	Melody Singers Choir 10-11am Weekly	Tea Dance 1.30-4pm (3rd Friday of the month)	
Saturday	Assassin Class 8.30-9.15am				
Sunday	Body Blitz 8.30-9.30am Alternate weeks Bounce 9.30-10.30am weekly	Pokidom Trade Club 12-4pm (3rd Sunday of the month)			



More information & photos at www.thehernecentre.co.uk

Follow us on **Facebook** HerneCentre or **Instagram** herne.centre for daily updates and special events



Our Community Café is now open three mornings a week! On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — last orders 1.30

A friendly welcome for breakfasts, light lunches, homemade cake and more...

We have highchairs for little ones & a water bowl for dogs!

We have a great new coffee machine & have revised our menu, with new additions including breakfast rolls (£3), various salads including homemade quiche (£7), chips (£3), ham, egg & chips (£9) – we will also be running specials that will be

advertised in the Centre & on our social media

(our full new menu will also be posted there)

Free parking for Centre/Café users around our building



Spotlight on our Councillors - Monica Collins

I moved to Broomfield from Sittingbourne with my husband and our two sons in 1985. They were 4 and 2 at the time. They are now 45 and 42 and I don't know where that time has gone. I have twin grandsons who are 7 and enjoy seeing them.

Both my sons went to Herne C of E school. I worked at the school as a midday supervisor, looking after the children during lunch breaks. I also joined the school PTA fundraising committee where I was treasurer. We raised funds towards the building of the swimming pool by holding summer and Christmas fairs and before health and safety stopped it we had very successful bonfire nights. I stopped working at the school after both my sons had gone to St Anselm's.

In 2008 I joined the Friends of Broomfield and Herne Ponds, which I very much enjoyed. We looked after the ponds in Broomfield and at the time Herne. I have been their treasurer since 2017 but I have decided to pass that job onto someone else, while still helping at the pond.

I have helped with community events and delivered newsletters for a while. In 2019 Carol Davis asked me if I would be interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, which I did. I have been a member since then and sit on the Herne Centre and Finance and Resources committees, of which I am chair.

I enjoy gardening and along with two other volunteers we try to keep the small Herne Centre garden looking tidy, which with the hot, dry summers and wet winters isn't easy.

I retired from my job as a picture framer three years ago, which I had done since 2001 in Herne Bay and then in Canterbury. Helping in the parish has been very fulfilling and I don't miss my job.



Broomfield Community Park

Earlier this year the Parish Council undertook a survey of residents about suggested improvements to the Community Park. Some requests included more seating, improvements to the steps as well as reinstating the wildflower meadow. The Parish Council undertook the steps being cleared in March, a new path to replace the muddy bank that forms part of the permissive path, as well as fence repairs around the BMX track and at the back of the site. We have also used some funds to produce an information board with a map which we hope will be in



place in the next couple of months. During this time, we applied for a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for nature. This will enable us to add the extra seating, some more information boards, add habitats for birds and insects and reinstate the wildflower meadow. These works will take place over the next 2 years. The hope is we can then organise community picnics and a variety of wildlife talks in the near future.

Our Parish Council leased the former landfill site from KCC in 2005.



Looking for a way to help your community and make new friends?

Why not volunteer for the parish council?

To find out more, contact the parish office on 01227 742700

Looking for an allotment?



Herne and Broomfield Allotment Society runs the allotment site at Ford Road, near the BMX track. We have around 65 half-plots, with onsite parking, toilet and water supply.

If you want to join the short waiting list, email HABAS@coinlea.co.uk

or call Lin on 07910 570250.

Please remember that an allotment needs a regular time commitment!

Newsletter Deadlines

6th February, May, August
& October

for delivery March, June,
September & November

We welcome local news or events



Herne & Broomfield Local History Group

Founded 2003 – Member of British
Association for Local History

At our recent meetings we've learned about Herne Bay's three Piers initially built for passenger steamers. The earliest wooden pier gradually rotted away; the second was too short; whilst the 20th century one suffered serious damage in a 1978 storm. The remains of today's Pier houses a popular entertainments area. We've heard more stories of past Braggs Lane residents whose names include: Warrell, Palmer, Beeney, Walker, Davis, Lockhart, Reading, Burch, Newman, Hilton, Holness, Cullen, Spratt, Weston, Burbridge, Epps, White, Williams, Pitt and Wilson.

After consulting our membership we are considering changing our evening meetings into afternoons – the first trial one is on Tuesday October 6th this year when we are holding an afternoon meeting at Herne Centre, and will also be able to have some of our archives available. We continue to receive enquiries from people researching their families who once lived in the parish – they are proving to reveal some interesting stories.

OUR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS are:

September 1st - The Murder of Richard Steed We look forward to results of further investigations by Richard Denyer into Herne's historic Local Footpath Murder

Tuesday October 6th - LEST WE FORGET an illustrated presentation on the origins and work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission by volunteer Lesley Griffiths. PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be at the Herne Centre CT6 7AP 2.00pm start.



As usual we are always pleased to welcome visitors, new members – and past members who perhaps we have not seen for a time, to our meetings. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, excepting January, July and August at St Martin's Church Hall Canterbury Road Herne CY6 7HE. Members free visitors £3.00. For more information contact Sylvia McKean 01227 281257 - the Group's website Herne and Broomfield Local History, or find us on Facebook.

Sylvia McKean

HERNE ROSE AND GARDENING CLUB



Well here we are already through a rather dry Spring and moving into early Summer. Hopefully all of our hard work early in the year, choosing seeds, sowing, nurturing, potting on etc will be coming to fruition with colourful blooms and home grown edibles.

Our club's year has got off to a great start with a talk in March from Mrs Sue Marshall on The English Love Affair with Irises which gave us insight into the many varied colour and varieties of Irises which are available. We also had our Spring Competition which saw colourful display of flowers, Easter decorations, and an array of homemade carrot cakes for the judges to admire and sample.

We had a lively evening on April 11th when some of our members with their friends and family pitted their wits against each other at our Fun Quiz Night. A great evening was had by all and looks as though this is an annual event. A good social get together that helps to swell the club's coffers can't be bad.

Our April meeting included an informative talk by Mr Everett Leeds who is an acknowledged expert in the wonderful Clematis.

In May we are holding our first ever Grand Plant Sale. Members have been growing on plugplants purchased from our friends at Vincents Nurseries,

taking cuttings, sowing seeds in readiness for this event.

In June Dr Clive Nuttman will be coming to talk to us, subject TBC, and we will have our Summer Competition when members get the chance to show the fruits of their labours with an array of flowers and edibles.

July 23rd will see a coach trip to the World Garden at Lullingstone and our old friend Mr Kevin Tooher will be imparting wisdom on the Principles of Pruning at our meeting on July 21st.

There will be no meeting in August but we have an afternoon visit to Mt Ephraim gardens to look forward to.

Our meetings are held monthly (excluding January and August) on the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at St Martin's Church Hall CT6 7HE.

We organise trips to local gardens and further afield. At our club evenings we host a variety of enthusiastic guest speakers followed by a cuppa and biscuits. A raffle and a plant stall.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, you could join us for an evening to see what is on offer for a nominal fee, maybe bring a friend?

For further information please check out our Facebook Group page and online.

Elaine Maslin (Chair) maslinelaine@gmail.com





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Friends of Herne Mill



Friends of Herne Mill first formed in 1960, disbanded in 1964 and re-formed in 1985.

1952: Herne had a Preservation Order was placed on it.

1954: Article in Herne Bay Press saying that someone should come to the rescue of the mill as it would soon disappear. Cost of renovation estimated at £1,700.

Herne Bay UDC couldn't afford to help. One councillor (unnamed) claimed that "in 20 years time the people of the town will not care whether the mill is there or not."

1955: KCC decided that they would purchase the mill if Herne Bay Urban District Council contributed £200 plus £50 annual maintenance.

1958: Costs had risen to £2,997 and HBUDC rejected proposals from KCC to increase their share and the whole scheme was abandoned.

1960: FoHM formed by concerned locals.

1964: FoHM disbanded following death of the secretary and the difficulty in raising £1,000 towards the cost of repairs, then being asked to raise a further £1,000!

Friends of Herne Mill was reformed in 1985 and has a longstanding track record of performing the role of custodian on behalf of KCC and would like to continue with Herne and Broomfield Parish.

The process of Divestment by KCC of 8 Kent Windmills is due to start in May: "interested parties" will be able to submit an expression of interest, to put a proposal to KCC to take over any of the 8 Mills. There is a six week period to register. This is a six month process in total where KCC will be transparent

with the condition of the Mills, provide historical "costs of ownership" and cooperate with those who make an expression of interest to facilitate a transfer process of individual mills. The expression of interest must be done by the group that registered it as an Asset of Community Value i.e. Friends of Herne Mill, however the bid process can include other parties. The bid process is not about purchase but showing capability to look after the mill and keep it open for the community.

FOHM, its experienced committee and volunteers, are committed to working with the parish council to secure the mill for the future and are very much hoping that it will remain in public ownership for many years to come. The working groups are willing to continue with the everyday maintenance when they meet on a Wednesday morning.

There has always been a good, well established relationships with KCC heritage officers and the Parish Council, by FoHM.

Hopefully the divestment of the mills by KCC will be a new beginning and a new period moving forward with the Parish Council as the new owners (hopefully) of our iconic Grade1 listed building, which is part of the heritage of Herne and Broomfield.

The Parish Council is the only certainty for the future with many unknowns regarding the Local Government Re-Organisation, so we very much hope our local community will back the parish council with regard to taking this forward.



Broomfield Art Group



We're really excited that our Thursday group has now grown to the point where, we really are running short of tables. We have started a waiting list and, as soon as any movement resulting in empty chairs happens, we'll be in touch.

It has been very satisfying to follow so many of the artists' growing confidence which has resulted in amazing improvements in everyone's work.

On the first Thursday of each month, we will be changing the paintings now on display in the café area. Some are on sale at very sensible prices so do pop in, have a cup of coffee from the new, more sophisticated coffee machine, and admire our local masterpieces!

Anne 07747 080 675

Monday Coffee at the Mill

Thanks to our lovely cake bakers and the loyal band of helpers, Monday Coffee continues to thrive and raises substantial amounts of money to support the mill. Our vision was always to provide a place where anyone can come and meet new friends. Moving into a new area and not knowing anyone can often be a challenge and we have recently been really pleased to welcome several newcomers to our neighbourhood and introduce them to other activities and groups in Herne. We usually have spare copies of the Parish magazine on the tables for those who come in from Herne Bay and surrounding villages.

Like so many local supporters, we too are concerned about the future of the mill and work closely with the Friends Committee to keep our customers informed of meetings and developments. Whatever the eventual decision made by KCC, we will continue with our cake and coffee Mondays for as long as we are able.

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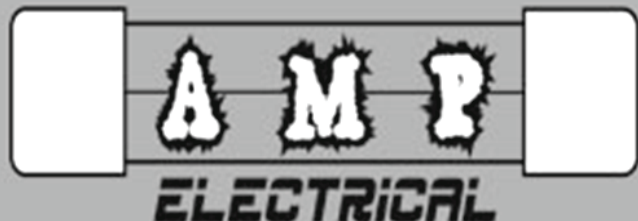
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Herne and Broomfield Knit and Natter Group

Every Monday Afternoon at the Herne Centre 2pm until 4pm

£2 per session includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

The group is for anyone, beginners and experienced knitters/crocheters alike and pay as you go.

Bring your project and have a chat.

If you don't have a project, there are lots of suggested patterns for knitting for charities.

Have a look at our Facebook page, called unsurprisingly 'Herne and Broomfield Knit & Natter'.

Come along, everyone is welcome.

Contact: Carol 07866 264093



Herne CE Infant and Nursery - a thriving school

We are delighted to be full again for the next academic year and look forward to meeting our new September 2026 cohort later in the year.

As the weather is beginning to offer more sunshine we are making full use of the school grounds and our local environment. We greatly value all that Herne village has to offer to enrich and enhance our learning. You may see us walking to various locations in our red jumpers practising our road safety, sensible walking and courteous and polite interactions.

We have just enjoyed an 'Around the world week' where each class has learned about the location, language and culture of a different country. The children have then taken a special passport to visit different countries before culminating in a whole school fun afternoon of learning activities.

We will begin our transition events over the summer including those starting with us and preparing to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 2 children as they get ready for Herne CE Junior school. The two schools have an effective and collaborative approach to serving our families. Working together we are able to give children the best start to their education. It has been lovely to see some of our old students who pop in and let us know how they are doing. We also look forward to welcoming some Year 10 and 11 students for their work experience this term.

It is a great privilege to work with some of the youngest children in our community, ensuring we build the foundations for lifelong learning and celebrate childhood.

Miss L St.John, Head of School
Herne CE Infant and Nursery School 01227 740793

Being a Responsible Dog Owner in Our Parish - part 1

Our parish has some wonderful green spaces, footpaths and countryside to enjoy alongside our dogs, and the vast majority of owners do so considerately. That said, dog-related issues are among the most commonly raised concerns in our community, from fouling to dogs approaching people and other dogs without invitation. Concerns about local dog-on-dog attacks are also rising, so it feels like a good time to revisit what responsible dog ownership actually looks like in practice.

Know the Rules

Canterbury City Council's Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), updated in 2024, sets out the standards all dog owners must follow across the district. National laws also apply to all dogs and owners across the country, such as the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) and the Control of Dogs Order (1992), to name a few. Key requirements include:

- Cleaning up after your dog at all times, in all public spaces

- Keeping your dog on a lead in designated areas
- Do not allow your dog to enter children's play areas (this includes Cherry Orchards Play Park and Broomfield Play Park within the parish)
- Keeping your dog on lead along roadsides (no matter the level of traffic)
- All domestic dogs must wear a collar with an ID tag displaying the owner's name and address (including postcode) when out in public, regardless of whether they are microchipped.

Owners who do not comply can face a fixed penalty fine of £100 or prosecution. The full PSPO, including maps, is available on the Canterbury City Council website.

Heather is a qualified dog trainer and behaviour specialist accredited with the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC), Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC) and Professional Association of Canine Trainers (PACT).



HERNE BAY FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Our Club, as our area logo states, is a Club that promotes Friendship through Flowers. We are a friendly Club and are a member of the Kent Area of Flower Arrangers and NAFAS.

We have our meetings monthly on the third Thursday of each month (except August and December, which is a members only Christmas lunch). Meetings are held at Pettman House, William Street, CT6 5NY, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The meeting normally ends at 9.45pm.

Our current subscription is £43 and visitors £7.00 per visit.

The designs that the demonstrator makes are raffled at the end of the evening. We also have a Sales Table which contains the everyday items needed to do flower arranging. The quarterly magazine, The Flower Arranger, can be purchased through the Club by members.

At times during the year we have a book stall, a pre-loved stall (where items for flower arranging can be purchased at a small cost). We also have a monthly competition for members to bring in their arrangements, which align to the demonstrators title. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will also be available to purchase at a modest sum.

Outings are also arranged, to various gardens and flower arranging events.

If you have any queries please contact our Chair, Sue Forrester, on 07720-255839.

Our Programme for the next three months is as follows :

18/06/26 Susan Tausig 'Sumptuously Summer'
There will be a Club Competition and a Plant stall

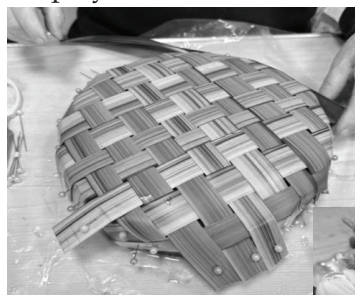
16/07/26 David Williams 'California Deams'
There will be a Club Competition plus book stall

August No meeting is held in this month

Please come along and join us.

Below are 2 pictures of what was achievable at a workshop

Weaving plant material on a posy pad finished with a display of flowers



Hello again.

As I'm writing this the sun is shining but it's really chilly today.

Still, at least Spring is well underway and the gardens are all waking up and looking pretty!

We held our AGM in March when, sadly, our longterm President, Sandy, stepped down from the role and resigned her membership for the time being until family commitments leave her free to rejoin us.

It was a pretty emotional send-off, but fortunately two of our newest members have volunteered to be Co-Presidents so we look forward to the coming year under their leadership.

In April, Peter Allen gave us a fascinating and humorous illustrated talk on "Watching the detectives", showing how much we all love a good murder-mystery, and how they redeveloped over the years, from silent movies to today's streaming series. It's incredible how many of these series are on our screens every year.

In May, we will have a presentation on a new Charity "Emerge" which assists young people with mental health and suicidal issues.

Herne WI report summer 26

Some of our members have been busy making small felt hearts to donate as "pocket comforters" .

Steve Ralph, of Radio Cabin fame, is going to pay us another visit at our 73rd birthday meeting in June, and we are all looking forward to that. Naturally, there will be cake!

Then in July we will welcome a representative from the Air Ambulance, which should be a very interesting meeting.

In our August break, when we don't have a meeting, we are hoping to do an afternoon tea, and hopefully also have a guided tour of St. Martin's Church. There is so much history to this lovely old Church and I, for one, am really looking forward to learning some of it.

Anyone interested in our W.I. is welcome to come along for a visit - the first three meetings are free, so you have lots of opportunity to see if it suits you.

We meet in St. Peter's Church Hall, Herne Drive, Greenhill, on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 1-3. You can contact me on 01227 367471, to find out more. Hope to see you there.

Meanwhile, make the most of the sunshine - it doesn't last long!

Brenda Hackett, Herne Drive W.I.

St. Martin's Matters

When I arrived in the parish, I set a goal to have St Martin's opened in the daytime and I am pleased that that has been achieved. We had to ensure that the building and its contents are secure, as well as those visiting being able to do so safely. Some of this was about winning over hearts and minds – that leaving a medieval building open to anyone to walk into was a sensible idea! This wasn't helped by the break-in to our churchyard sheds and the theft of church equipment. However, we have got there, and the church at the heart of the village is open to come in and find space for peace, reflection or exploration.

So many people have commented how they have found it a welcome place of calm, whether it was for prayer or reflecting quietly, or just being still away from the world. St Martin's has been in our village for over 700 years, just think how much prayer and worship is seeped into the walls. Oh the stories that building could tell!

We have had visitors from as far afield as Finland, as well as people coming back to this place where they were married or baptised. There have been visits from those exploring their family history, as well as finding out something of the history of the medieval church building and its role in the community.

Did you know about our celebrity vicar? No, not me! If you come in to the church you will see the large statue put up in the Victorian period to commemorate the martyr Nicholas Ridley. He was burned at the stake as Bishop of London in the 17th Century. Prior to this he was Bishop of Rochester, but his connection to Herne was that his first post was at St Martin's, where he was Vicar (as well as Chaplain to the Archbishop). I think we should make more of this story in our community... Who is reading this in a street or set of houses named after Ridley? October is the month when his martyrdom is remembered – might we find a way of marking his story?

In the meantime, come and have a wander in to St Martin's and see what speaks to you in this fabulous place that has been here for over seven centuries. It is open every day from the morning to late afternoon/early evening. Look out for the "church open" sign at the lychgate by the church parking area outside the former Upper Red Lion.

Chris



*The Rev'd
Chris Dyer*

Services at St Martin's

8am BCP Traditional Communion Service (no hymns) every Sunday

9am on 2nd and 4th Sundays: **Bubble Church** – with puppets for families with little ones!

10am Services – 2nd and 4th Sundays Communion; 1st Sunday is All-Age Service with Band.

Father's Day Breakfast 10am Sunday 21st June at **St Peter's, Greenhill**

Midweek Communion at 9:15am every Wednesday

Special Events

5th July- Community Fun Day on Cherry Orchard

Coming Soon...

Summer Cream Teas on Sunday afternoons in July and August



St Martin-in-Herne Church is open in the daytime for visiting, quiet reflection or space for prayer.

Explore this ancient building at the heart of our community. Enjoy the history and stories of this village and those who have lived and worshipped here. Light a candle in memory of someone special or for light in the midst of troubles.

Please remember it is a very old building and whilst every effort has been made to keep people safe, do take care moving around the different spaces.



Goodbye to one of our councillors



Brian Austin

Cllr Brian Austin resigned from the parish council and although not with us very long, he was a great help in getting the Local Government Reorganisation and Asset Review Working Group started. He will be missed.

Parish Facebook Group

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We have a Facebook group where information relating to the parish can be shared and discussed. We do check that people wishing to join actually live in the parish, so please respond to the group's question and make sure we are able to message you to verify. We do not allow commercial adverts.



Parish Council Meetings

are held on the
second Thursday of the month
at the **Herne Centre**

Details are on the Parish noticeboards and website

herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk

All meetings are open to the public

Residents may address councillors in the adjournment but
may not interrupt the meeting.

**You do not need to wait for a meeting to raise matters
of concern - contact any councillor or call our parish
council office email**

parishclerk@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk

☎ 01227 742700

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Please report ALL incidents, crimes and any suspicious
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Police number for Non Urgent Crime and to contact your
local Police Officers: ☎ 101

Remember to ask for an incident number

PC14595 James Melia

✉ 14595@kent.pnn.police.uk

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☎ 01227 749678

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38 Broomfield Road, ☎ 01227 366042

Out of hours emergency healthcare ☎ 111

Urgent Treatment Centre, Queen Vic. Hospital, King Edward

Ave. Herne Bay, CT6 6EB open 7 days a week,

365 days a year from 8am - 8pm ☎ 01227 594756

also at Estuary View, Whitstable ☎ 01227 284309

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Herne C. of E. Infants School. ☎ 01227 740793

Palmers Close, off Streetfield, Herne

Herne (C.of E. Aided) Junior School. ☎ 01227 374069

School Lane, Herne

Pre-Schools - Broomfield

Dan Dans Nursery, The Meadows. ☎ 07772 567501

Goldfinch Nursery, Ford Road. ☎ 01227 749957

- Herne

Little Acorns, Norton Ave. ☎ 01227 749317

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