

Herne & Broomfield Community News

Autumn 2026



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In this issue:

- A quick first look at the responses to the survey sent out at the beginning of the summer, looking at parish assets and a possible Neighbourhood Plan for the area
- An update on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) plans - what does this mean and how will it affect us?

- An update on the Strode Farm estate - how's the work progressing and what's the news on the link road?

- Meet one of our regular parish councillors - and our newest councillor!

- News on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

- Details of events in the parish over the next couple of months, including the return of the popular Scarecrow Trail

- A round-up of clubs and societies in the area

And much more!



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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Contact any councillor or ☎ our Parish Council Office 01227 742700

or email: parishclerk@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk

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Local Government Reorganisation update

The Government has confirmed that Kent and Medway will be divided up into four new unitary authorities, as per Option 4B.

Elections for the new shadow authorities will take place on 6th May 2027. These will replace the scheduled district/borough council elections.

The four new unitary authorities will be:

- North Kent – Dartford, Gravesham and Medway (81 councillors; population 528,337)
- West Kent – Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells (84 councillors; population 567,062)
- Mid Kent – Swale, Ashford and Folkestone & Hythe (60 councillors; population 411,726)
- East Kent – Canterbury, Dover and Thanet (66 councillors; population 424,559)

The Government has assessed that Option 4B provides a balance between creating authorities that are large enough to deliver services efficiently while maintaining strong local connections with communities. It was also considered that it would support housing delivery, economic growth, partnership working across public services and future population growth.

Canterbury, Dover, and Thanet have a history of partnership working at various times. Hopefully, this will assist the transition.

What does this mean for Town and Parish Councils?

One of the main themes running through Local Government Reorganisation is Neighbourhood Empowerment. As larger unitary councils are established, Town and Parish Councils are expected to play an increasingly important role as the most local level of government. Government has indicated that the reforms will strengthen community engagement, encourage more responsive neighbourhood decision-making and place greater emphasis on local councils working closely with the new unitary authorities.

Parish council elections will also be aligned with the elections to the new unitary councils.

What happens next?

The detailed implementation of Local Government Reorganisation will continue to be worked on. This includes preparing the Structural Change Order, the legal document that will establish the new councils and set out matters such as warding arrangements, election timing, governance arrangements and the transfer of responsibilities.

A county-wide programme is already underway, with a single Programme Director, Single Responsible Officer, Programme Board and Programme Management Office overseeing the transition. Government has also provided transition funding to support implementation across Kent and Medway.

Introducing our new councillor



I am delighted to have recently joined Herne and Broomfield Parish Council. Having lived in the village for over 30 years, I feel very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community and am proud to now have the opportunity to give something back. My background is

in education, leadership, animal welfare and conservation, and I am passionate about supporting

our community, protecting our local environment and helping ensure our parish continues to thrive.

I am a keen supporter of local wildlife and biodiversity and believe it is important to listen to residents, work collaboratively and help make a positive difference for everyone in our parish.

I look forward to meeting residents at local events, hearing their ideas and working alongside my fellow councillors to support our community.

Michelle Moss

Our Parish Councillors

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



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

This term we have enjoyed activities including fabric bag painting, cake decorating, our traditional market day group challenge and a board game meeting.

We made use of the sunny mornings on the grass area outside the hall with a traditional sports day meeting with bean bags on heads races, egg & spoon and sack races



We had a fun trip to Howletts Wild Animal Park and the sun shone on us all day. The Brownies enjoyed playing animal bingo as well as their usual play in the park and an ice cream.

We finished off the summer term with our annual Brownie Breakfast cooked by our leaders and 2 of the Brownies.

We are looking forward to gaining new badges and completing exciting challenges when we return in September as well as wearing the newly re-designed uniform.

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 alisonlowl@hotmail.co.uk

1st Broomfield Guides spent part of the summer term working on a water safety badge, visiting the seafront to look for dangers and learning about how to keep safe. We did also visit the mini golf and have an ice cream!

We made the most of the lighter evenings to get out and about, walking to Sainsbury's to buy supplies for the food bank, cooking outside and ending the term with a picnic in the Cherry Orchard.

We really need more adult helpers, so if you're free on a Friday evening why not give us a try? It's a fantastic way to have fun and help to give the girls adventures.

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Scouts



Neptune Explorer Scouts!

Got a spirit for adventure? Neptune Explorer Scouts (ages 14-18) is all about hands-on excitement, outdoor skills, campouts, and lifelong friendships. Whether you're aiming for your Duke of Edinburgh's Award, mastering practical skills, or planning your next big trip, there's a place for you here.

Get involved: New members and adult volunteers are always welcome! Drop us an email at neptuneexplorers@outlook.com to find out more.

1st RECVLVER AND HERNE SCOUT GROUP

Scouts!

Ready for real adventure? Our Scout section (ages 10½-14) is all about building confidence, learning outdoor survival skills, going on exciting campouts, and working as a team. From mastering new challenges to making great friends, every week brings something new.

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Cub scouts 8-10½ yrs.

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Contact Tim tshort4@icloud.com

Beavers 6-8 yrs

We try all sorts of new and outdoor activities. We encourage creativity and being part of and exploring our community Beavers enjoy sleepover with their friends and lots of creative fun and games

Contact Gina gwingrove02@gmail.com

Squirrels 4-6 yrs

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The MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)

In 2025, Herne and Broomfield Parish Council was delighted to secure National Lottery funding of over £30,000 to refurbish the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Cherry Orchard. The project included replacing the fencing, repainting the playing surface and carrying out other improvements.

The refurbished MUGA has been extremely well used by the community. Unfortunately, at the end of June this year, significant damage to the fencing was reported. Following a safety inspection, the damage was deemed serious enough that the MUGA had to be closed until repairs could be carried out.

The fencing alone is costing the Parish Council over £1,600 to repair, with this money coming directly from the Parish precept paid by local residents.

In addition, graffiti has been sprayed onto the playing surface. Removing this is not a simple task and would cost thousands of pounds, as the entire surface would need to be retreated and resprayed. For this reason, the Parish Council is not currently able to remove the graffiti.

The location and nature of the damage indicate that considerable force was used, suggesting it was deliberate. We have also found



fence panels pushed out where people have climbed over the fencing. This is both

dangerous and completely unnecessary, as the MUGA is not locked unless it has been closed due to damage or safety concerns.

The Parish Council is now investigating the installation of CCTV. However, this will involve significant additional costs, potentially running into several thousand pounds, and as the existing cameras on site are owned by Canterbury City Council, we first need to obtain permission before installing a new system.



We would ask everyone to help protect this valuable community asset. If you witness anyone climbing the fence, causing damage or committing acts of vandalism, please report it to Kent Police. If the damage is happening at the time, call 999. If you discover damage afterwards or have information about those responsible, please report it via 101 or Kent Police's online reporting service.

This facility belongs to the whole community. Every act of vandalism diverts money away from other services and projects that benefit Parish residents. By working together, we can help keep the MUGA open, safe and enjoyable for everyone.

PLEASE HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

CURRENT WILDFIRE RISK: VERY HIGH

Due to the prolonged dry conditions, our gardens, grass verges, fields, farmland, woodland and other open spaces are particularly vulnerable to fire.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service advises that during periods of very high wildfire risk, fires can spread rapidly, may be difficult to control if they are not detected early, and wind can carry burning embers which can cause secondary fires.

While the heightened fire risk continues, we are asking residents to please:

- Avoid having bonfires
- Avoid using barbecues
- Dispose of cigarettes responsibly and never discard cigarettes or other smoking materials on the ground.
- Take litter home, particularly glass, and do not leave rubbish in fields, woodland or other open spaces.
- Take particular care around dry vegetation, including grass, hedges, verges, fields and woodland.

- Do not burn garden waste while conditions remain exceptionally dry.
- Remain vigilant and report signs of fire promptly.

If you discover a fire, move to a safe location and call 999.

A SMALL SPARK CAN START A SERIOUS FIRE

During very dry conditions, a fire which initially appears small can spread quickly through dry grass and vegetation and potentially threaten wildlife, farmland, gardens, homes and people.

Please help us protect our residents, homes, wildlife, pets, gardens, farmland, open spaces and countryside.

Thank you for helping to keep Herne & Broomfield safe.

This community safety message reflects current wildfire-prevention guidance from Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

For the latest fire-risk and wildfire-prevention information, please refer to Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

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Once a month, Herne and Broomfield Parish Council hosts our popular Lunch Club at the Herne Centre. While we describe it as a low-cost lunch club, it is very much for everyone.

We keep the prices as close to cost as possible because we want the lunch club to be affordable and inclusive, and we certainly don't want anyone to feel that they need to be on a low income to attend.

The club is particularly aimed at people who live alone or may find themselves spending a lot of time on their own, but it has become much more than that. It is a place to enjoy a home-cooked meal, have a chat and, importantly, make new friends.

We spoke to Phylis and Mavis, who both live alone and regularly attend the lunch club.

"It is a good thing that the Parish Council do this club. It is a great way to meet other people, have a home-cooked meal and a chat," said Phylis.

Mavis agrees that taking that first step can be the hardest part:

"I look forward to it every month. The first time going out on your own is the hardest, but make the

effort. I forced myself to go out at first, but I have now made lots of good friends. The food is also delicious and there is a good variety."

We have plenty of men who attend too, and we have started mixing the tables so that people get the opportunity to meet others. Many now come back each month specifically to see friends they have made through the club.

Don't be afraid to come along

If you live alone, are new to the area, or simply fancy some good food and company, please don't be scared to come along.

Walking into somewhere new on your own can feel daunting, but we are a friendly bunch. You may even leave having made a few new friends!

The main meal is just £5, dessert is £3, and a free hot drink is included.

There are only 35 places available each month, and the lunch club is proving very popular, so booking is essential.

To book your place: admin@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk or call 01227 742700

Come on your own – you won't be alone for long!

Speedwatch

We are still looking for volunteers so we can launch speed watch in the Parish. If you are interested in volunteering (training will be given) email admin@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk

Strode Park Foundation's Christmas in the Park



The poster for 'Christmas in the Park' features a festive winter scene with snow-covered trees, houses, and a small figure of Santa Claus. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a mix of fonts. At the top right, there is a small logo for the Strode Park Foundation, celebrating its 30th anniversary. The main title 'Christmas in the Park' is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, the date and time are given in a bold, sans-serif font. The location is listed in a smaller font. The activities are listed in a bold, sans-serif font. The ticket prices are listed in a bold, sans-serif font. The bottom of the poster features a small logo for the FR (Fundraising Regulator) and the website address.

Christmas in the Park

Saturday 28th November, 10am - 1pm

Strode Park House, Lower Herne Road, Herne, CT6 7NE

Santa's Grotto - Therapy Ponies - Live Music

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Christmas Outfit Competition

Tickets: child £3 & adult £2
All funds raised will go towards supporting people with disabilities.

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There will be plenty to keep everyone entertained, including Christmas crafts, games, a raffle and tombola, tasty food from Smokey Joe's and delicious hot chocolates. Don't forget to take part in our Christmas Outfit Competition for a chance to win a spectacular prize!

This much-loved special fundraising event sold out last year, so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment. All funds raised will go towards supporting people with disabilities.

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

Date: Saturday 28th November 2026

Time: 10am to 1pm

Tickets: Child £3 and Adult £2

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Survey overview

At the end of June, approximately 3,850 questionnaires were hand delivered to households across Herne and Broomfield Parish, (huge thanks to the volunteers who helped distribute them). The consultation was also promoted through the Parish Council's Facebook page and website, with residents able to complete the questionnaire online.

A total of 275 responses were received, giving an overall response rate of approximately 7%. In addition, two public engagement meetings were held at the Herne Centre, attracting approximately 50-60 residents. The responses from the questionnaire and the issues raised at the public meetings provide a valuable insight into residents' views.

Residents were asked what they like about living in Herne and Broomfield Parish. The strongest response was access to the countryside and green spaces. This is significant given that protecting green space subsequently emerged as the number one priority for the future of the Parish.

The sense of community was also highly valued, with many describing the Parish as friendly with good neighbours.

The quality and availability of local amenities were also positively recognised, this included the local public houses, local shops, schools, nurseries, dentist, doctors and pharmacy. Cherry Orchard, St Martin's Church, the Herne Centre, Herne Windmill and the Parish Council all featured prominently in residents' responses.

Herne and Broomfield's semi-rural character, while being close to Canterbury, Herne Bay and the coast, was frequently identified as an advantage. This combination of countryside, community and accessibility appears to be an important part of what makes the Parish attractive to residents.

When asked what they do not like about Herne and Broomfield, responses focused strongly on the pressures associated with growth and traffic and the

condition of local infrastructure.

The most common concerns included the number of new houses being built, with residents expressing concern about the scale of development and its impact on both the historical character of the Parish and its overall size.

Residents raised concerns about the condition of local roads and footways, alongside concerns about increasing traffic volumes and speeding. The presence of heavy goods vehicles and lorries travelling through the villages was another issue, with residents concerned about the impact on road safety, congestion and the character of the villages.

Parking was also identified as a problem, particularly where existing provision is considered inadequate to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

Other concerns included anti-social behaviour and the quality and reliability of local bus services. These issues highlight wider concerns about connectivity, community safety and the ability of existing infrastructure and services to meet the needs of a growing population.

Residents value the countryside and green spaces, village character, community spirit, local amenities and heritage assets, but many are concerned that continued development could put pressure on the very things make our Parish a desirable place to live. We will deliver a more detailed analysis on our website once we have analysed all responses.

There was strong support for the Parish Council taking on responsibility for Cherry Orchard, with 76% of respondents indicating that they would consider an increase in the Parish Council precept to enable the Council to manage and maintain the site.

Similarly, 69% supported considering an increase in the precept to enable the Parish Council to run and manage Curtis Wood.

A more detailed analysis of the responses relating to community assets will follow in the next newsletter.



Summer Sports Club

Herne and Broomfield Parish Council would like to extend a huge thank you to County Councillor Mulvihill for sponsoring our Summer Sports Club for children.

Thanks to his generous support, we were able to offer 16 free places each week over five sessions during the summer holidays. Each session provided four hours of sports and games, giving children living in the Parish the opportunity to enjoy 80 free activity places throughout the programme.

The sessions were delivered by Sports Connect, who also run our popular parish football sessions. Children took part in a wide variety of activities, including football, cricket, relay races and games

such as Stuck in the Mud. Every child also received a well-earned ice lolly, squash and biscuits during the sessions.

In addition, Sports Connect delivered free weekly football tournaments for young people aged 13 and over. These two-hour sessions were well attended and provided a fantastic opportunity for teenagers to stay active, socialise with friends and enjoy free sporting activities during the long summer holidays.

The Parish Council is delighted to have been able to offer these free activities for local children and young people, helping them stay active, make new friends and have fun throughout the summer break.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Service takes place in the village on Sunday 8th November.

You are all welcome to join us for Remembrance Sunday Refreshments at the Herne Centre after the service at St Martins Church on Sunday 8th November. Free refreshments which include hot drinks and a buffet.

The bar will be open for paid drinks.

Herne and Broomfield Allotment Society

It's been a tough summer on the allotments this year, with so little rain over the crucial growing season. It's meant a lot of hard work for plotheholders, visiting regularly to water crops - but of course the weeds still manage to grow!

An allotment can be a challenge at the best of times, but it's also really rewarding to watch everything grow and then to pick and eat the results.

If you're thinking of taking on the challenge, please drop us a line at HABAS@coinlea.co.uk and we can add you to the waiting list.



But please do consider carefully how a plot will fit in with your current lifestyle!

Remembrance Sunday Refreshments

Please join us on

Sunday 8th November

after the service at St Martins Church
and war memorial, for refreshments at
the Herne Centre, St Martins View,
Herne CT6 7AP

All welcome

11.10am – 1pm



Illegal Off-Road Riding – Know the Law

In the Parish Office we have received reports of nuisance motorbikes and quad bikes being ridden around Herne. This has been on public footpaths and the farmers fields.

This is not just a nuisance – it is against the law.

Under Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, it is illegal to ride a motorbike or quad bike on:

- Public footpaths
- Bridleways
- Restricted byways
- Common land and other land without lawful authority

Riding across farmers' fields without the landowner's permission is also illegal. Even with permission, riders must not use any public footpath crossing the land and may still face prosecution if they ride dangerously or cause damage or nuisance.

These vehicles put walkers, cyclists, horse riders and wildlife at risk, as well as causing damage to farmland and public spaces.

If you witness illegal off-road riding, please report it to Kent Police. If it is safe to do so, provide the location, time, a description of the riders and vehicles, and any photos or video footage that may assist officers.

If you are aware of who this is you can anonymously inform the police through Crimestoppers.

Electric E-Bikes and Scooters

We are often also informed of children on electric bikes and scooters. Before you consider buying one for your child or yourself know the law.

Private electric scooters are illegal to ride on roads, pavements, cycle paths, public footpaths and parks. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Legal e-bikes must have pedals, a motor of no more than 250W and electric assistance that cuts out at 15.5mph. They can be ridden wherever normal bicycles are permitted but not on pavements.

Modified or high-powered e-bikes are treated as motor vehicles and require registration, insurance and the appropriate licence. Using them illegally may result in the bike being seized by the police.

If you see e-bikes, scooters, motorbikes or quad bikes using footpaths, driving across fields, or driving dangerously, please try and take photos or films, any registration details and a good driver description and please report it to Police immediately. Police have the power to seize these vehicles as well as take enforcement action. Any information we receive has been passed on to Police.

Coming Up at The Herne Centre...

Activity	Date	Details	
Herne Quiz Night	Friday 4th September	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, and purchase soft drinks or alcohol from our bar (please don't bring your own)	01227 742700 to book or assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Lunch Club	Wednesdays: 9th Sept, 14th Oct, 11th November	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
Book Browse	Thursdays: 10th Sept, 15th Oct, 12th November	Our lovely Book Share team are on hand with our stock of books all out on display to be browsed & borrowed!	Until 1pm
Pokémon Trading Club	Sundays: 20th Sept 18th Oct 15th November	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)
Blood donations	Tuesdays: 22nd Sept, 6th October	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.
Book Share Pre-School Story Time	Fridays: 25th Sept, 16th Oct, 20th Nov	Come and join Herne Book Share for their popular fun story session with craft activities.	Starts at 11.15am. A free event, donations towards craft materials are welcomed
Barn Dance	Friday 2nd October	Featuring live music from Royster Catchers, an acoustic Folk & Ceilidh band – everyone welcome!	£10 per person. 01227 742700 to book or assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Scarecrow Trail	Sunday 4th October	Make a scarecrow to be part of the trail or come along on the day to follow the trail and see all the creations!	Free entry for your scarecrow by 9th September – pick up an application form from the Herne Centre. Details of trail to follow
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
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8th November	After the service at St. Martin's Church and the War Memorial, refreshments will be available at the Herne Centre.	All welcome 11.10-1pm
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 14th November	Over 25 stalls selling crafted or homemade items. Our café will be open selling cakes, rolls and drinks.	Free entry for the public 10am-2pm
Scorpio Soul Club	November 22nd	An afternoon of Northern Soul, Motown, Modern Soul and R&B brought to you by the Scorpio Soul Club	£7 on the door, licensed bar
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

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The Herne Centre Public Activities Timetable from August 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 7.30-10.30pm weekly Sewing Club 6.15-9.15pm 3rd Monday in the 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		
Wednesday	Football Fun Factory 8.50-10.20am Yoga 9.30-10.30am	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 weekly				
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)			



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Brand new class, every Tuesday from 13th October, 10am. I've been practising Tai Chi and Qigong for over 30 years, and now I am making it properly accessible — small groups, nothing to get "right," nobody watching what you look like. It's not about how the movements look. It's about how you feel when you leave.

Come and try it — book your spot for Tuesday 13th October, 10am. www.CarolynnBinnie.com

Spotlight on our Councillors - Tony Strong

I have lived in Herne and Broomfield for over 40 years.

I was born in Leighton in London – where I developed a love of Leighton Orient Football Club. I then spent more than 25 years working overseas for the UK Government. Following my retirement, I worked on the cross-Channel ferries before moving to central France, where my wife and I ran a bed and breakfast for five years.

We returned to the UK in 2005 and settled back into our home in Herne and Broomfield. I then worked for SAGA for several more years before retiring for a second time. I have been married for 26 years, have three children and four grandchildren.

I have a keen interest in gardening, travel and horses. My horses are kept at Strode Farm, and I have been an allotment holder at the Broomfield Allotments for the past 10 years. I am also an active member of the Allotment Association.

I have served as a Parish Councillor for the past six years. I am passionate about preserving the rural character of Herne and Broomfield and protecting our valuable green open spaces. As a member of the Planning and Highways Committee, I work to help ensure that any new development is sustainable and appropriate for our community.

I also have a strong interest in the continued success of the Herne Centre and am a member of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and Asset Working Group, helping to secure the best possible future for our community facilities and services. I am also a Trustee of the Friends of Herne Mill.



ART EXHIBITION

Monday 19th -Sunday 25th October 11am -4pm St Martin's Church, Herne Everyone welcome

ENTRANCE FREE

Friends of Herne & Broomfield Ponds

The long hot Summer '26 once again steadily dried out Broomfield Pond, whose water level does tend to rise and fall with the seasons. Earlier in the year this historic watering hole for cattle provided a home for 13 ducklings, 11 of whom survived before flying off to find new homes for the summer, alongside a clutch of moorhens.

They attracted a steady stream of young visitors enjoying the traditional activity of 'feeding the ducks'. It was also pleasing that more people are now using duck food pellets, rather than bread, that wild ducks don't really need.

The Friends Group next 'tidy-up' morning is from 10.00am Sunday 13th September, when it will be all hands on deck to start pulling out the unwanted vegetation that grows so vigorously on the damp pond base.

Many thanks to all our volunteer helpers. Please consider joining us, you're most welcome. Coffee is provided at the end of the morning in the Huntsman & Horn pub!



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!

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**



Herne & Broomfield Local History Group

Founded 2003 – Member of British
Association for Local History

At our last indoor meeting in June Adam Taylor took us on an armchair tour around the Islands of the Medway Estuary. Adam has explored this area by canoe in depth; we saw the shipwreck of a First World War German submarine; inside the abandoned forts which once defended Chatham Dockyard; and on Burntwick island a remote gravestone of a 17th century ship's surgeon. Scenes of the natural beauty of this vast wilderness, the whole - a protected area for wildlife, were stunning.

In July we were invited to visit Strode Park. Events Manager Louise Topping briefly highlighted the origins and work of Strode Park Foundation caring for disabled adults who, this year celebrate 80 years on the site. Members were able to see a timeline illustrating a variety of events and activities undertaken by Residents. The History Group provided a display highlighting Strode Park as the venue for village celebrations; including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and a Coronation in 1902. In the 1920's motorcars were produced by Major C.H. Beeston Prescott-Westcar's Strode Park Engineering Company who also supplied electricity to Herne village.

OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE; Tuesday September 1st 7.00 pm Church Hall, Herne's famous crime re-discovered Richard Denyer investigates clues, evidence and outcomes of the 1863 Herne to Maypole footpath murder of Herne Carrier Richard Steed.

Tuesday October 6th LEST WE FORGET an illustrated presentation on the origins and work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission by volunteer Lesley Griffiths Plus WW1 & WW2 Displays PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be at the Herne Centre CT6 7AP 2.00pm start.

Tuesday November 3rd Operation Dynamo Memorial in Deal - an illustrated presentation by Historian Colin Varrall on his research on the 'Dunkirk Little Ships' plaque unveiled in 2025; remembering the Deal men who risked their lives, and the boats in which they sailed during Operation Dynamo. Plus History Group's AGM.

PLEASE NOTE; OCTOBER 6th MEETING THIS YEAR WILL START AT 2.00pm at The Herne Centre. Otherwise the rest of our meetings this year will be as usual 7.00pm start at the Church Hall Canterbury Road Herne CT6 7HE Members free, visitors £3.00 For more information about our Group; contact Sylvia McKean 01227 281257 smckean22@tiscali.co.uk - the Group's website Herne and Broomfield Local History

CHUFFED TO BRING BACK MODEL RAILWAYS TO HERNE!

Herne Centre will be filled with model railways on Saturday 24 October when Whitstable based East Kent Model Railway Society makes a welcome return to hold its autumn fundraising exhibition.

The event will appeal to young and old fans of scaled down trains. The Centre's halls and foyer will be packed with 14 model railway exhibits - set alongside a number of trade stands offering visitors the chance to purchase pre-loved items and spare parts for their own layouts - with Christmas in mind, of course!

Doors will be open from 10am to 4pm. Adult admission will be £6, Children 5-16 £1, Families (2+3) £12, and u-5s free.

EKMRS Chairman Nick Evans said: "We held a very successful event at Herne nearly two years ago - so we are looking forward to putting on a great show once more to be enjoyed by enthusiasts and families."

The exhibits come in a range of scales and sizes, representing different eras of railway history. Each exhibit represents hours of painstaking work to capture a brief moment in time.

There is pay and display parking in front of The Centre but when busy, people are asked to park sensibly on nearby roads. Frequent buses between Canterbury and Herne Bay stop a short distance from the venue as well. Light refreshments will be on sale during the event.

EKMRS hopes to recruit more members and details of how to join can be had by emailing ekmrswhitstable@gmail.com.

Further information from Nick Evans via nickevanscomms@sky.com or 07743 704547.

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Friends of Herne Mill



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

Hopefully everyone has been able to enjoy the hot weather we have had this summer, (not me, I don't like the extreme heat we have been having)!

The parish council has the results of the consultation regarding Herne Mill and I'm pleased to say that the residents are very supportive of the parish council taking ownership of the mill.

The Friends are of course delighted that the parish council will be securing the future of Herne Mill, subject of course to a successful bid which will be made to KCC, this will be a joint bid by parish council and Friends of the mill.

Our summer season, unfortunately no events have taken place due to the fact that the cap and sweeps are still on the ground. We have opened on a Sunday when we have volunteers available but visitor numbers are obviously down, we are confident however that once the work is completed, these will drastically improve. We were very happy to host guided tours for pupils at Herne School before they broke up this year. It is

lovely to see how interested and engaged the children were, especially during the demonstration of flour making, they were given small samples to take with them when they left. Thanks to Ken Goldsmith at Ridgeway Farm for supplying us with some grain.

Let's hope some of these youngsters will go on to be volunteers of the future to help keep the sweeps of our wonderful mill turning.

We hope that the millwrights will return soon and get the cap repairs finished and the cap back in position.

The Friends very much appreciate the parish council working with us to secure the future of the mill, so let's hope that 2027 will be a new beginning for Herne Mill and the local residents.

As always we are very grateful to all our volunteers for their help throughout the year, without them the mill wouldn't be as well looked after as it currently is.

Monica Blyth Secretary Friends of Herne Mill



Monday Coffee at the Mill

After a well earned August break, the faithful volunteers are back at work on Monday mornings offering tea, coffee and home-made cake to everyone. Despite budgets, inflation rises and world wars, we have managed to keep our prices the same - £1 for coffee and tea, £2 a slice of yummy cake.

We are delighted that a few of our regulars have chosen to hold small family anniversary celebrations at the Mill, it is a lovely setting and the sweeps WILL go back on!

We watch with great interest the ongoing news about the future of the Mill and hope that ownership will continue to belong to the people of Herne so that we can carry on with our Monday mornings.

We're back on duty again in September so call in and say hello, it's noisy but fun.

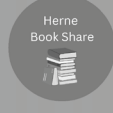


Herne and Broomfield Art



Every Thursday morning in Herne Community Centre 10a.m -12 noon.

The most recent challenge - 'My Favourite Chair' was roughly based on the idea of the Van Gogh painting of his ancient upright chair with a broken rush seat. The resulting array of very different seating choices can be seen on the wall in the small room at the Centre. Next paintings changeover will be on September 3rd so make sure you pop in for lunch and a viewing.



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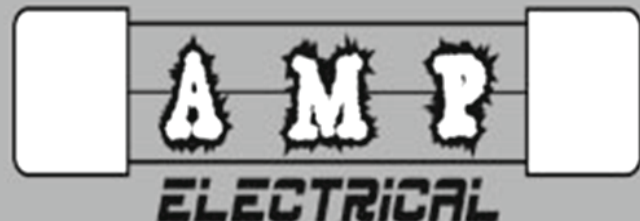
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We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm except January and August at St

Martins Church Hall, Herne. CT6 7HE

We have a full and varied schedule of speakers covering a wide range of gardening related topics, visits to local gardens, coach trips further afield and social events. We welcome visitors for a small fee, bring a friend, see what we are about.

News roundup.

In May we held our first Grand Plant Sale which went well and we are considering holding one again next year at a weekend in the daytime to increase the footfall.

In June Dr Clive Nuttman shared with us the delights of our Kentish Wild Orchids, utterly fascinating plants.

At our July meeting Kevin Tooher gave us a great presentation on pruning techniques which I am sure we will put into practise in the Autumn.

Our coach trip to Lullingstone World Garden in July was a real treat. Tom Hart-Dyke gave us a most warm welcome and a brief background to his ancient ancestral home, and then we were off to explore his unique garden. Well worth the visit.

In August we have a visit to Goodnestone Park Gardens rounded off with tea and cake.

At our meeting on September 15th Karen Emery will give a talk on Greener Public Spaces, we will also have our Autumn competition, a chance to enter the fruits and flowers of your labours.

For further info please see our Facebook page, and our website, search using our club name.

Elaine Maslin (Chair) herneroseandgardeningclub@gmail.com

Sports Connect

The children at the Sports Connect Cherry Orchard session on a Tuesday are a really welcoming group and Jay helps everyone to feel included. The aim is simply to have fun, be active, and enjoy an hour together each week.

This summer, we've also been running extra holiday sessions for local children, and they've been going really well. It's been fantastic to welcome even more young people along, giving them the chance to stay active, make new friends, and enjoy football in the same friendly and supportive atmosphere.

We're really proud of what the group has become and can't wait to see it continue to grow over the coming year.

As an organisation we are planning lots of exciting ventures for our Autumn/Winter season. Take a look at our website www.sportsconnect.uk to see what local events we will be attending and for information on our other turn up and play sessions running locally.



HERNE BAY CEMETERIANS



Volume 3 of the memorial inscriptions, covering plots FF-NN, is being put together and will be available for reference at the library and the archives at Canterbury cathedral.

After some delays due to personal circumstances, arrangements have resumed to erect a monument on Inspector Edmund Reid's grave and we are working on a book about his retirement years in Herne and Herne Bay, which will be available from the Seaside museum or directly from us.

If you have any questions about burial locations or inscriptions at the cemetery, please get in touch.

Contact: mandyboxall@aol.com



Strode Farm Development update

Phase A is approximately 3/4 complete, with 92 properties occupied. A section of this phase was sold to Leaf Living, a company that specialises in renting out new build properties on the private rental market. The remainder of the properties are being sold on the open market or are designated as affordable homes (a mixture of Shared Ownership, affordable rent, or social housing).

Phase B was sold to Dandara Homes. The properties currently under construction are being marketed by Places for People through the Shared Ownership scheme.

Phases C and D are passing through the planning process. No date has been provided for when construction will begin.

The parish council is working hard to maintain communications between the developers and Canterbury City Council Planning (CCC). Unfortunately, Dandara has not engaged at all and arranging another meeting with Vistry is proving difficult. Vistry has, however, responded to some emailed questions, including a date for the completion of the Herne Relief Road.

Vistry has advised that the road will not be completed until the 410th property is occupied, which is forecast to be 2029/30. This is despite previous reassurances that the road would be completed in advance of this figure being reached, potentially as early as 2027. The parish council is extremely concerned about this and will continue to put pressure on Vistry to get the road completed earlier. The Herne Relief Road is essential for the residents of the Strode Farm Development, particularly those at the Bullockstone Road end, to be able to access local services, public transport, and enable safe travel. It is also vital for the wider community in reducing traffic along Lower Herne Road and through the centre of Herne Village.

They have also advised that the access road from Canterbury Road into the development is scheduled to be closed in October 2026. The parish council has been made aware that motorists are using this as a rat run to avoid the new roundabout, which is extremely dangerous.

Herne Drive WI



Hope you are all surviving during this everlasting heatwave! Sadly, the gardens are suffering, but I expect we'll be flooded out soon enough - and then we will be complaining "too

much rain"!

Meantime, life goes on and our Group has been enjoying various activities. In June, which was our 73rd birthday meeting, Steve and Jonathan of Cabin FM fame gave us a brief history of the Cabin's roots from its Radio Cabin days up till now. Having gone digital, you can now listen in wherever you are in the world! The team work fantastically hard to keep their public entertained - and it's all voluntary! Needless to say, there were plenty of goodies to tuck into with the usual welcome cuppa.

In July, David Mantz gave a heartfelt talk on behalf of the Air Ambulance Service (KSSAA), having worked for the Service for about 40 years. Having to rely on public donations is becoming increasingly difficult, as they get no payment from the government. This charity has been adopted by National W.I. as their charity for the next 2 years, so all W.I.s will be giving them as much support as possible.

On 19th August we will be given a guided tour of our lovely old Church, St. Martin's, and will complete the visit with an afternoon tea, to be held outside if the weather is fine, or in the Lady Chapel if not. I must admit, I'm really looking forward to that.

In September we will be learning about the help being given to the people of Ukraine when Kevin Croomek will be our guest speaker.

Then, in October we will welcome back Jane Napper when she will be giving us a demonstration in "Crusts and Crumbles", her latest talk. Jane always gives a good presentation, so this will be one "not to miss".

Following on in November we will have our Craft Corners when members will have the opportunity to try out different crafts - nothing too complicated!

Naturally, in December we will hold our Christmas party, with entertainment organised by Pauline and Claire, our very talented Mum and Daughter team.

Our monthly craft group remains very popular, and we always manage to take home a recognisable object! Surprising, considering the amount of chatter and laughter takes place.

And our newest group, Needles and Natter, is always a welcome escape from the daily routine. Some crochet, some knit while others stitch - and there is always lots to talk about. We all pay £1 per session, and the money goes to Charity. This time we donated £78 to Wind Chimes, a local charity which supports teenagers and young adults.

We are always happy to see visitors at our meetings, so please feel free to join us at St. Peter's Church Hall, Herne Drive, Greenhill on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except January - we will meet in August in the future as the weather conditions can be dire in January). We meet from 1-3, and your first 3 visits are free - so you can "try before you buy"! If you are interested, please contact me on 01227 367471 for more information. Hope to see you soon.

Meantime, enjoy the sunshine while you can - winter comes soon enough!

Brenda Hackett.



Herne and Broomfield Knit and Natter Group



Herne & Broomfield Knit and Natter

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

£2 per session

No need to book, just turn up, includes tea and coffee.

Bring your knitting and crochet, make friends and chat while you knit.

Whether you are a beginner, or have been knitting for years, help gladly offered by the more experienced and often patterns passed on.

Some of us knit for charities, such as Mama To Mama in Thanet, which gives a box of baby clothes and toiletries to new mums, or some make hats and scarves for people in Ukraine.

We also have a Facebook page called, you might have guessed, 'Herne & Broomfield Knit & Natter' where you can post pictures of finished projects, if you are technically minded.

Being a Responsible Dog Owner in Our Parish - part 2

Keep Control - Even If Your Dog Is Friendly

One of the most common misconceptions is that a friendly dog is automatically a safe one. Even the most sociable dog can knock over a child or elderly person, or cause real distress to someone who is nervous around dogs.

The law does not require a dog to have bitten anyone to be considered dangerously out of control - it can apply to dogs who jump up, who approach people uninvited, who bark and lunge on lead, and so on, if a member of the public feels unsafe because of their actions.

A few simple things make a big difference in ensuring everyone can enjoy public spaces, with or without their dog:

- Keep your dog on a lead near roads and livestock
- Call your dog back before it approaches other dogs or people, and respect if someone asks you not to allow your dog to approach, regardless of their temperament
- Be mindful that not every dog wants to interact with yours - dog sociability differs between breed, age, health, personality and previous experiences. It's natural and normal for some dogs to prefer less interference from others, and other responsible owners shouldn't be expected to limit to their dog's daily exercise and enrichment access because of this.
- Remember that many dogs are kept on lead for a reason, whether that is a health issue, fear, or ongoing training. Give them space and don't allow your dog to approach unless invited.
- Ensuring your dog is trained with a solid recall, along with other key skills to keep them and others safe, is a necessity if allowing them off-lead in public spaces.
- Always carry the means to clean up your dog's waste, and do so promptly

Be Courteous to Fellow Dog Walkers

It is worth remembering that we share these spaces with other dog owners who may be dealing with their own challenges. A dog charging over uninvited, however well-meaning, can set back weeks of careful training for someone working with a nervous or reactive dog. In fact, in dog-dog communication, many dogs we perceive as being friendly can come across as rude or intimidating to other dogs, which in turn can lead to tension and escalation between them.

A simple check with a fellow dog owner before letting your dog approach another costs nothing and goes a long way.

Good dog ownership is not about restricting your dog's enjoyment. It is about building the skills that let you both get the most from your time outdoors, safely and considerately. If any of this feels like a challenge right now, seeking a qualified, accredited professional is key.

A confident, responsible dog owner who is courteous to others is a genuine pleasure for the whole community, so let's work to achieve this together.

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).



September	Service	Location
Wednesday 2nd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 6th	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00am All-Age Worship	St Martin's
14th after Trinity	Back to School Schoolbag Blessings	
Wednesday 9th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 13th	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
15th after Trinity	9:00 am Bubble Church	
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 19th	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's
Sunday 20th	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
16th after Trinity	10.00am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday" Café Church	St Peter's
Wednesday 23rd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 27th 17th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	9:00 am Bubble Church	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 30th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's

October	Service	Location
Sunday 4th Animal Welfare Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00am All-Age Worship Pet Service	St Martin's
	6pm Taize Service	St Martin's
Wednesday 7th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 11th 19th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	9:00 am Bubble Church	
	10.00 am Harvest	St Martin's
Wednesday 14th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 17th	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's
Sunday 18th St Luke	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00 am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday" Café Church	St Peter's
	6pm Healing service	St Martin's
Wednesday 23rd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 25th Bible Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	9:00 am Bubble Church	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 28th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
November	Service	Location
Sunday 1st All Saints	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00am All-Age Worship All Saints	St Martin's
	6pm All Souls – remembering lost loved ones	St Martin's
Wednesday 4th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	9:00 am Bubble Church	St Martin's
	10.00 am Remembrance Followed by 11am Act of Remembrance	St Martin's/ War Memorial
Wednesday 11th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 15th Safeguarding Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00 am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday" Café Church"	St Peter's
Wednesday 18th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 21st	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's

St. Martin's Matters

As the summer draws to a close and we head towards Autumn, at St Martin's we reflect on a busy summer season of visitors from near and far. We've had lots of weddings and baptisms and the first season of our summer cream teas in the churchyard on Sunday afternoons, as well as many people continuing to discover the 700+ year-old church and its story as part of the village. Being at the heart of the community continues to be the purpose of St Martin's. For some that is simply admiring its beauty and history as passing along the main road, but the invitation to come and discover something more always awaits behind the ancient doorway.

Heading into this part of the year is always a great joy, because there are so many seasonal things to invite people to come along and see what is on offer... and it might not be what you expect!

We start with an invitation to all young people (and those who work in education) to come along for a School Bag Blessing at the Back-to-School service on Sunday 6th September at 10am (all-age service with music led by our worship band, and children's craft).

In October, we have a real variety... starting with a Pet Service on Sunday 4th October at 10am to celebrate "Animal Welfare Sunday" (again an all-age

service with music led by our worship band, and children's craft). The same day has a contemplative Taize style service at 6pm - an opportunity to foster peace and faith in a different way of doing church.

It is of course the season of Harvest, and we celebrate this on Sunday 11th October at 10am. During this month, the church remembers St Luke- the gospel writer who is remembered as a physician, and so we are holding a Healing Service in the evening of Sunday 18th October at 6pm.

As October draws to a close, before the village is invited to gather again for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service on 8th November, we are offering an opportunity to remember lost loved ones at the time of All Souls on 1st November at 6pm.

All these things are open to anyone and if you are feeling a bit unsure or have questions, do please get in touch (01227 906662 or revchrisdenyer@gmail.com / churchherne@gmail.com).

Blessings, Rev Chris



*The Rev'd
Chris Dyer*

Sunday 22nd Christ the King	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	9:00 am Bubble Church	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 25th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's
	10.00 Advent Carols	St Martin's
	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St Martin's

What's in a name?

St Martin's has been the parish church for over 700 years, and since then our community has grown and changed so very much - and now the parish covers many areas south of the railway line from Greenhill to Eddington and Talmead, as well as Herne and Broomfield.

With many new communities and new areas of housing, we would like our welcome to be felt in all these new places -but that is a very long of names to add to the Herne and Greenhill of our parish name!

Therefore, we have begun the process of changing our parish name to reflect the changes in the communities and area we serve - our proposed new name is The Greater Herne Parish. Our two places of worship still retain the names of St Martin-in-Herne and St Peter's, Greenhill.



Last year's harvest lunch

Defibrillator

At St Martin's Hall, at the corner of Benstede Close opposite Strode Park, we have installed a defibrillator in the porch thanks to contributions from donators and the PCC of St Martin's. This is registered with The Circuit - the national defibrillator network- and connected to South East Coast Ambulance Service. This is part of a life-saving initiative and the location is:

St Martin's Hall, Canterbury Road, Herne CT6 7HE - in the porch (right hand side) of St Martin's Hall - opposite Strode Park on the corner of Benstede Close and Canterbury Road.



Cream teas at St Martin's



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

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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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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

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

School Lane, Herne

Pre-Schools - Broomfield

Goldfinch Nursery, Ford Road. ☎ 01227 749957

- Herne

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