

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first Parish Council newsletter, a new initiative to inform the community of East Peckham of our current activities. We hope to publish this newsletter monthly and hope you will find it relevant, interesting and informative. The Parish Council works towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level. Our work falls into three main categories these are representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs; and striving to improve quality of life in the community.

PLANNING

This month we have submitted the following comments to Tonbridge and Malling BC:

TM/12/02056/FL & TM/12/02057LB Demolition of existing single storey rear extension & erection of a 2 storey & part single storey rear/side extension at 440 Bullen Lane **NO OBJECTION**

TM/12/02058/FL Ground floor rear extension, internal alterations and changes to external materials at 148 Hale Street, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/12/02231/LB Reconstruction of existing chimney and the replacement to two windows at the rear of the property at 39 Chidley Cross Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/12/02594/FL Proposed redevelopment of existing sheltered housing site for 16 rented and part ownership dwellings and associated works at Marvillion Court, The Freehold, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION in principal, however we do OBJECT to the proposal; our full submission to TMBC is available on our website.**

TM/12/02793/LB Replacement of existing standard casement windows with bespoke traditional casement windows in oak at 283 Hale Street, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

ROSE & CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE

We know the village is concerned about the Rose & Crown, we share these concerns. The current situation has been exasperated by the serving of an enforcement notice by Kent Highway Services for the wall to be demolished; however with regard to the removal of the rubble this is proving more problematic as it is on private land. We have advised both Kent Highway Services and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council that the loose rubble and remaining steel girders are a health and safety hazard and we have asked that they or the landowner erect fencing around the entire site.

CO-OPTION

We are aware that some people find the co-option of Mrs Eddie Kemsley, Managing Director of the Hop Farm somewhat controversial others find the decision bold and our decision has been praised by colleagues throughout Kent. No interest had been expressed in the vacancy which became vacant in April 2012 until Mrs Kemsley expressed an interest in joining us. We took the decision that we would like to co-opt Eddie for no other reason than as a way of strengthening the relationship between the village and the Hop Farm and we believe that substantial benefits can be achieved for the benefit of residents and the village as a whole. However Eddie is not eligible to take up the co-option until January 2013. Technically therefore there is still a vacancy and we would be pleased to consider any other interest in this vacancy. If you would like to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council to fill this or any other vacancy that might arise in the future please contact the Parish Office for further information.

EAST PECKHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Our Playing Fields have officially been recognised as one of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields, this means that the playing fields are protected for the future. In recognition of their new status we will be installing a commemorative plaque and will be planting a Royal Oak Sapling.

JUBILEE TREES

Our application for a free community tree planting pack had been successful and during November, we will be receiving 105 trees for planting in the village.

JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

We are fortunate in East Peckham to have some splendid halls including our own Jubilee Hall. These are your facilities and we want you to enjoy using them. Activities which take place each week include keep fit, Zumba, French classes, gym, Tai Chi, badminton, bowls, Mini Music, Parent & Toddler group and a monthly Carers Group. Our football pitches are used by The East Peckham Junior Football team and we also have super fitness equipment and play equipment for children of all ages. If you are looking for a venue for an activity such as a book club, birthday party or a meeting then please contact our Clerk who will provide details of availability and can arrange for you to have a tour of the facilities.

DOG FOULING

We continue to receive complaints about dog fouling and dogs off leads especially on our playing fields and within the vicinity of the Primary School. Dog fouling is nasty, unpleasant, irresponsible and antisocial. We would urge you to notify us, the borough council's dog warden or the community warden if you witness any incidents of dog fouling. Subject to availability, we have dog bags in the parish office which we are happy to provide free of charge.

2012 PROJECTS

So far during 2012 we have provided the following; Street Snooker, Jubilee Coins to every child at the Primary School, funded the village Jubilee and Beacon events, we received a grant towards twinning which we used for the Twinning Signing Events, we have commissioned an order for three new Village Nameplate Signs and we have paid for photographs of all the schoolchildren with the Olympic torch.

TWINNING WITH CHERENG

The formalities have been concluded and we are now officially twinned with Chereng. The first signing ceremony took place in East Peckham on 04 June 2012; the second took place in Chereng on 16 September 2012. Peter Street, Stephanie Watson and Karen Bell from the Parish Council were accompanied by Howard Rogers (Borough Councillor), residents and representatives from the East Peckham Twinning Association, the East Peckham Silver Band and the Street Singers. During the formal ceremony Peter Street made a speech in French, Karen Bell read out the English interpretation and Stephanie Watson presented a gift of a painting of St Michaels. After the conclusion of the formalities, the Chereng Harmonie and the Chereng singers played both national anthems. The sun shone on the proceedings as new village signs were unveiled proclaiming the twinning link then everyone moved on to the informal part of the day which involved a reception and a Fun Day at the Salle Victor Provo where a number of games and activities had been organised. Everyone present also enjoyed a concert by *The Street Singers*. Further details on the Twinning and Twinning events can be obtained from our Clerk Karen Bell who is also Secretary of the East Peckham Twinning Association.

In conjunction with our Twinning activities we have organised French Lessons. These take place in the meeting room during the day on a Tuesday. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn French in a friendly and relaxed environment. There are three levels of class; beginners, intermediate and advanced. If you would like to find out about class availability please contact Christine McNeir on 01622 871226.

APPLAUSE RURAL TOURING THEATRE – AUTUMN EVENT

Our autumn Applause Event will be Bowlympics performed by Bowjangles. The performance promises to be a hilarious take on this year's Olympic festivities. Bowjangles a highly talented string quartet will sing, dance and play their way through various sporting activities. Tickets are on sale priced at £9 per adult and £6 for concessions. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more.

WAR MEMORIAL RENOVATIONS

A complete list of the names had been passed to Burlite but unfortunately we do not yet have a start date for the work. We are very deeply disappointed that the work will not be carried out in time for this year's Remembrance Commemorations.

DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH MR 548 (PART)

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has approved the diversion of the footpath which is to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission. The new line of the footpath will have a minimum width of 2 metres and will be signed with waymark posts and direction discs.

THE HOP FARM

We are aware that many people have been inconvenienced by noise disturbance and other nuisances arising from events held at The Hop Farm. Officers from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have met with the Managing Director to express their grave concern at the staging of events. The Hop Farm in effect has been put on notice about the high noise emitting from events and the actions they could be facing if the failings recurred and they failed to adequately manage events and prevent noise disturbance to residents. The Managing Director believes she now has adequate measures in place which will adequately protect residents from any disturbance and to this end she and her team are working with Vanguardia (noise consultants) on some very comprehensive measures to minimise the impact of noise. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council do not yet have sufficient information with which to take any immediate action but have confirmed that if there are any further failings they would be taken into account when considering the need to seek a review of the licence. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council will continue to monitor events a number of which had passed without significant incident or complaint.

CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Karen Bell, the Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01622 871309 or email admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Office is located in the Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham. If you would like to speak to a Councillor please write, phone or email and a Councillor will contact you; alternatively you may contact a Councillor via our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 October 2012	Parish Council Surgery at the Library 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.
15 October 2012	7.30 p.m. Meeting of the Planning Committee followed by meeting of the Full Parish Council
20 October 2012	7.30 p.m. Bowlympics performed by Bowjangles at the Jubilee Hall
05 November 2012	7.30 p.m. Meeting of the Parish Councils Planning Committee

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

East Peckham Parish Council	01622 871309
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	01732 844522
Kent County Council	01622 696965
Allotments	01622 871309
Evergreens	01622 871593
Lunch Club	01622 873434
Women's Institute	01622 871303
Wednesday Allsorts	01622 872418
Ladies Pleasant Hour	01622 873030
United Choir	01622 871454
East Peckham Silver Band	01622 871820
Line Dancing	01622 813687
Ikkle Pikkles Toddler Group	01622 870154
Mini Music Makers	01892 835836
Historical Society	01622 872976

Gardeners Association	01622 871115
East Peckham Flood Group	01622 872344
Trainers Badminton Club	01622 871189
Short Mat Bowls Club	01622 871781
Apples Bowling Club	01622 871069
Rugby Club	01634 261601
Netball Club	01622 873485
Community & Police Working Group	01622 873470
East Peckham Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts)	01622 871890
Brownies	01622 872418
Boys Brigade	01622 872372
Girls Brigade	01732 366671
Gym club	01892 835918
Library	01622 871050
Tai Chi	07958 980280
Pilates	01622 873432
Dancercise	01732 771352
Carers Group	01622 871381
Ladies Pleasant Hour	01622 873030
Wednesday Allsorts	01622 872418
Fit 4 U Exercise Class	01732 529654
Shape Up Fitness Class	01622 720879
Weald of Kent Gym Club	01892 835918
Paddock Wood Badminton Club	01892 836731
Zumba	07595 458272
French Lessons	01622 871226
East Peckham Junior Football	01622 873391
East Peckham Badminton Club	01622 871786

Hall Hire

Jubilee Hall & Playing Fields	01622 871309
East Peckham Club	01622 871339
The Village Hall	01622 871321
The Curran Hall & Methodist Hall	01622 872079

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