

## EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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This is the second of our monthly newsletters, a new initiative to inform the community of East Peckham of our current activities. This newsletter focuses on our activities over the past month as well as providing useful information which we hope you find interesting and relevant.

### PLANNING

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

**TM/12/02802/FL** Pitched roof over existing flat roof to canopy/roof of entrance hall at **24 Crown Acres**  
**NO OBJECTION**

**TM/12/02875/RD** Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials), 3 (landscaping), 11 (flood storage) & 13 (contamination investigation assessment) of permission **TM/11/01090/FL** (Demolition of a public house store room, resurfacing of pub car park, erection of amenity area for pub & the erection of 3 new three bedroom terraced houses together with parking for six cars) at **The Merry Boys Public House**  
**NOTED**

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council has **APPROVED** the following:

**TM/12/02514/FL** Single storey side extension with a mono pitched roof and folding doors at **1 Crown Acres, East Peckham**

**TM/12/00481/FL** Miniature driving school including construction of a hard surface track, street furniture and timber post fencing and associated one store pitched roof building together with proposed landscape/design mitigation works at **The Hop Farm Country Park, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood**

Our Planning Committee will be considering the following application when it meets on 05 November

**TM/12/02971/FL** Demolish porch kitchen and wc's on north side of public house and form pitched in place of flat roof, and convert to a dwelling. Convert oast to a dwelling. Construct 3 detached dwellings with access, car barns and landscaping at the **Blue Bell Inn 1 Beltring Road Paddock Wood Tonbridge Kent TN12 6QH**

### ROSE & CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE

Unfortunately we have no new information to impart. We hope through our persistent highlighting of the problem to Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council that action will be taken.

### MARVILLION COURT NEWS

- In advance of the redevelopment, we took the opportunity to rescue two benches; these have been successfully relocated to the playing fields.
- We have been informed that on 31 October 2012 Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councils Area 2 Planning Committee will be considering the planning application, it would appear that the officer's recommendation to members is to **GRANT PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.**

### MEETING ATTENDANCE LEVELS – OCTOBER 2011 – OCTOBER 2012

Openness and transparency are two important principles to us. We will be publishing the meeting attendance levels of the Parish Clerk and your councillors. This is an easy way for you to see at a glance how hard we are working on your behalf and how committed your councillors are. As Councillors do not claim allowances all time is freely given.

Parish Clerk:	Karen Bell	100%		
Parish Cllrs:	Peter Street	95%	Stephanie Watson	93%
	Jenny Macdonald	83%	Penny Graham	80%
	Colin Silver	80%	Tim Roper	74%
	Lorraine Baseden	73%	Graham Haycock	68%
	Esmond White	63%	Nikki Kearns	35%

## **LOCALISM**

We are studying the Localism Act and the Government's Open Public Services agenda, both of which aim to devolve more power and decision making to Parish Councils. We are keen to promote good practice and will be identifying areas where we can put "Localism in action" for the benefit of our village. We will consider how we can embrace the challenges and opportunities that the new legislation offers.

## **CASUAL VACANCY**

There is currently a casual vacancy; if you would like to be considered for this vacancy please contact the Parish Clerk who will provide you with a profile specification. Written or email applications are to be submitted to the Parish Office by 05 December 2012. The co-option will take effect in January 2013. Prospective candidates are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council and the Planning Committee in an observational capacity.

## **JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS**

We are fortunate in East Peckham to have some splendid halls including our own Jubilee Hall which comprises of a Sports Hall and separate Meeting Room. 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 sports event, 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.

## **2012 PROJECTS**

So far during 2012 we have provided funding for the following; Street Snooker, Jubilee Coins to every child at the Primary School, the village Jubilee and Beacon events, we have commissioned an order for three new Village Nameplate Signs, we have paid for photographs of all the schoolchildren with the Olympic torch and we gave out 100 complimentary tickets to Senior Citizens in the village who were invited to attend the recent performance of Bowlympics by Bowjangles. We received a grant towards twinning which have used to fund the twinning signing events,

## **ALLOTMENTS**

There are currently a few vacant plots on the East Peckham Allotments (adjacent to the Playing Fields), if you are interested in having an allotment please contact our Clerk. Allotments are allocated on a first come first served basis. When all allotments have been allocated we will keep a waiting list.

## **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 do have dog bags in the parish office which we are happy to provide free of charge. A bag and Flag Day was held on 19 October 2012

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

Mrs Lawrence our village historian has spent many years researching the lives of the East Peckham men who lost their lives in the first and second world wars and has written a fascinating book of her findings. On Saturday 03 November 2012 between 10.00 a.m. & 1.00 p.m. the book 'The Life they left Behind' will be launched in the Library. We will be funding the publication costs and all proceeds after these have been met will be donated to Help for Heroes. The book is priced at £10.00 per copy and Mrs Lawrence will be happy to sign any copies sold on the day. Borough Councillor Mr Howard Rogers and Mrs Jane Rogers will be attending the event in their capacity as Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

## **WAR MEMORIAL**

Although arrangements have been made for the war memorial to be cleaned prior to Remembrance Day it is disappointing that the renovations will not be completed before 11 November 2012.

## **2012 REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

There was some doubt over whether there would be a 2012 Remembrance Parade. The Scout Group who organise the annual parade were informed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the Police that they would be expected to provide marshals for all junctions and for the parade itself. It is worth remembering that the Scout Group only took on the organisation of the parade because there was no British Legion in the village to do so and that most other Scout Groups in the Tonbridge District either join British Legion parades or join in around the war memorials for the Act of Remembrance. Thanks to the Scout Group, the Community Warden Service, the Parish Council and the Hop Farm who offered staff to act as marshals this year's parade will go ahead. If you would like to volunteer to act as a marshal in future years, please let us know or contact Mr Philip Easom on 01622 871890.

## **JUBILEE TREES**

Our application for a free community tree planting pack has been successful and we will shortly receive 105 trees for planting in the village. If there are any areas which you think could benefit from the planting of new trees, please let us know. We should be able to accommodate most if not all requests.

## **TWINNING WITH CHERENG**

This month the main activity was the Coffee and Croissants event held in Heavenly Glaze on 25 October. The East Peckham Twinning Association would like to thank Nikki Kearns for allowing the event to be held in her shop. The event was aimed at raising awareness of the twinning and the membership scheme. The next event will be a joint concert performed in the Jubilee Hall (Sports Hall) at 5.00 p.m. on 03 November 2012. The performers will be the East Peckham Silver Band and the Chereng Harmonie. Although entrance to the concert is free; admittance will be by programme and these are available from the Village Stores. Further details on the Twinning can be obtained from our Clerk Karen Bell who is also Secretary of the East Peckham Twinning Association. In conjunction with the Twinning activities; French Lessons take place on Tuesdays during term times, these are a fantastic opportunity for you to learn French in a friendly and relaxed environment. If you would like to find out about classes and their availability please contact Christine McNeir on 01622 871226.

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Karen Bell, the Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01622 871309 or email [admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). The Parish Office is located in the Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham and is usually open weekday mornings during term time except Wednesdays. 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](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

03 November 2012	Book Launch, 'The Life They Left Behind', 10.00 – 1.00 in the Library
03 November 2012	Twinning Event, Joint concert between the East Peckham Silver Band and the Chereng Harmonie. 5.00 p.m. at the Sports Hall (Jubilee Hall)
05 November 2012	Meeting of the Parish Councils Planning Committee. 7.45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Jubilee Hall.
11 November 2012	Remembrance Parade leaves The Pound at 9.30 a.m. Remembrance Service takes place in Holy Trinity at 10.00 a.m. The Act of Remembrance takes place at the Village War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. The Parade will then march back down to The Pound. At 12.00 p.m there will be a shorter Act of Remembrance at St Michaels
14 November 2012	Parish Council Surgery at the Library 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.
19 November 2012	Meeting of the Planning Committee followed by meeting of the Full Parish Council, 7.45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Jubilee Hall
25 November 2012	Table Top Sale in the Jubilee Hall (Sports Hall), 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the skatepark.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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<b>Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council</b>	01732 844522
<b>Kent County Council</b>	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	01622 871801
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
Library	01622 871050
Tai Chi	07958 980280
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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