

EPPC NEWS

November 2016

Working on behalf of the community

Dear All,

Our monthly newsletter complements our communications to residents. If you'd like to receive this newsletter electronically, you can register your interest at www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk/subscribe.

This month our congratulations go to Steph Watson who received a Highly Commended award in this year's Star Councils Awards. Congratulations also to Penny Graham and Karen Bell who were longlisted as well as to your own parish council which was also longlisted. Whilst being recognised nationally and being nominated for prestigious awards is pleasing we have not lost sight of what is really important which is to serve residents to the best of our abilities.

We're often asked "What does the Parish Council do?" All our meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our website and agendas displayed on our notice board in The Pound. Residents are welcome to attend our meetings and if you look at the Site Map on our website you'll get a flavour of the kind of things we do on your behalf, our website has information such as Annual Returns, Accounts, Policies, Procedures, Welcome Pack, Annual Reports, Planning Information and newsletters. You can now follow us on twitter @EastPeckhamPC and download our App.

We are keenly aware of the continuing issues of vandalism and anti-social behaviour particularly on the Playing Fields. Please report any anti-social behaviour to 101 as this is then recorded and will help with any funding bids we make for additional CCTV equipment. Our Parish continues to have a low level of crime compared to other parts of the Borough. However, because of a reduction in Police resources, we should be more vigilant than ever, why not consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Kent Fire & Rescue has asked parishes to be pro-active in respect of reporting broken/vandalised Fire Hydrants. Could we therefore ask residents to let us know of any concerns? You can view the positioning of our parish Fire Hydrants on our website.

Each year we aim to set a balanced budget that reflects the services you want, whilst fulfilling our statutory obligations. Work on our 2017/2018 budget is at an advanced stage and you can find our draft budgetary proposals on our website; we invite your feedback on our budget proposals. Next year's budget is particularly challenging as we are faced with a loss of £20,000 in funding grants from TMBC. We hope to secure other grant funding which will enable us to do more in 2017/2018. If we're successful in obtaining grant funding the kind of projects we would like to do include possibly installing a Trim Trail on the Playing Fields, Please email us your views to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

We continue to strive to make East Peckham a desirable place to live. Please help all our community groups and continue to do your bit where you can for where you live. Don't forget if you'd like any information or advice on a Parish matter, please call into the Parish Office during normal opening hours, also if you have any interesting photos from in and around the village we would love to see them.

Finally this month we would like to call upon your help for the Annual Remembrance Parade, as the police no longer marshal the event and haven't for some years, it is down to us as a community to do so. If you'd like to volunteer to be one of the marshals, please let us know and we will pass your details onto the Parade Organiser. The Remembrance Service takes place this year on 13 November at 10.00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church followed by a shorter Act of Remembrance at St Michaels Churchyard.

Kind regards
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk



ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS

NEW FINGERPOSTS: We are delighted to confirm that work is nearing completion and our fingerless posts will soon have their new fingers.

WAR MEMORIAL: Work will soon be completed on our war memorial project; the works have consisted of a thorough clean of the existing memorial and new installation works consisting of a plaque, sand stone slabs, stone posts and stainless steel chains. To complete the project; the soil is going to be covered with a weed suppressant mat and then covered in "Silver Blue" granite chippings and finally a sand trough will be installed where remembrance crosses can be placed.

MILESTONE RENOVATION: The milestone located between Branbridges Roundabout and the Hop Farm Roundabout is within our parish. It has recently been renovated by steam cleaning, reorienting and the lettering repainted. We hope our work has made the milestone more visible.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A huge thank you this month must go to Serina Page who organised several fundraising events which have raised more than £2,000 towards the East Peckham Christmas Lights, thank you to everyone who came to any of the fundraising events and to those who provided raffle prizes and auction lots. Funds are still coming in and we'll soon know how much has been raised towards the Christmas Lights.

We're not going to give too much away and spoil the surprise. Lets' just say that this year's lights will be very special and different. At the end of this newsletter you'll find details of our fantastic switch on event which will be taking place on 25 November. You are all invited.

LOCAL WINTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

EPPC does not have a statutory duty to prepare for and deal with snow and ice (except around our own property) and although we do not have the resources to make a commitment to provide a snow clearing service we will endeavour to assist where practicable. This plan has been created to clarify what can be expected from EPPC.

LEGAL ADVICE: People have been hesitant to clear snow because of fears of litigation if someone should slip on the treated area. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Occupiers' Liability Act 1984 place responsibility on the employer to maintain access to premises in a safe condition. Although an employer can be held liable for 'failing to act reasonably' to prevent accidents pedestrians also have a responsibility to take care. The prospects of a person who volunteers to clear snow from a pavement being successfully sued for damages by a person who subsequently slips on the cleared area and is injured are very small.

The snow code – tips on clearing snow and ice from pavements or public spaces don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively. And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

Clear the snow and ice early in the day: It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. If possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing.

Preventing slips: Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways – you might need to use more salt on these areas

Use salt or sand - not water: Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and slippery. You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on

the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins – this will be needed to keep the roads clear. Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

Take care where you move the snow: When shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Offer to clear your neighbours' paths: If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, try contacting their relatives or friends, or if necessary the local council.

WHERE GRITTING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PARISH COUNCIL: During periods of severe/persistent frost, ice or snow EPPC will **ENDEAVOUR** to treat the following locations:

- ☐ Entrances to the Parish Office and the Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham
- ☐ Jubilee Hall Car Park, Pippin Road, East Peckham (main walkway from car park)
- ☐ Path to the Primary School via the Playing Fields

PROPERTY OR LAND WHICH WILL NOT BE GRITTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL includes the playing Field Allotment site (not a priority area), Orchard Road Post Office (responsibility of landowner), the Village Centre (responsibility of landowner/tenant) and Bus shelters (access may be difficult in severe weather therefore gritting cannot be guaranteed)

ROLE OF KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: To carry out such precautionary salting and snow clearing, as far as reasonably possible, to keep the precautionary salting network free from ice and snow, permit the safe movement of vehicular traffic and pedestrians and minimise delays and accidents directly attributable to the adverse weather conditions.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF EAST PECKHAM BRANCH SURGERY

It is frustrating to the council and our residents that the future of the surgery has still not been concluded. Behind the scenes we are in regularly liaison with the landlord, Woodlands Health Centre, the CCG in order to move this forward and our MP, County Councillor and Borough Councillors are kept fully in the loop. In addition to the survey commissioned by EPPC earlier this year, the CCG followed this up with an additional survey of the premises. In order to move this issue forward, on 17 November we have planned to meet with interested parties, in addition to EPPC representatives, attending the meeting will be the landlord, the CCG and Woodlands Health Centre.

The key to making any sort of progress is for the Health Centre to consider in advance of the meeting the impact of reducing the surgery to one consultation room which is what has been suggested in the latest survey which was carried out by the CCG and whether they would still be committed to providing a service and what that service would look like. Woodlands Health Centre has indicated that they require two consulting rooms so that ancillary services can be provided alongside GP services.

The CCG can then consider whether that service would be in accordance with their vision/model for the delivery of primary care in the medium to long term. EPPC is delighted that the surgery remains open and is pleased that all parties remain committed to finding a long term solution which will benefit patients and the village of East Peckham.

Once any future project has been agreed upon in principal, EPPC will be consulting with residents to ensure that we have a mandate of support for any spending commitments which might be expected from the Parish Council.

COUNCILLORS AREAS

Parish Councillors represent the village collectively but for administrative and Emergency Planning we have divided the village into areas and an area assigned to each councillor. The areas are:

Hale Street, Bardsley Close, Hale Court, Medway Meadows, Cates Court & Maidstone Road	Peter Crawford
Smithers Lane, Pattenden Gardens, Hop Bine Close, Smithers Court, Beltring Road, Branbridges Road & Maidstone Road (A26)	Murray Hodgson
Old Road, Strettitt Gardens, Pinkham & Pinkham Gardens	Penny Graham
Addlestead Road, Chidley Cross Road, Caysers Croft & Tonbridge Road	Lynton Wright
Pound Road, The Old Dairy & Snoll Hatch Road	Serina Page
Orchard Road, The Freehold, Red Roses, Marvillion & Crown Acres (Odds)	Colin Silver
Whitebine, Golding & Henham Gardens & Crown Acres (evens)	Mick Barton
Fell Mead, Stockenbury, Bramley Road, Pippin Road & Russett Road	Steph Watson
Hatches Lane, Bullen Lane, Bells Farm Road, Grove Close & Stanford Lane	Jenny Macdonald
Westwood Road, Drage Road, William Luck Close & Cotman Way	Heidi Harratt
Court Lodge, Roydon Hall & Bush Roads, Seven Mile, Martins & Church Lanes	Michael Ferguson

COMMUNITY GRANTS

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit the website www.eastpeckhampc.gov.uk where you will find details of our grants policy and an application form. We have funds available specifically for grants to community groups and organisations.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

There are many projects you could help such as Christmas lights, the surgery or the skatepark. If you are interested please let us know.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATOR

The defibrillator is housed in a secure box attached to the wall of the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall. The defibrillator is an intelligent item of medical equipment which 'talks' to the operator and gives easy to follow instructions on where to place the electrode packs on the chest, how to administer Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and when to press the 'shock' button. An operator cannot 'shock' a patient that does not require it and cannot make a bad situation worse. SECAmb know of the location of the defibrillator so that when someone dials 999 about a possible heart attack, they can immediately see if there is a defibrillator nearby to the caller, give them the access code and direct them there.

JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex which comprises of the Playing Fields, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex has many regular activities and events for adults and children and is buzzing with excitement. From the under-fives toddlers' afternoon and gym sessions to activities for adults such as Keep fit, badminton, bowls, piloxing and Zumba, we're also the venue for a monthly carers group. Outside clubs include a goal keeping school. As well as a large car park and free WIFI, the Jubilee Hall has a well equipped kitchen and vending machines for the supply of hot and cold drinks and snacks. The facilities are perfect for any occasion. If you're looking for a venue, please contact us for details of availability and hire charges. Our latest programme of activities and the contact details of the activity organisers can be found on our website.

We are proud of the fact that the Jubilee Hall continues to provide a wide range of classes and facilities for the residents of East Peckham and that our Playing Fields are in excellent condition. Our aim to widen the number of indoor and outdoor activities on offer and would be pleased to hear from you if there are any outdoor activities you would like us to provide such as archery, cycling and running clubs. We would also be pleased to hear from you if you would be interested in starting up a new activity.

Children's Party Packages: We have some fantastic packages, offering hassle free solutions to make your life easier and your event a great success.

Business Event Solutions: We can offer solutions for business events such as one-to-one consultations to a classroom or meeting venue. We can provide a great space for training, meetings and exhibitions.

The playing fields are a beautiful open space in the centre of the village and are open to all residents. We want them to be a safe haven for you to enjoy the peace and quiet and for children to play safely, families to picnic, joggers to run securely, play rounders, kick a football, fly a kite or just a place to sit and contemplate. We will continue to develop the facilities so that the village; is well equipped with leisure facilities for everyone. We are currently exploring the idea of a fitness trail around the perimeter of the playing fields to blend in with the natural environment.

FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM VILLAGE CENTRE?

The Weald of Kent Gym Club has announced a phased departure from the East Peckham Jubilee Hall. This represents a great opportunity for local community groups and organizations who are looking for a fantastic venue.

We have two rooms available, a larger sports hall and a smaller meeting room and can cater for most activities such as sports activities, children's parties, book clubs, craft groups, meetings, group gatherings

Surrounded by 15 acres of playing fields we offer very competitive hire rates, a large car park, FREE WIFI, kitchen, vending machines, projector and screen and a hot drinks machine.

Whatever your activity we look forward to receiving your enquires.
Please email admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for more information

ALLOTMENTS

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable and we currently have a few vacant plots.

BLOOMING IN EAST PECKHAM

We'd like to form an East Peckham in Bloom group, it will have our endorsement and comprise of residents whose aim is to enhance the appearance of the village. The Group's first step would be to become a member of 'Britain in Bloom' an organisation set up by the Royal Horticultural Society. We'd also like to encourage residents and retailers to keep their frontages clean and tidy. If you're a local business and would like to sponsor this project or make a donation, please let us know. Similarly, we'd like to hear from you if you're interested in becoming part of East Peckham in Bloom. We're looking for garden enthusiasts, carpenters/DIY'ers, artists or just residents who want to be involved.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Planning & Transportation Committee aims to represent the views of the community when consulted on planning applications and to improve transportation issues in East Peckham.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee has recently considered the following planning application
TM/16/02543/FL Proposed development of eight dwellings plus car parking provision and other associated works at Former Rose & Crown, 2 Branbridges Road, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE

PLANNING DECISIONS

TMBC has refused to permit the retention of caravan, hardstanding etc. at East Acres, Branbridges Road, East Peckham

BURGER VAN OPERATING FROM POUND ROAD, EAST PECKHAM

TMBC has concluded that the illuminated signage does not require planning permission and that they are not aware of any controls which would address the 'nuisance' issues which EPPC has drawn attention to.

PARKING

Planning & Transportation Committee members have recently discussed parking problems with particular reference to The Freehold, Orchard Road and Fell Mead. It is acknowledged that this is a common problem, partly because many roads were built before cars and because drivers want to park as close as possible to where they live. In areas where there are no parking restrictions TMBC's Civil Enforcement Officers are not able to help and whilst the police can only enforce against dangerous parking the PCSO's can issue advice notices. EPPC is the opinion that whilst the parking problems are an issue of concern there has to be a balance between keeping pavements free for pedestrians and allowing people to park within the village and whilst it is nearly impossible to please everyone when dealing with issues like this it is best to try and find a balance that allows everyone to get around the village as best they can. We have asked TMBC to carry out a village wide parking review and would welcome your thoughts on this and the type of issues you are concerned with.

EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE AFFECTING ROYDON HALL ROAD

Kent County Council has advised that the temporary road closure will be in place until repairs have been carried out. The alternative route is via Old Church Road, Seven mile lane.

HALE STREET PINCH POINT

Kent Highway Services has advised that it has recently brought to their attention that the scheme involving the installation of a raised table at the pinch point, south of the former Harp pub, is in conflict with existing regulations and guidance. Kent Highways Services has advised that at the point of installation the scheme was safety audited by accredited auditors and deemed safe. However safety audits do not comment on the compliance of a scheme unless there is a direct safety issue. As a result Kent Highway Services has apologised for the ill advice given and would like to solve this issue of compliance as soon as possible and in this respect they are currently considering two options. The option favoured by Kent Highway Services is the removal of the raised table. The other option is to install a new 30 limit along the section of Hale Street, whilst this is being investigated a new 30 mph speed limit is likely to involve drastic changes to the road environment to ensure drivers compliance and it is unlikely that Kent Highway Services will have the budget needed to fulfil this kind of scheme.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Kent County Council is responsible for maintaining public rights of way. Regardless of the growing season the majority of the rights of ways will be cut twice each year. Please report any problems to Kent County Council by telephoning 0845 345 0210, or by reporting the fault online at <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccessscams/issues/default.aspx>

LITTERING

Litter doesn't clear itself away. The cost of clearing up litter runs into hundreds of pounds. It's an offence to leave litter and a person is guilty of an offence if they throw down, drop or otherwise deposit and then leave it in a public place. TMBC will respond to complaints and have the power to demand a person's name and address in order to issue fixed penalty notices. It's such a shame that an uncaring few spoil it for the rest of us. Remember if you want to report a litter issue or fly-tipping, go to TMBC's website. To help keep East Peckham beautiful, can we please encourage residents and businesses to regularly clear up their frontages and collect rubbish along their roads. Let's keep our village tidy. We're aware of a number of residents who regularly collect litter and our thanks go to these unsung heroes - what caring citizens you are. If you would like to nominate a special village person, please let us know.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Do you know about Community Payback? It's a scheme where individuals who have been ordered by the courts work in their local communities to repay for a range of offences. The type of work that can be undertaken includes the maintenance of footpaths, painting and clearing areas which have suffered from neglect. Whilst our previous experience of using Community Payback has been mixed, the impact KCC budget cuts is having on footpaths and overgrown vegetation around the village is becoming more and more noticeable as is the awful littering so we are in the process of putting together a schedule of works which we will submit to the Community Payback Organisers.

DOG FOULING

It's a shame that just a few uncaring dog owners spoil things. Dog deposits provided it's bagged up can be put into any amenity bin. Please don't use household bins. If you see anyone failing to clear up after their dog contact the Community or Dog Wardens. Please be aware that failing to clear up after your dog is an offence and that TMBC enforces dog fouling through the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 which applies to all open land within the borough to which the public have access. If you have a dog fouling complaint obtain as much information as possible as it will assist the Dog Warden. For a found, lost or straying dog telephone 01732 876181 (also out of hour's service), for fouling, dangerous dog, a dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or Email: dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk. If a person has been bitten then please report the incident to the Police on 101

DOG AND LITTER BINS

Complaints regarding overfull dog/litter bins or related issues should be reported to waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk or using the online forms at www.tmbc.gov.uk. There are 18 dog waste bins around East Peckham, so specific locations for the ones that may have been missed would assist.

HIGHWAYS

The preferred way to let highways know about faults such as potholes or overgrown vegetation is through the website www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults where details can be uploaded and locations pinpointed on a map. In the event of an emergency you should call 03000 41 81 81. You might be interested in the roadworks.org website which gives details of all planned works for the village.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

With the problem in the village of inappropriately parked vehicles on pavements, we've joined Guide Dogs for the Blind who are campaigning against pavement parking. It's being proposed that motorists should be banned from parking on pavements because the practice forces vulnerable pedestrians to walk in the road and blocking the pavement is inconsiderate and dangerous. This is a far too common problem across the county partly because many of our roads were built in the days before motor cars and partly because of inconsiderate drivers who wish to park as close as possible to where they live. In areas where there are no parking restrictions the borough councils Civil Enforcement Officers will not be able to help and the police can only enforce against dangerous parking. If you spot a vehicle wrongly parked, please call 101 and our PCSO's will try and attend, contact the owner and get the vehicle moved on. Whilst the PCSO's cannot issue tickets they can issue advice notices.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you witness any incidents of anti-social behaviour, anywhere in the village, or know who is involved, please tell us, our community warden or the police. Anti-Social Behaviour can affect everyone's quality of life and should not be tolerated.

BULKY REFUSE

The fortnightly bulky service now has separate collections of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment and scrap metal. Items collected will be stripped down into their component materials and recycled.

EAST PECKHAM BUSINESS COMMUNITY

We really would like to see East Peckham have a business forum and would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to be involved. Our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk has more information.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Would you like to help your community in the event of an emergency? We really like to recruit more flood wardens. If you would like to become a flood warden or find out more please let us know.

TWINNING

East Peckham is twinned with Chéreng in the Nord de Pas de Calais. Twinning activities are funded by those taking part and fund-raising with no use of parish funds. For more information on Twinning please contact Karen Bell by email to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

NOVEMBER 2016 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

01 November 2016 Chicago Bridge Afternoon (Proceeds Christmas Lights)
07 November 2016 Planning & Transportation Committee, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall
21 November 2016 Meeting of the full Parish Council, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall
25 November 2016 Christmas Lights Switch On

CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, The Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT, Telephone/answerphone: 01622 871309, Email: admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. Our office is open weekday mornings during term time except Wednesdays. We love seeing you and look forward to your visits. If you've an important matter which you wish to discuss, please make an appointment so that we can make sure we're available. Karen works part time and is sometimes at external meetings and not always available, so do please ring or email first. If you'd like to speak to a Councillor please write, phone or email and a Councillor will contact you; alternatively you can contact a Councillor via our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

**EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2017**

We all know someone who is a good neighbour or raises a significant amount for local good cases or is an unsung hero or helps their community in a quiet and dignified way without seeking reward or recognition. If you would like to nominate someone to receive one of our Community Awards we would like to hear from you. The awards are presented each year at our Annual Parish Meeting.

Completed forms in a sealed envelope should be sent to East Peckham Parish Council, The Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 5BT or email the details of your nomination to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. The closing date is 10 January 2017.

**EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017 -
NOMINATION FORM**

I would like to nominate
.....(print name) for a
Community Award.

REASON:
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SIGNED: Print Name:

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL App

We are delighted to announce the launch our new app, which is a fantastic new way for us to be able to engage with you and for you to find out what is happening in the parish and discover the latest news and information about EPPC services, events and meetings. The App is FREE to download from Google Play or Apple I Tunes. With regard to compatibility it requires iOS 7.0 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.





Supporting
warm-hearted people
and projects...

We are looking to help small, local community projects and groups through our **GALAXY Hot Chocolate Fund**.

From November 7th 2016 until February 26th 2017, we are seeking to award a total of 70, £300 donations to help community groups and people just like you - that's not all...

We are also casting a spotlight on the unsung heroes within your organisation with the '**Outstanding Volunteer Award**'. Every week that the fund runs, a volunteer will be chosen by national volunteer organisation NCVO to receive a '**GALAXY Hot Chocolate Hero Hamper**'.

So, once you have registered your organisation for an award why not nominate a volunteer who always goes the extra mile?

In the weeks running up to the fund, if you or your organisation could benefit from a **FREE** jar of **GALAXY Hot Chocolate** then please send a message to: galaxyfreejars@escapadepr.com

We only have a limited amount of stock which will be sent out on a first come, first served basis before October 31 2016. So drop us a note today along with your delivery address and contact number.

For more information visit: galaxyhotchocolate.com



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We would love to hear how you're sharing the news about the launch of the fund so stay in touch using #GalaxyHotChocFund

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East Peckham

Christmas Lights 'Switch On'

Village Centre

Friday

25th November 2016

5.00 pm

Santa and his Elves

The Street Singers

Christmas Carols

Mulled wine, Soft drinks, Mince pies

Come and join in the fun

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, ...



**Public Consultation launched: 'Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan - The Way Forward'
A Potential Development Strategy & Proposals for East Peckham**

Proposed impact on East Peckham

The area identified for possible development in East Peckham is the land which backs onto Snoll Hatch Road, Stockenbury and Fell Mead.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council is inviting local people, groups, businesses and other key stakeholders to give their views on a potential development strategy for the borough in an eight-week public consultation.

This first public consultation on the potential development strategy, entitled 'Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan - The Way Forward', is a key milestone for the Council in preparing a new Local Plan, which will guide and manage future development in the borough up to the year 2031. The Local Plan has to respond positively to government policy for increasing the supply of housing and other development and ultimately the Council will be tested through a Public Examination on the way it has approached that challenge.

The purpose of having a Local Plan is to identify how future needs for new homes will be met, along with jobs, businesses and community facilities such as schools, medical facilities, roads and public open spaces. The Local Plan will also provide a framework for considering and determining planning applications for anything from home improvements to major new developments.

The potential development strategy, 'The Way Forward' marks the first stage in plan-making. It explains why the Council is preparing a Local Plan, sets out as simply as possible some of the national and local planning objectives the Council is aiming to achieve, and identifies some of the potential sites that could feature in meeting development needs in the most sustainable way.

Cllr Howard Rogers, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, says: "The Council and its communities have a real challenge in how to meet development needs across the borough. It is important that we rise to that challenge with some positive planning for the future - that is the way we have approached planning in the past, which has put us in a good place to manage and control development in the borough.

"We are very keen to receive the views of residents and local organisations on the strategic direction our Local Plan should take. All comments will be carefully considered and taken into account and there will be further public consultations as the Plan progresses. The potential development strategy, The Way Forward, is the first step in identifying and sharing the issues the borough will face in the coming years. It's easy to take part in the consultation - people can download the development strategy from our website, complete our online questionnaire, go along to one of the public exhibitions being held across the borough or write to us with their comments."

Next year, there will be a further consultation on the emerging Plan, which will then be submitted to the Government and a Public Examination held before the Council finally adopts the Plan in 2019.

Viewing the consultation documents: The potential development strategy 'The Way Forward' and other consultation documents can be found on TMBC's website at www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplanconsult or, for those who prefer to see hard copies, the documents are available to view at the Council's Kings Hill offices and at Tonbridge Gateway as well as at all libraries in the borough.

Online Questionnaire: Comments can be submitted by completing a questionnaire at www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplanconsult or emailing localplan@tmbc.gov.uk or in writing to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Local Plans Team, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4LZ. All comments must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 25 November.

More information about housing figures: The objectively assessed need for new housing for the borough of Tonbridge and Malling for the plan period (2011-31) is for 13,920 new dwellings or 696 per year. These figures have recently been updated in the light of the sub-national population projections published by the Office of National Statistics in May and new household projections published by the Department of Communities and Local Government in July. Taking into account new housing that has already been built since 2011, sites that are currently under construction or with planning permission, but not yet started, land allocations in the current development plan yet to come forward and a modest windfall allowance for small sites, there is a residual need for approximately 6,000 new homes in the borough of Tonbridge and Malling. The Local Planning Authority can demonstrate a five-year housing land supply plus 5% as required by national planning policy.

293/16 **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2017:** It was reported that the aim of the Scheme was to acknowledge and give recognition to those who made a significant contribution to their local community. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That EPPC would be delighted to present a KALC Community Award alongside the PC's existing awards at the 2017 APM.

It was further:

RESOLVED: That the 2017 Award Winner would be selected in January 2017