

# EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – JULY 2016

## EPPC - Working on behalf of the community

Dear All,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We hope you are continuing to find the newsletter interesting and that we are providing information about topical issues that are of interest and concern you and your life within our community. We welcome your feedback so if you'd like us to include items on different topics do please tell us.

During the past month we learnt from the Weald of Kent Gym Club that with effect from November they are planning a phased departure from the Jubilee Hall, this represents a great opportunity for us to be able to offer the hall to other groups and organisations and turn it into a community hub and be the social and recreational building we want it to be. If you are looking for a venue why not come and take a look at what we can offer.

Please don't forget that if you notice any highways issues, when out and about to report anything you see that requires attention to KCC Highways at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. The Highways team is pretty prompt at dealing with any queries, but obviously they need to be made aware of them. Similarly it is at this time of the year that we start noticing overgrown vegetation, issues of this nature are the responsibility of KCC Public Rights of Way and should be reported directly to them. We have been advised that regardless of the growing season the vegetation will only receive two cuts per annum. To report a problem go to the website [www.kent.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way](http://www.kent.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way).

Our long awaited fingerposts are almost ready for installation; we have also installed some beautiful hanging baskets in the village centre. We hope you like these enhancements to our village environment.

Work will soon start on the renovation of the war memorial. Having had a rethink and spoken with Reverend Carr and Mrs Margaret Lawrence we could not bring ourselves to commission work on the existing monument which would entail cutting out the names and carving out a recessed panel for a bronze plaque. We thought this would be defacing and destroying what in itself is an important village monument and a treasured part of East Peckham history. We've therefore approved an alternative scheme of works which will include steam cleaning the memorial, installing a stainless steel chain to secure memorial wreaths, installing a honed granite wedge on two stone slabs in front of memorial with all of the names and installing stone posts with chain between two posts giving two lines of chains, each side of memorial. We are also going to have photos taken before and after the works and prepare a written report a copy of which will be provided to the War Memorial Archive, Imperial War Museum. We believe and we hope you agree that this revised scheme of works will be more sympathetic to our village history. The work will be complete by mid-September 2016.

We have been asked to assist UK Power Networks in signing up vulnerable people who might need extra support during a power cut. Information on this scheme can be found on our website.

One more thing for us to mention this month and that is 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 would like to volunteer to be one of the marshals this year, please let us know and we will pass your details onto the Parade Organiser.

Kind regards  
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk  
East Peckham Parish Council

### PROPOSED CLOSURE OF EAST PECKHAM BRANCH SURGERY

The CCG has apologised for the delay in communicating with us, they are however at present trying to track down the best person within the NHS who can offer advice. Provided that the surgery continues to be funded and welcoming of East Peckham patients we are prepared to wait for the CCG and NHS to take the time needed to make a full and proper assessment of the findings contained within the survey. We believe that eventually the right decision will be made rather than the CCG and NHS making a premature decision which could result in the wrong outcome for the East Peckham community.

### YOUR PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBLY LOOKING AFTER PUBLIC MONEY

Whilst we are waiting for our Annual Return to be returned to us from our external auditors we have received the full report for 2015/2016 from our Independent Internal Auditor. **The report has made the following conclusions and observations.**

- EPPC is required by statute to make arrangements for an Independent Internal Audit examination of its accounting records and system of internal control and for the conclusions to be reported each year in the Annual Return. Auditing Solutions Ltd provides this service to EPPC.
- In undertaking the review for the year, the Independent Internal Auditor considered the materiality of transactions and their susceptibility to potential mis-recording or misrepresentation in the year-end Statement of Accounts/Annual Return. The Independent Internal Auditor employed a combination of selective sampling techniques and 100% detailed checks in a number of key areas in order to gain sufficient assurance that EPPC's financial and regulatory systems and controls were appropriate and fit for the purposes intended.
- The Independent Internal Audit programme of cover was designed to afford appropriate assurance that EPPC's financial systems were robust and operated in a manner to ensure effective probity of transactions and to afford a reasonable probability of identifying any material errors or possible abuse of EPPC's and the national statutory regulatory framework. The programme had also been designed to facilitate the completion of the 'Annual Internal Audit Report' in the Annual Return, which required independent assurance over a number of internal control objectives.
- The Independent Internal Auditor concluded EPPC maintained adequate and effective internal control arrangements
- The Independent Internal Auditor completed and signed the 'Annual Internal Audit Report' in the year's Annual Return, having concluded that, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of EPPC.
- The Independent Internal Auditor had not made any recommendations.
- The Clerk and Chairman had been thanked for the comprehensive responses they had provided to the governance questionnaire, which further assisted the independent Internal Auditor in the assessment of the effectiveness of EPPC's governance procedures and controls.

### 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

### **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 GRANTS**

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit the website [www.eastpeckhampc.gov.uk](http://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.

### **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 are also the venue for a monthly carers group. Outside clubs include a goal keeping school. We have hot drinks, cold drinks and snack machines too for your comfort or for your event. The facilities are perfect for any occasion be it a children's party, sports activity or business function. If you are looking for a venue for an event or meeting, 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.

The Jubilee Hall continues to provide a wide range of classes and facilities for the residents of East Peckham and 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 rounder's, 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.

### **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 would like to form an East Peckham in Bloom group which 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 who get involved in various projects such as caring for local parks, helping to establish school gardens and run wildlife projects.

We would also like to encourage residents and retailers to keep their frontages clean and tidy. If you are a local business and would like to sponsor this project or make a donation, please let us know. Similarly, we would like to hear from you if you are interested in becoming part of the 'East Peckham in Bloom Group'. We are looking for garden enthusiasts, carpenters/DIY'ers, artists or just residents who want to be involved.

### 2016 FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Thank you for all the splendid entries into the Garden Competition. Serina Page, Mick Barton & Lynton Wright had the enviable task of judging the entries. The prize winning gardens and the prizes are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	31 Westwood Road	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	86 Pound Road	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	164 Bush Road	£15.00
Runners Up	136 Hale Street	£5.00
	1 The Old Dairy, Pound Road	£5.00

Photographs of the prize winning gardens are on our website. We shall be obtaining a new trophy which will be awarded to the first place winner at the Annual Parish Meeting. We look forward to receiving entries for the 2017 Front Garden Competition.

### 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/16/00734/FL	Provision of successional tunnels instead of rotational tunnels at Peckham Place Farm (Part of Barons Place Farm), Bells Farm Road, East Peckham <b>NO OBJECTION provided permission was granted with the same conditions and adequate flood alleviation measures put in place for dealing with water run-off from the land and water storage provisions</b>
TM/16/01243/FL TM/16/01244/LB	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new glazed single storey conservatory. Replacement of existing cladding and casement window above conservatory at 77 – 79 Old Road <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/16/01353/LB	Conversion of garage to bedroom with en-suite and new cloakroom at Cornerways, 138 Hale Street, East Peckham <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/16/01388/FL TM/16/01396/LB	Single storey rear extension. Additional roof windows at The Coopers, 130 Addestead Road, East Peckham <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/16/01445/FL	Two storey side extension at 64 The Freehold <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/16/01466/FL	Enlargement of single storey rear extension with dual pitched roof at 174 Bullen Lane, East Peckham <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/16/01472/FL	Loft conversion with pitched dormers to rear and roof lights to front at 12 Caysers Croft, East Peckham <b>NO OBJECTION</b>

KCC/TM/0128/2016 Variation of hours of operation allowing import of aggregate on Bank Holidays at Land at East Peckham Rail Depot **OBJECTION**

TM/00/1599/R26b Request to extend period for cessation of operations until 31.10.2018 at Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Whetsted Road, Five Oak Green **NO OBJECTION**

### PLANNING DECISIONS

KCC has granted permission for a replacement shed at East Peckham Primary School

### PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

**Alleged unlawful demolition of the Former Rose & Crown Public House:** TMBC has served an Enforcement Notice which requires the demolition of the remainder of the building to ground floor level, removal of demolition waste and associated arising's and a scheme for securing the site.

**Alleged unauthorised building works at The Dower House, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham:** TMBC are investigating and will advise in due course.

**Caravan at the Branbridges Road:** TMBC has advised that they are in the process of compiling a report which will be going to their Area 2 Planning Committee. It's really important that TMBC get the report right as whatever decision is made, it will very likely go to appeal and therefore the evidence used for the original determination must be as rock solid as possible.

### TMBC LOCAL PLAN & CALL FOR SITES – INTERIM ASSESSMENTS

The exercise is a requirement of central Government planning policy and practice guidance to inform the preparation of a new Local Plan which will need to respond to assessed needs for housing, employment and other uses. The purpose of the 'Call for Sites' exercise was to provide an opportunity for land owners, developers, parish councils and others to promote sites to be assessed for their suitability and deliverability for development. This was not an assessment of whether sites will be allocated for future uses in the new Local Plan or developed either in whole or in part. It was a technical exercise that the Local Planning Authority was required to do as part of the Local Plan evidence base.

The assessments will provide important evidence for the preparation of the new Local Plan and the evidence will feed into the assessment of potential development strategies. The call for sites and the technical assessment of sites was an important evidence source to inform plan-making but does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for development. Allocation of land for development will depend upon the extent of policy and practical constraints identified in the assessment and the choices ultimately made by TMBC following public consultation on the strategy options available. The technical assessment provides information on the range of sites which are available to meet need, but it is for the Local Plan itself to determine which of those sites are the most suitable to meet those needs.

Over the next few months Borough Council Members will be considering some potential options for the future development strategy and approach to site allocation. Following that will be an *opportunity to comment during the initial consultation on the **Issues & Options** for the new Local Plan. This consultation is timetabled to commence in the **Autumn 2016**. It is at this stage that people will be able to make a formal representation on what is to be contained in the emerging Plan.*

The consultation will identify potential borough-wide strategies for addressing identified local needs and will feature, for consideration, those sites that are assessed as potentially suitable and deliverable for housing and economic uses during the period up to 2031. Following the initial consultation there will be some challenging choices to be made before the preferred strategy and site allocations are identified and are subject to further consultation and ultimately scrutinised at a local public examination.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact the Local Plan team: [localplan@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tmbc.gov.uk). We will be including more information on the Local Plan Call for Sites and how it might affect East Peckham in forthcoming newsletters. Further information is also available on TMBC's website.

### **EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE AFFECTING ROYDON HALL ROAD**

At the time of preparing this newsletter, this road remains closed following the collapse of the carriageway resulting from the failure of a private retaining wall due to third party excavation in private land. KHS has met with the landowner and his representatives to discuss the situation and has confirmed that the landowner will undertake the repair of the retaining wall and carriageway as one project. As the landowner would be going through his insurers, no date had been given on when the reconstruction of the wall and carriageway will be completed.

### **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/countrysideaccesscams/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.

### **DOG FOULING**

We take the issue of dog fouling, particularly in the Playing Fields, very seriously. We cannot overstress the dangers dog faeces poses – Toxocariasis is found in dog faeces and can cause partial blindness. It's a shame that just a few uncaring dog owners spoil things for others. Dog deposits provided it's bagged up can be put into any bin. If you see anyone failing to clear up after their dog please contact the Community or Dog Wardens. We've a supply of dog bags which subject to availability are available from the Parish Office. Please be aware that failing to clear up after your dog is an offence and the Borough Council enforces dog fouling through the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 which applies to all land within the borough which is in the open and 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 hours service), for fouling, dangerous dog, a dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or Email: [dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk) or using the online forms at [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://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.

### **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.

### 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](http://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](http://roadworks.org) website which gives details of all planned works for the village.

### 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.

### POLICE

The police van will be in the Co-op Car Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham for an hour long visit on Thursdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm on a fortnightly basis. Come along to talk to a neighbourhood officer about any policing concerns you may have, to get safety advice or to collect a free crime prevention item. In an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999 For non-urgent issues call 101 If deaf or speech impaired, text „Police „and your message to 60066 For news and advice visit [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) Follow on Twitter @kent\_police or @kentpoliceton Find Kent Police on Facebook.

### COUNTRY EYE – PROMOTING RURAL SAFETY

Country Eye is a partnership between the rural community, Kent Police and Neighbourhood Watch. Their aim is to help reduce crime and the fear of crime by involving members of the community and protecting those who are most vulnerable. Membership is open to individuals, businesses or community organisations. Country Eye promotes the sharing of information and the gathering of crime-related intelligence. This is achieved by using modern communication methods and the co-operation of Country Eye's many rural partners. These include landowners, parish councils, libraries, schools, river & waterway organisations, horse watch, wildlife organisations, post offices, local business and rural churches. If you want to find out more about Country Eye telephone 01622 654143.

### JULY 2016 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

04 July 2016	Planning & Transportation Committee, 7.15 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall Meeting Room
05 July 2016	Carers Support Group, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall Meeting Room
18 July 2016	Meeting of the full Parish Council, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall Meeting Room

### 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](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

Our office is open weekday mornings during term time except Wednesdays. We love seeing you in our office 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 therefore 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](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). Don't forget that our website is a useful tool too where you can find out more about East Peckham and your Parish Council, on the website you'll find regular updates, details of our meetings and links to agendas, consultations and other information relevant to the village. Our Welcome Pack is also available on our website but we do have hard copies available if you'd like one. If you're organising an event that benefits the community and would like it included on the online calendar, email us the details.

## **2016 SUMMER RECESS**

Our 2016 summer recess will be from 19 July - 04 September, during this time there'll be no meetings and our office open hours will be reduced. This doesn't mean we stop work, business continues as usual; please send emails to [admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk), twitter messages to @EastPeckhamPC or you can contact us through our website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). If you'd like to speak to someone, please contact:

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Steph Watson	Chairman	01622 870154/07944212262
Peter Crawford	Deputy Chairman	01622 872238
Penny Graham	Chairman, Planning	01622 871494/07515143198

### **Our office hours will be as follows**

Week Commencing	25 July 2016	CLOSED
Week Commencing	01 August 2016	CLOSED
Week Commencing	08 August 2016	CLOSED Monday – Wednesday OPEN Thursday & Friday 9.00a.m.–12.00 p.m.
Week Commencing	15 August 2016	OPEN Monday – Friday (Not Wednesday) 9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.
Week Commencing	22 August 2016	CLOSED
Week commencing	29 August 2016	OPEN Tuesday – Friday (not Wednesday) 9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.

Whilst we look forward to your visits, if you have 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 therefore not always available. 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](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). Don't forget that our website is a useful tool too where you can find out more about East Peckham and your Parish Council, on the website you will find regular updates, details of all Parish Council meetings and links to agendas, consultations and other information relevant to the whole village.

### **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 that 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, 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](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk) for more information

### Trees honour Her Majesty's 'true service'

In ceremonies across Kent, from village green to community garden, recreation ground to cemetery, 4 Future Heritage Trees have been planted to mark **Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

They are part of a total of 24 'Future Heritage trees' that have been planted in commemorative ceremonies, in all 13 districts in Kent, over the last 5 years. This has been done as part of The Conservation Volunteers' (TCV), Kent Heritage Trees Project and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project, which celebrates Kent's rich tree heritage, came to an end in June. Working with volunteers The Kent Heritage Trees Project has;

- Recorded more than 10,000 heritage trees (heritage trees are old, wide, rare or of historical or cultural importance).
- Planted 27,000 trees
- Led 'woodland wonders education sessions' and Action Squad sessions for schools
- Created Buggin'about, an environmental toddler group.
- Run family events
- Delivered wide ranging classes on biodiversity, photography and arts
- Created tree trails
- Planted 24 Future Heritage Trees

The planting of Future Heritage Trees demonstrates the important contribution trees make not just to our environment, but to the cultural life of our communities. It is therefore significant that one of the last trees was planted in East Peckham on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, **Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**, with rousing renditions of the National Anthem. The tree was planted at the Playing Fields where school children from East Peckham Primary School joined parish and borough councillors and tree and litter wardens to plant a norway maple. A commemorative plaque has been attached to a plinth next to the tree.





### **POP UP SKATEPARK**

On 14th May 2016, with funding from Action with Communities in Rural Kent, we arranged for the Revolution Skate Park Team to bring in some of their temporary ramps which were placed in the tennis court in the Jubilee Hall car park. Approximately 60 people from turned up to use the facility from tiny tots to some older residents in their formative years.

The mayor of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council turned up to show his support as did other Parish and Borough Councillors. The day was a huge success and has been spoken about within the community for the last few weeks. We now want to start a fundraising campaign to provide a permanent facility. To start this a special thank you to Martha Hodgson, Caitlin Bell, Kirsten Young-Rogers, Oliver Brown and Justin Gregory, Year 5 children from East Peckham Primary School for raising a brilliant £32.50 for selling drinks, sweets, crisps and cakes and to the ice cream van who donated 10% of the day's takings.

It was wonderful to see the children having fun in the outdoors and we really hope we can bring the Pop up Skate Park back while we fundraise for a permanent one.

### **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**



Back by popular demand, during the School summer holidays we have invited Revolution to bring the pop up skate park into the village for one day. We are still finalising the detail but do look out for notices in the library, on our noticeboard, in the village stores, on our twitter account and on our website. Children at East Peckham Primary School will receive a leaflet to take home.