



EPPC NEWS – AUGUST 2019

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Dear All,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which we hope you find interesting and informative. It is our intention for the newsletters to provide information about issues of interest and concern to you and your life within our community. We welcome feedback so if you'd like us to include items on different topics do please tell us.

This month we're delighted to welcome Jonathan Bates to our team of Parish Councillors, we look forward to working with Jonathan and know he will be a great asset to the Parish Council and the village. The recent elections mean that we have only 2 Vacancies for the role of Parish Councillor in East Peckham. If you're interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and have the correct qualifying criteria, please send your CV and a covering letter to councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk detailing why you think you are suitable. The role is unpaid and does not have any power. Decisions are made collectively at public meetings, but this is an ideal opportunity if you care about the community in which you live or work and would like to contribute towards making a difference.

We'd really appreciate your help during the growing season. Please can you monitor your vegetation, hedges and trees and keep the roads and pavements outside your property clear and unobstructed for the benefit of pedestrians and other footway and highway users. Please also keep streetlights and road signs adjacent to your property clear and unobstructed. Also, if you notice any footway lights which aren't working properly, let us know. Please don't forget that if you notice any highway issues, when out and about to report anything you see requiring 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, if you notice any overgrown vegetation particularly affecting our Rights of Ways, then KCC Public Rights of Way who have the maintenance responsibility would really appreciate knowing about them. To report a problem, go to the website www.kent.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way.

Our Playing Fields are looking particularly good at the moment and our priority is to continue maintaining them to a high standard as they are such a wonderful community asset. Arriving shortly will be the new bike track, 3 special items of equipment which will be installed on the land adjacent to the Street Snooker. The equipment is agility based not age based and so should appeal to a wide variety of age groups. We have other plans for the Playing Fields such as new tree planting, more Trim Trail equipment, an outdoor table tennis table or a 'sunken' trampoline. If you've any thoughts on what you'd like to see please do let us know.

We have two big events to tell you about which will be taking place in August, the first is the 2nd East Peckham 10K which is being held on 04 August with a 10.00 a.m. start from the Sports Hall. More details and an entry form can be found at www.nice-work.org.uk and then on 11 August we welcome the return of local team AFC Valour East Peckham Football Club who will be playing a homecoming match. Both events would really appreciate local support.

We will be on summer recess from 16 July 2019 to 02 September 2019. This doesn't mean that our work stops, and you cannot contact us, on the contrary work continues as normal we just do not have any meetings and our office hours are reduced. You will find details of our summer recess opening hours at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you all enjoy the summer

Kind regards
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk



Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month (except August) and always at the Jubilee Hall

Meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend

Agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboards (Village Stores & Playing Fields) and on our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of meetings are available to the everyone, they can either be downloaded from our website, you can request a paper copy, or you can visit our office where you can view them

The next meetings will be on

Monday 02 September 2019 – Planning & Transportation Committee

Monday 16 September 2019 - Meeting of the Full Parish Council

COMMUNICATIONS

Take a moment and visit our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. It serves as a repository for agendas, minutes of council and committee meetings, standing orders, newsletters, annual reports, member's information etc. and is updated regularly with matters that may be of interest. There are also links to Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. You can also follow us on twitter @EastPeckhamPC and on Facebook. One of the main purposes of EPPC News is to keep you informed of our work. We are aware that there are many people in the locality who either do not have access to the necessary equipment or who do not wish to read in that way, and we are happy to provide paper copies of our minutes and other information when asked.

EAST PECKHAM WELCOME HANDBOOK

If you are relatively new to the village, a very warm welcome to East Peckham. The July 2019 edition of our Welcome Handbook has just been published and is available to download from our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk, a copy can also be obtained from one of your parish councillors or if you contact our Parish Office, we will arrange for a copy to be delivered to you.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit our website where you will find details of our grants policy and an application form. We are delighted this month to have been able to help the East Peckham Scout Group with some funding towards new windows and we have purchased arts and crafts materials for the Summer Holiday Arts and Crafts Club. During the Autumn we hope to take our poplar mini medics course into the Primary School so that all Year 6 children can receive basic first aid training.

EAST PECKHAM BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Would you like East Peckham have a business forum, if so we'd like to hear from you. Some of the things the forum could do include publishing a business directory and a visitor's information leaflet. We would like to invite representatives from local businesses and community groups to a networking breakfast, please let us know if this is something that would interest you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

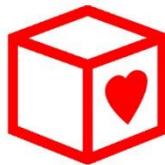
There are many projects you could help. If you are interested please let us know.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable. Whilst there are currently no vacant plots we do operate a waiting list. The annual renewal of the allotment tenancies is in progress and it is at this time of the year that a couple of plots usually become available.



We have installed two defibrillators in the village which are accessible 24/7, these can be found in secure boxes attached to the outside wall at the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall and at the Merry Boys Public House. A 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 the locations of both defibrillators 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.



The Red Box Project

The idea behind the Red Box Project is to quietly ensure no young woman misses school or suffers embarrassment because she has her period. We know that schools already do what they can in this area, but the Red Box Project is all about giving young women in need - whether for financial or social reasons - the reassurance of enough sanitary pads for their entire period plus a couple left over for next time. We currently have three donation points; they are the Jubilee Hall, Blossoming Beauty and Touch of Perfection at The Hop Farm. Our Community Warden can also accept donations. We are asking for donations of sanitary items. This is a very simple, no frills project and is entirely funded by community kindness, woman to young woman. When the boxes are full we will take them into the local schools. We hope this project really makes a difference. We are sponsoring three Red Boxes at East Peckham Primary, Mascalls Academy and Hadlow Community College. We have received some amazing donations this month and have taken in supplies so that hopefully any young woman in need of sanitary items is able to collect what they need to last them over the school summer holidays.



We're excited to begin exploring how we can make East Peckham a Dementia Friendly Community and delighted that in East Peckham there are over 70 'Dementia Friends' who can be identified by their special forget me knot badges. We believe it is vital that the community works together on this project. Following the success of our first two Dementia Friendly Awareness Sessions, we would like to hold more, if you would like to attend one please let us know and we will arrange as many sessions as there is demand for. Contact councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk or Sandra.edmonds@kent.gov.uk for more information.

We also have some exciting plans for the village centre where we are planning on installing a dementia friendly sensory garden and we have applied to adopt the telephone kiosk from BT which we will convert into an information hub which will include dementia awareness.

EAST PECKHAM IN BLOOM

Our summer hanging baskets in the village centre have arrived and are looking beautiful. When their flowering period is over they will be replaced by our spring hanging baskets.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We are delighted to confirm that this year we will again be providing Christmas Lights to East Peckham. It is however with great regret and sadness that we are not able to organise a celebratory Switch On Event this year. The Christmas lights will be switched on prior to 01 December.



Our second draw of 2019 took place on 15 July and we are delighted to announce the winners as follows:

- 1st Maisie Bosworth
- 2nd Hollie Bradford
- 3rd Mrs Keily

Winners have been contacted and will be receiving vouchers which they will be able to spend with participating independent retailers in the village. Our next draw will take place in September, if you would like to join in please look out for the leaflets at participating retailers and pick up your loyalty card. Participating retailers include Blossoming Nails and Beauty, Khan Spice, the Post Office, Village Butchers and Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design, The Post Office, Heavenly Glaze, Irelands Bakery, Pound Fish Bar, Field Pharmacy and County Fires.

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 councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.



Spotlight on Volunteering

We are very lucky in that there are lots of amazing groups and organisations in the village. A lot of these groups are really keen to recruit new volunteers. Did you know that volunteering can bring huge benefits for the volunteers as well as the people you are helping? Benefits such as counteracting the effects of stress, anger, anxiety, combatting depressions increased self-confidence, a sense of purpose, making new friends as well as helping you stay physically healthy?

JUBILEE HALL - FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM

We have two rooms available (sports hall and a smaller meeting / committee room)

We can accommodate most activities such as 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, WIFI, fully equipped kitchen, changing rooms, projector and screen

Please email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for more information



Jubilee Hall

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex consisting of the Playing Fields, Car Park, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex hosts many regular activities such as Bootcamp, Gym Box, Body Pump, various Keep fit classes, badminton, table tennis and Zumba; we're also the venue for the weekly Parent & Toddler Group and the monthly carers group. Our facilities are perfect for most events. If you're looking for a venue, please contact us for details of availability and hire charges.

'What's On' in the Jubilee Hall?

You will find a list of regular activities and contact information on our website and on our noticeboard in the foyer which is open during our office hours.

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 Events: 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.

Playing Fields

The playing fields are a beautiful open space and are open to all. We want them to be a 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. Our outdoor equipment consists of an obstacle course, outdoor gym, ball court, play areas, street snooker and a tennis court.

Textile Bank

We are working with Scope who hope to install a textile bank in the Jubilee hall car park shortly.

Saturday Freighter Service Schedule

The schedule for East Peckham **Pippin Road (Jubilee Hall Car Park)** is:

27th July: 08:00 to 09:00
10th August: 10:30 to 11:30
24th August: 08:00 to 09:00
14th September: 10:30 to 11:30
28th September: 08:00 to 09:00

ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS – HAMLET SIGNS

We are delighted to announce that the next hamlet signs will soon be installed in Snoll Hatch. We are very grateful to a generous resident who has constructed a special brick wall which will enable us to fit the newly commissioned signs. We would like to roll out the project to the remaining hamlets which make up East Peckham, but we are struggling to find suitable locations and not owning any land in the hamlets is not making our task any easier.



VE DAY – 08 MAY 2020

We were delighted to have been asked by the national event coordinators to participate in the VE Day 2020 Commemorations. We have accepted the invitation and our participation has been registered. We will be flying a special commemorative flag from the village flagpole, lighting a beacon which will be accompanied by a reading of a Tribute to the Millions followed by our participation in The Nations Toast. Please contact us for more information.



There has been an increase in dog fouling in the village recently. If you witness dog waste not being picked up by the owner you can report this to the Community Warden or to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. If you've 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, for fouling, dangerous dog, dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or email dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk. If a person has been bitten report the incident to the Police on 101

Parish Emergency Planning

What If? Most of us don't want to think about emergencies, but they happen. What if we're cut off because of snowfall or flooding? What if water, electricity or telephones are cut off for more than a few hours? How would you cope in these sort of emergencies? To help the community we have put together a Community Emergency Plan which is available from our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

How Can I help? Do you know anyone in your community who might need help in an emergency and if you are able and willing to offer that help then talk to them and plan the best way to do this? You could become a **Flood Warden**, if you are interested and want to find out more, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Sandbag Containers: The containers located in the Pound Road and Pippin Road (Jubilee Hall) car parks will be opened by any Parish Council Representative or Flood Warden if we believe that residential areas are threatened with flooding. It is worth remembering that sandbags are not for the protection of outbuildings or garages and the first line of defence in any emergency is to be self-sufficient.

Flood Warnings: To receive warnings from the Environment Agency, register on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone 0845 988 1188.

Community Emergency Plan: We have just updated our plan, a copy can be found on our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.



PLANNING

The Planning and Transportation Committee meets monthly, it has recently considered the following planning applications and made comments to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council or in some instances Kent County Council who make the planning decisions

Planning Applications

The Committee has recently considered and commented on the following applications

TM/19/01447/FL Replacement of old outbuilding for new one at The Bungalow, 153 Branbridges Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/19/01481/FL Demolition of converted outhouse and construction of single storey side extension at 46 Westwood Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

Planning Decisions

TMBC has **GRANTED PERMISSION** for the following:

TM/19/00906/FL Conversion of half existing double garage to habitable room and relocation existing garage door to rear at 12 Caysers Croft, East Peckham.

TMBC Phase 11 Parking Action Plan

Proposals for Orchard Road, The Freehold and Branbridges Road

Phase 11 of the Parking Action Plan is currently at the point of moving into the Informal Consultation stage which will normally be directly targeted at the properties immediately affected by the proposals. At this stage the local Borough Members and the Parish Council will also be consulted. This stage of consultation will allow TMBC to shape and adjust any proposals prior to a much wider formal consultation process.

Potholes

Report a problem to www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem. This is a very easy to use website to report any issues on our roads from potholes, overhanging hedges, broken signs, blocked drains and flooding. Funding cuts have cut back on regular patrols to identify problems and KCC relies on us to report them. If you have no internet access, contact the Parish Office and we will do it for you

Dealing with litter

You may have noticed how much litter there is on our roads. Our village highways are often strewn with litter and there have been occasions when bags and larger items have been, it would seem, thrown one after another from a moving vehicle. We've also seen fly tipping, with fridges and freezers decorating our beautiful countryside. If you notice great amounts of litter or fly tipping that needs urgent attention report it to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council who have dedicated response teams **01732 844522**.

Streetlamps

Please report any problems with East Peckham Street lights to the Parish Office

Abandoned Vehicles

Report via <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/abandoned-vehicles>.

Allotments

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable. Whilst there are currently no vacant plots, we have opened a waiting list and welcome enquiries.

Public Rights of Way

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

Parking on Pavements

This is a far too common problem in our village partly because many of our roads were built in the days before cars and because drivers, not unreasonably, wish to park as close as possible to where they live. If you spot a vehicle wrongly parked, please call 101 and our PCSO's will try and attend. Whilst the PCSO's cannot issue tickets they can issue advice notices.

Anti-Social Behaviour

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

Get in touch

- Call into the office: Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT
- Telephone: 01622 871309,
- Email: councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Your Councillors – through the website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Office hours for drop in enquiries – weekdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (not Wednesdays)
- Twitter: @EastPeckhamPC
- Facebook East Peckham Parish Council

2019 SUMMER RECESS

Our 2019 summer recess will be from 15 July - 02 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, twitter messages to @EastPeckhamPC or you can contact us through our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

If you'd like to speak to someone, please contact:

Karen Bell	Parish Clerk	01622 871309 / 07376 377687
Steph Watson	Chairman	01622 870154 / 07944 212262
Mick Barton	Deputy Chairman	01622 872031 / 07860 947031
James Hockey	Chairman, Planning & Transportation Committee	07834 854526

Our office hours will be as follows

Week Commencing	22 July 2019	TBC
	29 July 2019	TBC
	05 August 2019	TBC
	12 August 2019	CLOSED
	19 August 2019	CLOSED
	26 August 2019	CLOSED

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. 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.


Coming to East Peckham
Pop-Up Café and Information Hub
Jubilee Hall Car Park

Monday 15th April	Monday 8th July
Monday 13th May	Monday 19th August
Monday 10th June	Monday 16th September
Monday 14th October	

10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

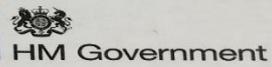
Please help us to spread the word. Everyone welcome ... see you soon!

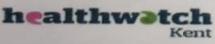
Can't get there under your own steam? Call us and we'll see if we can help.

Liza: 07771 661871 Kathy: 07341 737041

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2nd Annual

East Peckham 10K

Sunday 4th August 2019

10.00am start

An almost flat, fast course. On quiet country roads, suitable for beginners and elite alike!

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More Details and Entry form at

www.nice-work.org.uk

www.nice-work.org.uk/races/the-east-peckham-10k



TMBC'S NEW WASTE SERVICES



Here are some of the questions about the new service you might be asking.

1. Why is the contract changing?

The new contract will increase efficiency and improve services for local residents.

2. What services are included in the new contract?

The new contract includes:

- Fortnightly mixed recycling collection
- Separate weekly food waste collection ([see further information](#))
- Fortnightly collection of paper & cardboard
- Fortnightly rubbish collection
- Opt In fortnightly garden waste collection ([see further information](#))
- Collection of small electrical items, textiles & household batteries
- Street Cleansing Services

3. Will my collection day change?

When TMBC roll out the improved services, collection days will change for many households in order to reduce vehicle movements and maximise the time spent collecting your recycling & rubbish.

4. **How will residents find out about the changes?**

A comprehensive communications campaign is planned to ensure all residents are aware of the service changes including:

- **Recycling Leaflet & New Recycling Calendar** – you will receive a booklet with details of how to use the new services. Your collection day may change so please check the information carefully. This information will be posted to every household prior to the start of the new service in 2019.
- **Stickers** on the lids of the bins will help you to understand what to put into them.
- **Garden waste calendar** – residents who subscribe to the garden waste service will receive a separate garden waste calendar.
- **Advertising/Information** – via media releases, social media channels and our website www.tmbc.gov.uk
- **Collection vehicles** – the new refuse and recycling collection vehicles and some street cleansing vehicles will have signs publicising the changes.
- **Roadshows** – TMBC will be visiting various sites around the borough such as supermarkets and high streets.

5. **What can I put in my green lidded bin when the new collection service starts?**

- Glass bottles and jars (no glass oven dishes, glass ornaments, mirrors etc.)
 - Plastic trays (such as meat/food trays, fruit punnets)
 - Plastic pots & tubs (such as yoghurt pots & margarine/ice cream tubs)
 - Plastic bottles (such as milk, juice and cleaning product and shampoo bottles)
 - Aerosols, cans & tins including sweet & biscuit tins
 - Kitchen foil and foil food trays
 - Cartons – juice/milk/soup etc.
- Please make sure these are all empty. You don't have to rinse them out, but it does help keep your bin clean.
- No plastic bags –thank you! Just put these items in loose.

6. **What will go into my green box?**

- Paper (such as newspapers, leaflets, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, “junk” mail)
- Card/Cardboard – (sleeves from food packaging, cereal boxes, pizza boxes, toilet roll/kitchen roll centres, greetings cards without glitter). Large cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed next to your box.

7. **What will I put in my black rubbish bin when we will be able to recycle so much?**

Plastic film, Cellophane, Pet food pouches, Crisp packets, Plastic bags, Toothpaste tubes, Pet bedding/litter, Bagged pet waste, Nappies/Sanitary items, Greetings cards with glitter, Broken plastic toys//plant pots etc., Polystyrene packaging, Broken crockery/glass ornaments etc.

8. **What can't I put in my black rubbish bin?**

Garden Waste, Food Waste, Soil, rubble, tiles bricks – basically no DIY waste, Large bulky items, Waste Electrical & Electronic items, Hazardous materials such as asbestos, car Batteries, plasterboard etc., Paint tins containing liquid paint – dried up & empty ones are fine

If you still have a question please contact TMBC at:

www.tmbc.gov.uk/waste
Waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk
(01732) 876147