



EPPC NEWS – MAY 2019

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Dear All,

April seems to have been one of the most glorious months and as this newsletter is being written we are experiencing record breaking temperatures – what a fantastic start to the spring.

This month we say goodbye to Serina Page, John Page, Heidi Harratt, David Roberts, Lynton Wright and Penny Graham who chose not to stand for re-election. We will miss their enthusiasm, commitment, hard work and dedication and wish them well. Steph Watson, James Hockey, Mick Barton and Michael Ferguson stood for re-election and Robert Harvey-Butcher stood for election. All five have therefore been elected unopposed. Whilst the council remains quorate enabling it to function there are six vacancies which can be filled by co-option. If you would like to be considered for one of the vacancies do please contact the parish office for more information.

There has been a flurry of activity at EPPC. In addition to our twice monthly meetings, we have been busy installing new items of equipment, writing our annual report, hosting the Annual Parish Meeting and finalising our 2018/2019 accounts. Work continues on village enhancements, just four of the projects this year are:

- The continuation of our project to install hamlet signs, we are currently awaiting an order with The Royal British Industries who have been commissioned to make hamlet signs for Snoll Hatch.
- We have placed an order for two new streetlights which will be installed at the junctions of Orchard Road and Old Road and Bramley Road with Pound Road
- We are looking at how we can incorporate a cycle track on the playing fields which will also make use of the existing mounds.
- The spring hanging baskets in the village centre which will soon be replaced by the summer hanging baskets.

With regard to the Playing Fields, our priority here is to maintain this important village amenity area to a high standard. The Playing Fields are a beautiful open space and they are open for the use of anyone in the village 24 hours a day. The playing fields are also available for hire by any organisation in the village and it would be wonderful if various village celebrations took place there such as fetes or musical picnics. The fields are kept as a haven for families and for children to run around safely, and there are benches to sit and have picnics. I am sure you will agree that they are a wonderful village asset.

We have been very encouraged by the response from our newsletters. There is so much going on of interest that it impossible to cover subjects in detail so if you want to know more about any item you can by following our Facebook, Twitter and website. One of our aims is to deliver a greater awareness in our community of local resources and social hubs which can make a difference to all our lives.

Our office is open weekday mornings during term times (except Wednesdays), do feel free to drop in and talk to us about any village issue you think that we can help you with.

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 whole community, they can either be downloaded from our website, or you can request a paper copy, or you can visit our office and view the current years minutes and those which we have archived.

**The next meetings will be on
Monday 20 May 2019**

(Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by meetings of the Finance Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee)



Spotlight on Volunteering

We are very lucky in that there are lots of amazing groups and organisations in the village, lots of which are run by volunteers. Unfortunately, a lot of these groups are struggling to keep going and really need 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, looking good on your CV and helping with job prospects as well as helping you stay physically healthy?



East Peckham Public Access Defibrillators

There are 2 public access defibrillator in the Parish these are at the Merry Boys Public House and on the outside wall of the Jubilee Hall at Pippin Road. **Anyone can use the defibrillator, no training is needed, the defibrillator will talk you though how to use it.**

East Peckham Loyalty Scheme

Participating retailers include Khan Spice, the Post Office, Village Butchers and Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design, Heavenly Glaze, Irelands Bakery, Pound Fish Bar, Field Pharmacy and County Fires. Look out for the leaflets at participating retailers and pick up your loyalty card. The next draw will take place in July.

Community Grants

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant, please visit our website where you'll find details of our grants policy and an application form.

Red Box Project

The idea behind the Red Box Project is to quietly ensure that 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. 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. This is what makes it special. Currently we have two donation points, they are the Jubilee Hall 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.



The Red Box Project

Christmas Lighting

If you would like to see bigger and brighter Christmas Lighting in 2019 and the continuation of the fabulous Switch On event do please join us in fundraising and organising the Switch On.



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. Other amenities include WIFI, well-equipped kitchen, changing rooms, a projector and a screen. 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. Activities of note include:

- The East Peckham Toddler Group - Friday mornings during term times between 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
- East Peckham Rainbows - after Easter on Mondays between 5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.
- The East Peckham Charity Cycle Ride will be taking place on 12 May 2019.
- The East Peckham 10K Charity run will be taking place on 04 August 2019.

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 rounder's, 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.

In response to many complaints about dog fouling we arranged for Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to carry out a Bag and Flag on the Playing Fields and adjacent PROW's. 56 bags were collected, whilst the playing fields were 'not too bad', the main problem being from foxes and not dogs. The village hotspots were found to be the Public Rights of Way.

We would like to thank Sandra Edwards our Community Warden for organising a litter pick of the playing fields, car park and surrounding area and her little helpers on the day who were the East Peckham Beavers. Between them they collected over 6 bags of litter.

Textile Bank

Installed in the Jubilee Hall Car Park is a bright orange textile bank which is proving to be popular. We hope it will help in our campaign for a 'greener' village.

Saturday Freighter Service Schedule

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

11th May: 10:30 to 11:30

25th May: 08:00 to 09:00



There has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling in the parish 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. The maximum fine for dog fouling is £1,000. 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 Plans

What If? Most of us don't really want to think about real life emergencies, but they do 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? The Parish Council is helping the community and has put together a Community Emergency Plan.

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 Wardens**, if you are interested and would like 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.



How can I find out about Planning in my village?

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications in the parish and we have a planning committee which meets to discuss planning applications and agree the views and comments to be submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. These are public meetings which residents are more than welcome to attend. We do not pass or refuse applications; these decisions are made by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

People often say to us “I didn’t know anything about the house being built near me! I didn’t see any yellow notices about this! How do I find out more about planning applications near where I live? We have put together the following guide about how you can keep yourself up to date.

- Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council will write to residential properties with an immediate boundary to the application site, but this does not necessarily include all neighbours who may be affected by the applications.
- Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council yellow site notices that are often seen on lamp posts are not displayed for all applications – generally only when the application affects a public right of way, listed building or is within a conservation area.
- Visit the Parish Councils website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk or phone the parish council office on 01622 871309 or call into the office at the Jubilee Hall.
- Visit the Parish Councils Facebook page
- Visit the Parish Councils Twitter Account @EastPeckhamPC
- Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councils website planning page
- You can comment on applications online on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councils website or in writing to the planning officer

Planning Decisions

TMBC HAS GRANTED PERMISSION for the following

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| TM/17/03504/FL | Demolition of two existing buildings and erection of two dwellings with associated landscaping at Crowhurst Coldstore, Bells Farm Road |
| TM/19/00182/FL | Erection of two oak garages and conversion of paddocks into gardens at Harps End, 218 Hale Street, East Peckham |
| TM/19/00328/FL | Construction of café to support previously approved fishing lakes at Recreation Lane West of Branbridges Industrial Estate |
| TM/19/00406/FL | Variation of condition 2 of planning permission TM/18/01742/FL to enable use of alternative materials at Harps End. 218 Hale Street |
| TM/19/00431/FL | Reduce Oak by 35-40% at Runnymede, 126 Addlestead Road |

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



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Saturday, May 11th 2019

Let's have a funny afternoon with our French friends!



Afternoon

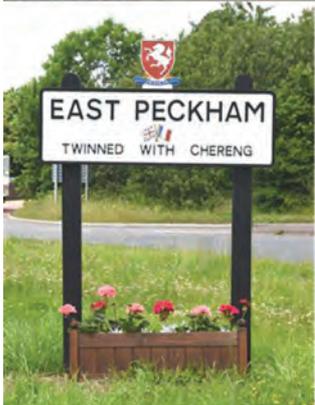
Pétanque tournament at East Peckham



Raffle and gourmet gift baskets to win!

Dinner

At the Bush Blackbird & Thrush





Coming to East Peckham

Pop-Up Café and Information Hub

Jubilee Hall Car Park

Monday 15th April

Monday 13th May

Monday 10th June

Monday 8th July

Monday 19th August

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.

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