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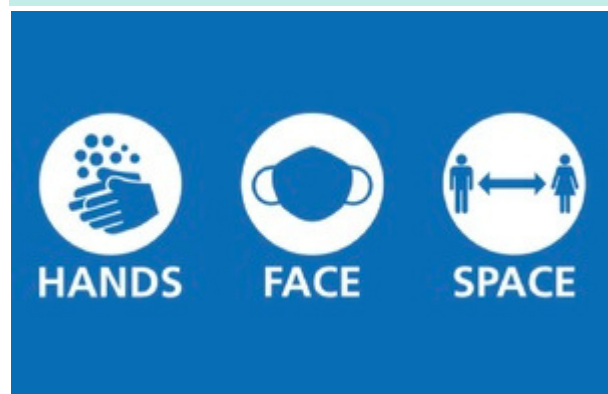


PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meeting Dates

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By the time you read this newsletter we shall be well into 2021 but please let us take our first printed opportunity to wish you all a happy and hopeful new year. We started 2021 in national lockdown, but the council is optimistic that as the year progresses the movement restrictions will start to lift as the vaccine roll out gathers pace, and that we will be able to be physically out and about in the community as we once were - we miss seeing our residents faces!



At the time of printing, the country was under national lockdown. However, when the lockdown ends, movement restrictions won't be lifted straight away. We ask that you adhere to government advice to wash your hands, wear a face covering when inside and/or near other people, and to make space. We are lucky that we have so many open spaces within walking distance of our homes in order to enjoy some fresh air without leaving the local area. And to our residents who are key workers, we say thank you.

We now have a second PCSO in our parish. PCSO Catherine Stevens is still responsible the Great Chart area and most of Singleton. PCSO Anne Martin is now responsible for the Washford area of the parish which covers Running Foxes Lane and Wesley School Road. She will be attending some of our council meetings and will be visible around the area from now on.



Kent Police



Depending on where the government guidelines are by the time the Easter holidays start, the parish council hopes to run a socially distanced version of an Easter Egg Hunt. It will involve following clues placed around the parish and, if we are able, a small prize on completion. Keep your eyes on our social media for more information nearer the time.

And finally, please remember we can't see all of the parish, all of the time, so we are partly reliant on residents to report things that they see around the area - such as broken pavements, fly tipping or fallen trees. For more information on who to report to, please take a look at our reporting webpage:

www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk/Reporting_30646.aspx



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our first newsletter of a new decade, but as I write this we have just been told that 2021 will start with a 6/7 week lockdown with the instructions to stay at home with schools moving to distance learning and all but essential businesses closed until half term in February at least – I urge you all to follow the guidelines and as soon as possible seek out the vaccine, above all we need to stay safe and well.

Despite the trials of Covid-19 during most of 2020, especially during the back end of the year under Tier 4, your Parish Council has continued to work hard for our Community, although many of the events we had planned for the year were cancelled.

I still managed to attend a few events, following social distancing rules of course – one of these was the Mayor of Ashford made use of our War Memorial in Great Chart when he, and a very few invited guests (this happened just before the limit was reduced to

15) commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain on 15th September – our Memorial was used as it has a part that is dedicated to the RAF Squadron that lost so many men during one incident and it provided a smaller memorial that could be used without drawing a huge crowd.



Although the Remembrance Service was scaled down on the Sunday, I decided I would lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish to remember all of the guys from the Parish named on our War Memorial on the 11/11 at 11am, I thought I might be alone but I mentioned this to our Ward Member Jessamy Blanford and she turned up too – as I walked down to the memorial I realised I was not going to be alone, there

were a few others who had the same idea, fortunately there were still so few of us to carry out a small act of Remembrance as the Church clock struck 11, so ended our own very poignant 2 minutes silence! It seems this small meeting on 11/11 at 11am happens every year, so I think I will be joining them again in future years.

I joined Malcolm to carry out the second allotment inspection during December prior to tier 4 and we were both pleased that despite the difficult year ALL of the plots were either ready for the winter months or very close - the plots were tidy and it was still very obvious that there was a great deal of hard work still going on at Hillcrest - many thanks to team Barry (all two of them) that keep things ticking over and more importantly growing well on the allotments.

Progress is steady on the container extension being added to the Environment Centre, despite issues of the last few months of the year, we were expecting it to be finished by the end of October – we now have a new completion date and that is the end of January this year and we are hoping that we will be able to negotiate the end costs, despite a few extras, to be the same as the quoted amount. This



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project was mainly funded by some Section 106 from the nearby Brisley development as it includes Community space for those residents to use and some much needed extra rooms plus an office for the Centre Manager too.

I started by saying that our PC continued working despite the issues that 2020 threw at us, but this was done with minimum input from the Chair, but all of our Staff continued to work all the way through, as they either work on their own or at the most in a pair. So my grateful thanks must go to our Parish Clerk, who in December reached her 5th anniversary of starting work for our Parish Council and without her hard work, my job would be so much harder, we are very lucky to have such a devoted Clerk in Aniko. She is supported by her Assistant, Paula who has increased her hours and supports Ani in the day to day running of our Parish, she has also taken on some volunteering with the Playing Fields Association too – so many thanks Paula. Our other employees are our Parish Stewards, Peter and his side kick Rob, Peter works 5 days and Rob joins him for 2 of them – they have continued litter picking, Play Area inspecting, clearing brambles and a myriad of other issues they work hard on every week within our Parish – so many thanks to the guys. I must also thank my fellow Parish Councillors for attending the teams meetings and responding to the many emails and helping us maintain and improve our Parish for everyone, despite the trials and tribulations, lockdown and homeschooling that the whole world is going through together at present.

Ian McClintock -
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MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Each newsletter we introduce you to one of the councillors that make up your Parish Council—you may well recognise their faces already. In this issue Thomas Ackrill is answering your questions. He is the councillor for Washford Ward.

1) What is your name and what roles do you hold in the Parish?

I'm Tom Ackrill, and I'm the councillor for Washford Farm. I don't hold roles on any subcommittees at the moment as this was my first year as an elected member so I decided best to get my head around the role before putting myself forward for anything further. I'm also a trustee of Singleton Spaces which operates the Singleton Environment Centre (SEC) on behalf of the Parish Council.



2) Tell us a bit about yourself.

I grew up in Warwickshire where I met my now-wife and moved to join her in Kent. I settled in Ashford for work purposes 10 years ago, initially living in Chartfields until moving to our Parish about 6 years ago with our two dogs. In my day job I'm the business development manager for ITL, an Ashford-based company that designs and manufactures medical devices for clients around the world. Outside of that, I'm closely involved with the operation of SEC, and in my spare time I'm an avid keeper of tropical fish, both as a hobbyist and as part of the team that runs Tropical Fish Keeping UK which is the largest hobbyist social media group in the UK.

3) Why did you become a Councillor and what skills have you brought to the table?

I became involved with the periphery of the Parish Council when I took up the position at SEC. The Trust is independent, but the lease of the centre is held by the PC, so there is a certain level of involvement between the two organisations; indeed when I first expressed an interest my two contacts at the time were our Parish Clerk, Ani, who is a fellow trustee, and Cllr Wiffen who is the Trust chair. It was just serendipitous that after a year of being involved with the Trust, it was election time, and it was mentioned that I should stand for election, so, I did!

What really drove me to consider becoming a councillor was I could see how unique our Parish Council actually was, it doesn't tend to sway too closely to the "Vicar of Dibley" style of running itself, and actually there are a lot of forward thinking, modern ideas that come from the team. I thought it would be good to have someone a little younger on the council to make sure that we were more reflective of the community that we represent, and indeed until Cllr Wilford was co-opted, I had the badge of the youngest councillor for a very short while. I think my skills come from my background in business development and being able to talk to people, negotiate, discuss and find common ground. I also hope I bring the odd new idea that perhaps my more experienced peers may not have thought of.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

4) What do you enjoy most about being a Councillor?

I think the part I most enjoy is seeing the impact we can bring to local residents when asked to help out. A lot of the projects that happen in our area, happen with some level of support from the PC, either via grant money for example, or just in the provision of materials or time which I think often goes unnoticed. If anything, I'd like to see more local groups approach the Parish to work with us and see if we can help them achieve things for local people. I also like being able to see the inner workings of government, even at this level.

5) What do you personally think is the most important part of the Council's work?

To keep striving to make things better. As time marches on, national, county and borough government budgets are becoming more stretched, and even in the short time I have been involved, I have seen a lot more things coming onto the Parish's radar that perhaps 10 years ago wouldn't have been in our remit. I'd like to see us increase participation of the public at meetings, and try to become more involved with more projects, especially in the current climate.

6) What do you feel is the Council's biggest achievement to date?

From an operational viewpoint, I think our adoption of modernised IT systems has been a great help – when I was first elected everything was on paper, and documentation had to be hand delivered by the Clerk for each meeting, it was all very cumbersome. Whilst there was an initial investment, the new systems run using tablet computers and has made us more streamlined and generally greener. Also, when Covid appeared shortly afterwards, it meant we were able to carry on operating remotely without too much trouble. In terms of other achievements, I think for me, it would have to be preserving SEC. When the TCV decided to terminate their lease of the premises from ABC, there was a real risk of the site being lost – because it was so specifically built for one purpose, there was nothing else that could really be done with it and I think there was a big fear of it being simply bulldozed at some point and inevitably purchased by a property developer. We are really lucky as a community to have it there as an education resource, a meeting venue, and of course (although I am biased!) a superb place to eat and drink.

If the Parish Council had not been forward thinking enough to take on what was a big unknown, and potentially a big risk, we'd have lost a crucial local resource.

7) What do you personally want to achieve as a Councillor in the future?

I would love to see greater public participation in council meetings, and associated sessions. We do tend to see the same group of faces at every meeting which is brilliant, and a comforting presence, but it would just be that icing on the cake to see new people coming, especially whilst they're virtual meetings and perhaps a little more informal than usual, and of course can be done without having to leave the sofa.

8) What do you like to do in your spare time?

As I mentioned, fishkeeping is a big chunk of my time, certainly on evenings and weekends, and probably counts as a second job if I sit and tot up all the hours it takes! We're also lucky to have two dogs in the house, so they are a constant source of amusement and of course the commitment there for walking etc.

BUDGET 2021-22

Headlines from next year's budget

The precept is the amount requested annually from Ashford Borough Council for the 6801 residents counted at the last census

Precept

£265,938



↑
7.6%

This covers the Clerk, her assistant, two Parish Stewards and a Youth Worker.

Staff Salaries

£105K



↑
40%

Website & ICT



£1500

↓
62.5%

Work was carried out last year to replace computer hardware and upgrade the website. This year the costs mainly cover hosting fees which are no longer funded by KCC.

Play Park Reserves



£22.4K

↑
9.2%

The amount 'reserved' for replacing equipment on Cuckoo Park & Great Chart Park increases each year. This reduces the need to increase the precept when multiple pieces need replacing.

Last year the council purchased equipment to enable the Stewards to carry out grounds maintenance work. This is not a cost that has carried into this financial year.

Equipment Costs



£5K

↓
66%

Due to purchasing new grounds equipment, the Stewards now carry out grounds maintenance work across the parish reducing the need to contract out this work.

Maintenance Costs

£5.2K

↓
38%



Insurance



£4K

↑
5.2%

Insurance costs have risen this year, mainly due to insuring the new grounds equipment and the acquisition of Great Chart Park from the Playing Fields Association

Council Tax Support from ABC

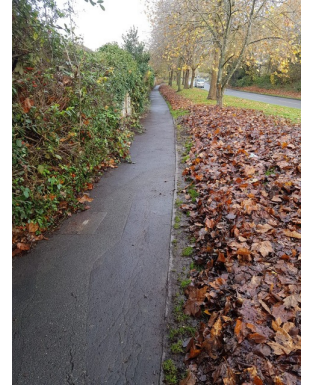
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For many years Ashford Borough Council have given Council Tax Support & Concurrent grants to Parish Councils. Due to their own budget cuts this won't happen this year.

YOU'VE ASKED WE'VE DONE

The Parish Council has invested in a new leaf blower. It is more powerful than the old one so not only does it get the job done more quickly, it also moves all the mud underneath the leaves to make the paths safer to walk on afterwards. The Stewards cleared several paths during autumn.



We can't really take credit for the work done here, but the Clerk has been working with Kent County Council for over two years to get the path alongside Great Chart Primary School resurfaced. It wasn't level and had been broken up by many tree roots over the years. As you can see from the photos, it is much smoother and safer to walk along now.

The Steward has planted approximately 100 trees on the Viewing Point near Singleton Village Hall. Donated by the Woodland Trust the trees will improve both the biodiversity and overall look of the area. The Parish Council is joining the Tree Charter Network to further enhance the provision of trees throughout the parish.



The Parish Council received reports of a falling down tree on a Public Right Of Way near Tunbridge Way. The stewards went out and were able to cut it back and restore access to this regularly used path.

The Parish Council received a request for a new bin on Normandy Way. Ashford Borough Council have agreed to install one, this will allow people using Normandy Way to dispose of their rubbish without the need to carry it far.

SINGLETON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

For everyone, 2020 was a very difficult year and like so many, I am glad that it is over and we are able to look forward to the future with a little more optimism! When the initial lock-down came into effect at the end of March, we tried to stay open to offer fresh produce, but in the absence of any income from conference bookings, quickly realised this was not a sustainable option and we were reluctantly forced to close. Following this first period of lock-down and with all the necessary precautions in place, we were able to re-open in July and had a relatively successful summer being the final destination of the Singleton Trail and hosting the Parish Picnic.

And just when we all thought things were starting to get a little better along came a second wave and a second lock-down, forcing us to close again. The light on the horizon was the December transition to a tiered system, only to discover that Kent would be in tier three, the most restrictive, which meant our options to re-open were confined to just being able to offer a take-away service. We deliberated long and hard as to whether this would be viable, but decided to take an optimistic approach and give it a go, including the reintroduction of the take-away Sunday Carvery. This proved to be very popular, but was to end up being short lived as a new, more easily spread, strain of the virus appeared and plunged us back into lockdown. As we moved into 2021, the trustees concluded that, for the time being, the Centre would remain closed considering that our commercial interests were secondary to the elimination of the virus. That paints a fairly grim view of the last year, but it hasn't all been bad.



Our big project in 2020 has been the construction of a two-storey extension opposite the existing workshops at the bottom of the site. This extension, will provide a large, dividable space on the ground floor suitable for meetings, classes and small functions. Upstairs will be an education room, which will eventually offer live wildlife coverage from cameras across the site.

Outside is a viewing platform which looks out over the nearby ancient woodland and recently planted addition to the new Chilmington green space. We've also been able to include an office for the Centre

Manager, who has been using a cupboard in the main building as his office! The extension should be finished by the end of January and we will hold a grand opening once restrictions are lifted. There is some additional work to do installing solar panels, but this can be done while the extension is in use.

I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing this extension to fruition, particularly ABC Councillor for Norman ward, Heather Haywood and Parish Council chair, Ian McClintock. Working with ABC, we were also able to negotiate the replacement and re-siting of the car-park lighting which has improved safety. Let me also extend grateful thanks to the staff whose dedication has earned the Centre an enviable reputation in the local community and to the trustees, volunteers all, whose hard work guides the Centre's environmental mission. Cllr Malcolm Wiffen

PLANNING - INCLUDING CHILMINGTON

Role of the Parish Council

- * Respond to planning applications
- * Attend Stakeholder Meetings and workshops to Influence and to share local knowledge
- * Be a voice for the existing communities around the development area
- * To hold regular public meetings for planning applications



Key Points we look for

- Practical Parking (unfortunately there is never enough parking but hopefully if it is in the best place possible that's a small step!)
- Movement of Traffic
- Environmental Factors
- Will this be a good place to live

Did you Know?

You can sign up for notifications of new planning applications in your area via Ashford Borough Council Website planning.ashford.gov.uk/AppsNearMe

You can also look at existing and previous planning applications

Under Construction
Chilmington Green Primary School is open but operating from another location until the build is complete

Parish Council Planning Meetings
Currently be held via Teams
(please contact The Clerk for an invite)
Spring 2021
January 26th @ 18.30pm
March 16th @ 18.30pm



LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

On 3rd November 2020 I attended an online Environment Conference run by KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils). It was an excellent conference with some very knowledgeable speakers but it was also alarming. We – that's not just those of us in Kent or the UK, but everyone on the planet – are facing some very serious challenges: climate change, air pollution, water shortages, drought, flooding, rising sea levels, potential loss of vital habitats and species, increased deaths due to extremes of cold and heat, the pollution of our rivers and seas, loss of green space. I'm guessing that, like me, you already knew most of that?

It makes for very uncomfortable reading but we all know these challenges cannot be ignored. As a result of the conference, the Parish Council has been looking at ways that we can make a difference. It's really important to say here that it is absolutely not too late to make a difference and change the future of our planet for the better. Similarly, the main message from all speakers at the conference was that small actions all make a difference. In other words, even the smallest of actions is worth the effort.

If you're now asking what you can do, you will almost certainly not be alone. Statistics shared at the conference show that 81% of the UK population is concerned about climate change but 61% don't know where to start tackling it. That's what we at the Parish Council are hoping to change, by offering information, support and guidance about how each and every one of us can make a difference. We are about to start the process of drawing up our own green policy which will include ideas and actions for parishioners as well as the council.

As a starting point, I'd like to share with you some ideas that the Cubs from 1st Great Chart Cub pack came up with:

- Regular litter picks.
- All buses and bin lorries to be electric.
- All public buildings to have solar panels fitted.
- All new homes to have solar panels.
- More cycle lanes.
- Wind turbines on the highest points around the borough.
- More regular bus services, including in the evening to reduce car use.
- Plant more trees.
- Plant bee-friendly flowers.



I find it very encouraging that local children understand the importance of tackling the threats to our environment and already have ideas of how to take positive action. I am also encouraged that some of the ideas suggested have already been actioned by the Parish Council; we regularly do litter picks, we have planted hundreds of trees in recent years and we have been investigating where and how to plant wildflower areas to encourage biodiversity.

If you have your own ideas, please do contact us. In the meantime, watch this space. We will be sharing suggestions for positive action in future issues of the newsletter. Councillor Sally Gatherern.

GROUP REPORTS

During the current restrictions, many of our local groups are not running. We look forward to hearing their updates when they are able to meet up again.

FRIENDS OF SINGLETON LAKE



Happy New Year everyone. The Friends of Singleton Lake have been in lockdown for most of 2020 but look forward to seeing you in 2021. In the meantime, continue to enjoy the beautiful lake and its surroundings.

1ST GREAT CHART AND 1ST SINGLETON SCOUT GROUP

Great Chart Scout group meets at Great Chart Village Hall. There is a beaver colony, a cub pack, scout troop and an attached district explorer group with an additional cub pack which meets at John Wesley School.

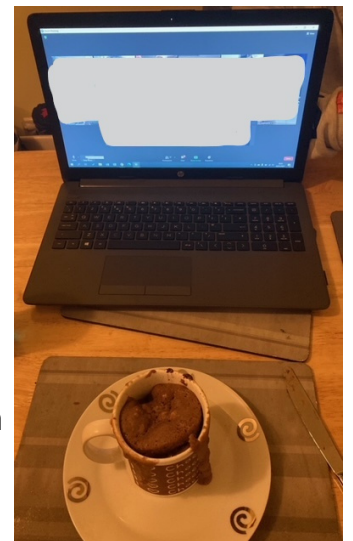
During these difficult times scouting has been unable to meet face to face but our creative leaders have arranged online meetings with quizzes, activities and make a cake in a mug challenges, set badge work ideas and the young people have attended virtual camps and completed the scout 'hike to the moon' challenge. Both cub packs and the beavers were lucky to be joined on a zoom meeting by Luke and 3 of his feathered friends from Wide Eyes Falconry. The beavers gained their global issue badge during zoom meetings and the explore badge by completing a range of outdoor challenges.



Two Beavers gained their Chief Scout Bronze Award before moving to cubs and others have completed elements of a wide range of activity and challenge badges. Great Chart Cubs have tackled a range of activity badges including Book Reader, Astronomer, Naturalist, Chef, Cyclist, Home Help, Scientist, DIY and Collector. They have also been working towards the Skills and World awards for their Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Over the last 9 months John Wesley Cubs have attended weekly zoom meetings. They have played games, held scavenger hunts and quizzes whilst completing their home safety and artist badges as well as many elements from their challenge awards.

We are all looking forward to resuming weekly meetings. The scouts will then continue with their adventurous outdoor programme.



GROUP REPORTS

Hedgehog Highways Campaign - Our hogs need you!

Hedgehogs are seriously in decline and have recently ended up on the 'vulnerable to extinction' list - a report conducted by the Mammal Society. Hedgehog numbers are now thought to be less than 1 million countrywide which is a worrying contrast compared to 30 million in the 1950's...

The steepest decline has been in the last 20 years and is thought to be due to habitat loss and fragmentation caused by building works and new roads but we can help reverse this. Hedgehogs roam over 2 miles a night and need access to safe green spaces to eat, drink, sleep, mate and raise their young. This is where you come in!

Make sure your garden is safe from potential hazards. Think 'hedgehog' and remove dangers such as garden chemicals and slug pellets as well as netting and wire. Make ponds safe by installing a ramp and cover any holes in the ground.

Open up your garden to hedgehogs once it's safe by creating a hedgehog highway. Talk to your neighbours and link your gardens either by making a hole in or under the fence or replace a gravel board with one that has a ready-made hog hole in! Yes these do exist at places like Jackson's Fencing: www.jacksons-fencing.co.uk/hedgehog-fencing

Chart Fencing are also working on a 'hedgehog' range making it easier now more than ever to create a highway. If companies can do it then so can we!

Once done log your highway and any sightings of hedgehogs on the bighedgehogmap.org which is part of the Hedgehog Street survey. You can also search by postcode to see how many highways and sightings have been logged in your area!



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HILLCREST ALLOTMENTS

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY! JUST COME BACK IN THE SUMMER...

Storm Bella dumped an awful lot of water on Ashford over the 2020 Christmas holiday period. However, it wasn't the first storm of the winter nor would it be the last. The impact these storms have on the allotments at Hillcrest is astonishing. The grass paths that divide up the plots become so wet that they are impassable unless you're wearing wellington boots. Plots themselves take ages to drain, prompting one plot holder to deploy a flotilla of yellow, plastic ducks in the corner of her plot that is prone to flooding. Come the spring, though, plots rapidly dry out and little rain seems to fall, resulting in earth turning to concrete. Predictions made by climate scientists therefore appear to be coming true: we should expect wetter winters and drier summers. Contrast this to the 1960s, when winters tended to be bitterly cold but reasonably dry and summers punctuated by regular downpours.



For the allotments, the new environment is both good and bad. Lacking a mains water supply, we have to rely on water catchment to ensure we can irrigate crops in the summer. A false roof over our storage container drains water into four 1,000-litre tanks, from which we also decant water to a further four outliers, giving us a combined storage capacity of 8,000 litres. Sadly, given recent summer droughts, that isn't enough, so many of us have also had to invest in additional

water catchment features on our own plots, mainly attaching water butts to guttering on shed roofs.

Fascinatingly, surrounding areas of scrub land don't seem to care whether there is water or not, looking healthy all year round. Gardening gurus are therefore recommending that allotment holders adopt some of the same techniques that nature uses. Applying a surface layer of compost during the winter months rather than digging compost into the soil is now the suggested best way to preserve moisture underground during the height of the summer. This is made possible because compost is taken down into the soil by the settled community of creatures that lives there. This increased organic content not only remains extremely moist throughout the year but that moisture then serves as a resource for plants during dry periods.

Seasonal mulching – the application of a layer of organic matter on the surface – also makes watering more effective during dry periods, preventing evaporation of the water so that it can drain into the ground and be seized upon by plant roots. Another fascinating resource is woodchip, which is often used on the allotments to create all-weather paths between beds. The chips have a prodigious capacity to absorb water and are then happy to release it during the summer when it is needed for growth.

Interestingly, many crops are quite happy with the new climate. Fruit, in particular, has been bountiful in recent years, with record crops of apples and pears not to mention soft fruit, such as strawberries and black/red/white currants. Traditional potatoes, in contrast, struggle with the lack of water during the height of the growing season, although sweet potatoes thrive, since they love the extra warmth and sunshine. Runner beans, which used to be a mid-summer crop, are now becoming an early autumn one, prompting some plot holders to switch to French beans, which prefer hotter conditions.

Despite the challenges posed by climate change, if you had walked past the allotments in summer 2020 you would have seen that we are adapting which Hillcrest remains a great place to grow food. If you are interested in joining us contact the parish clerk at TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk

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Great Chart Cubs - Fridays 6:30-8pm at GCVH boys & girls aged 8-10. Contact Sally on 01233 633966

Singleton Cubs - Wednesdays 6:30-8pm at John Wesley School, boys and girls aged 8-10. Contact Jill Lane 01233 641773/ 07799 886549

Scouts - Mondays 7-9pm at GCVH boys and girls aged 10-14. Contact Dave Gatheron 01233 633966/ 07961 202097

Singleton Rainbows - Wednesdays and Fridays 4:15-5:15 at SVH. Contact Izzy Hammond singleton2ndrainbows@outlook.com

1st Great Chart & Singleton Guides - Mondays 6:30-8:30pm at SVH. Contact Laura Bowtell 07534 404445 gcsingletonguides@gmail.com

Speed Watch. Contact area co-ordinator Garry Parry 01233 640110 garry@whp.co.uk

Pilgrims Football Club - Contact Kyran Wilford 07984 352008 kyran@pilgrimsfc.co.uk

Ashford Community Woodland
ashfordcommunitywoodland@hotmail.co.uk
www.ashfordcommunitywoodland.org

Repair Cafe Ashford

Email: lenchitt@yahoo.co.uk

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at SEC

Great Chart & Godinton WI

Secretary Janet Goodwin: 01233 332510

Committee Member Pam Grigg: 01233 878013

19:30 on 3rd Wednesday of the month at Godinton Village Hall

Paek Ma Taekwondo - contact Master Geoff 6th Dan 07836 621060 at SVH.

Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm Beginners/6:30-8 Advanced
Thursday 6:30-8pm Juniors/8-9:30pm Seniors

Dream Dragons Theatre - Wednesdays 7-10pm at SVH. Contact 01233 668767 or www.dreamdragons.co.uk

Stardust Studios - Children's dance classes at SVH. Contact Natalie Kitts 01233 625786/ 0984956 or info@starduststudios.co.uk

St Mary's Great Chart & Singleton. Sunday services - 9:30am at St Mary's Great Chart and 11am at St Mary's in SVH. Contact Libby Varley 01233 620371. office@stmarysgreatchart.org
www.stmarysgreatchart.org

Flora the Singleton Giant. Contact Peter 01233 610241 peter@singleongiant.org.uk

Great Chart Cricket Club
www.greatchartcc.co.uk

Ashford Concert Band. Thursdays 7-8:30pm at John Wesley School
www.ashfordconcertband.co.uk
info@ashfordconcertband.co.uk

Grace Fellowship at Singleton Road
www.gracefellowship.org.uk

Friends of Singleton Lake
Website: www.friendsofsingletonlake.co.uk

Ashford Volunteer Centre

Telephone: 01233 665535

Email: contact@ashfordvc.org.uk

Website: <https://ashfordvc.org.uk/>

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Email: bookings@singletonvh.co.uk

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**Great Chart Playing Fields
Buxford Pavilion**

Tel: 01233 427407

Email: bookings@greatechartplayingfields.org.uk

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01233 633331

Kent Highways Service
03000 418181

Environment Agency
03708 506 506

Environment Incident Reporting
0800 80 70 60

South East Water
0333 000 0001

Floodline
0345 988 1188

UK Powernet
0800 029 4285

Power Cut
0800 31 63 105

Samaritans
116 123 email jo@samaritans.org

Kent County Council - Enquiries - Social Services
03000 41 41 41

Emergency Services **999**
Press **55** on a mobile if unsafe to speak
Text **60066** if deaf/hard of hearing

Kent Police - non emergency numbers
Call **101** or use **Live Chat** at www.kent.police.uk
Call **111** for medical non-emergencies

OTHER INFO

Allotments

Contact the Parish Clerk on 01233 616923
theclerk@greatechartsingleton-pc.gov.uk

**Dog Warden
Colin Leek**

Tel: 01233 330340
Email: colin.leek@ashford.gov.uk

Mobile Library

Knoll Lane: Thursdays 15:50-16:05
Coronation Drive: Saturday (fortnightly) 10:55-11:25
Aske's Court: Friday 14:55-15:25



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