

# Chislet Parish Council Newsletter December 2023

## CHISLET CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks to everyone who visited the Chislet Parish Council stall at this year's Chislet Christmas Fair in St Marys Church. As well as fun games for the kids and lots of sweets, we were delighted to get so many thoughtful responses to our Community Questionnaire. It was lovely to meet so many parishioners at the event and to hear their comments about what they value most about our parish. Thank you to all who came to say 'hello' on 2 December.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The Community Engagement Questionnaire will also be available to complete, next year, on the Chislet Parish Council website and on the Chislet Parish Facebook page.

We would like to get as many responses as possible to the Questionnaire - it's your parish and we really would like to know what matters to you, both now and for the future.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Viv Thompson has been doing a fantastic job litter picking every Sunday morning from Heart in Hand Road, through Chislet, to Nethergong Hill. Viv is now looking for volunteers to join him litter picking on Sunday mornings. He can provide waste bags and pickers for volunteers. Please contact Viv on 07860 480506 if you can help.

## DEFIBRILLATORS

The Parish Council would like to remind parishioners that we now have two defibrillators in the parish. Full details for use are clearly marked on the equipment.

Defibrillator locations:

- in the telephone box opposite St Marys Church, Chislet
- on the outside wall of the Royal Oak Pub, Upstreet

WELCOME to the Revd Jeffrey Foulger who was licenced as the Priest in Charge of St Saviour's and the Wantsum Benefice, which includes St. Mary the Virgin, Chislet; on December 10.

## HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our 2023 HIP submission was discussed with East Kent Highways (EKH) at a meeting on 16 November and we will be publishing their full response to our further proposals in the near future.

## HIGHWAY TOOLKIT

EKH have provided the Parish Council with a Highway Toolkit Pack, containing bin stickers, car stickers, posters & and a large banner with the legend 'It's a limit, Not a target - 30mph' (currently positioned at the entrance to Chislet Village from Boyden Gate see pic below) with the aim of raising awareness of the 30mph speed restriction areas within our parish - and hopefully increase compliance.

We will be distributing bin stickers in the New Year (which carry the same legend) -and are particularly useful for those residents who place their bins out on the roadside with visibility for motorists.



80th ANNIVERSARY 'D' DAY CELEBRATIONS - 6 June 2024 Following initial discussions with the farm landowner on which the Beacon sits, it has been confirmed that it will not be possible to light the Beacon on 6 June as part of the proposed 80th Anniversary 'D' Day Celebrations as there will be a cereal crop in the field.

PUDDLEDOCK PLANNING APPLICATION - CA/23/02046



Canterbury City Council has received a Planning Application for 12 additional caravans on land at Puddledock, Nethergong Hill, Upstreet CT3 4DN. The deadline for response to CCC is

19 January 2024. Please see [www.canterbury.gov.uk/planning-and-building](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/planning-and-building) under search planning applications, using reference CA.23.02046 for more details

#### NEW CAFE IN UPSTREET

The Parish Council would like to wish every success to The Spitfire Cafe at 60 Island Road, Upstreet (formerly The Royal Oak pub). Serving tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and more during the daytime - and delicious fish & chips on Friday nights (eat in or takeaway) the cafe is a very welcome new asset for Chislet parish, so do please give it your support. For further information or booking enquiries phone Simon on 07872 078032.

