

## Centre Piece for March Keys Magazine

In spite of the recent lack of sunshine, the Parish Council, at their meeting on 15 February, 2017, looked forward to the Spring and Summer ahead with positive plans for a number of improvements and events.

You too, could have the opportunity to express your opinion on these plans at the Annual Parish Meeting. This is to be held on Wednesday 15 March at 7.30pm in the Jim England Hall at the Village Hall. There will be opportunities to hear what the Parish Council has achieved during the past year as well as for you to comment or make suggestions. Sgt Ginsberg from Kent Police will be attending to give information on the police's work during the past year and answer any of your questions.

**HILDENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
*Wednesday 15 March 2017*  
*Jim England Hall, Village Hall*  
**7.30 – 9.30pm**  
**Parish Council Annual Report**  
**Sgt Ginsberg on policing matters**  
**Colin Ullmann-Jones on Hospice in the Weald**  
**Clr Mark Rhodes on his year a Mayor**

There will be two key note speakers to conclude the evening – Mr Colin Ullmann-Jones from the Weald of Kent Hospice and the evening will be rounded off with Clr Mark Rhodes telling us about his year as Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

You will also be able to purchase or collect if you have already subscribed copies of the Parish Council's latest publication, 'Tales from a Kent Village, Hildenborough, as seen through the Parish Council Archives'. There are also a few copies left of 'Hildenborough from A to Z' which will also be available. Both publications are priced at £10.

**HILDENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS**

**On sale at Hildenborough Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on 15 March, and  
The Farmers' Market on 14 March 2017**

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At the Parish Council Meeting, the Recreation Ground was the subject of many of these plans for improvement. Important to users of the Pavilion are the plans to upgrade the kitchen area making it more attractive and easier to use, as well as upgrading the equipment. This is only at the planning

stage but it is hoped to be ready for use before May. I am sure that the various sports clubs and other users of the Recreation Ground will find this of great value.

The Council has been approached by several organisations to hold events also on the Recreation Ground. To date there is the Hildenborough Road Race on 1 May, the Scouts Music Festival on 24 June, the Goatman's Great Kent Cycle Ride 2017 on 14 July all open for residents to attend or participate in. Details of all these events will be publicised nearer the time. The KSSCRC is also holding a training session for their employees on 11 March. Apart from all these special events we have 'regulars' who use the area for sporting purposes, Hildenborough CEP School and PTA, Hildenborough Stoolball and Cricket Clubs, as well as groups for various exercise activities. Apart from all this activity on the Recreation Ground, the Boot Camp at West Wood is to be extended at the end of April to include an evening session.

One of our members was concerned about the surface in the new play area around the two new benches where the grass had yet to become bedded in. As a result the Parish Council will look into the possibility of providing a wetpour surface around them.

Members are once again keen to join in the Great British Spring Clean. They have set aside the weekend of 18/19 March. If you are willing to help, as many of you did last year during the very successful Clean for the Queen campaign, and make a difference to our community please let me know (either by email or phone). We will be organising on the lines of last year, breaking the area down into sections and offering different times so you can chose a time to suit you.

There were also two highways issues raised, one is that of the demolished bus shelter by the vicarage. It is to be hoped this will be reinstated very shortly and the second was that of the dangerous parking beside Riding Park at peak times when both car parks are full. This side of the road is completely full of parked cars which results in oncoming traffic having no knowledge of each other and no passing spaces available. The Borough Council's attention will be drawn to this.

Don't forget you can talk to members at the Farmers' Market on the second Tuesday of the month, the next time will be 14 March 2017 between 10 -11am or alternatively contact me on 01732 832367 or via email at [clerk@hildenboroughpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hildenboroughpc.kentparishes.gov.uk) or write to the usual address with any views, queries or comments.