

Bearsted Parish Council Newsletter

Special Seasonal Edition, Autumn 2016

We've slipped in a special edition to let you know about seasonal and other events coming up!

Fireworks Spectacular – Friday 4 November **6pm entry, Elizabeth Harvie Field**

If you don't already have your tickets for the Fireworks display, there's just about time – and we advise you to get yours quickly in case they sell out!

Bearsted Parish Council's very popular Fireworks Spectacular is always a fantastic display from professional fireworks company Phoenix Fireworks, complimented by burgers, hotdogs, soup, hot and cold drinks and even glo-sticks available from the local Scout group. Gates open at 6pm and the display starts at 7.30 and lasts about 20–30 minutes. Last entry is at 7.15pm for safety reasons. The viewing point is the Elizabeth Harvie field behind Holy Cross Church and access is via Church Lane or Cross Keys.

Tickets cost £15 for a family (2 adults, 1 child or 1 adult, 3 children), £6 for an adult (16 and over) and £4 for a child (4–16). Under 4s admitted free. You are strongly advised to buy your tickets online in advance at www.wegotickets.com/bearstedparishcouncil. For health and safety reasons we are limited to the number of tickets we can sell so tickets will only be available on the gate if we have not reached capacity through online sales.

Please note the following health and safety rules:

- Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
- No personal fireworks or glassware permitted on site. Church Lane will be closed so no access to the car park
- Please don't bring your car. If you must, please park sensibly!

Old Time Music Hall

Old Time Music Hall show from the renowned London based Players Theatre performers takes place in Bearsted as we go to print with this edition. 100 older members of the Bearsted Community will be singing along with the cast and we look forward to bringing you photos from the show in the next edition.



Supporting the Community

Community Warden



The Community Warden for Bearsted is **Sally Williams**

“If you should happen to come across me in the street, please feel free to stop me and say hello, have a chat or even raise with me any concerns that you may have. If I don’t know the answer straight away I will endeavour to find out for you or signpost you in the right direction.

My role as a Community Warden is, reducing the fear of crime by having a uniformed presence in the area, to tackle anti-social behaviour, to act as eyes and ears for other agencies, and to become a trusted friend for the community.

I can be contacted on 07813 712105, if I cannot take the call please leave me a voice message and I will contact you back when I can or you can email me on: - sally.williams@kent.gov.uk

Police Community Support Officer

Your local PCSO for Bearsted is **Ed Money**. He is the point of contact for any local policing issues residents of Bearsted might have. Non-urgent policing matters can be reported by calling 101, for any emergencies dial 999. Issues for his attention can also be reported via email to 58639@kent.pnn.police.uk

Local officer details can also be found via the Kent Police website by entering in your postcode or using the interactive map.



A role for you? Parish Councillor vacancies

Bearsted Parish Council is looking for two members of the local community to be co-opted as parish councillors following the resignation of Cllr Helen Farrow for health reason and of Cllr Mark Wallace, due to change of circumstances.

Who can be a parish councillor?

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. It helps if you're a 'people person' who enjoys talking to other residents but, more importantly, you need to have the concerns and best interests of the parish as a whole at heart. Councillors are community leaders and should represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public.

Am I qualified?

Most people are. However there are a few basic rules. You have to be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, *and*
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election, *and*
- live or work in or near the parish.

You **cannot** stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order

- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.

If you would like to stand for your local parish council and see what difference you can make to your local community, why not apply to become a councillor?

For more information, contact the Clerk by phone on 01622 630165 or 07917 624278 or email clerk@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk

You can also find out more about what is involved by going to www.nalc.gov.uk and searching for 'The Good Councillor's Guide'.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 26 November 4–9pm, Bearsted Green

Come along to Bearsted Parish Council's very first Christmas Fair. We'll be switching on the Christmas lights and joining in with some carol singing. Santa will be setting up his grotto and is looking forward to finding out who has been naughty and who has been nice! Around 80 festive stalls will offer a wide range of craft, food and drink items and could solve your Christmas present dilemmas. We'll also have real ales, mulled wine and hot food and drink to keep you warm and get you into the festive spirit!



Keep a look out for more information on the Bearsted Parish Council website or Facebook page.

Recognising Community Spirit – the Mynn Awards

Do you know someone who deserves a 'thank you' for their service to the Bearsted Community? If so, why not nominate them for one of Bearsted Parish Council's annual Mynn Awards?



2015 Mynn Award Winners, Guy Pollak, Mary Richards and Philip Hill

We're looking for local people who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution the life of their neighbourhood and to the village. Up to four awards are made each year.

Anyone can make a confidential nomination – just send details of the person and why you think they deserve the award by email to mynnawards@gmail.com or write to Mynn Awards Panel, Bearsted Parish Council, Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted, ME15 8LH. Make sure you include your contact details. The closing date is 15 November.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Location	Time
29 October	Old Time Music Hall	WI Hall, Bearsted	3.30–6pm
4 November	Fireworks Spectacular	Elizabeth Harvie Field	Gates open 6pm
26 November	Christmas Fair	Bearsted Green	4–9pm
27 November	Farmers Market	Bearsted Green	9am to 1pm
14 December	Carols on the Green	Bearsted Green	7.30pm
18 December	Farmers Market	Bearsted Green	9am to 1pm

Bearsted Farmers Market

Local producers can be found on Bearsted Green every 4th Sunday in the month (with the exception of December, where the date can change to fit with Christmas) selling a range of good quality local meat, bread, juices, fruit and vegetables as well as crafts and gifts. Usual stalls include bread, apple juice, seasonal produce, savouries, cakes and sweet treats, smoked cheese and fish, meat and game, sausages, handmade chocolates, fish, jams and preserves, honey and homemade candles. You'll find more information on Facebook by searching for Bearsted Farmers Market.



Your Councillors

Parish councillors:

Chair:
Fiona Redman

Vice Chair:

Richard Camp

Deputy Chair:

Dan Conner

Richard Ash
Geoff Bennett
Suzanne Camp
Graham Farrow
Helena Goodwin
Fabienne Hughes
Jonathan Hughes

Jonathan Hughes

Pat Marshall
Tony Ryan
Paul Young

(There are currently 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors – see page 2 for details.)

Maidstone Borough

Councillors:
Mike Cuming
Mike Revell
Val Springett

Kent County Councillor:

Paul Carter

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