



Bearsted Parish Council Newsletter

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Councillor Meet and Greet at The Green

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it has been hard for Bearsted Parish Councillors to meet with residents in person to discuss any local issues. It was also necessary to cancel the Annual General Meeting back in May. With that in mind Bearsted Parish Council organised a successful socially distanced Meet and Greet event at The Green.

Another session will take place on:
Saturday 24th October 2020
10am—12pm

Residents are invited to meet our Councillors who can answer any questions and take suggestions on local issues. We will also be advocating winter road safety by offering reflective armbands free of charge. These can be used by those who cycle or walk to and from school or work during the dark hours.



Planters

Our planters have been updated and bulbed for the spring. We would like to thank our residents who help to maintain these for us. This is a community initiative to keep our Parish looking colourful. If you would like to get involved please contact:
admin@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Noticeboards

A new noticeboard has recently been installed at the Madginford shops. BPC have also ordered a replacement for the recently damaged board at the Ashford Road end of the Church Landway. We shall be looking at upgrading our other noticeboards when required.



Future Events

Due to revised Covid-19 Government advice, BPC have made the inevitable decision to cancel all planned events until the restrictions are lifted. This will unfortunately include Fireworks and our planned Christmas lights switch on. No further events will be planned until early next year when we hope to organise the return of Market on the Green for Spring 2021

Local Plan Review – Call for Sites

We are pleased to report that 5 of the 6 sites in the Parish of Bearsted which were put forward as potential development sites under the Local Plan Review Call for Sites, have been deemed unsuitable for development. 3 sites were to the rear of houses on the South side of Ashford Road, the site at Banky Meadow and the Methodist Church allotments. The only site that has been put forward for further investigation is the redevelopment of Bearsted Library. Some sites in neighbouring parishes have also been included in the further investigation list. We will continue to monitor these and their potential impact on Bearsted.

The Pond

Restoration of our beloved pond is well underway, and should be completed by the end of October. Plans to take rainwater from the road was approved and with our new filtration system this will keep the pond topped up when and if required.



Church Landway Lights

We are pleased to confirm that the lights on Church Landway have now been fixed. We hope the repairs completed will resolve any further issues with water ingress to the joints.



Cavendish Way / Copsewood Way Parking

BPC have received several complaints regarding inconsiderate parking along Cavendish and Copsewood Way. Could we request that residents and visitors refrain from parking on pavements and close to junctions. For visitors to nearby businesses including Paydens and The Cavendish coffee shop we ask if they can use the car park next to Bearsted Medical Practice which offers up to 3 hours free parking. Please help your neighbours by helping us spread the word.

Bearsted Outdoor Fitness Classes

All classes are weather dependant and need to be pre-booked

Class	Location	Day / Time	Web / Contact
Maidstone Bootcamp	Elizabeth Harvey Field	Every Mon, Tue, Fri 9.30am—10.30am	www.maidstonebootcamp.co.uk info@maidstonebootcamp.co.uk 07845 993874
! FREE CLASS ! Back to Exercise from Maidstone Bootcamp	Elizabeth Harvey Field	Mondays 2nd Nov to 7th Dec 10.45am—11.15am	www.maidstonebootcamp.co.uk info@maidstonebootcamp.co.uk 07845 993874
Pilates	The Green	Sun 8.30am—9.15am Fri 11am—11.45am	www.kore_fitness.co.uk kerryaz@icloud.com 07825 155056
! FREE CLASS ! Pilates Taster Sessions	The Green	Fri 12pm—12.20pm	www.kore_fitness.co.uk kerryaz@icloud.com 07825 155056
Keeling Fitness	The Green	Circuit Training Tues 9.30am—10.30am Boxfit Sat 9am—10am	www.keelingfitness.com 07879 696104
! FREE CLASS ! Circuit Taster from Keeling Fitness	The Green	Sat 10.15am—11am	www.keelingfitness.com 07879 696104