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# Bearsted Parish Council Newsletter

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## Playscheme 2023

Bearsted Parish Council was delighted to see another fantastic summer Playscheme run at Roseacre Junior School. The scheme offers affordable childcare for the first two weeks of the summer holidays and also offers many young people the chance to gain valuable work experience. Our thanks go to Amanda Franklin and Jo Hunt for running a fantastic team of staff and volunteers.

The donations and grants we receive make Playscheme possible. Bearsted Parish Council gives thanks to The Oak on the Green and the Bearsted and Thurnham Club for donations towards the daily fruit snacks. JD Bush Decorators for their donation towards the discos and Kent County Council, Thurnham, Boxley and Downswood Parish Councils for their donations to the running costs. We also give thanks to The Elite Dance Company and Footie for Tots who were kind enough to spare some time to entertain the children. Finally to Bray and Sons who support the event every year by transporting the play equipment to and from the school.



## Pat Marshall MBE – A celebration of 50 years

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Bearsted Parish Council hosted an event to celebrate the many achievements of former Councillor Pat Marshall MBE. This was attended by many current and former Parish and Borough Councillors along with her friends and former colleagues.

Tributes were paid to Pat for her service to the community and her time given to so many organisations including, Maidstone Borough Council, Bearsted Parish Council, Madginford Schools, the Women's Institute, Madginford Hall and the Bearsted Fayre.

The Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Gordon Newton and Chairman of Bearsted Parish Council Cllr David Hall unveiled a plaque to mark Pats achievements along with the naming of the large hall as the Pat Marshall room.



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# Community Bus Service—Temporary Timetable

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Due to the current roadworks a temporary timetable is running for the Community Bus service 26th June—4th Sept 23

Please note: Bearsted The Green will not be served during this time.

Cross Keys Bearsted	10.00	
<b>NOT SERVING THE GREEN</b>		
Detling The Street	10.20	11.55
Grove Green, Tesco's	10.30	11.55
Vinters Park Crematorium	10.35	12.00
Eclipse Park (Bearsted Rd A249)	10.40	12.05
Maidstone, King Street Boots	10.50	12.15

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Eclipse Park (Bearsted Road A249)	11.15	13.40
Vinters Park Crematorium	11.20	13.45
Grove Green Tesco's	11.25	13.50
Detling – The Street	11.35	14.00
<b>NOT SERVING THE GREEN</b>	11.25	14.05
Bearsted – Cross Keys	11.30	14.10

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## A20 gateway

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For residents and visitors using the A20 they will see the newly implemented 30mph gateway. This was funded by Bearsted Parish Council as part of its Highway improvement plan. We hope this will help to slow the traffic entering Bearsted.

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## Welcome to Cllr James Day

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Bearsted Parish Council would like to welcome Cllr James Day who was co-opted at the July meeting of Full Council. Cllr Day will support on the Communications and Planning committees.

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## Reporting pot holes

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Due to the cold weather over the winter many pot holes have appeared around the Parish. Kent County Council is responsible for maintaining the highways. Pot holes can be reported to them directly on their website:

[www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

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## Mynn Award nominations

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Bearsted Parish Council looks forward to running the annual Mynn awards during the meeting of Full Council in November. The awards celebrate outstanding contributions made by our residents within the community. For 2023 the two categories are: Service to the community and Local Volunteers. We look forward to receiving nominations and welcome these by email to: [mynnawards@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mynnawards@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk)