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# Bearsted Parish Council Newsletter

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## Playscheme 2024

Bearsted Parish Council was pleased to run another busy Playscheme at Roseacre Junior School this summer. It was a busy 8 days for the staff and children with a host of activities enjoyed by all.

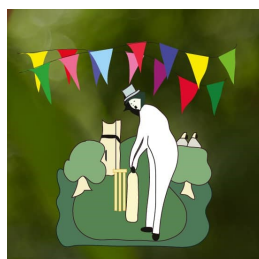
With the weather on our side we were able to finish each week on the field with inflatable assault courses and bouncy castles, as well as didi cars and an ice cream station.

We are grateful to Footie 4 Tots, PC James Phillips our local beat police officer and Callum Adams the paramedic who gave up their time for free to visit and entertain the children. We wouldn't have been able to do all of this without those who sponsor and/or offer their time to assist us in the running of the Playscheme.

We would like to say a big thank you to Bray and Sons who kindly transport all the Playscheme equipment before and after the event, free of charge. Our thanks go to The Oak on the Green for donations towards the daily fruit snacks. JD Bush Decorators, Kent County Council, Thurnham, Boxley and Downswood Parish Councils for their donations to the running costs. Also thank you to BP leisure and work wear for sponsoring our staff t-shirts. Lastly a huge thank you as always to Amanda and Jo for their hard work each day.



## Bearsted Fayre



The Bearsted Fayre took place on 29th June. Almost 100 volunteers from the village came to help with a myriad of tasks including putting up the fencing erecting the marquees and very importantly, working at Madginford Hall supporting the Carnival procession, which were safely escorted to

The Green. The Fayre committee give their thanks to all of these, and to the organisations who took part, showing aspects of The Circus.

Over 5000 people from the village and surrounding areas came through the gates, so the Fayre was able to make a generous donation to Slide Away, a charity supporting bereaved children.

## New BPC website

Bearsted Parish Council are pleased to announce the launch of their new website. We hope the new format makes it easier to navigate and keep up to date with Parish news.

We are always looking to update our gallery and welcome any local photographers to get in touch if they have pictures of the area they'd like to share.

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## Leeds Castle by bus

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We are pleased to hear a regular bus service will begin calling at Leeds Castle. The 10X bus that runs between Ashford and Maidstone will stop off in the Castle grounds providing a direct public transport link for visitors to this top tourist attraction. For more information visit:

[www.stagecoachbus.com/news](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/news)

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## Traffic committee update

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Bearsted Parish Council are pleased to confirm they have been successful in obtaining £8374 from South East Trains. This was part of the CIL money that SE Trains received from the Sycamores development at Roundwell. The funds will reimburse the Council for the design and installation costs of the new crossing leading to the station.

If you are interested in reducing speed limits in Bearsted and can give a little time to join the local Speedwatch initiative please get in touch. Full training and equipment will be supplied by Kent Police.

[deputy@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@bearstedparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Following a consultation with residents Double Yellow Lines have now been installed at the junctions of Cavendish Way, Copsewood Way and Yeoman Way. We hope this helps to reduce the amount of inconsiderate parking that affected residents here.



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## Memorial bench update

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Due to the large number of memorial benches that have been installed on the Green over the years it was agreed that the Parish Council will no longer be accepting applications for benches in this location. Other suitable areas are being considered for the future. Our policy will be updated once this is confirmed.

## Madginford Hall Committee VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Madginford Hall Committee are looking for volunteers.

The committee normally meet once a month on a Thursday at 7pm.

If you are interested in helping the community and have a little time you can spare, please get in touch.

Basic secretarial skills with the ability to prepare agendas and take minutes would be helpful but not essential.

Please contact Tony if you are interested or want to learn more:  
[tonygrieve10@gmail.com](mailto:tonygrieve10@gmail.com)

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## New Post Office

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OFFICE**

We have been informed that the Bearsted Post Office will be re-opening on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 13:00. This will be in a new location – Bearsted News, 1 Yeoman Court, 141 Ashford Road, Bearsted, Maidstone, ME14 4ND, where it will operate as one of our local style branches.

This is welcome news for all of our residents who have missed the service previously located in Paydens Pharmacy.