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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr Chris McCreedy

Having been elected Chairman of the Parish Council earlier this year I feel I must thank the previous Chairman, Dougie Young and our hardworking Councillors who work as volunteers on behalf of the community. Thanks also go to KCC officers who have worked with us to provide some improvements on the A259.

The Parish Council continues to work on improving its efficiency and thanks to our officers, have been successful in obtaining a green energy grant from our District Council to install solar panels on the office, which are already reducing our energy costs. It is anticipated that we will soon be able to export our surplus energy back into the grid to further reduce our running costs.

I recently had the pleasure of welcoming our French Twinning families to Dymchurch for the weekend and would particularly like to thank those members of the community who hosted them on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk and I attended a meeting hosted by the Kent Association of Local Councils with regard to the Government's proposals for reorganisation of County and District Councils into one unitary authority, but the impact on Parish Councils still remains unclear.

The Parish Council was asked to prepare a detailed scoping document with regard to the various proposals for Solar Farms and their impact on the surrounding area for the Government Inspectorate, who will ultimately make the decision as to the various planning applications. This was made after Councillors attended the public meetings that were organised by the applicants for the proposed Shepway Energy Park and the organisation, Hands Off Our Marsh who voiced their view that there will be a negative visual and environmental impact on the Romney Marsh.

The appearance of festive goods in the various supermarkets reminds us that although somewhat premature, I hope you have a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Twinning Association Salbris Visitors

The Dymchurch and District Twinning Association welcomed 10 French guests from Salbris in early September. The Association provided the weekend's entertainment, which included a wonderfully informative visit to New Hall, where the French were fascinated by the ancient table William Pitt sat at to discuss the defence of the UK while under threat of invasion by Napoleon.

An informal welcome buffet, provided by our generous members, was very much appreciated on Friday evening.



Saturday saw a group of 38 travel up to London, by coach, to visit Buckingham Palace and the Royal Mews, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Royal visit. After an impromptu walk

back to our coach through the protesting on the streets (the French thought this addition to the day was rather exciting!) we had a delicious meal at the Martello pub on the way home.

After a day spent with hosts, having BBQs and visiting the Folkestone Triennial amongst other things, Beach 48 cooked a traditional fish and chip supper on Sunday, much to the delight of our English hosts and French guests alike.

If you would like more information regarding the Twinning Association, please contact us via the Parish Council, or look out for posters advertising our social events (held in Dymchurch Scout HQ) and come along and meet us.

Dymchurch @ Christmas Festive "Sing-along"

Drinks &
Nibbles
Available

Donations
Welcome



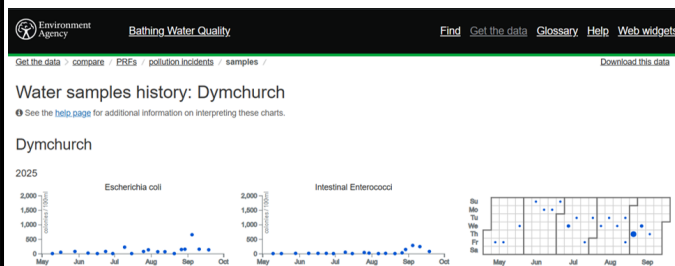
Join us in a
celebration of
Christmas
Carols and
Festive Tunes

**Dymchurch Village Hall
Saturday 6th December 2025 from 6.00pm**

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Bathing Water Quality

The 2025 Bathing Water Quality results published for Dymchurch beach have shown a considerable improvement from Summer 2024, with many samples reaching the standard for “Excellent” water quality. Bathing water is sampled 20 times over the season and the results published online on the EA and SWIMFO Websites.



Local partner agencies have been working on identifying and fixing a number of issues that could impact our local water quality including identifying mis-connections in the network, investigating sewers with CCTV & Electroscan surveying, relining defective sewers both domestic and shared, improving the quality of effluent released from the local Water Treatment Works and sampling beach sediment to ensure it contains no harmful contaminants. This work has resulted in the improved sampling results for Summer 2025 with low levels of containments reported. The “no swim” advisory remains in place until the annual classification is updated to at least “Satisfactory” with the next annual results published by the Environment Agency in December.

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Green Grant Award

The Parish Council have recently been awarded a Grant from F&HDC Green Grants for the installation of solar panels and battery storage at the council office on Orgarswick Avenue. The grant covers 80% of the installation costs and will allow the council to use more green energy and reduce it's utility bills saving around 1 ton of CO₂ and approximately £1,000 per year.

Dymchurch in Bloom 2025 Winners

Green-fingered residents of Dymchurch have been recognised for their excellent garden displays in the “Dymchurch in Bloom” gardening competition. Despite the wind, rain and extended periods of heat experienced this year, the judges visited some spectacular outdoor spaces with certificates and prizes given to the winning and commended gardens.



The winning entry was awarded to Mr & Mrs Frampton who were presented with a £25 garden centre voucher.

The Parish Council have confirmed that the competition will return in July 2026
Good Luck and happy gardening!



Recreation Ground Pavillion

The Parish Council have recently installed fencing around the old pavilion to protect the public from the structure which has sadly deteriorated over a number of years. The Council ask that people respect the keep out zone due to the unsafe nature of the building while the planning for the replacement building continues to progress.

Looking from St Mary's Road across the new car park



The building entrance and disabled access to left



View of feature overhanging roof



Looking at the building from the play area



If you'd like to find out more on how to get involved with the charity, help at events, be an admin Wizz or just make a donation. Please contact us via our Facebook page or drop into the Charity shop at 51 High St.

The Friends of Dymchurch Rec **Update on behind the scenes** **progress on the New Pavillion**

Since the planning permission for the new pavilion was submitted on behalf of FODR by **Profile Architects** in December 2023 a lot has happened. The original idea was for the new building to provide a flexible space both inside and out, with good wheelchair access, a kitchen area and servery, storage for sports equipment, toilets, a flexible hard standing area and added in along the way options for sports changing facilities. The plans were validated by F&HDC in January 2024, followed by extensive discussions with Sport England and The Kent Football Association on the use of the building. Concerns raised by RH&DR were addressed back in February 2024 and planning amendments were submitted during April 2024. An Ecology and bat survey was completed between July and September 2025 to ensure that demolishing the existing building does not impact any vital habitats. FODR are hopeful that full planning permission will now be approved in the next few weeks.

Once the plans are approved there's lots more work to do before a spade hits the ground working with structural engineers, cost consultants and building control. In the meantime the 4 images show how the new pavilion will look from the car park, the new entrance, the stunning overhanging roof looking out over the recreation ground and the view from the play area. With over £110k already in the bank the Friends are making good progress on raising the funds needed to complete this community project.

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If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Dymchurch Parish Council as follows:

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If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk.
Council meeting dates are published
Please check our website and notice boards
Council meeting are open to the public and
all are very welcome to attend.

If you have any District or County Council issues that you wish to raise please contact the following with your concerns

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KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Carol Our Community Warden can be contacted on

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