

VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



Headline news...

The big news is the installation of the brand new play equipment at Porters Wood. The useable space has been greatly increased, and equipment suitable for all ages, in recycled plastic, has been put in, together with picnic benches. The Council hopes all residents will take care of and enjoy making use of this area.

STOP PRESS...

- Work on Matfield Pond was completed in August, to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency, the next stage of work is being carried out in September
- The Parish Council completed the purchase of the toilet blocks in Brenchley and Matfield – this safeguards these facilities for residents and visitors, new signs are up
- Posts have been replaced on the Green
- Signs have been put up at the Recreation Ground and at the Viewpoint
- There were two Bat Walks at Cinderhill in August
- The benches at the Viewpoint and Jack Verrall have been repaired
- There is a new, white, old-style direction post at the bottom of Blind Lane
- The No Right Turn sign at the top of Kings Toll Road has been replaced
- A hornets' nest was removed from Porters Wood
- The Council is looking into buying Brenchley Post Office to safeguard it for the future
- A pothole has been filled on The Green

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

Brenchley and Matfield parish has two Grade One listed buildings: All Saints Church and Matfield House. All Saints Church, originally known as All Hallows, was built around 1233, by tradition using stone quarried at Pixot Hill, while Matfield House was built in 1728.

...and finally

The summer has brought the age-old tradition of pigeon racing to Matfield, they practice flying home to Maidstone regularly before the longer competitions. If you are interested in this hobby contact The Royal Pigeon Racing Association: <https://www.rpra.org>



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