

VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024



Headline news...

Following a suggestion from a resident, the Parish Council has designated two benches, one on Matfield Green by the Pond and one at Brenchley Recreation Ground as a “Chatty Bench”, this is for people to make new connections, chat to a stranger, pass the time of day, talk about the weather or whatever comes to mind. This is an initiative to help with loneliness and isolation and is for all ages, please sit and wait for someone to come along.

STOP PRESS...

- The Council welcomed a new member, Cllr Wendy Chown
- Annual RoSPA Playground inspections have been completed in August
- Bin at Viewpoint – an extra bin has been purchased for this area
- HAMS have agreed to move the drop off point for the 267 and 268 to a more appropriate location
- Allotment inspections completed in July and August, all useable plots are tenanted
- Body cameras have been purchased for use by Speedwatch volunteers
- Change of name and address on all Parish Council Land Registry titles is in progress
- Repairs have been completed to plumbing at Brenchley toilets
- Ponies have grazed the heathland at Cinderhill in July
- The application for a Public Right of Way at the Wheelwrights in Matfield has been submitted
- New noticeboards have been put up at Cinderhill
- Some new more accessible Right of Way gates have been installed
- A new Speed Indicator Pole position has been requested by Homebush Green on Maidstone Road
- A refurbishment of the Jack Verrall Gardens in Brenchley has been approved
- Outdoor table tennis tables are being installed in Porters Wood Playground and Brenchley Rec

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

When the Old Palace in Brenchley was renovated in the 1960s, hair from a salon in Petteridge run by Elsie Pennells was used to mix into the lime plaster being used by Elsie's husband, Jim Pennells. Elsie was well-known in the parish as the organiser of community parties, particularly for children, after WWII.

...and finally

Boulders on Matfield Green: when you need a boulder you might as well get 7 big ones, if you have a big enough tractor and a willing farmer!.

The PC have located large, anti-traffic stones along areas that are prone to ditches forming when vehicles drive over the verges, especially in wet weather. They are in a neat line and should help keep the area safe, tidy and clean.



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