

VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2025



Headline news...

After a lengthy process of debating all options, the Council have now completed the installation of the new posts around Matfield Green. These are made of recycled plastic and should last up to 30 years. They will age and “moss” up a bit over time and will more cleanly demarcate the Council’s land in this iconic part of the Parish. The Council have applied for the cost of these to be obtained from s.106 funds held by TWBC.

STOP PRESS...

- The village Gateway into Matfield has been newly painted; the one at Brenchley is imminent
- Trees suffering from ash dieback are being felled at Cinderhill Wood
- An application is in progress for funding of up to £25k for highways projects linked to the parish Highways Improvement Plan
- Repairs have been completed to the paving, posts, gutters and to the interior at Matfield Pavilion
- The Council has sold the small parcel of land in Sophurst Lane. This income will be reserved for a specific use to benefit the Parish, ideally to support social housing
- Flags were raised at the Pavilion and in the Jack Verrall Garden to commemorate VJ Day on 15th August
- The Parish Council has made a donation towards the purchase of a BBQ for community events
- Table Tennis tables are in place at Brenchley Rec and Porters Field, some bats and balls have been provided initially
- A grant has been applied for to fund two IBC rainwater storage tanks for the allotments
- A stone replacement to a resin insert is being completed on Brenchley War Memorial in September
- Volunteers attended a three-hour session clearing vegetation at Jack Verrall Gardens
- A project to install fencing and gates around the perimeter of the Scout Hut has started
- There are several small allotment plots available; please contact the Clerk for information 01892 723586

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

In 1581 John Ferrall, Vicar of Brenchley, accused Margaret Simons of witchcraft, alleging that she had caused his son to fall sick and himself to suffer from hoarseness. Fortunately, after his hoarseness was diagnosed as being due to natural causes, he withdrew his accusations and Margaret Simons was acquitted.

...and finally

The Parish Council stand at Matfield Fête in July was a vision of green on the Green. Free giveaways including lights for attaching to a dog collar and reflective stickers for school bags were handed out as Councillors and staff chatted to residents about current projects and how residents can join in to support the Council’s work. A large picture banner showed the assets belonging to the Council – and therefore to residents of the parish.



Cllr Nina Thompson

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