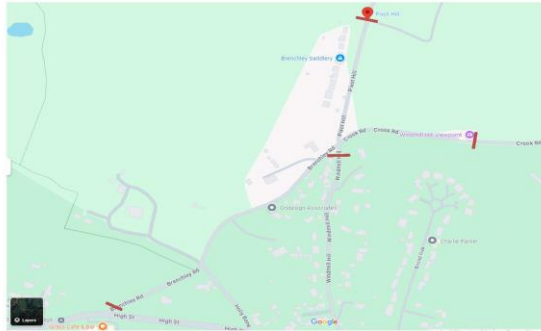


VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



Headline news...

The PC has undertaken a wide-ranging local engagement survey to try and reduce speed limits around Pixot Hill and along Crook Road. 87 responses were received and these are being used to underpin the Council's application for KCC to consider this important safety measure.

STOP PRESS...

- The Council is now at full strength with nine Parish Councillors in place
- Two outdoor Table Tennis tables have been purchased and will be positioned at the Rec and Porters Wood in the next few months
- Signage has been added to the verge by Brenchley Toilets to address pavement parking
- A new project has been drafted to replace all the posts on Matfield Green
- Whitethorn allotments is now fully tenanted of all useable plots following work on the boundary hedges and trees; an Open Day is being planned for the summer
- All lights in Matfield Toilets have been upgraded to LEDs
- The overflow drain from Matfield Pond has been jetted and a CCTV survey undertaken which a view to reinstating it for the long-term protection of neighbouring properties, the pond and Matfield Green
- Enquiries have been made to re-instate the lettering on the Brenchley village sign near the War Memorial
- The Council's budget for 2025-26 has been finalised with only a very small increase in precept; the Council continues to draw down s.106 funds and seek grants for its activities wherever possible.

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

There are several stories of tunnels in the parish. These include between the Old Parsonage and All Saints Church, between the Rose and Crown and the Old Palace and from what is now The Poet under the Maidstone Road. None are still open and some may be apocryphal. If you know better and have any proof then please let us know!

...and finally

VE DAY commemoration and the dedication of the John Barsley Memorial Beacon will take place on Thursday 8th May, from 8.30pm on Matfield Green

This is the programme set out by the King's Pageantmaster to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We are also taking the opportunity to name the beacon on Matfield Green after the person who did so much for the parish over so many years, John Barsley. More information will be publicised nearer the time.



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Don't forget the Parish Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/brenchleymatfieldpc/>