

VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



Headline news...

The project to enhance the Jack Verrall Gardens in Brenchley is well underway, new benches are in place, paving and steps have been re-set and repointed and work is in progress over the summer on trees and other planting, please contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer to help.

It will be a great place for local people to walk to and enjoy, why not go and have a look...

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- Our Parish has a new Kent County Councillor who can be contacted at mark.munday@kent.gov.uk
- Assessment of the impact of the fire at Cinderhill is underway, with fencing being repaired
- All allotments at Whitethorn are tenanted with a waiting list anticipated
- An appeal on the confirmation of a Right of Way at the Wheelwrights has been submitted
- Cooksfield, a small parcel of land in Sophurst Lane, has been marketed for sale
- The project to replace the posts around Matfield Green will shortly be instructed
- A full survey of the trees on Parish Council land has been completed with a small number of priority work being carried out
- Repairs to the play equipment at Brenchley Rec have been completed, funded by s.106 income
- A comprehensive Fire Safety survey of the Pavilion has been carried out
- Local groups enjoying table tennis and croquet continue to use the Pavilion and Green
- The Parish Council donations budget is available to any local groups who are encouraged to apply, contact the Clerk for details.

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

Brenchley is known to have had one martyr in the 16th century. On 6 September 1555, James Tutty, a Protestant, was burned as a heretic at Canterbury, 'the people admiring the patience and joy he displayed in his agony'.

...and finally

VE DAY commemoration and the dedication of the John Barsley Memorial Beacon took place on May 8th with over 300 people attending.

A tribute to John was read by Christopher Woodley, the family responded and Bev Barsley unveiled the plaque.

This was followed by the VE Day 80 programme, with Brenchley Choral leading the signing, the formal tribute read by Valerie Armstrong, and the beacon lit by Anne Harris.

Plaques on the beacon commemorate all occasions when it is lit, providing a lasting memory for those involved.



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Minutes of Parish Council Meetings can be found on the website: www.brenchleyandmatfield-pc.gov.uk
Don't forget the Parish Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/brenchleymatfieldpc/>