

VIEW FROM THE PAVILION - PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Headline news... Brenchley Playground

There has been a very positive reaction, from children and parents alike, to the Parish Council's £25k project to bring new equipment to Brenchley Rec. With extra picnic tables and bin collections as well as safety matting, new signage, a refurbishment of the entrance gates and challenging, low height, wooden equipment, after school energy is well provided for.

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- The Parish Council elections returned 6 Councillors, 2 more have been co-opted
- War Memorials at Brenchley and Matfield have been cleaned
- The signs are up at Matfield Pond with fishing rights and QR link to information on its history
- Flags were raised, and the beacon lit and tributes read for the D-Day event on 6th June
- The Whitethorn Allotment Site has 5 new tenants, with only 4 plots vacant
- There are new water-saving devices fitted in the public toilets
- In the first 5 months of 2024 the Parish Council commented on 45 Planning Applications
- A proposal to enhance the Jack Verrall Memorial Gardens is in progress, with the PC working in tandem with the Horticultural Society
- Several grant funding streams have been accessed to support local projects, retaining the Parish Council's reserves at a healthy level
- The Speedwatch team undertook several sessions and data from the Speed Indicator Devices are published monthly for the large and small recorders

Something you might like to know about the Parish:

The houses at Broad Oak in Brenchley were built on what had previously been a single large property of the same name. Among the owners of Broad Oak was Captain John Henry Hay Ruxton, the first Chief Constable of Kent.

...and finally...

The Parish Council has put up a new noticeboards at Cinderhill, for posters listing volunteer days, emergency contact information and some necessary prohibition notices to ensure that everyone can enjoy the woods, walks and heathland as well as ensure its protection



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