



PARISH NEWS

The Aldington & Bonnington Parish Newsletter

Next Parish Meeting:

Aldington & Bonnington Parish Council meetings continue to be via Zoom until further notice.

Next meeting: **5th May 2021**
starting at **7.30pm**.

Email Peter Setterfield:
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Wednesday & Thursday)

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Planters on Roman Road

We have placed two new planters along Roman Road and would very much like to thank Sue Marshman and the Lambourn family for adopting them.

We look forward to admiring your displays, which, added to the work of Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Older from the Gardening Society keep our village centre blooming.



As Spring unfolds and we carefully negotiate our way back into routines that were once usual, but now feel quite novel, we look forward to returning to meeting in person very soon. The legislation that enabled us to hold Parish Council meetings virtually is coming to an end and it is likely will not be able to be lawfully held after 7th May. As we go to print, we are watching Government guidance and hoping that our meetings can go ahead in the Village Hall, where there is more space for social distancing. More news soon....



It has been lovely to see The Walnut Tree swing back into action – not that it ever stopped, as Karen and the team kept us all supplied with takeaway suppers throughout lockdown. In fact, all the enterprising businesses in Aldington have kept us quite self-sufficient recently and demonstrated the value of shopping local like never before. We very much hope that new customers will continue to support our local businesses.

Refurbishment of the Reynolds Play Area

We have been somewhat frustrated to be unable to proceed with our plans to improve the children's play area due to the pandemic and are delighted to report that the new equipment is now on order and should be installed within a few weeks. The slide will be refurbished and there will be a new multi-play climbing frame. Hooray!

Planning:

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20/00154 Calleywell Lane, 33 houses; this application has gone to Appeal. The Hearing date has yet to be set but is anticipated to be mid May.

The following applications are pending and correct at time of going to print. Comments can be made online by searching for the application number:

<https://planning.ashford.gov.uk>

21/00527 Land at Stockhill Wood, Knoll Hill.

21/00525 Goldenhurst Farm, Giggers Green Road.

21/00381 Ruffins Hill Farm, Roman Road.

21/00150 Land rear of 2 to 16 Longsfield off, Quarry Wood.

21/00051 Harrington Cottage, New Road Hill.

21/00553 Well Cottage, Cherry Orchard Lane, Bonnington.

21/00253 Goldwell Farm, Goldwell Lane.

21/00436 Forehead House, Church Lane.

Fly-tipping

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Last month, a very productive morning was spent clearing away the fly tipped rubbish from Handen Quarry Woods.

Please help to keep it that way and report any possible fly tipping activity immediately.

Thanks go out to Richard Lloyd, Doug Wanstall, councillors and volunteers who helped (socially distanced and safely) to get the job done!



Village Event

Assuming we stay on track regarding Covid restrictions, we are aiming to celebrate summer'21 on Saturday 28th August with an afternoon of family fun on the Reynolds playing fields and in the Village Hall followed by evening entertainment at The Walnut Tree.

Ideas so far include a fun dog show, classic car show, outdoor stalls, children's fancy dress competition, historic photo display and live music including performances by Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra and Shepway Brass. Teas and refreshments will be served from the village hall and there will be a hog roast and BBQ. We're still planning, and more details will be announced shortly. We do need you to get involved; volunteers are needed to help on the day to ensure the smooth running of events.

This is an event for the whole village to come together; everyone will be warmly welcomed. Contact Alison Baldwin 01233 721597 / alisonbaldwin@abpc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Team have been working through your responses to Questionnaire1. Your answers have given the direction for writing the Vision and Objectives that will now define the scope of our Plan and the Policies we'd like in it.

We will be organising a virtual meeting on **12th May** to share the work with you. The day time event will be repeated in the evening so that as many people as possible can attend. We aim to follow the virtual meeting with an exhibition of all the work done in the Village Hall in September.

With government changes to planning legislation it is becoming more important than ever that parishes have a Neighbourhood Plan that encompasses local views on planning and conservation.

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