



Slow Down & Save Money

The current price for petrol and diesel is surely making most drivers consider ways of reducing their fuel bills. One of the quickest and easiest is to reduce the speed at which we drive. Just making sure you don't exceed speed limits might well save you a significant sum of money over a year and probably cost very little time.

Keeping below 30mph will also make village streets safer and more pleasant. As you can see from the picture above PC Wayne Wright and PCSO Lisa White have been using portable interactive speed indicators in the village to encourage more responsible driving.

As usual when this kind of exercise is done, most people who exceed the speed limit are local people. Mums on the morning school run are regular offenders. No wonder they don't want their children to walk to school!

Another way to save money is to make sure you don't get fined for speeding.

More Affordable Houses Needed

The Housing Needs Survey that was undertaken earlier this year has revealed a need for an additional 22 units of affordable housing.

The Parish Council is therefore hoping to see a new build of such houses on what is known as an "Exception Site". That is a plot of land outside the "village confines". Mill Field was just such a development, built on land that was made available at less than full commercial development price.

A number of possible sites have been put to Dover District Council and Planning Officers will now consider these and approach landowners to see if the sites might be available for development.

Unfortunately staff shortages at DDC are slowing matters down.

We hope to see things progress quickly, but the credit crunch means that Housing Associations aren't finding it easy to raise the money to fund the building of such schemes.

SNIPPETS

Parish Action Plan questionnaires are being delivered to every house in the parish. Completed questionnaires can be returned to the volunteer deliverers or taken to the Post Office. The Parish Plan Steering Group hope to have them all back by early September so that the data can be analysed and an Action Plan drawn up.

A reminder that the playing of golf on the Recreation Ground is prohibited in the bylaws. Flying golf balls are a hazard and divots ruin the playing surface for other sports.

The next "Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum will be held on October 9th at 6.30 pm and will discuss Highways and street scene.

This Forum covers the Sandwich Division of Kent County Council which includes Ash. Watch out for press notices and posters for details of the venue and time.

This will be a great opportunity to discuss these issues with County and District Councillors and Officers.

Don't miss it!

HELPING HANDS DRIVING

When you don't have access to a car, and your frailty or lack of mobility makes it difficult to use public transport, life isn't easy.

For some years Dover District Volunteering Centre, has been running a transport scheme, which provides volunteer drivers for people who find themselves in this situation and who need to get to hospital, medical or other pre-agreed appointments in the local area or as far as Canterbury, Ashford, Margate and even other places further afield.



Clients pay 45p a mile for the length of the round trip, which covers the driver's costs and administration of the scheme. Volunteer drivers receive 40p a mile to cover petrol and general wear and tear on their vehicle. They are always on the look out for volunteer drivers for this much-valued scheme.

For details of volunteer driving please telephone the Volunteer Centre on 01304 380513 or email doverdvc@hotmail.com



300 Years of Cricket In Ash

A succession of showers could not spoil the celebration of 300 years of cricket in Ash on 6th July. A demonstration of cricket 1708 style, followed by a modern match attracted several hundred people to Ash Cricket Club during the day.

Following the re-enactment an Ash XII took on an invitation "Thomas Minter's XII". Including Geraint Jones of Kent and England, the invitation XII were triumphant. This event commemorated a brief note in the 1708 diary of Thomas Minter, a resident of Weddington. The entry reads "Wee beat Ash Street at Crickets". There are only about two dozen earlier written records of cricket surviving, making this one of the earliest mentions of cricket being played anywhere in the world!

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