



# Hilltop News

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Barbecue Chefs Dave Sackett, John Richardson and Terry Maple at the Summer Family Barbecue

### Letter from the Chairman

I have now had the honour of being your new chairman for 3 months and although I am finding it quite tough going at times, getting to know how things work I like and relish the challenge. I hope during my time in office we will all get to know each other better and the Community Association will continue to be a success as it has proved to be in the past.

In mid-July, with regret, Roger Cheeseworth felt it was time to hang up his hat and resigned as a Trustee. He will be missed as he was the official first point of contact with the Charity Commission, our Procedures Manager and our advisor on all things pertaining to the Charity Commission and how we administer ourselves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work he has put in over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

Sarah Guest continues as Vice Chairman helping me with my transition, Andrea Williams our Treasurer will be taking over the role of the person in touch with Charity Commission. Terry Maple continues in his roles as Hall Booking Secretary managing the diary and all things to do with hall bookings, he also oversees all insurance details.

David Sackett's continued responsibilities are the buildings and hall maintenance. Bonnie Tillotson remains Secretary and Editor for the Hilltop newsletter: Any news you would like reporting or items for the newsletter, please let Bonnie know via email [bmttd@live.co.uk](mailto:bmttd@live.co.uk) Finally we have Jackie Bush & her daughter Jo Gurden as new Trustees helping us with new events and new ideas to raise money for the hall. Their first event, the Swap Shop on 23rd July went really well and raised over £100 - very good news.

I am very happy with my new team, and hope we can do a good job for you as our previous Trustees.

A big thank you to all those who came to the BBQ. I'm sure you will agree that it was a really great day. We had over 100 people, some good food and entertainment and managed to raise over £400.

Cheryl Ives and Carole Davies worked very hard to organise and run the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Lunch, a successful event raising over £200. See their report inside this edition of the Hilltop News.

We have started a Hilltop Community Facebook page and this is quickly becoming a great success so please 'like us' and you can follow what is occurring within our community. We have plans to revamp the website soon. So if you have any ideas or want to join us you can come to the committee meetings or e-mail us directly.

Finally, we are starting to get some plans drafted by Terry Davis to start renovating the hall, which we all know is long overdue! Thank you all once again for your support and I look forward to meeting and seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Enjoy the summer.

John Richardson, Chairman



## Diary of Events

### Monthly Events:

#### **Craft & Chat afternoon 14:00**

Second Tuesday of month. All welcome

#### **Coffee Morning 10:30**

Last Thursday of month. All welcome

#### **Wellness Clinic**

Wed Aug 3rd 10:00 & 19:30

Wed Sep 14th 10.00 & 19.30

Wed Oct 12th 10:00 & 19:30

#### **Evening Church Services**

Sun Aug 7th 18:00

Sun Sep 4th 18:00

Sun Oct 2nd 18:00

### Forthcoming Events:

#### **HCA Main Committee**

Wed Sep 21st at 19:30

#### **Trustees meeting**

Wed Sep 21st at 21:30

Wed Oct 19th 19:30

#### **Beer and Brains**

Sat Aug 27th 19:00

#### **Bingo**

Sat Sep 3rd 19:30

#### **Hilltop Photographer of the Year Awards**

Sat Oct 22nd 14:00

#### **Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz Night**

Sat Oct 29th 19:00

#### **Hilltop News deadline Sat Oct 22nd**

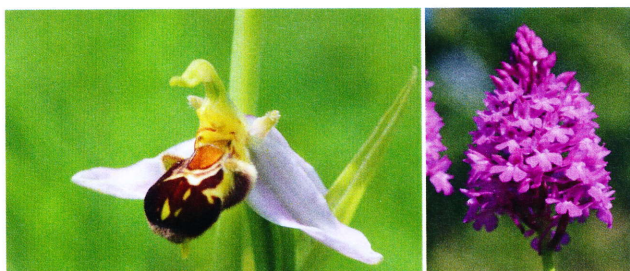
#### **To book the hall please contact**

**Terry Maple on 01227 761329**

## Report for Swap Shop Event

The swap shop was quite successful raising £100 for Hilltop. We still have some dvd's, and books which will be saved for a later HCA event. Other goods left over at the end of the event were donated to Pilgrims Hospice. Thanks to all those that supported the event, helped at the event, and donated items.

Jackie Bush



## Nature Notes

In the middle of June we went for a muddy walk in Larkey Valley Woods. It had stopped raining for about 24 hours and there was even a glimmer of blue sky.

The paths were a bit slippery but luckily drying in places. The pale pink petalled dog rose jewelled the hedges and we could see the leaves and trailing stems of traveller's joy still in bud.

As the sun appeared we noticed the shining fresh green beech leaves with their serrated edges. Occasionally we saw a proud twayblade orchid cleverly camouflaged by the fruiting dog's mercury plants. The beautiful wood meadow grass had delicate separated spikelets.

After a world of many greens it was a delight to find ourselves looking at some meadow grassland with three different kinds of orchids namely bee orchids where the most conspicuous part of the plant looks remarkably like the rear of a small bumble bee visiting it, bright deep pink pyramid orchids and the well known common spotted orchid with flowers varying from white to pale mauve or a deeper purple. Jan Armishaw



A happy community scene in the marquee at the Summer Family Barbecue Event



### Report for the Summer Family Barbecue Event

Once again we held our Summer Family Barbecue event at the hall on Saturday 9th July.

For our regulars you already know that this has always proved to be a very popular event and we were not disappointed with the continued support and attendance. With the food being ready from 5.00, a bouncy castle for the little ones from 3.00, live music for all from about 7.00 and a real ale bar it all went very well indeed and once again proved to be another hugely successful community event.

We realise that the bouncy castle was closed a little too early and we apologise, the timing will be adjusted next year.

Over 100 Hilltop residents had booked tickets and from what we saw and heard everyone who came along had a really great time and a thoroughly enjoyable day and evening. There was even singing and dancing to Christmas songs late in the evening.

Terry, John and Dave as usual did a splendid job with the cooking, (see picture on front cover)

We had some concerns that our previous meat supplier Laurie Wakehams of Bridge, had ceased trading this year so we had to seek and arrange a new supplier who would meet with our needs. We were very lucky and pleased to settle with Wakelins of Wye who eventually did us proud. Their sausages and burgers were a delight and we thank them very much. We plan and hope to continue to use them as our supplier for future events.

Once again – Thank you to all who attended and to all of you who help out quietly in the background.

A provisional date for next year's Summer Family Barbecue is Saturday July 8th, please make a note in your diary and have a great summer, Terry Maple



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#### 100 Club Winners

Prize	May	June (double prize)	July
£50	R & A Withell	Tony Pringle	Margaret Burch
£30	M Richards	D & A Jenner	Maureen Hillman
£20	Craig Guest	E & M Hawkins	Clive Church
£10	Barry Drew	Patrick Downs	Colin Firth





**THANINGTON PARK UPDATE:** There has been a lot going on regarding the Local Development Plan (LDP) for Canterbury, particularly for our area, regarding the proposed THANINGTON PARK Development. To sum up Thanington Park proposals to date:

The proposed development by QUINN ESTATES & PENTLAND HOMES obtained OUTLINE planning permission for 750 dwellings and other amenities (called Thanington Park), in Jan 2016. This was despite objections being raised that it should not be approved whilst public consultation was still proceeding regarding the site's proposed inclusion in the LDP. Also that the city council could leave itself open to a Judicial Review challenge if the application was granted.

As a result of this, and issues with the traffic infrastructure proposals for this development, Thanington Without Parish Council (TWPC) commissioned a report by RAILTON Consultants regarding the proposal. This report highlighted a large number of significant issues and omissions with QUINN'S & PENTLAND'S submitted analysis of the traffic situation and other major issues with the application.

The city council were provided with this report and a solicitor's letter on 31st March 2016 requesting that they consider the points in the report, and withdraw the planning application from QUINNS/PENTLAND in the light of the issues raised. It would then have to be submitted. The council were advised that if this was not done they would leave themselves open to a legal challenge by Judicial Review.

The present situation (July 2016) is that the only response from the city council is that the matter is with Kent Highways for study and report back. TWPC will review the next step dependant on the city council's response, & legal advice on that response. The main issue being, that a Judicial Review would be a potentially expensive undertaking and a risk assessment needs to be undertaken regarding this financial risk. So a Judicial Review is still an option.

The decision notice for this application has now been issued to QUINNS/PENTLAND and the 106 agreement, which highlights what the developer must provide is available on the City Council's website, though it runs into 99 pages!!!!

The simple fact is that Canterbury City Council is proposing 16,000 dwellings as part of its local plan. This is a massive increase in the size of the city over 25 years, and greater than anything that has been seen before.

South Canterbury having the major part of this development, with 4000 dwellings proposed at MOUNTFIELD PARK, and a potential 1150 dwellings at THANINGTON PARK. There is also no major infrastructure development proposed for this building programme. To give a simple comparison; EBBSFLEET, the garden city off the A2 at

Northfleet, has 15,000 dwelling proposed, but has £300 million worth of funding being provided for infrastructure development.

QUINN estates have recently given notice that they are also in control of the additional land between Larkey Valley woods and the Milton roundabout. They are proposing an ADDITIONAL 450 DWELLINGS on this land, (see information in St Faith's Hall). As yet they have still not answered the questions that were raised at the public meetings held in Nov/Dec 2015 regarding their Thanington Park proposal. They have booked the Thanington Resource Centre for 5th August between 1700hr -2000hrs for a presentation on these additional 450 dwellings.

There is a move to push for an OVERALL IMPACT ASSESSMENT of the proposed developments in Canterbury's LDP. The reasoning being that you have to look at the "big" picture as to what is being proposed. Rather than look at each individual development on its own. i.e. the impact of a 4000 dwelling development at Mountfield Park cannot be viewed without taking into account the joint impact of an 1150 dwelling development at Thanington Park, and vice versa.

The National Planning Inspector hearings into Canterbury's LDP have resumed this month, and are also scheduled for September. It is he who will have the final say on what will be included in this LDP. Various people are speaking at these and it is believed the traffic proposals will be discussed in September.

The concern is that the city council will not give these quite relevant points and objections any credence or consideration, and will push through the proposed developments, with no meaningful long term planning or consideration, as to their effect on the overall impact on Canterbury long term. Or ensure the requisite promised amenities and infrastructure is delivered by the developers to satisfy the long term requirements. That is what the issue is really about.

Dave Smith : Secretary HIMN.

#### Editor's message

A big thank you to those who have taken the time to write contributions for this newsletter. It is great to see reports on so many wonderfully successful events our community has organised and run recently.

Please send through anything you would like to see in the November newsletter, as well as suggestions of what you would like to be informed about.

I am looking to advertise Hilltop businesses in the newsletter as and when space permits. If you are interested in advertising your local business please contact me at [bmted@live.co.uk](mailto:bmted@live.co.uk) Thanks, Bonnie