

NEWS OF THE WARD

Dear Members and Supporters,

I hope you are all well and that we will see you soon at one of our events...

Airport Day

On Sunday 16/7/17 we held our annual 'Airport Day' event. This event includes a barbecue and optionally a sightseeing flight over North Kent in one of the aircraft based at the airport.

I apologise for the change in date of this event – it was originally slated for the previous Sunday, but we had to move it due to events beyond our control. We will try and ensure that those aspects of events that are not under our control are more under our control in the future!

We are very grateful to Sharon, the proprietor of one of the flying schools based at the airport, for making this event possible.

I've spoken to many of the people who attended, by all accounts an enjoyable time was had by all, and we made a profit for the association.

As well as people from our ward we had visitors from other parts of the constituency. Even the weather co-operated with us as well, it was a warm and bright day, ideal for the sightseeing flights and barbecue!



Leeds Castle from the air. (Courtesy Cllr Fatima Mitchell [Frindsbury Extra].)

2019 Candidate Selection

Do you want to make a difference to our community?

In the next few months the selection will begin for the Conservative candidates for the 2019 Medway Council elections.

The first stage is the selection of an 'approved' list of candidates.

We are keen to have as many people on the approved list as possible, as that gives members the widest selection of candidates to choose from and strengthens local democracy.

There are two phases to the selection: First an approval committee to make sure that all our candidates are appropriate to represent the party and hold public office. Once on the approved list successful applicants will be able to stand for selection in any of the wards in the Medway unitary authority.

If you want any information about going through the selection process contact Peter or Trevor.



Intrepid Aviators with Sharon prior to their flight.



Fatima and Sharon during their flight.

Ward News

Horsted Retail Park

Planning applications have been submitted for a drive through KFC and Aldi adjacent to the existing Toys'R'Us store at the Horsted Retail Park.

There are issues about traffic management posed by this development that are currently being reviewed. The councillors have already had one meeting with the developers and would like to hear your comments.

Brake Avenue

An experimental traffic scheme in Brake Avenue is being reviewed.



Rupert, Sylvia and Trevor with local residents on Concord Avenue.

The Great British Spring Clean was a campaign with one simple ambition: to bring together people from across the country to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and coastline. Rupert, Sylvia and Trevor joined with residents and the community wardens to become “Litter Heroes” in Rochester South and Horsted. Across Medway in every ward, an event was held to clean up the environment. Rupert, Sylvia and Trevor with others cleaned the field next to the Scout Hut at the entrance to the Horsted Valley. Fifteen bags of litter were collected and the Community Payback team were subsequently engaged to clear the woodland around the top of the alleyway connecting Concord Avenue with Snodhurst Avenue.



Sylvia and Trevor on the newly resurfaced Barberry Avenue.

With the heavily reduced central government funding for local authorities, it is increasingly difficult to have all the repair, maintenance and improvement works we would like to see occur across the ward. It was very pleasing therefore to be able to have the whole of Barberry Avenue on the Davis Estate completely resurfaced. Due to the sheer volume of traffic around the Horsted schools site, there had been a rapid deterioration in the road surface this past year with large potholes opening regularly. Rupert, Sylvia and Trevor have been arranging emergency patches with the Highways team but this was not a long-term solution.

The new road surface looks great and we spoke with residents who told us they were pleased at the works being carried both within the school holiday period and being finished on time.

Next Event

Our next event will be on Sunday 24/9/17 and it'll be a carvery at the Holiday Inn at Rochester. At the time of writing we don't know whether we will have a speaker or not, or who it will be, but planning is underway.

Forthcoming Events in 2017

Carvery	24/9/17	Holiday Inn, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME5 9SF.
Christmas Dinner	17/12/17	Airport Café, Rochester Airport, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME5 9SD.

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