

KALC NEWS

Kent Association of Local Councils



THE KALC TEAM IS BACK IN THE ROOM!



It started off quite innocently. In March 2020, straight after

our last big Conference, the KALC team took the government advice to start working from home. It was a precarious time, and when the country went into official lockdown on 24 March last year, we had to find a way to keep the office “open for business”. This was no mean task. Eventually, we became used to the idea, and slowly built up a way of communication and working that was suitable for all of us.

We were able to keep in touch via the Teams platform, and in Summer last year we launched our online event programme using Zoom Videoconferencing. Things became somewhat easier during this time as the whole of our county was now “au fait” with the finer points of lockdown.

When most of the COVID restrictions were lifted in July of this year, KALC needed to begin the process of bringing the team back into the office. We have now completed that work, **and we are returning for the first time on Monday 11 October 2021**

As a team, we are all looking forward to seeing each other in Dover at long

last, and actually meeting our “new” member of staff, Charmaine Keatley.

Naturally, things have changed and we will, no doubt, have a learning curve to follow!

We have a few new ways of working, but hope that in the months to come, we will embrace the changes that face us in the office.

We have a new VOIP system which will make our communication with members much easier once it is up and running. There is an article that goes into further detail on Page 2. I

It would be helpful to read this so that you understand how we will be working with our telephony in future.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to being back “home” in Dover and will be pleased to hear from you in the normal way - be that by email or phone.



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VOIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM: A BETTER WAY OF COMMUNICATION



KALC MOVES TO VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) TELEPHONE SYSTEM

On the 29 September, KALC moved over to a new telephone system.

Voice Over Internet Protocol or VOIP is a hosted cloud-based telephone system which will transmit calls over the Internet rather than using a landline or mobile network.

KALC staff will be able to make and receive calls over the Internet just by using our laptop and we will be able to speak with you whether we are working from home or at the office. For our members, you will continue to call our landline number that you are all familiar with – 01304 820173 and your call will be answered by an Auto-Attendant message that will allow you to select who wish to be directed to.

The options will be:

- Dial 1 – to speak to the Chief Executive (Terry Martin)
- Dial 2 – to speak to the Local Councils Adviser (Clive Powell)
- Dial 3 – to speak to the Finance and Administration Manager (Laura Dyer)
- Dial 4 – to speak to the Communications Officer (Tricia Casey-Green)
- Dial 5 – to speak to the Partnerships and Training Officer (Charmaine Keatley)

The phone will ring for 10 seconds, and should the office be closed, or the person you wish to speak to is not available, then you will get a recorded voice message which will allow you to leave a message or will ask you to ring another member of staff.

Our mobile numbers will not change, and you will still be able to contact us on these when we are away from our desks at training events or other scheduled meetings. Again, if we are not able to answer your call, then you can leave a message.

Our mobiles will not be active when we are working in the office, so please call us on the office number 01304 820173. We hope that the new system will enable you to contact us with ease and without any network/signal issues. Please also bear with us whilst we also get familiar with the new technology.



KALC Annual General Meeting 2021: Saturday 13 November

All member Councils have been sent the formal Notice and Agenda. The supporting papers will be sent out in advance of the Meeting. The deadline for registering for the Annual General Meeting is Friday 5 November 2021.

KALC LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



We are now in our Autumn programme of Learning and Development. Our courses are still exclusively online until further notice but we do hope to recommence venue based events in the New Year.

Our October and November events are shown on our next page, and all are bookable by going to our dedicated webpage here: [Training & Events - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/training-events)

A gentle reminder that the KALC survey deadline is the close of business on Friday 8 October 2021. All responses are gratefully received and will help KALC meet the training and IT needs of its members. More than one response per Council is welcomed.



NEW SUBJECTS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE... Coming Soon!

We are always looking for new and innovative subjects that are relevant to our membership...

We are pleased to announce three new events for our membership. KALC is always looking for new learning opportunities that will enhance our members knowledge and skills in local council scenarios.

Here is what will be available in Winter 2021

- **Dealing with a Crisis: Planning ahead and managing crisis communications effectively.** 18 November at 6pm
- **Emotional Resilience Skills for Council Officers.** 25th November at 10am
- **Embracing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in your Council.** 2nd December at 10am
- **Managing People and Teams Effectively.** 9th December at 6pm

These events are run virtually on the Zoom Videoconferencing platform in association with Breakthrough Communications and will shortly be available for booking via our webpages in the normal way.

PARISH ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Parish Online are running two FREE workshops for KALC on Wednesday 10 November. The morning session is dedicated to beginners who are new to the programme and the afternoon session is for those already familiar with it. These will be available for booking by 10 October 2021 via our webpage here: [Training & Events - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/training-events)

Kent Association of Local Councils

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN 2021



- Thursday 7 October: Introduction to Planning for Local Councils SOLD OUT
- Saturday 9 October: An Introduction to Project Management for Local Councils
- Thursday 14 October: Data Protection for Clerks
- Thursday 14 October: The Clerk in Action
- Tuesday 19 October: Freedom of Information Workshop
- Wednesday 20 October: Annual Finance Conference
- Thursday 4 November: Report Writing for Local Councils
- Wednesday 10 November: Introduction to Planning for Local Councils
- Thursday 11 November: The Dynamic Councillor
- Thursday 18 November: Dealing with a Crisis: Planning ahead and managing crisis communications effectively
- Thursday 25 November: Emotional Resilience Skills for Council Officers.
- Thursday 2 December: Embracing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in your Council.
- Thursday 9 December: Managing People and Teams Effectively.

Please book our events via our website here:


[Training & Events - KALC
\(kentalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.kentalc.gov.uk)

Booking at our website here:

Training & Events - KALC
(kentalc.gov.uk)

Bitesize Courses
Bitesize Training - KALC
(kentalc.gov.uk)

Don't forget our Bitesize Courses! Online pre-recorded workshops that last around an hour and give you just enough learning to get to grips with basic subject knowledge. Produced in conjunction with NALC and Nimble Elearning, these are priced at a very reasonable £14 plus VAT.



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Vnuk – Scrapping of proposed changes to Compulsory Motor Insurance legislation

Advice from Gallagher Insurance

In 2007, Damijan Vnuk, a farmworker in Slovenia, was injured when knocked from a ladder by a tractor trailer being reversed across a private farm yard. How on earth does could this be of interest to the Public Sector in the UK in 2021 you may ask?

On the face of it not at all, however, the legal rulings which followed the incident raised the real possibility of compulsory motor insurance being required for the use of any motor vehicle which was consistent with its normal use, rather than just for vehicles intended for use on a public highway.

In 2014 the Vnuk case was referred to the European Court of Justices (ECJ)¹ following a local ruling which dismissed the claim for damages following the insurers refusal to pay the claim. The insurer successfully argued locally that the Motor Insurance Directive (2009/103/EC) did not require compulsory motor insurance to be in place at the time of the incident.

The ECJ had a different view and in allowing the claim effectively opened the possibility of compulsory motor insurance being required for any motor vehicle whether being used on a highway or, importantly, on private land.

The UK did not change their legislations to recognise the ruling, but some high profile cases have used the principles established (e.g. RoadPeace v Secretary of State for Transport and MIB²) and there was a real concern that the UK, despite now being outside Europe, would feel obliged to follow Europe's lead and implement new legislation.

If this were to happen, organisations and individuals may find themselves having to purchase motor insurance for their golf buggies, sit-on mowers, mobility scooters, the list goes on. The administrative burden would be significant but the financial burden this would impose on the insuring community has not been lost on the UK government.

Thankfully, in February this year, the government announced that they would be scrapping plans to implement the proposed legislation³. This move should be welcomed, not least of all by those of us who spend Sundays happily riding our sit-on mowers trying to get the perfect stripe on the garden. Insurance should be the last thing on our mind when we are concentrating that hard.

1: Damijan Vnuk v Zavarovalnica Triglav d.d (case C-162/13)

2: RoadPeace v Secretary of State for Transport and MIB,: <https://www.lexology.com/library/>

detail.aspx?g=ca8c49fa-d77d-497b-b113-063024e0c61d)

3: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-plan-to-scrap-eu-law-ensuring-british-drivers-avoid-50-a-year-insurance-hike>

For more information please get in touch and this is just one guide available for free in the Resource Centre of our web site at <https://www.parishinsurance.co.uk/resource-centre/>

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**ONLINE EVENTS FROM NALC: MORE TICKETS RELEASED!**

NALC has now released more tickets for its previously sold out events that are taking place over the Autumn months.

Online events

Subjects include:

- Local Council Award Scheme — preparing an award-winning application on 13 October 2021
- Levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain on 27 October 2021
- Making rural housing more affordable on 17 November 2021
- Future Communities on 2 December 2021

These can be booked via the NALC website here: [EVENTS \(nalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.nalc.gov.uk/events)

NALC responds to the government's consultation on national resilience

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has promoted the importance of local (parish and town) councils on national resilience in response to a government consultation.

The Cabinet Office has been consulting on its attempts to create a new national resilience strategy factoring in national and local government bodies – to be better joined up and prepared if a pandemic-style emergency happens again.

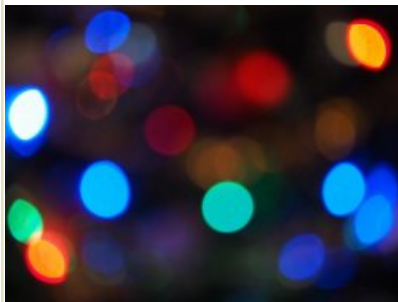
NALC has highlighted the crucial role local councils have played over the last 18 months to support their communities through the pandemic. NALC also flagged that many local councils already have emergency plans that are reviewed regularly.

[Read the full response](#)

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



NALC RELEASES NEW PUBLICATION

**2021 Edition of Points of Light Now Available For View**

NALC has published the 2021 edition of *Points of Light*, highlighting the excellent work local (parish and town) councils have done to support their communities.



Points of Light aims to promote good practice and raise awareness of the various services local councils facilitate. Managing the local water supply, providing free breakfast packs for families on low incomes, employing a family support worker, operating a discounted housing scheme and setting up a food bank are just some of the examples contained in this year's edition.

Points of Light is a collection of case studies that include summaries and information on the electorate, precept and expenditure that highlight the work of England's 10,000 local councils.

You can read the report here: [Microsoft Word - points-of-light-2021.docx \(nalc.gov.uk\)](#).



Councils in Kent are not missed out in the publication - Brenchley with Matfield gets a mention as does Kings Hill Parish Council, former member of KALC.



KENT POLICE UPDATES

Dear All,

As a result of the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban, it is likely to have emboldened UK terrorists. The threat won't change overnight, but there could be a morale boost to those who wish us harm. The terrorist threat to the UK is a real and enduring thing. The 20 year effort to reduce the terrorist threat from Afghanistan has been largely successful. However that is likely to change, and we should all be alert to the fact that the UK could be at greater risk in the future.

We need to be vigilant both for the increase in inspired terrorism which has become a real trend, alongside the potential regrowth of al Qaeda-style directed plots.

(Source BBC report – Head of M15)

With that in mind we would like to say to our Aviation and Maritime communities that the aim of our campaign is even more significant now so please, if you see anything out of the ordinary

“Don't Ignore it, Share it”.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards

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Violence against Women and Girls Survey

In the wake of recent horrific events and the Government's ongoing VAWG strategy refresh, Matthew Scott aims to work in partnership to understand further what more can be done to tackle VAWG by identifying gaps in provision, seeking ways of preventing these crimes affecting Women and Girls and improving their journey through the CJS – building on from the great work that all partners have already done.



One important part of this inquiry is the Call for evidence survey, which is to understand the strength of feeling of women and girls in Kent about different themes, including safety, education, prevention and victim support.

To get your views across, please complete the survey to help make a difference to women and girls across the county:

[Understanding your views/experiences of Violence against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) in Kent \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

PCC's Police and Crime Survey 2021



If you can spare a few minutes, we would appreciate you helping us out by sharing your views.

Every four years the Police and Crime Commissioner must decide the priorities for the Kent Police Force. To do that, Matthew Scott has launched a survey and is seeking your opinion on whether the Force is performing as it should and where you think resources should be focussed in the future.

It asks what type of crimes matter most to you: it asks about victim support and violent crime, as well as road safety and antisocial behaviour. It also asks whether you've been a victim of crime and whether you have installed your own security devices, like alarms and doorbell cameras.

The results of this survey will influence the Commissioner's new Police and Crime Plan, which sets out the strategy for the police for the next four years.

[Kent PCC Matthew Scott's Police and Crime Plan Survey 2021 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

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www.kent.police.uk/hatecrime

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True Vision

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Visit the True Vision website to find out more about hate crime, what to do if you are a victim and to make a report online.

www.report-it.org.uk/home

Country Eye – rural crime app



Snap a photo of the suspicious behaviour, incident or concern.



Receive updates and alerts on the incident you submit.



Tell us where you are or use your phone's built in GPS location.

www.countryeye.co.uk

Nuisance and environmental issues

Contact your local council for:



Noise complaints



Abandoned vehicles



Fly tipping

www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council

101

Call **101** to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response

For example:

- property damaged
- suspect drug use or dealing or:
- give information about crime
- have a general enquiry



Contact the Police and Crime Commissioner **Matthew Scott**

- Write to OPCC, Kent Police HQ, Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9BX
- Call on 01622 677055
- Email contactyourpcc@pcc.kent.police.uk
- Twitter @PCCKENT
- Visit the website www.kent-pcc.gov.uk



Kent Police



KENT FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATES



**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**

**SAFE AND WELL VISITS
FROM KENT FIRE AND
RESCUE...**

Creating a safer future for Kent and Medway

Friendly, professional and very open in their approach. The passion for helping people and looking after each other comes through in every conversation.

ServiceMark assessment report, Institute of Customer Service



Here at KFRS, we're passionate about always giving you our absolute best - whether that's during an emergency, as part of a Safe and Well visit in your home, a session at your school, or an inspection in your work place. If you have loved ones over 70, or if they have a long term health condition, smoke, are pregnant or have kids under 5 - call 0800 923 7000 to book a free Safe and Well visit.



If you own a chimney, woodburner, or fireplace, now's a great time to get it swept so that it's safe to use during the autumn and winter months. Every year we attend fires caused by chimneys not being maintained properly.



Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

**Connecting with communities to
keep everyone in our county safe**

Beyond frontline firefighting and emergency response, Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is working to connect with everyone in the community to remove potential barriers and keep people safe.

Everyone deserves to have equal access to services that help keep them from harm, and a vital part of KFRS' work is about engaging with underrepresented groups to provide education and support.

Steve Burwell, KFRS Group Manager for Collaboration, Engagement and Customer Safety, said: "We want to keep everyone in Kent and Medway safe and we're committed to reaching people who perhaps wouldn't access our services as easily as others.

"This could be due to language barriers, cultural or religious practices, or those without access to the internet or other forms of communication.

"Sometimes people who aren't so familiar with our work can be hesitant, but with a friendly approach, and the right education, information, and support, we're able to create fantastic and trusting networks."

While the work of KFRS' collaboration team is dedicated to building strong networks with communities to provide support and safety information, the whole organisation is focused on treating people as individuals.



Steve added: "We value people's difference; our identities, how we think, our skills and the life experiences that make us who we are. Supporting and encouraging our people to grow, thrive and be themselves goes to the heart of who we are and what we do.

"Valuing our differences internally at KFRS, supports us to understand and look after our customers even more."

If your community group would benefit from finding out more about the variety of services offered by KFRS, contact the team today.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS AND PRESS RELEASES



One You Kent support this Stoptober

Kent Smokers Encouraged to take part in Stoptober

Stoptober is back to launch its 10th mass quit attempt on 1 October, calling on smokers in Kent to join the 2.3 million others across England who have made a quit attempt with the campaign since it launched a decade ago in 2012.

Over 6 million adults in England still smoke, and it remains the leading cause of premature death, with almost 75,000 preventable deaths a year. In Kent smoking rates have fallen from around one-in-five (20.2%) in 2011 to less than one-in-seven (13.7%) in 2019.

A new nationwide survey of 2,000 current smokers has found that nearly half (45%) have been smoking more since the first lockdown began. Key reasons reported are due to being bored in the lockdowns (43%) or the pandemic making them more anxious (42%). Data from the monthly UCL Smoking Toolkit Study indicates a large increase in smoking among the under-35s since the coronavirus pandemic, up from 18% in 2019 to 24% now.*

Kent County Council's Interim Director for Public Health, Allison Duggal said: "We know that the pandemic created lots of stressful and challenging situations and early indications show that people may have started or resumed smoking as a way of coping during the pandemic but we also know the links between smoking and serious health implications if you get Covid-19 as smoking damages the lungs and airways, making it harder to breathe. Each cigarette fills our lungs with toxins which harm the immune system and leave us more vulnerable to infections."

She adds: "It's never too late to quit – stopping smoking brings immediate benefits to health, including for people with an existing smoking-related disease. Stoptober offers a range of free quitting support including the NHS Quit Smoking app while expert support from local One You Kent stop smoking services gives people the best chance of success, and GPs and pharmacists can also give advice and tips to help smokers quit, including what prescription medicines might be right for them. Find out more now at www.kent.gov.uk/stoptober"

The disruptive impacts of the pandemic on smoking patterns make this year's Stoptober mass quit attempt more important than ever. Stopping smoking brings multiple benefits to health, some immediate and others that build over time. These include being able to start moving better, being able to breathe more easily and saving money. The average smoker can save £1,875.60, a year by quitting smoking.

Stoptober is based on research that if a smoker can make it to 28 days smoke free, they are five times more likely to quit for good. The campaign first launched in 2012 when one in five adults smoked (19.3%); this has since fallen to one in seven in England (13.9%). Stoptober offers a range of free quitting tools including: the NHS Quit Smoking app, Facebook messenger bot, Stoptober Facebook online communities, daily emails and SMS, and an online Personal Quit Plan. The Personal Quit Plan helps people find a combination of support that's right for them, including expert support from local Stop Smoking Services and stop smoking aids.

Jason Mahoney, Tobacco Programme Lead for PHE South East said: "Stoptober has been hugely successful in helping smokers to quit since its launch 10 years ago. There are two million fewer smokers in England today than there were 10 years ago, and at the same time we have seen a significant downward trend in smoking rates in across Kent and Medway.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS AND PRESS RELEASES



“The rise in smoking among the under-35s since the coronavirus pandemic, up from 18% in 2019 to 24% now, is worrying and shows the importance of campaigns such as Stoptober in helping people up and down the country to take the decision to quit. Campaigns like Stoptober, which provides support to smokers, have proven to be enormously helpful in encouraging people to quit and maintaining motivation. Quitting smoking will not only immediately improve your physical health but also your bank balance. Research shows that if you can make it to 28 days smoke free then you are five times more likely to quit for good.”

Susan Piddock, One You Kent’s Professional Lead for Stop Smoking said: “We know it’s tough to quit smoking, but you don’t have to go it alone and you are more likely to succeed with our support. If you can quit for 28 days, you are five times more likely to quit for good so why not give it a go?”

“Our NHS trained smokefree advisers offer free, friendly support when you need it most, including free nicotine replacement therapy. We’ve supported over 3000 smokers to quit over the past year. Stopping smoking is the best thing you can do for your health and Stoptober is an ideal opportunity to quit.”

Ross Wheatley, from Dover, vowed to quit after a type 1 diabetes diagnosis and then the COVID pandemic put a very definite stop to his nights out with his smoker workmates, where a pint and a cigarette went hand-in-hand. He has not had a cigarette since December 2019. Ross said: "I've tried many times to quit, but I am a good example to keep trying, even if you have gone back to smoking again and again. The diabetes has spurred me on this time, but it is also something when you come in from the garden after a cigarette and your daughter says 'Daddy, you smell of smoke'. She always gave me a cuddle, but I know she was putting up with it. I've saved £200 a month on cigarettes and my guilty pleasure now is buying 90s hip hop, soul and R&B vinyl."

Eluned Hughes, Head of Health Advice at Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation, said: “Quitting smoking is one of the best things anyone can do to improve their overall health. Smoking seriously damages the lungs, putting people at greater risk of developing conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

“It is vital, now more than ever, that people protect their lungs by giving up this deadly habit. No matter how long you have been a smoker, it is never too late to give up, and if you do already have a lung condition, then quitting is one of the best things you can do to help yourself. As Stoptober marks its tenth anniversary, why not take the first step to quitting for good?”

Smokers are being urged to join the thousands of people who are stopping smoking this October. For free support to quit search ‘Stoptober’ or go to www.kent.gov.uk/stoptober for information on local support services to help you quit.

* New attitudinal survey: Carried out by independent survey agency Opinium. Online survey conducted across a representative sample of 2,000 smokers in England, 20th – 31st August 2021 over 18 years.

Kent Environment Strategy Conference

Together for Kent and our Planet

We are delighted to invite you to our annual conference on Tuesday 2 November 2021



This year we have a range of speakers exploring the key themes of COP26 and celebrating the progress we have made across Kent towards our Net Zero targets. We will also be launching the Electric Vehicle 600 project which aims to install a network of charging hubs across Kent.

Our speakers include:

- Laura Sandys CBE, Non-Executive Director SGN, Aquila Energy Efficiency Trust & Energy System Catapult
- Evan Bowen Jones, Chief Executive of Kent Wildlife Trust
- Roger Gough, Leader of Kent County Council
- Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Kent County Council
- James Smith, Managing Director, Loddington Farm

Join us

In person from 13:00-16:00 at Detling Showground, Maidstone
Online from 14:00-16:00

Invitees

Kent MPs, Councillors, business and community leaders, environmental NGOs and professionals working on Net Zero, climate change adaptation and low carbon innovation

Tickets

Space is limited in the venue, so please reserve your ticket today on [Eventbrite](#)

Please forward onto any colleagues who would be interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you there,

Kent Environment Strategy Team
KES@kent.gov.uk

If any member Councils are planning an Environment Event in the build up to COP 26 or have a project on the environment, please send KALC the details, and we can then forward these to Kent County Council.

New Platinum Jubilee website ...

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has launched the government's new Platinum Jubilee website, including an interactive map which will display all the events and activities that will be taking place right across the UK.

The map is open for anyone to add their events and everyone is encouraged to upload any events and activities they may be planning to mark the Jubilee.

The website is to support and complement the Royal Household website and details the many ways individuals and organisations can get involved in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The official emblem for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 was revealed by Buckingham Palace last month. The official emblem is now available, free of charge, for download from the Royal.uk website. It is available for use for all activities associated with the Platinum celebrations including community and national events, publications, retail and merchandising. A set of guidelines for use is also available on the website.



Platinum Jubilee website:

<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/platinum-jubilee-medal-revealed>

Emblem:

<https://www.royal.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee-emblem>




*The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee
Beacons*



2nd June 2022

Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 2021, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022, which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is part of, I have pleasure in confirming the Guide To Taking Part in this event is available to view and download from - www.queensjubileebeacons.com and will be updated on this site at the end of each month as more and more communities, individuals and organisations etc, join the event over the forthcoming months. The beacon lighting and associated activities will take place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and, for the first time, in each of the Capital Cities of all the Commonwealth Countries on **2nd June 2022**.

Pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 show the various types of beacons to be used for this historic occasion that can be lit in farmers' fields, on country estates, on the top of high hills, around our shorelines on cliff tops and on beaches, with gas-fuelled beacons on church towers and castle battlements and permanent beacon braziers made and lit by craftsmen and women in the centre of town and village greens, providing a lasting reminder of this historic moment in the history of The Queen's reign. Those considering purchasing one of the gas-fuelled Beacons found on pages 11 and 12 could consider organising a local raffle with the winner having the honour of lighting the beacon on the night, with the funds raised being donated to a local charity or used to cover the cost of the beacon and the bottle of gas required to fuel it.

Those wanting to take part are being asked to go to page 10 and provide us with the information requested in Step 1, enabling us to include them in the monthly guide updates over the forthcoming months, along with sending them further information in due course. Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion but remember to still register your involvement as soon as possible please. From pages 16 onwards you will see those, to date, that have already agreed to take part around the UK and the Commonwealth. These lists and pages in the guide will be added to over the forthcoming months as more communities etc, join the project.

From the guide, you will see that we are involving town criers undertaking the Proclamation at **1pm** announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening and pipers playing *Diu Regnare* at **9.09pm**, before the beacons are lit at **9.15pm**.

With this in mind, please consider sourcing a local piper to play this tune at your beacon location before lighting it at **9.15pm**. If this is the case, please register your piper in a similar way to your beacon by no later than end of **May 2022**.

This could well be the last chain of beacons lit during The Queen's reign, so we want to make it the largest and most dramatic the world has ever seen. We do hope therefore, that you will help us achieve this by taking part in lighting a beacon at **9.15pm on 2nd June 2022**.

My warmest regards,

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Addington Parish Council : KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

Kent Association of Local Councils annually give local councils the opportunity to recognise someone who they believe has contributed to community life.

At the last Parish Council meeting Patricia Garrett, Chairman, presented the Awards for both 2019 and 2020. Cllr. Garrett explained that Addington has been very fortunate to have had two lovely ladies who are and were the epitome of being involved in the community.

Joan Scott lived in Addington, most of her life. Always looking out for others alongside bringing up a large family. 45 years as a member of the Village Hall Committee and almost as many years as Church Warden. Many of the Scott family have been synonymous with engaging in village life. Sadly, Joan has passed away but Gill and Nick came along to collect the award representing the family.

Audrey Reeves, another Village Hall Committee Member for many years and together with Diane Laite, helped to organise the annual Addington and Trottiscliffe Flower and Produce Show. Also, with her husband she was one of the many people who delivered the local Church magazine. Audrey helped to run a monthly 'Derby and Joan Club' providing transport, afternoon teas, games and a raffle, giving senior people the opportunity to socialise.



Many thanks to Joan and Audrey for being part of Addington's community life.

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Doddington Parish Council : KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

"Pam has made an enormous and varied contribution to Doddington village life.

She has served for many years on the Village Hall committee and is very active in organising other community events. She obtains scripts, produces and directs the annual Spring plays, is the chair of the group which runs the annual village fete, plans and paints the scenery for the village pantomime (which she has also directed) and is always ready to help out.

Pam and her husband, Ramsay, have for many years been the backbone and main organisers of music events in the village, spreading their love of music and encouraging many people to take up an instrument and become aspiring musicians.

Pam has also organised an annual village talent show called the DAFTA's! This encouraged villagers to perform songs, sketches and poetry in public and proved very popular.

She devised and created the annual RENRUT Prize (Turner backwards!) art exhibition, started for fun but which enabled villagers to display their talent or discover a talent they didn't know they had.

In addition to all of the above, she also found time to be the editor, producer and printer of the village newsletter.

The events I've mentioned have provided much needed funds for the Village Hall which has enabled it to be kept open for wider community use. But these events aren't just about raising money. They give villagers the opportunity to join in at any level which helps to promote a strong community spirit and also brings in participants from neighbouring villages. That in itself is such a powerful achievement.

Since the lifting of the most recent lockdown, Pam is already planning the next series of events for the village.



I'm certain that you'll agree that Pam's contribution to the community has been huge and she is a most deserving winner of this year's KALC Community Award."

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[Vacancies - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk)

There are several vacancies to look at this month if you are seeking employment in the County.

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