

In memory of Queen Elizabeth II



1926 - 2022

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II - A constant presence in a changing world & our selfless servant.

The Parish Council of Danehill & Chelwood Gate would offer our condolences to his Majesty King Charles III & all the Royal family, at this very sad time on the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Nigel Hogg Chair Parish Council. 8th Sept 2022.

Floral Tributes

An area for floral tributes shall be provided in the grounds of the War Memorial.

It is requested that no plastic/cellophane is used, the flowers will be collected after the funeral and composted. The compost will be used to fertilise a tree which will be planted in memory of Her Majesty by the Chair at a location to be determined by the Clerk and Chair.

Condolence Books

The Council has provided condolence books at the churches as they are open daily during daylight hours. The condolence book at All Saints Church Danehill will be displayed with a photograph of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

An online condolence book is available at www.royal.co.uk

The Parishioner

Autumn/Winter
2022

Danehill · Chelwood Common · Chelwood Gate · Chelwood Vachery · Furners Green · Pippingford Park · Wych Cross · Twyford

DSAG: Danehill Speedwatch Action Group

At a public meeting in the parish, a couple of years ago, speeding on our roads was raised as a major concern. Local police are overloaded, as we all know.

Danehill Speedwatch Action Group was formed as a way to help the police combat this issue. The police then trained a couple of our volunteers who in turn trained others.

We are an independent group formed by local volunteers. We are equipped with a calibrated radar speed measuring device, some hi-vis jackets and a clipboard. We are helping the police improve road safety.



Our mission is to educate drivers into obeying the speed limits – exceeding them by just a small amount can be the difference between a minor injury and death, in the event of an accident.

We measure the speeds of passing vehicles in several locations in the parish. Drivers exceeding the limit have their data input to the Police Community Speedwatch website. This information stays with the individual drivers record so that multiple transgressions can easily be identified. The police will then follow up with a warning letter or a visit. The database covers Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

The A275 is a particularly frequent location for people exceeding the 30mph – we regularly clock drivers doing over 50mph on this road.

Occasionally we receive abuse from drivers – this is also logged on the database, as are people using their phones while driving.

We still find it amazing how many drivers are exceeding the speed limit in the parish and, clearly, not by just a little. You can help us make the parish safer by observing the speed limits at all times and never getting on the police database.

Mick Wells



If you would like to be involved with Speedwatch please send your contact details to: joan@danehill-pc.org

Welcome to Danehill Parish Council

Parish Council - Chairperson's Report

Well as a new boy to this position being voted in at the last meeting on the 18th May 22, I don't have a vast amount to say.

We have just recovered from the Jubilee Celebrations which were excellent, all due to the organising committee & our representative Katherine Allenby. The Council agreed to pay for various elements – Marquee, Illuminations, Insurance & not forgetting the Portaloos, so some of the precept has given relief to the community.



It was good to see Natasha Kaplinsky ignite our beacon, although I was standing too close to the beacon and was blinded for the rest of the evening.

We have many pictures taken by various camera's including a drone, someone not me, will be uploading these to various platforms for our enjoyment.

It's great to have this celebration on the community's own land. After years of renting the ground, the Council have purchased the Recreation Ground as an asset for the Parish. As always, we are looking for new Councillors to support our parish activities, please contact the Parish Clerk by email clerk@danehill-pc.org if you are interested in giving something back to the community.

We have now refurbished parts of the Playground, installing some new equipment & surfacing, we did this in conjunction with the School who provided excellent input into the type of equipment required by the users.

I am sure that I have missed something important – but if any Parishioners have questions to raise or think that the Council can help with any points affecting the Parish then do get in touch.

Details can be found on the PC website. www.danehill-pc.org

Yours

Nigel Hogg - Chairperson

Looking to the future

We hope you like this new format of the Parishioner, over the next few months we intend to bring in more interesting items for you to enjoy.

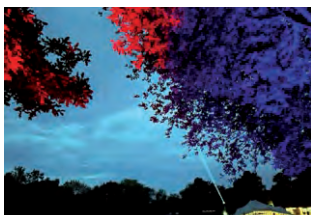
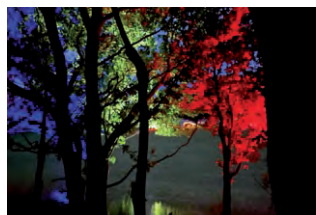
However all good things come with a catch. What we really want is your current email address so we can send your personal newsletter to you electronically. All you have to do is send your address to clerk@danehill-pc.org. It will be only used to send the newsletter.

Danehill and Chelwood Gate Jubilee Celebrations

The Danehill and Chelwood Gate Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were held over 4 wonderful days in June, starting with a Children's Party organised by the Danehill C of E School PTA. The event attracted over 100 children from not only this parish but from surrounding areas. The weather was glorious which meant that while the younger children were entertained by the engaging AI Start in the fabulous marquee (funded by the PC), many others were able to play on the Recreation Grounds which were in perfect condition. There were football games galore, cartwheels spinning, and lots of ice cream consumed!

Many families stayed for the 'Party in the Park', taking part in the Barn Dance led by Square the Circle Ceilidh band, generously funded by the DHMH. Even though new to many, children and adults got involved with a fun dance. The newly upgraded Pavilion provided a most suitable home for The Club@danehill bar, which had queues out of the door for most of the afternoon and evening as a substantial crowd gathered, and they were nearly drunk dry! The Mick Wells BBQ was a big hit and, along with Twisted Toppings Pizza van, quickly sold out. Bill Walters very kindly provided some excellent background singing whilst villagers enjoyed catching up after the last few years of no contact.

Children and adults enjoyed the disco whilst waiting for 9.45pm – the time beacons were lit nationally to mark the Jubilee. Just as the sun went down, Natasha Kaplinski gathered the crowd for the lighting of our Beacon – an appropriate 'alternative' and eco-friendly search light, accompanied by illuminated trees in red, white and blue set up by Paul Thornton who worked tirelessly throughout the celebrations. The beacon continued to shoot into the sky every evening over the weekend.



The Danehill Memorial Hall provided the venue for the Friday events, decked out with plenty of bunting. Local societies provided an extremely informative exhibition of the village over the years. The Historical Society and Photographic Society displayed images and information covering decades of village life. A number of black and white photos included pupils at the school or involved in street parties over the years, who are now grandparents of children who were taking part in the Platinum Jubilee events! An enormous crown made by a local craftsman took centre stage in the Hall and the resident projector showed films showing the Queen over her reign. A delicious and plentiful Afternoon Tea for the Seniors of the area was served up by the Village Hall members and local volunteers, who also all enjoyed a pianist accompaniment.

A warm Saturday drew in large numbers for the traditional Village Fete, with the Dog Show being the main attraction! There was something for everyone, a Brass Band, miniature steam railway, stalls, raffle, bouncy castle, BBQ, rides, and games. Donations of cakes flew in and many volunteers, including the Ashdown Café ladies, were a great help in running a very popular tea tent. The school's Welly Wanging and our own village Bell Ringers gave it a real country fete feel! The Church Youth Group did a fantastic job of managing the car park and helping with any odd jobs – the power of a free ice cream!! Numerous people who were visiting the area on holiday, had heard about the celebrations, and commented on what a beautiful welcoming village it was, with a brilliant fete.

Saturday night was a quieter affair but no less entertaining with the Jazz Dukes providing live entertainment for those who still had energy.

A celebration service at All Saints Church was a most appropriate start to the Sunday's events. A long parade of all ages meandered their way from the church to the recreation ground where picnics were enjoyed in a full Marquee. Tables covered in union jacks, food and drink and there was still a high level of excited chatter from the villagers.





Winners of the children's home made crown competition were chosen and the church kindly laid on teas for all.

The final activity of the weekend was for the last villagers standing to mark the occasion by making a 70 for the aerial photo, taken by Peter Norton's drone which he kindly flew throughout the weekend to capture events to show generations to come, how Danehill and Chelwood Gate marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Although the weekend was about providing a memorable series of Jubilee celebrations, the following organisations benefitted from any profits:

Air Ambulance Charity Kent,
Surrey and Sussex

The Sandcastle Trust

The club@danehill

Danehill C of E PTA

TNT and ICE Youth Club at All Saints Church

The Parish Council would like to thank the following on behalf of the whole Parish for their hard work prior to and during the event.

Organising Committee:

Paddy McBain/Meg Coppin/Josh Watson
(All Saints Church)

Cat Kerrigan
(Danehill C of E Primary)

Malcolm Burwood/Brian Elliott
(Danehill Memorial Hall),

Katherine Allenby
(Parish Council)

Emily Bright/Lucy Chessun
(Ashdown Weekend)

Paul Thornton/Julie Wright
(Social Club).

Katherine Allenby

Danehill Badminton Club

Badminton has been played in the Danehill Memorial Hall for many years. The present club was formed over 40 years ago. We play as a Social Club and not in any league. But we encourage players to reach a high standard of play.

There is always room for more new players so come along on a Monday evening between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

If you are interested, your first evening is free and there after £5 per evening. For more information get in touch with ryan. irvine@outlook.com

Ryan Irvine



PC Role in Planning Applications

The Parish Council (PC) are a formal consultee to all planning applications submitted to either Wealden District Council (WDC) or East Sussex County Council (ESCC). Applications for planning approval are a statutory requirement for most forms of development ranging from new houses and extensions to major public sector projects such as for highways, education, minerals and waste. The statutory regulations governing the planning approval process are extensive and in some areas quite complex. Balancing demand for new or improved developments is frequently controversial with the necessity to consider the need against such matters as environment, conservation, architecture place setting, public opinion etc. Over the years government have introduced legislation to allow certain relatively minor works to be permitted without the need for planning approval such as small rear domestic extensions and garden sheds. However

Danehill and Chelwood Gate is located within a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and as such some of these “permitted developments” do not apply, so it is always necessary to check with WDC. Additionally parts of Danehill have been designated a Conservation Area and all planning applications within this area will need to meet specific criteria where professional expertise and dialogue with WDC is normally required. The consultation process with the PC is very limited, as it provides a means to gauge the views of the local community with the ability of simply seeking a response to SUPPORT or OBJECT to the proposed works, although it does provide a means of providing some commentary on local opinion. The Wealden MyAlerts myalerts@wealden.gov.uk allows individuals to see a list of planning applications for properties located within a specified distance of their home/business.

Tony Blake

The Club@Danehill

The Queen's Jubilee Celebration 2022

What a weekend of celebration for Danehill and Chelwood Gate and a fabulous time was had by all!

As with any large event, it takes a lot of planning and organising, with members of the community giving up their free time to arrange these events. We would love to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.

The Club@ Danehill committee were more than happy to play our part. Our very own Paul Thorton, arranging all the technical work and lighting system. Julie, Gary and Keith organising the pop-up bar in the pavilion. I can honestly say, we were exhausted after 4 days, but it was all worth it.

It was so lovely to see so many members of our community come together, after what has been a difficult time for many people over the past 2 years. So much so, you managed drink the bar almost dry on the first day. It was quickly resolved with Murray rushing off to get more stock and 360° Brewery supplying additional barrels, we were ready to serve you all once again.

Overall we had a fabulous but exhausting few days, it wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves, meeting old, and making new friends.

Thank you for the fabulous feedback and again it was a pleasure serving the community.

Please don't be a stranger. Come along to your Community Hub. If you would like to host an event or party, please get in contact. We are holding several parties in the coming weeks with music provided by our in house DJ Paul and a Christmas themed Boutique Shopping & Prosecco Night in October.



If you are on Facebook, please like and follow our page (The Club at Danehill) to see any upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you soon!
VCTheClub@Danehill

Julie Wright



The new windows recently installed with the help of a grant from the Parish Council.

The Club@Danehill

www.danehill.org.uk

Community Hub - All Welcome

01825 790484 club@danehill.org.uk  The Club at Danehill

Climate Change



The committee have been focusing on making life easier for our local wildlife with a few changes this summer. We have recommended that the roadside grass verges are only cut in the villages and 'where line of sight' by the road is affected by long grass, hoping to encourage invertebrates to thrive. In the same vein we have asked that no herbicides or pesticides are routinely used and only where an alternative cannot be found or safety is compromised - such as on the tennis court where persistent moss causes slipping problems. Wildflower seeds have been planted on the small strip of ground between the playground and the path to Danehill giving us a pretty alternative to the scrubby grass previously there and the bees a tasty treat. We also attend each of the village markets and try to bring a variety of experts on wildlife/insulation/recycling and green issues as well as the regular plant swap. If you have any suggestions for us please come and see us or contact us via the Parish Council.

Janet Wolcott



Wildflowers at Danehill playground



We plant two Jubilee trees



The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Your Parish joined in with this nationwide project by planting two different and distinctive trees to commemorate the occasion.

On 11th March 2022, the 70th day of this Jubilee year, our former Parish Chairman, Rhodri Lewis, wielded his spade and planted a British Oak sapling on Jubilee Green. Though it will take over fifty years to reach 60 feet high, it should mature into a wonderful tree that could still be there in 500 years. The Parish Council also thought that it would be a lovely idea to have another Jubilee Tree that was more accessible to all the community.

So, we reached agreement with the Red Lion, to reinstate a tree in front of the pub, by planting a smaller, ornamental Jubilee Tree in the garden area along the A275. To help us with this job, we called on Beaconsfield Road resident Mrs Violet Rivers to do the honours. Vi....as we all know her was born at the Red Lion in December 1925 and has lived in the village all her life.

So, it seemed, just right, to ask her to officially plant our second Jubilee tree.



The Prince of Wales has said on many occasions that "planting a tree is a statement of hope and faith in the future" and we hope that both our trees will delight parishioners for years to come.

Joan Stott

Ashdown Forest Parking Update

The Conservators are at present trying to work out the final details of the payment scheme and how this will be implemented with their chosen parking company. They anticipate the scheme will launch later in the summer, most likely in the autumn. We understand that these charges will apply to all car parks owned by the Conservators. According to the information we have the charges will be :-

Up to 1 Hour £2.00

Up to 2 Hours £2.50

Up to 4 Hours £4.00

All day £5.00

Annual pass £80.00

Six month Winter pass £50.00

Annual and Winter passes will cover 2 cars in a household.

In addition, they are hosting the launch of the High Weald Walking Festival at the Forest Centre on Saturday September 10th. For more information about the walking festival visit:

<https://www.highwealdwalks.org>.

Finally, volunteers are always required to assist the rangers in carrying out various jobs on the forest throughout the year, especially due to the cuts in funding from local government. These are also sociable events, so if anybody feels they can spare the time to help maintain this fabulous amenity on our doorstep please contact the visitor centre to enrol.

Tony Martin



Parish News

Playground



The Parish Council has been reviewing playground needs and safety for some time. Whilst there was need to replace the surfacing, much of the equipment was in good condition and decent quality. With a modest budget and a search for value for money we agreed a scheme to replace the surfacing and a few added items.

We hope the families of the parish will enjoy the new facilities in the playground. The tired old surfacing has been replaced by a new safety surface and should lower maintenance needs in the future. Two added items of equipment, a huge basket swing and a jeep are now available to update the fun on offer and the seesaw was kept after consultation with local parents. Overall, the investment has been just over 40k but should make a significant difference and give a bit more adventure to all ages using the playground.

The Parish Council will continue to review maintenance to keep the playground in good condition and will look at further up-upgrades when grant funding allows.

Burial ground

The mapping is almost complete and the new map and noticeboard will be arranged shortly. The old burial ground records make precise mapping impossible but a list of all those buried will be accessible from the software which will be on the website by early autumn if not before.



Memorial Wall

Unfortunately, as we go to press, the wall is unfinished, and this is down to many factors beyond our control. The main and most crucial is a lack of qualified craftsmen. After having the first attempt of construction taken down because of incorrect materials, the contractor has found it nearly impossible to find a stone mason that is willing and has the time to take this job on. They have recently found one craftsman who has said that he would build it when he has time, and that's where we are.

The Parish Council is not the direct employer, this is through the Insurance Company of which there are many involved with this double traffic incident, and so we are as frustrated as many of our Parishioners.

The Contractor was instructed to tidy up the roadway & remove unnecessary materials from site. This has been done. So hopefully we will soon see the end of this saga.

A Circular Walk Danehill Church to Horsted Keynes



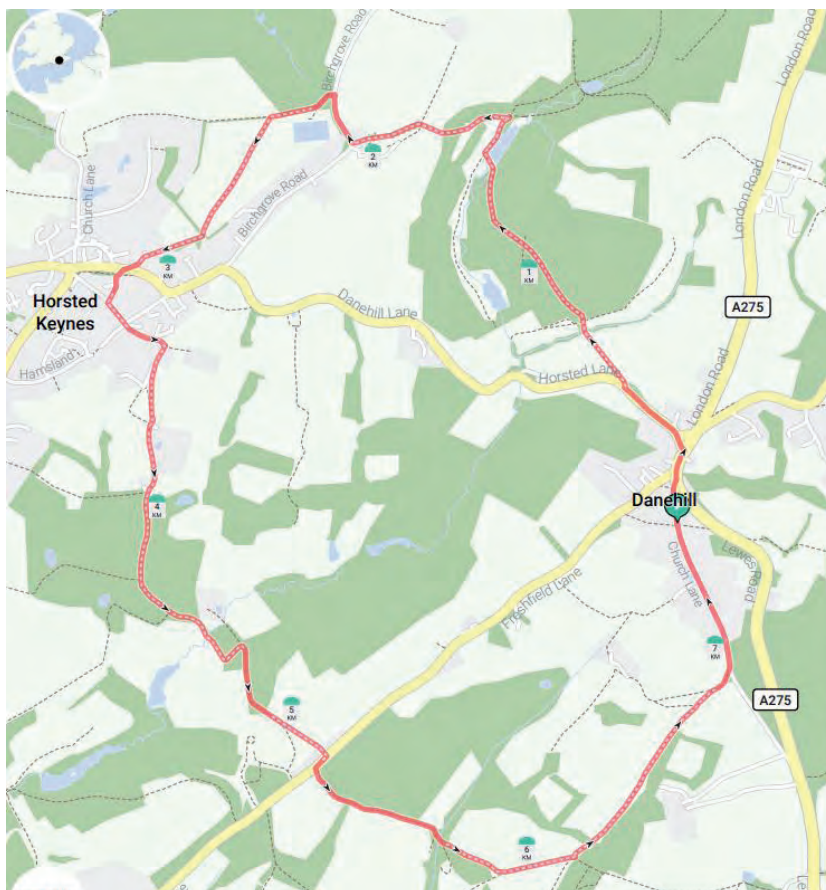
- Start and End at Danehill Church (but you can join anywhere, of course)
- Length = 7.5 kilometres (4.7 miles)
- A few stiles and some mud after rain and during the winter.
- Short stretches of road walking and one moderately steep climb at step 12.
- Safety First – although there are only a few of stretches of road walking where no footway or safe verge exists, please remember (as the Highway Code) to walk facing the on-coming traffic (e.g., on the right), the better to see any danger, unless you are on a blind bend.
- Where the paths cross farmland, please keep dogs on leads.
- Note that Autumn Lady's-tresses orchids flower in the churchyard (Aug-Sep) between road and church. Please do not to walk on or pick this rare orchid.

The Walk

1. From the church, walk downhill along Church Lane into the war memorial green. Cross over Freshfield Lane, go past the Club then turn L descending down Horsted Lane.
2. Before Horsted Lane bends L soon after leaving the 30mph zone, there is a footpath on the R. Go over the stile and into the field. Follow the path crossing the field NW and down. At the bottom cross the track and enter the woods ahead.
3. Follow the path through the woods over a footbridge, past the end of the lake, turning R soon after onto a track alongside the lake.
4. Where the track crosses another path turn L uphill past a bench then through a short stretch of trees and out onto the corner of a field.

5. Follow the path uphill with the hedge on your R and into a narrow strip of trees that leads out onto Birchgrove Road
6. Turn R downhill. In about 200m turn L at the gate to the Horsted Keynes Service reservoir. Go around the gate and up the track, bearing R before the mesh gates along the footpath.
7. Emerging into a field, keep to the L until you come to a kissing gate on the L. Go through the gate and follow the path across three fields though three more kissing gates.
8. Pass the allotments onto a drive which leads out to the centre of Horsted Keynes beside the village shop.
9. Cross over the road and around The Crown pub onto the cricket pitch. Cross diagonally R to an opening in the hedge and turn L down Chapel Lane passing tennis courts on your R.
10. At the end go straight on into Wyatts Lane until you come to a sharp R with a bungalow ahead of you. There is a footpath passing down the side of the bungalow (don't worry if you miss it, just follow the drive downhill). Follow the footpath along the side of a field down a path and across a private drive where you emerge onto the lane again.
11. Follow the lane downhill where it turns into a track and then into the woods. Follow this to the very bottom (can be very muddy at times). Do not take any RH paths.
12. Head uphill on the edge of the field following the track and L through the trees. When you come to a drive, turn R uphill.
13. As the drive levels out, keep to the LH fence where the path leaves the drive by a hedge.
14. At the end is Freshfield Lane; turn R and within 35m L down a track towards Butchers Barn.
15. At the bottom of the hill the footpath veers off the track going L up over a stile. Follow the LH fence always bearing L wherever other paths join. Do not go into the woods.
16. Cross the dilapidated stile in the corner and carry on, keeping to the R of the fields and then past the RH side of a shed and house. Emerging onto a driveway, follow it to the R.
17. Upon reaching Church Lane turn L. The church and the start/end point are 5 minutes up the road.

Steve Tees



Volunteering Matters

Once again, we are looking for people to join in and help some of the groups and organisations that keep our community running smoothly. Volunteering enables you to play an active role in your community and contribute to positive change. There are a number of opportunities to think about, including joining the Parish Council by contacting clerk@danehill-pc.org and for the more outdoor types, the Foothpath Group which keeps our 'Rights of Way' in good order robin@danehill-pc.org. In the Autumn, the Parish Council is hoping to facilitate the replanting of tree saplings on the Recreation Ground to replace those lost due to the very dry conditions over last winter and this summer. The value and importance of trees is enormous and we hope that we will have many volunteers to help us. Further news on this in the autumn/winter.

'If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.'
(African proverb)

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Services are available every Friday
at Chelwood Gate Village Hall
11.30am to 1pm
also at Club@ Danehill 1.30pm to 3pm



Wealdlink Passenger Service Parish Bookings - 01892 771332
Danehill Memorial Hall Bookings - 01825 791725
Chelwood Gate Village Hall Bookings - 01825 740181
Recreation Grounds - 01342 822404
Danehill Photographic Group - 01825 790389
Bridge Group - 01825 732835
Ashdown Forest Health Centre - 01342 822131

Council Meetings

14th September 2022 - Chelwood Gate Village Hall
19th October 2022 - Danehill Memorial Hall
16th November 2022 - Chelwood Gate Village Hall
December No Meeting



