

**Parish Council Annual Report** – The 2016-17 annual report is due to be delivered in early June. If you would like a copy and have not received one by mid-June please contact the Parish Office. The report will also be published on the village website.

**Carnival & Fete** – Please visit the Parish Council stall at this year's fete on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. You will find there information about local issues and services and have the opportunity to talk to parish councillors.

**Summer Play Scheme** – Play Scheme will again be held at Staplehurst School and run by Play Place. After the open morning at 11.00am on 31<sup>st</sup> July the scheme will hold sessions on weekdays until 18<sup>th</sup> August. The first week's sessions will run between 9.00am and 12.00pm. In weeks two and three there will be morning sessions (9.00am – 12.00pm) and afternoon ones (12.00pm – 3.00pm). Further information is available on the village website at <http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/playscheme.aspx> or contact Toni at Play Place by telephone on 01689 867358 or by e-mailing [toni.chincharo@playplace.org](mailto:toni.chincharo@playplace.org).

**Surgeries at the Library** – Parish Council: every Saturday in the library between 10.00am and 11.00am; Borough Councillor Perry: 10.00am – 12.00pm last Saturday of the month; next PCSO surgery: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 10.00am and 11.00am.

**Parish Council on-line** – Visit [www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk](http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk) for local information. The Parish Council is also on Facebook.

**Contact Kent County Council** – Some useful Kent County Council numbers:

KCC Main Number 03000 41 41 41

Highways Helpline (1) 03000 41 81 81 (office hours - see options below)

Highways Helpline (2) 03000 41 91 91 (out-of-hours emergency)

Option 1 - Driver Education and Speed Awareness

Option 2 - Vegetation Enquiries

Option 3 - Potholes

Option 4 - Street lights enquiries and problems (most village lights are KCC-owned)

Option 5 - Drainage problems

Option 6 - Items not covered above

Speed Awareness 03000 41 82 82

Concessionary Fares 03000 41 83 83

Kent Freedom Pass 03000 41 84 84

Public Rights of Way 03000 41 71 71

Report a highways problem on-line at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. For motorways and trunk roads contact the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000 or e-mail [ha\\_info@highways.qsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.qsi.gov.uk).

**Maidstone Borough highway-related services** - MBC is responsible for some highway services such as

street sweeping, street nameplates, street naming and numbering, park and ride facilities. Telephone MBC Contact Centre on 01622 602162 to report issues requiring attention or go on-line to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-streets/street-problems>. For other highways and public transport issues contact Kent County Council Highways.

**Dog Issues** – Bagged dog waste can be put in any ordinary litter bin or domestic waste bins. Report fouling or persistent incidents of mess to MBC Environmental Services on 01622 602202. To report a stray or problem dog, telephone MBC's Dog Warden on 01622 602117.

**Rubbish & Recycling Collections** – Use black bins for rubbish. Use green recycling bins to dispose of paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cartons, plastic bottles and food trays and containers. Leave bins and sacks at the boundary of your property by 7.00am on the day of collection and no earlier than the evening beforehand. For further information go to MBC's website at <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins>.

**Garden Waste** – Two sizes of wheelie bin can be hired from Maidstone Borough Council: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins> or telephone 01622 602600.

**Bulky Collection Service** – Phone MBC on 01622 602600 or go online to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling> to arrange a collection. KCC Household Waste Tip at Burial Ground Lane in Tovil is open Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Sundays and most bank holidays from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

**Reporting Incidents to the Police** - All non-emergency crime-incident reports should be telephoned to **101**. For emergencies dial **999**. Local contacts: Community Warden Mira Martin (mob: 07969584179 or [mira.martin@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mira.martin@kent.gov.uk)) and PCSO Pete Gardner (tel: 101 or email: [peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk)).

**Neighbourhood Watch** – For information about local Neighbourhood Watch contact David Ralph on 01580 891656 or Jacqui Blake, NHW liaison officer at Maidstone police station on 01622 604395 or go to <http://www.maidstonenhw.co.uk>.

**Parish Council Meetings in Staplehurst Village Centre from 7.00 p.m.**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June & Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Planning Committee followed by Full Council

**Parish Council Contact Information**

Parish Office, Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst TN12 0BJ (open Mon-Thurs 09.00-13.00; closed Fridays)

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