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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Easter Services

On Saturday, 4 April at 8pm in St. Mary's the congregations of St. Mary's, Christ Church and Sacred Heart will join together in an Easter Eve service to celebrate the dawn of the resurrection. The following morning, Sunday, 5 April we will be celebrating Easter. Do come and join us at 10.15 for coffee and something tasty to eat; the service will start at 10.45. Details of all our Easter services can be found on the website (see address below). Please do join us.

Sunday Club

Our Sunday clubs take a break for the Easter holidays but will start again on Sunday 26 April. At St Mary's we run 5 groups for children and young people aged 0-18 including a crèche. Our aim is to give them a brilliant time playing games, making friends and learning about God while their parents and carers enjoy the service. No need to book, just turn up for the 10:45 service.

Cafe Toddlers

Cafe Toddlers also takes a break for the Easter holidays starting up again on Friday, 24 April. Cafe Toddlers is open in St. Mary's every Friday morning during term time from 9:00-11:00 for coffee, cake, chat, newspapers and fun for children. Pre-school children and their families are very welcome, as is anyone else who wants to meet other local people and enjoy some community spirit. It really is a welcoming place, so please do pop in if you can.

Park Run

Over the past few months every Sunday morning at 9.45 on the Glebe Field you might have seen some children running. Junior Park run is a 2km run, it's free and open to all children aged 4 to 14. All you need to do is register your child (<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>) and then bring your barcode along and they can run. Children and parents are invited into the church rooms after the run for coffee and biscuits, and on the first Sunday of every month St. Mary's welcomes the park runners, and their supporters, into the church for a bacon sandwich. For more information please contact Kev Draper at kevdraper@sky.com

There's lots more going on and you can find out about it all on our website
www.gkchurch.org.uk

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

It has happened! By the time you read this it will be old news, but now as I write, in the middle of March, it is thrillingly exciting.

Today I smelt cut grass for the first time this year.

I am writing on one of those lovely March days when I didn't need my gloves and my hand even hesitated over my coat for a moment. The sun is out, and although it isn't hot, there is the hint of warmth in the air. And there I was, walking past a front garden when I smelt it; the smell of spring; that warm, sweet smell which conclusively says, winter is ending and something new is starting. The lawn mower is out and a new season is here.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, spring will be well underway, but today it is still something promised, something for the future - it is hinted at, but not yet arrived.

Whoever it was that chose to have Lent and Easter at this time of year knew what they were doing. When Lent began, back in the cold and dark of February, it was hard to believe that spring would ever come. Now, half way through, anticipation is rising. By the time Easter Day arrives on 5 April, it will be here.

And what is happening in nature provides a perfect backdrop to the story of Easter, as the darkness and cold of Jesus' tomb is transformed into the glory and warmth of resurrection. And this pattern of death and new life, which we see in the move from Winter to Spring, is God's pattern too.

Easter means many different things, and one of them is this pattern. What was dead and buried is now alive again. What was hopeless now has a future. What was finished is given a new start. Resurrection, like spring, is a promise that something new is happening.

So wherever you're at this Easter, know that resurrection is at work bringing something new to your life.

Maybe there's something difficult in your family or at work.

Maybe you're searching to find God, but can't find him anywhere.

Maybe life still feels more like the February cold than the warmth of an April spring day.

However things are for you, know that God is in the resurrection business. The promise is there - spring will come, life will emerge, resurrection is at work.

Happy Easter and God bless

Rev Hugh

CALENDAR

Please note - re: 8.00 am Communion Service in St Mary's – order two from the Book of Common Worship, Traditional Language is used.

Weekday parish prayers: Morning prayer is at 8.30 am on Tuesday at St Mary's and on Friday 8.00 am at Christ Church. Evening prayer is at 5.30 pm on Friday at Christ Church when the prayers for Compline will be used. See weekly sheet for Bible readings.

Wednesday	1	5.30 pm	Compline, Christ Church
Thursday	2	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday, Last Supper, foot washing and prayer watch, St. Mary's
Friday	3	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross (start at The Plain, Goudhurst)
		12.00 pm	The second hour, Christ Church
		2.00 pm	The third hour, St. Mary's
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Saturday	4	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
		8.00 pm	Churches Together Easter Eve service, St. Mary's
Sunday	5		Easter Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Family Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Communion, St. Mary's
Friday	10	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Saturday	11	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sunday	12		First Sunday after Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		6.30 pm	Evensong, Christ Church
Tuesday	14	7.30 pm	Wives Group, Children's Chapel, St. Mary's
Wednesday	15	7.30 pm	Filling Station, Kilndown Village Hall
Friday	17	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Saturday	18	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sunday	19		Second Sunday after Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's, followed by Annual Parochial Church meeting
Tuesday	21	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
Thursday	23	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's

Friday	24	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
		5.30 am	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Saturday	25	10.00 am	Friends of St. Mary's outside clear up
		10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sunday	26		Third Sunday after Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Tuesday	28	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
Thursday	30	10.00 am	Holy Communion

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church:

Oscar Ian Vousden (baptised in St. Mary's, 15 February 2015)

COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR APRIL 1915



9th April 1915: Alfred John Gurr, Private S2/018247, 63rd Depot Unit, 13th Division, Army Service Corps. A married man; family home at Trowswell Cottage, Goudhurst, and formerly in North Road. His peacetime job as a grocer's assistant, perhaps a deliveryman, may be what led him to become a driver in the ASC. Although prompt to volunteer after the outbreak of war, he never left England and died of scarlet fever and phthisis (a wasting disease) in a military isolation hospital at Aldershot, aged 33.



24th April 1915: Basil Edward Clarke, Private I7104, 7th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. A son of James Sanderson Clarke, Vicar of Goudhurst from 1864 to 1910. After working as a clerk in London, he emigrated to British Columbia in 1910 aged 37. He enlisted immediately in August 1914, deducting five years from his true age in order to ensure acceptance. The Canadians first entered the front line on 15th April near Ypres where, in the frantic aftermath of the Germans' first ever gas attack, Basil was killed nine days later aged 42.

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

3Ts PROJECT in conjunction with FRIENDS of MARDEN'S HERITAGE

SATURDAY 18th APRIL, 2015 – 7.30pm – In Church

A ST. GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT featuring THE WEALDEN CONSORT

Tickets:- £10.00 to include a glass of wine and light refreshments

Available from Steve McArragher, 01622 831007 or

Graham Codling 01622 832622



LADIES

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
FIND NEW INTERESTS,
HEAR GOOD SPEAKERS,
TRY NEW ACTIVITIES?
THE COME ALONG TO
GOUDHURST W.I.**

**We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm
in Goudhurst Parish Hall. Why not give it a try?**

(And there's no need to wear a hat or bake a cake).

'Phone Vera on 01892 890477 to find out more

GOUDHURST ANNUAL 10K RUN

The Goudhurst annual 10k run will be taking place on Sunday 12th April at Risebridge. There will also be a 5k run and children's race.

If you would like to take part in this years run you can either download the entry form or register online using the following link.

<http://www.nice-work.org.uk/events.php?id=34>

VILLAGE ECHOES

Many readers may be unaware of a hamlet in the parish of Kilndown called Priors Heath. It is centred on a triangle of houses with a few additional dwellings scattered nearby. It was where our past Chairman, Gordon Batchelor, lived for many years and this piece is largely drawn from his research on the area (with permission of his widow Betty).



As with most places there have been many versions or corruptions of the name over time, but it is suggested that originally it was connected with Richard Puyl who appeared in a local document of 1254. A more positive reference appears in 1684 when a John Hatch was paying £2 per annum for 'Pryors Heath' and later in 1781 when land was described as being next to 'Poyles Heath'

In 1811 the Overseers of the Poor of Goudhurst bought a 'cottage and twenty-five rods at Poiles Heath' for £40 as an extension of the Goudhurst Workhouse. This was Black Dog Cottage, Gordon's home for over 50 years. It is now number one of twelve houses in the triangle. The Cottage was sold in 1839 when the Cranbrook Union opened to accommodate the poor of several local parishes, including Goudhurst. The sales particulars quoted its location as Piles Heath. The origin of the name Black Dog, which is also the name of the adjacent field and wood, comes from an old smuggling legend. This told of a dog fitted with a false black skin by smugglers that travelled from Priors Heath to the coast, returning loaded with lace and silks.

The owner of a beer shop set up in the 1850s at Black Dog Cottage was fined 25/- for not having a licence to trade, but this wasn't the only retail outlet at Priors Heath. There was also a small handy shop run by a Mrs Lucas, which used to stand on what is now

known as 'The Heath'. Although no buying and selling now takes place, the residents often meet here to celebrate auspicious occasions such as the Millennium and Royal weddings etc. A tea party was held to mark the retirement of the local postman Barry. Mostly it is used by the children for playing on.

Once the census records started in 1841, other occupants were listed at Priors Heath! Although it is difficult to place everyone in individual houses, they included a stonemason, a gardener and shoemaker. At that time stone was being quarried in the field to the west, to build Bedgebury. In the following years the census returns show a frequent change of residents in what were then tied cottages housing domestic staff for Bedgebury and agricultural labourers for the tenant farmers of the estate.

The Beresford family built additional cottages in the mid 19th century and converted others to ensure that they had three bedrooms. Two more pairs of cottages were built by Isaac Lewis who bought the Bedgebury Estate in 1899. Lewis sold to the Crown in 1916 and ten years after the end of WWII electricity was installed together with two communal septic tanks, one now replaced with a Klargestor bought by the community. When the larders were converted to bathrooms, the outside toilets became tool sheds.

The increasing mechanisation of farming made the tied cottages redundant and eventually all were sold by the estate. All but one have been extended and modernised to be unrecognisable by their early tenants. The story of change at Priors Heath could probably be repeated in any rural hamlet countryside.

Local History Society

Email: info@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Website: www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Tel: 01580 211711

FINCHCOCKS

Finchcocks opens for the season on Sunday and Monday April 5/6, with extended, less formal, opening hours of 11am to 5pm. It is hoped that this will allow more people to try the instruments, explore the house and grounds, and sample the delights of the Cellar Restaurant. Booking for lunch is not essential but would be appreciated, teas, without reservation, are served throughout the afternoon.

First event for the season is on Friday April 24 with Lamberhurst Music Festival presenting the London Baroque, playing works from the 17th century by Corelli and Purcell and from the 18th century by Handel, Bach and Mozart. Tickets are £20 each from www.lamberhurstmusic.co.uk or 07812 192338. Drinks and buffet supper available from 6pm, to book supper at £16 per head, call Finchcocks on 01580 211702. The concert begins at 7.30pm.

QUARRY CENTRE

Life at the Quarry Centre continues at a steady pace, open on Saturdays for the Shop, Quilting Group on Tuesdays, Art Group on Wednesdays, with an assortment of other bookings from time to time. To hire the QC only costs £5 per hour and is it just the right size for the smaller meeting or event, although it has accommodated 40 seated for a birthday party!

Don't forget we always have milk and eggs, meats in the freezer and a good selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, quite often cheaper than the supermarkets. Still no news on the charitable status front, which is a pity as we do have a couple of people who would like to donate money, but only if we are a registered charity. Talking of money and funds, Penny Pots still turn up (a residue of fundraising for the toilet), the monthly Raffle is proving popular, and the Bling is still selling (remnants from the Three B's Sale in 2013), all small stuff but helps keep the interest going, which we will need as soon as the work on the exterior is put into motion.

Later in the year we have a Birthday! Or should it be three, as the building is 135 years old, the Quarry Centre has been established 35 years and the Saturday Shop 15 years. What are we going to do to celebrate? There are some thoughts, you'll have to wait and see!

Lynda and Richard



SPRING SHOW

Saturday, 11th April, 2015, Kildown Village Hall
Show Opens at 2.30 p.m. Prizes will be Presented at 4 p.m.

Exhibits to be staged by 11 a.m.

Non-members are very welcome to enter

Entries are due in by Wednesday, 8th April, and should be sent to Lynda Shepherd at lyndashepherd@talktalk.net, telephone: 01580 879549.

Classes include flowers, vegetables, flower arrangements, cookery, handicrafts and children's section. Schedules with details of all classes and hints for exhibitors may be obtained from Lynda Shepherd. Entry fees for all classes are 20p per entry (children free) and can be paid on the day.

Teas Available Grand Raffle



Parish Priest

Fr. Victor McClean - The Presbytery, Beresford Road Goudhurst TN17 1DN

Phone: 01580 211268 Email: vic.mcclean@btconnect.com

Website <http://www.rcgoudhurst.org.uk>

Masses

Saturday:	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst
Sunday:	8.30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst
	10.30am	Goudhurst
Monday to Thursday:	9.30am	Goudhurst
Friday:	10.00am	Hawkhurst

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

Parish Contacts

Chris Roome 01580 891686 Churches Together



*Bowl Water
last week
a greater-
crested grebe*



WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Amenity Lorry (Cory) will be at these locations:

Goudhurst, Balcombes Hill Car Park, 8.00 am to 11.00 am

05 April

19 April

03 May

17 May

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

19 April

17 May

Curtisdan Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

19 April

17 May

This service is meant for the disposal of small household rubbish items. No trade waste please.

If you have large items for disposal such as bulky furniture, old cookers, washing machines and fridges, or potentially hazardous items, please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (01892 526121) for advice and to arrange a special collection (for which there is a small charge).

Everybody is invited to use the Recycling Facilities at:

Balcombes Hill Car Park – glass

Bethany School – glass, cans, paper and cardboard

Finchcocks – glass, cans, plastic bottles, paper and cardboard. Please note that the Finchcocks facility is open during daylight hours only and domestic rubbish should not be left there.

The Peacock – glass and textiles

Globe & Rainbow, Kilndown – glass and cans

Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School (big yellow container) – clothing including socks and underwear, paired shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys, perfume, cosmetics, net curtains, towels and aprons. This facility is a school fund raiser.

Harpers Farm, Summerhill, Curtisdan Green – textiles and shoes. This is a charity facility.

Please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council 01892 526121 if you have any queries about waste collection and recycling.

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Litter Pick through the Parish will be on Saturday and Sunday 28/29 March. Not obviously top of the list for excitement in Goudhurst but one could be wrong! If previous participation is anything to go by between 30 and 50 fluorescent jacketed residents will be out with picking sticks, gloves and plastic bags collecting all manner of rubbish from the verges and ditches around the parish. Last year we left it a bit late and with the winter that never quite made it, the grass kept growing so the litter was well hidden and not so easy to collect. Hopefully, this year we will have got our timing right and will do a great job, all organised under the direct supervision of Clerk! So, if you would like to join the merry band in and around Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green do contact Anthony on 01580 212552 to book your route and collect your equipment for the day, and ... if you can't ... wish us a fine a day to keep our parish a pleasant place.

The 7th of May is Election Day for the country and our Parish. So anyone wishing to stand in one of our three wards of Goudhurst (8 Parish Council seats) Kilndown (3 seats) and Curtisden Green (1 seat) will need to get their application duly completed and signed to the TWBC Returning Officer no later than 4.00pm on Thursday 9 April. But whether standing or not do please make sure to vote and if you want to say farewell to those not seeking re-election see them at the Goudhurst & Kilndown Annual Meetings being held in the Goudhurst Village Hall on the evening Tuesday 21st April and the Kilndown Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd April.

Next, but not least, please remember Goudhurst in Bloom 2015 and if you are proud of your front garden (or for that matter your neighbours' or your friends') do please enter; forms will be available by email on angelathebroom@aol.com. Judging will be early in July.

Technology marches on in Goudhurst. Call Flow Solutions inform us that now that their enhanced equipment is safely installed on top of St Mary's Church, they have completed their backlog of installations, so those with a still too slow internet connection should call them on 0845 2741114 to discuss an upgrade.

Your council are informed that Country Eye is the latest App for Kent, helping to keep the Rural Community in Kent safe. The app records and disseminates information using camera and GPS location settings. Country Eye has been built to help Kent residents and farmers receive rural information quickly and efficiently. It allows users to record and share information on crime, suspicious behaviour and damage to their home community or whilst out and about. Download the free app from the app store or google play or search Country Eye on www.countryeye.co.uk.

And finally the upgraded village website www.goudhurst.co.uk is a mine of information about the village, places to stay, eat, see and our glorious countryside together with information on your Parish Council - its agenda, meetings and minutes. If you have not visited the website before, it is worth a look.

Alan, Angela, Antony, Barry, Clive, David,
Ed, Guy, John, Phil, Stephen & Tony.

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 13 April	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 14 April	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 28 April	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 28 April	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council Annual Meeting	Thurs 14 May	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Goudhurst Annual Parish Meeting	Tues 21 April	7.45 pm	Goudhurst Parish Hall
Kilndown Annual Parish Meeting	Wed 22 April	8.00 pm	Kilndown Village Hall

All are welcome to attend these meetings at which time is set aside for questions from the public.

Anthony Farnfield, Clerk 01580 212552
clerk@goudhurst.co.uk www.goudhurst.co.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

Goudhurst Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 21 April 7.45 for 8.00 pm Goudhurst Parish Hall

Kilndown Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 22 April 8.00 pm Kilndown Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meetings are not Parish Council Meetings although they are facilitated by the Parish Council. All English Parishes must convene such a meeting between 01 March and 01 June annually. However by long established custom separate meetings are held for Goudhurst and for Kilndown in the civil Parish of Goudhurst. The Chairman of the Parish Council will present a brief report on Council's activities. However these meetings are mainly an opportunity for village organisations to report on their activities and for members of the public to ask questions and to raise any general issues.

Do please come along – you might be surprised by what you learn!

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections are to be held on Thursday, 7th May 2015 to elect the Parish Council for a further 4 year term. Parishioners will have the opportunity to vote for 8 councillors to represent the Goudhurst Ward, 3 councillors for Kilndown and 1 councillor to represent Curtisden Green.

Have you thought of standing for election? The closing date for nominations is 4.00 pm on Thursday 9th April. If you would like to know more about what is involved, do please get in touch.

Anthony Farnfield, Clerk to Goudhurst Parish Council 01580 212552

Little Squirrels



Kilndown
Pre-School

Celebrating 25 years in preschool education.

SAVE THE DATE **Sunday April 26th**

We will be celebrating our 25 years in style, with a treasure themed event. There will be something for all the family so come along and celebrate with us.

Happy birthday to you.

The following children have celebrated or are celebrating their birthdays (Feb, Mar) - Amelia (2) Danielle(4)

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to Natalia and her family as they join Little Squirrels this term.

Community links

Rev. Hugh Nelson has been visiting for several weeks now and his presence is well received by the children, they enjoy listening to his stories.

A visit to Cranbrook fire station has been arranged for after Easter, along with the discovery bus and a visit to Scotney castle. The children will be learning about different occupations.

Staff

We have two new members of qualified bank staff joining our team Lara Williams and Katy Green. They are both parents' whose children attend local schools and we are very privileged to have them as part of Little Squirrels.

World book day

WE celebrated world book day by taking the books out and about. This allowed the children to enjoy their favourite stories in the wonderful woodland.

Do you want to see what else we have been up to, follow us on facebook: Little squirrels kilndown preschool.



MAGAZINE ITEMS

Over the last few years, as space has permitted we have printed occasional full-page items for some of our contributors. Others have since started sending in full-page items too and with the increasing demand for space in our trade directory (which helps cover the costs of producing the Magazine) we can no longer guarantee the printing of such items. Please could you ensure that full-page items should be accompanied by smaller, text only, versions. This will help us to print items from all contributors.

David Denton

GOUDHURST & KILNDOWN RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9 April in the Church Room at 7.45 when Jonathan Stoneman will give his presentation on THE MAGIC OF THE HORN. Brahms called the horn 'the soul of the orchestra'. The horn has a character all of its own - or, more precisely, it has many characters and they will be explored in this talk. Jonathan is a keen amateur horn player who organised the recent 46th International Horn Symposium (as well as being a former diplomat and a journalist and trainer for the BBC). Members come free and guests are welcomed at £5.

On 25th April

CRANBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY

will present

**Barber's Adagio for Strings with Cranbrook Sinfonia
the Duruflé Requiem and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms
conducted by Jeffrey Gray**

in St Dunstan's church Cranbrook 7.30 pm

Tickets £12.50 from Grace Travel, Choral members or at the door

A date for your diary:

20th June in Benenden Church at 6.30 pm

"Music for a Summer's Evening"

LAMBERHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday April 24th the London Baroque will be performing at Finchcocks at 7 30 pm. The London Baroque was formed in 1978 and is regarded world –wide as one of the foremost exponents of baroque chamber music. The programme will include works from the 17th century by Corelli and Purcell and from the 18th century by Handel, Bach and Mozart.

Tickets cost £20 and doors open at 7 45 pm. A 2 course buffet supper will be served from 6 00 pm at £16 per person which must be reserved in advance. Bar and coffee also at 6 00 pm and in the interval.

Telephone for tickets 07812 192338

Address: LMF The Down House, Lamberhurst, TN3 8ET

STAPLEHURST MUSIC CENTRE

Staplehurst Music Centre is open each Saturday from 8.30am to 1.30pm during term-time offering a range of instrumental lessons and ensemble opportunities for adults and children of all ages and abilities. Individual instrumental lessons are offered with experienced teachers in all woodwind, brass and string instruments, classical guitar, recorders, piano, singing and drum kit.

The Community Orchestra meets from 10.00 - 11.00am each week and the Centre runs a recorder ensemble and a clarinet group.

Zing Zone music classes are available throughout the morning for children aged between 12 months and nine years.

Contact us via the Music Centre website: www.staplehurst-music-centre.co.uk which is updated regularly with news, term dates and concert information.

FOOTPATH WALK The Gill and bluebells (Sunday 26 April 2015 at 10:15)

This walk starts at 10.15am at the Tattlebury Triangle. Park on the south side of the Tattlebury Triangle - the triangular area with several large trees located on the south side of the main A262 some 300m east of Goudhurst Church. The route of the walk follows a footpath to the north, downhill onto Chequers Road, west along Chequers Road into The Gill. This is a nature reserve managed by Kent Wildlife Trust. We can follow a figure-of-eight path which, with luck, will reveal dense areas of bluebells under the trees. The Hebridean sheep are a further source of interest.

We can expect to return to the start by 12 noon. There are four stiles and may be some muddy stretches. The only public footpath involved is WC30.

If you have questions about the walk please contact David at d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430 or mobile on the day 07518 894 915. The Goudhurst Walker's Map has the key to all footpaths in the area and is available from the walk organiser or from Goudhurst Newsagent.

David and Pamela Boniface



PLANT SALE

The Royal British Legion's Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, 16th May, on The Plain for the benefit of the POPPY APPEAL.

So when sowing and planting this year, please add a few extra rows for us or divide up shrubs and perennials for the Plant Sale so that we can raise a huge amount of money.

Enquiries to: Barbara Stafford, RBL Honorary Poppy Appeal Organizer 01580 212467

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING

Pat Crawford provides the
HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN

The subject of 'Food' - and the 'Security' attached to it - is once again climbing higher on the agenda. The NFU Conference is no fun 'get-away' for farmers – it is reserved for presentations and discussions about serious matters. That at this year's conference NFU president Meurig Raymond issued a warning about our ever declining self-sufficiency should be taken seriously.

The Oxford farming conference – to give it the full title – was held way back in January. Since then the price of food has seemed to dominate the news as though that is all that interests consumers. The 'big boys' – the multiples – fight it out on the shelves and in the media, so much so that we seem to be forgetting that it is the availability of food that is most important.

It was surely good, from all perspectives, that the conference brought together climate change, population growth and food security. Considering one without taking account of the effects of the others would surely be, at best, blinkered? 2014 was officially the warmest year since records began in 1910, but also the 4th wettest. The latest statistics concerning population growth indicate that by 2030 we shall need 30% more water, 40% more energy, and 50% more food.

The south-east suffers an additional problem that impacts – in economic and social terms – on practically everything: shortage of land. Demand for land is insatiable – price reflects demand – which leads to questions about priorities. Producing food? Housing and infrastructure needs? Green energy? And from this equation, we shouldn't omit way-of-life.

Alongside these issues we have to reduce the national deficit. Mark Lumsdon-Taylor – finance director at Hadlow College – comments: 'Whatever the colour of the next government, deficit reduction will undoubtedly be a top priority and only the method will vary'.

Despite sophisticated analysis – despite some of the best brains in the business – despite hundreds of 'talk shops' - so far we are very short of realistic (workable) projections and solutions regarding the vast sums that will have to be found to keep Britain 'safe'. This surely includes security in relation to food – a basic and essential human requirement.

Arguably, we can all help by valuing the work done by our farmers and growers, paying more attention to seasonality, buying local – regional – British – whenever possible.

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Goudhurst Village Pre-school



We are happy to welcome our new attendees Miles Whipp, Summer Rose, Owen Wilson and Charlie Barstow. We hope they settle in to have fun with us in the forthcoming Spring weeks and beyond.

Last month we took the children on an outing to High Weald Academy to see the farm animals and especially the new born lambs. Thanks to all the parents who accompanied us and provided transport.

At the end of this term on Wednesday April 1st we are holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition for all the children in the playground next to the pre-school setting. Everyone is welcome to join us at 11.30 am for coffee, teas and cake. Bring picnics if the weather is nice.

We hope you all have an enjoyable Easter Holiday. The pre-school Summer term starts on April 20th and that week we will be celebrating St George's Day by making shields, building a castle on our decking, listening to dragon stories and creating dragon collages.

This will be followed by a week filled with music and movement in which we will be listening to a variety of genres, dancing and moving around with our own expressive interpretation of what we hear and making an assortment of musical instruments to play.

For pre-school photos and news please see our Facebook page and website.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>

HORSMONDEN FARMERS' MARKET

The Horsmonden Farmers Market will be up and running on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the Month from 9 till 12, normally on the Village Green but if the weather is bad we revert to the Village Hall in Back Lane

Stalls include local farm produce with seasonal fruit and veg available during the summer months. Vegetarian food in the form of quiches and pies. Jams and preserves. Local Lamb, beef and pork reared and bred within ten miles of the market. Craft Stalls including Picture Framing, Jewellery, Alpaca products, crochet knits. Garden Plants and produce.

Please see website for more details on stallholders. Refreshments available.

Come along and have a browse you never know who you will meet and what you might go home with for yourself or a friend.

No entry fees or car parking fees.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

1

G&K Primary School
Easter Service @ St Mary's.
2pm. End of Term

Goudhurst Village Pre-School
Easter Bonnet Competition
and Easter Egg Hunt – 11.30

2

**Maundy Thursday
Last Supper**
at 7.30 St Mary's

6

Bewl Water
Eggcellent
Easter Fun

7

Hop Farm
Extreme Torque Show

Local History Society
AGM & Film of 1977 Silver
Jubilee in Goudhurst Church
Room 7.30

8

**Moby Dick's
Fish & Chips**
Wednesday
Eve's
on The Plain

9

**"Commemorating
the Fallen"**
War Memorial @ 5pm

**Goudhurst Recorded Music
Society**
"The Magic of the Horn"
Church Room 7.45

13

14

Goudhurst Tuesday Club
Alison on Japan

15

Goudhurst WI
April Meeting
Parish Hall @ 7.30

16

Pizza Cucina
Thursday Evenings

20

G&K Primary School
Summer Term Starts

21

22

Kilndown Annual Village Meeting
Kilndown Village Hall

G&K Primary School
Yr 4 Ash: Forest School

23

**G&K
Primary School**
Yr 1 Larch:
Forest School

27

**Royal British Legion
Committee
& Branch Meeting**
Jessel Room 7.30

28

29

G&K Primary School
Yr 4 Hazel: Forest School

30

G&K Primary School
Yr 1 Birch: Forest School

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

3
GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross
from The Plain – 10 am

First Friday
Meeting @ Weeks

DOGKS
April Beers

Finchcocks
Jazz Evening

10
Café Toddler @ St Mary's
Every Friday 9am

17

24
"Commemorating the Fallen"
War Memorial @ 5pm
Finchcocks
London Baroque

4
Quarry Centre
Saturday Shop,
Easter Gifts: 9-12.

St Mary's
Service of New Fire and
Light Joint Worship. 8pm

11
Kilndown Gardening Club
Spring Show
Hop Farm
K9 Aqua Training Weekend

18
St Mary's Choir
Practice every Saturday @ 10am
Hop Farm
"Dirty Dozen Races"

25
Bewl Water
Big Bug Hunt Weekend

5
EASTER SUNDAY
Finchcocks
Open day

12
Goudhurst Annual Run
5k and 10k @ Risebridge
Finchcocks
Open Day

22
Finchcocks
Open Day

26
Little Squirrels
25th Birthday Party!

dates may change!



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“My Childhood in Nazi Berlin and My Escape to England”
by John Izbicki
former Daily Telegraph Correspondent
Wednesday, 15th April, 2.30 p.m., Goudhurst Parish Hall

Non-Members welcome - £2.50

Future Monthly Talks

20th May Annual General Meeting followed by

“Blinded on Duty” with Steve Pendleton, formerly of the 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets

17th June “Age is No Excuse” by Jonathan Hockey, Chartered Physiotherapist

Outing A visit for members to the Magna Carta Exhibition at The British Library has been arranged for Tuesday, 12th May, at 11a.m. For the first time, the Library will be hosting Introductory Overviews of the Magna Carta Exhibition. Following this curator-accredited talk the group will visit the Exhibition for roughly 1½ hours.

Further details and booking form from the contact details above.

Ian Miller, Chairman, Goudhurst & District U3A



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10am to 6pm daily - entrance & car parking free

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30 local artists, potters and sculptors exhibiting over 350 works

Featured Artist Peter Robson Illustrated Exhibition Guide £1

With free draw ticket for an original painting by Kaidy Lewis

ARTISTS DEMONSTRATING SATURDAY 16th MAY

& WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 6PM TO 9PM

Please come and meet the artists at their easels and discuss their work

MEMBERS CRAFT IN THE ADJOINING COBBLED BARN FRIDAY 22nd to SUNDAY 24th MAY

JEWELLERY – CERAMICS – GLASS – WOODWORK - FABRIC

Yvonne Bonham – Member email: y.bonham@btinternet.com Tel: 01233 770425

2015 Exhibition supported by Lark Insurance

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Members are reminded that the March meeting of the branch will be held on Monday 23rd March at 2.30 pm at the Star and Eagle.

In April we shall be resuming our commemoration of those who died in World War I, remembering Alfred Gurr on 9th April and Basil Clark on 24th April. On Saturday 25th April, ANZAC Day, the Australian flag will fly to offer our respects to those who fell during the Gallipoli landings. Although no local regiments were involved, this campaign ranks as one of the most remarkable feats of arms in military history.

On the night of 24th/25th April 1915 200 ships of the British and French navies, preparing to land 75,000 allied troops on the Turkish mainland, converged on the long, narrow Gallipoli peninsula. Before first light the soldiers disembarked into smaller boats to be rowed or towed ashore onto the narrow, sandy beaches found on a largely rocky coastline. For the ANZAC troops landing at what became known as ANZAC cove there was then little opposition. That came later as they advanced inland. Despite a supporting naval bombardment other units were met with withering rifle and machine gunfire before they reached the shore, and many regiments lost half their strength within minutes, and the water up to fifty yards out to sea was red with blood.

However those who survived showed extraordinary courage and determination as they gained a foothold on the land, but the Turkish defence was so strong that after a few days the allies only managed to advance five miles up the peninsula towards Constantinople. Four or five major battles and other landings further up the coast took place, but by August no further advance seemed possible and plans were made to withdraw the allied forces.

This was no victory, but nothing can dim the quite exceptional bravery and endurance of those who took part. Eight thousand miles from home, facing hostile weather conditions, receiving irregular supplies, the ANZAC forces suffered 33,000 casualties, 10,000 killed, the highest proportion of casualties to their total strength of any allied forces. We shall honour their sacrifice by raising the Australian flag on 25th April.

Robin Mitchell

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This month's cover photograph of snowdrops was taken by Graham Knight. Graham is a member of the U3A Photography Group.

If you have any pictures which may be suitable for one of our Magazine covers please email it the editor.

David Denton

Opening eyes to water

Open day

Bowl Water Treatment Works, near Lamberhurst, Kent

Saturday 9 May 2015

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Come and see behind the scenes, how your water is collected, stored and treated to provide safe drinking water. Also learn about how to use water wisely and reduce your bills.

First come, first served

Entry strictly by ticket only. Places subject to confirmation

Telephone **01732 375410** between **9.00 am – 5.00 pm** weekdays, to book. Conditions apply. ID will be required

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southeastwater.co.uk/opendays





Don't Forget The Goudhurst Fete, Saturday the 13th of June 2015

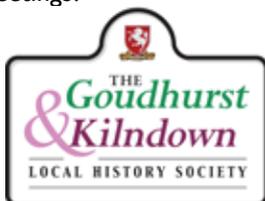
- **Scarecrow Competition: Please leave scarecrows in St Marys on Friday the 12th or early on Saturday the 13th of June**
- **Tug of War.**
- **Dog Show, SAVE the DATE, 13th June 2015.**
- **Food and Drinks.**
- **Lots of Fun for All ages.**
- For more information please email, james.cooke11@btopenworld.com



GOUDHURST '77 – A RIOT ON THE STREETS

On **April 7th at 7.45pm**, our A.G.M will take place followed by an evocative film documenting Goudhurst's Silver Jubilee Celebrations 1977 – a riot of history, floats, familiar faces and very weird costumes.

Reminisce at **The Church Room, Back Lane, Goudhurst**. Entry: free for members, just £2.50 for non-members. But why not join; it's just £7.50pp for the season's meetings?



For more information visit: www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org