

GOUDHURST & KILNDOWN PARISH MAGAZINE



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WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Rogation Walk – 3 May

On Sunday, 3 May we will be walking from Christ Church to St. Mary's. We will meet at Christ Church at 9.15 for a very short service before walking to St. Mary's in time for the Family Service at 10.45 – hopefully we should make it time and the sun will shine! Please do join us for what should be a beautiful walk. We have a full programme of activities during the summer months for everyone to get involved in – please see the website for more details.



Rogation walk - 2008

Café Toddlers

Café Toddlers is open in St. Mary's during May for anyone to drop into between 9am and 11am on a Friday morning. Dads, Mums, Grannies and toddlers come for a combination of cakes, crafts, coffee and conversation. Everyone is welcome though, there are newspapers available, so do pop in, even if you haven't got a toddler but just fancy dropping in for a chat – it's a real chance to meet other local people and enjoy some community spirit.

Songs of Praise

On Sunday, 31 May at 6pm at Christ Church, Kilndown, we will be hearing from various members of the community about their favourite hymns, and then singing them – it's just like the TV! This should be a really lovely occasion, so please do join us.

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

BRASS & VOICES

GRAND SUMMER CONCERT

7.30 pm SATURDAY 4 JULY 2015 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GOUDHURST

CRANBROOK TOWN BAND & KILNDOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR

'SALUTE TO AMERICA' & 'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS'

TICKETS £8 / £5 Under-18s (Additional £1.00 per order, if posted)

Available from Goudhurst News : 01892 890554 : info@kilndownchoir.org.uk

Tickets available on the door (subject to availability)



Hospice in the Weald - Open Gardens 2015

Summer's just around the corner, country gardens are bursting into colour and Hospice in the Weald Open Gardens is here once again to help you find some of the most delightful in our region.

Our Open Gardens scheme raised just over £11,000 for the hospice last year and, with some exciting additions for 2015, lots more visitors are likely to fancy a stroll around gardens of all shapes and sizes - small ones to inspire creativity, larger areas to explore, gardens for wildlife enthusiasts and interesting ideas for fruit and vegetable plots. And in several villages, neighbours are opening a chain of gardens so that visitors can wander from one to another.

To request a brochure please contact Pam Coleman on 01892 820502 or email pam.coleman@hospiceintheweald.org.uk or please visit www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk where you can view each individual garden.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

By the time you read this, the General Election will either be very close, or will have happened. As I write this, the commentators and media are saying it will be one of the closest elections in British history, with more possible outcomes than ever before.

Soon though, we will know who will be living in 10 Downing Street and who will be making the huge decisions that face our nation. We will know also who will be representing us in this constituency for the next 5 years.

Religion and politics have been uneasy bedfellows for many years (Jesus himself was asked a pretty tricky question about taxation 2000 years ago - see Mark 12:14-17 for the full story), and the arguments about whether the church should be involved in the nitty gritty detail of public policy have been around again in recent months.

The bible is very clear about 2 things though. First, that God is deeply interested in what goes on here on earth. He isn't stuck away beyond the clouds somewhere, keeping a vague eye on us - he is involved and engaged, and he cares about the things that make the world more or less the way he designed it to be. He cares about the kinds of things politicians are thinking about - medical care, education, the distribution of wealth, how we deal with other countries, how we deal with those wanting to come and live in our country. He is just as interested in these very real and very human issues as he is in the 'holy' stuff that happens in church.

With that in mind, you might like to look at the website of an organisation called Christians in Politics, which is made up of Christian members of the main parties, who want to bring their faith to bear on the godly business of politics. Their website is at www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk.

Secondly, the bible is clear that we should pray for those who take up the demanding responsibility of running a country. The New Testament book 1 Timothy urges its readers to 'pray for kings and all in authority' - and for us that includes Prime Ministers, Ministers of State and our MP.

So whether you are reading this before or after the election, why not take a moment to stop and to pray for those who are seeking, or those who have taken up, high office. They have enormous decisions to make which affect the lives of millions of people in this country and further afield. Pray that they be given courage, wisdom, physical strength and a commitment to the welfare of all people - not just those that they identify with, or those who support them. Pray also that they be able to stand up to the inevitable temptations that go with power, that they be able to stand firm, remain honest and remember that their role is to serve those who have elected them.

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.

Fri	1	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Café Toddler, St. Mary's Youth Group meets (contact Kev Draper for more detail – kevdraper@sky.com)
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Sun	3		Easter 5
		8.00 am 9.15 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's Rogation Sunday walk – meet at Christ Church at 9.15 to then walk to St. Mary's in time for the Family Service at 10.45

Thurs	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	8	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's

Sun	10		Easter 6
		8.00 am 9.15 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion, St. Mary's Holy Communion, Christ Church Holy Communion, St. Mary's Evensong, Christ Church

Tues	12	7.30 pm	Wives Group, Children's Chapel, St. Mary's
Thurs	14	6.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service, St Mary's (breakfast to follow) Holy Communion, St. Mary's Goudhurst & Kilndown Recorded Music Society with Peter Medhurst

Fri	15	9.00 am 7.30 pm	Café Toddler, St. Mary's Youth Group meets (contact Kev Draper for more detail – kevdraper@sky.com)
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Sat	16	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Choir Practice, St. Mary's Baptism, St. Mary's
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Sun	17		Sunday after Ascension Day
		8.00 am 9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's Holy Communion, Christ Church Holy Communion, St. Mary's

Wed	20	7.30 pm	Filling Station, Kilndown Village Hall
Thurs	21	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	22	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
Sat	23	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's

Sun	24		Pentecost
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		No 10.45 am service in St. Mary's due to the Big Church Day Out, Wiston Hall, West Sussex	
Thurs	28	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Sat	30	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sun	31		Trinity Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		6.00 pm	Songs of Praise, Christ Church

FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage:

James Cavey and Josephine Hayes (18 April 2015)

FUNERAL / BURIAL - We commend into God's loving care:

Roger Dalleywater
 Sir Derek Day
 Shirley Creasey
 Tom Sibree
 Fred Page
 Percy Mephram
 Lorna Stroud

THANK YOU FROM THE DAY FAMILY

We have been overwhelmed by the number of kind letters and cards we have received following the death of Derek, and hope you will accept this acknowledgment as a personal thank you. Your support for all of us over the past few months is very much appreciated.

With our love and thanks,

Sheila Day
 and the family



COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR MAY 1915

11th May 1915: Thomas William Relf, Driver 95251, 6th Depot, Royal Field Artillery. Family home at Combourne Farm, Goudhurst, where he worked alongside his father as a carter and ploughman, his experience with horses suiting him for a position as Driver. Though an early volunteer for the army, he never left the UK. His unit was based in Glasgow, and he died there in Maryhill Barracks of double pneumonia, aged 18.



27th May 1915: Victor Iden Moore, Stoker 2nd Class, K/23684, HMS Princess Irene, Royal Navy. Family home at Trillinghurst Farm, between Kildown and Goudhurst. A farm boy until he enlisted at Chatham in January 1915, he never left Kent. A massive explosion destroyed his ship near the mouth of the River Medway, killing about 370 dockyard workers and sailors, including Victor, aged 19.



DEANERY NEWS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN FRIENDS of MARDEN'S HERITAGE

SATURDAY 6th JUNE, 2015 – 3.30pm
Southon's Field, Maidstone Road, Marden

ADVANCE NOTICE of MARDEN's BIG MUSICAL PICNIC

featuring Southon Comfort, a local band; Village Voices, a local choir; and many other musical acts including Marden School Choir.

Children's Games, Tug-o-War, A Variety of Stalls, Barbeque, Cakes, Tea and Coffee, Grand Raffle

Bring along a picnic and something to drink.

Tickets:- £5.00 available in advance from Village Stores, West End Stores, Heritage Centre or

from Steve McArragher, 01622 831007.

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01892 890554 or 07957 681923 info@kilndownchoir.org.uk or
david_newsom@hotmail.com



We hope you all had a chocolate-filled, bunny-hopping Easter break, and are now delighted to welcome our new attendees Amelia Willis, James Casson, Tilly Larkin and Finlay Johnston to the pre-school for summer-term fun.

We will be asking the children to bring in their pets for pet week, making pet sock puppets and using lots of different media to make collages of pets. We will then be having a pirate week, where not only the children but also the staff will be dressing in pirate costumes. We will be making a large skull and crossbones flag to put on our pirate ship and sailing away on the high seas. The children will be making treasure chests and hunting for treasure in our sand pit.

For our last week we are looking at Old McDonald's Farm, making farm animal masks and hopefully visiting some farm animals. Woolly sheep, cows, pigs and chickens will be crafted by the children and put on a large farmyard scene.

Our monthly play date with the Hippo Reception class at the Primary School will continue this term, which all the children enjoy with great enthusiasm.

We are proud to announce that we are now a chosen partner of Go Ape, so please join us on Saturday 16th May from 12 pm for a family day out to Bedgebury for our annual Sponsored Fancy Dress Tree Top Adventure. There are limited places available if you dress up and fund raise for us on both the main and junior courses, as well as a Cheeky Monkey tea party in the forest shelter for the younger children. Prizes for all age groups, bubbles for the adults and bags of fun. Email alisongvp@gmail.com to secure places and see our website for more detailed information of how to get involved.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

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

VILLAGE ECHOES

The significance of the word “Local” in the name of the Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society is often misunderstood: yes, the Society is a thoroughly local organisation, but “Local” really refers to its primary subject-matter – Local History, the history of the locality. The most valuable element in the creation of such history is the contribution made by “the locals” – the individuals whose daily activities form part of the continuous pattern of a community’s life. It comes as a bonus if their activities consciously include the recording of that history.

The passing of two born-and-bred “locals” in the last month has therefore come as a particularly heavy loss to the Society. It is for others to write the obituaries of Percy Mepham and Fred Page, whose long lives in this community have very much formed part of its history. They were both members of the Society for many years, and Percy was a committee member whose formal roles at various times included being its Treasurer and Vice-Chairman.



Fred Page



Percy Mepham

The Local History Society owes a significant debt of gratitude to them both for their many and varied positive contributions to recording the history of the community, for example their participation in the 1990 television documentary “Spitfire Summer” and, most recently of all, their enthusiastic and substantial assistance only last year in producing the Society’s latest book, “Goudhurst & Kilndown At War”. We shall miss Percy and Fred very much, and we offer our sincere condolences to their families.

Local History Society

Email: info@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Website: www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Tel: 01580 211711

SRI LANKA LINK QUIZ 2015

The Sri Lanka Link would like to thank all of those who supported our Quiz Night - our guests, the Ash family for orchestrating the quiz, all of the support behind the scenes on catering, and those who donated our raffle and auction prizes. We raised £2,100 on the night. If you would like to support the Link throughout the year for just £15, please get in touch with Gillian Kirk at gilliankirk2@gmail.com for more information.



A BRAND NEW SERVICE FOR GOUDHURST PARISH!

Making technology work for you.

Starting soon* we will be offering advice via Skype. This is a cost-free way of communicating with other people through the internet.

This means that you will be able to contact us in our offices to ask any questions about any matter.

We will be ready to help you from Monday to Friday from 10 to 12.

You may never have heard of or used Skype before, but the Parish Council will be able to help and support you.

*As soon as we have a definite start date for the service we will let you know.

In the meantime visit us at Cranbrook Library or phone 01580 714936

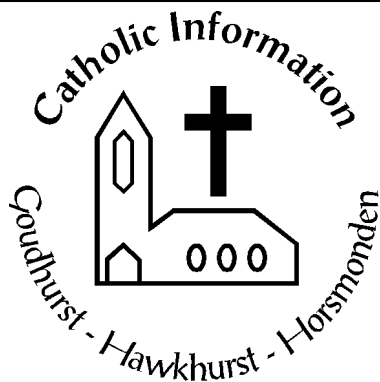


GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 14th May at 7.45 in St Mary's Church when Peter Medhurst presents 'What makes Beethoven Unique'. The Musical fingerprints of Beethoven are clearly recognisable to the ear and yet explaining why Beethoven sounds like Beethoven is trickier than at first might appear since he shared so many traits with the music of Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and others. Peter Medhurst is renowned internationally for presenting complex issues in a lucid and comprehensible way. The talk will include works by Beethoven and those who influenced him.

Members come free and visitors are welcome at £5.

Further information from Quentin Rappoport - 01580 211514.



Parish Priest

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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

7th ANNUAL RICHARD BEATTIE DAVIS SANDHURST MUSICAL EVENTS FOR 'HOSPICE IN THE WEALD'

SATURDAY JULY 25th. 3pm. Duo performance with garden party. The well known performers Oliver Davies (piano) and Adrian Bradbury (cello) will be playing a selection of Russian and ballet music. Tickets by donation (minimum £15) Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th. 3pm. Malcolm Binns will once again be thrilling us with his pianistic offerings from the great masters. Tickets by donation (minimum £15) Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14th. 3pm. Gil Jetley will be playing his own transcription of 'Romeo and Juliet' by Tchaikovsky, as well as other piano favourites. Tickets by donation (minimum £14) Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580-850384



Spring Show Success The Village Hall positively glowed with the daffodils, primroses and other spring flowers filling the display stands. The judge complimented entrants on the flower arrangements which she found “really bright and cheerful” and liked “the range of shapes and heights”. Richard Heaton was awarded the Isabel Bartlett Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit of Daffodils but Veronica Stacey was the star of the Show winning the Elliot Vase for her arrangement of Daffodils, the Nesbitt Prize for her totally green arrangement and the Nursery Challenge Cup for her arrangement of spring flowers. Ann Olley was hard on her heels winning the Garden Cup for the best exhibit of shrub or bulb flowers and the Mayhew Sponsored Prize in the cookery section. All entrants are to be congratulated on their high standards and skills.

Next Meeting Thursday, 7th May, 7.45 p.m., Quarry Centre. The popular Jude Lawton returns to talk on “The Work of Plant Heritage” which is the world’s leading garden plant conservation charity. Visitors Always Welcome - £2.00.

Barbara Stafford



Veronica Stacey received one of her awards from Valerie Oakman (Barrow)

WEBB FAMILY

A few weeks ago I was given a little brown suitcase that belonged to the late John Webb (Kilndown), it contains family photographs dating back to the 1880's. David Denton copied a wedding group, which he printed in the February edition of the Kilndown Newsletter and we had one or two names put forward, which included Jack Foster and Molly Webb. I know Jack died some while ago and John's brother lived in Goudhurst. Is there anyone from the Foster or Webb families who would like these 'photos'?

Lynda Shepherd
01580 879549



QUARRY CENTRE

Our monthly raffles are proving a hit, Vanessa Albertini being winner of the March one and Georgia Read-Cutting in February, at just 50p a ticket a worthwhile addition to our fundraising efforts. We have been donated a selection of DVD's and CD's to help with funds, these are now on sale alongside the paperback book collection at very reasonable prices.

Sewing Sale

In 2008 we had a Needles & Threads Exhibition and Sale, and where did the residue end up – in my spare room and in one of the cupboards at the QC. In an effort to minimise at home and the fact the QC needs more storage space.....a Sewing Sale. Items (at bargain prices) will include patterns, zips, threads, trimmings, silks, books etc. This is to be held at the QC on Saturday May 30 from 9am -12 noon. If anyone would like to add to this sale, items can be taken to the QC on any Saturday before the sale. This time the odds and ends will be donated to charity!

Lynda & Richard



FINCHCOCKS

Over the Bank Holiday Weekend of May 24/25, at Finchcocks there is a Weekend of English Nonsense! Celebrating English Musical Eccentricity with a wide range of unusual instruments taking the visitor from the Village Green to a Persian Market and back again with The Trio Bushellini and Duck Soup. The musicians will play on pianos, phonofiddles, saws, marimbas, dobros, melodeons, mouth organ, mandolin and anything else they can lay their hands on! Doors open 11am -5pm, £12.50 adults, children £7.50, tickets in advance or on the door. The Cellar Restaurant is open from 10am for coffee, lunches, teas and snacks. Reservations for lunch are recommended. 01580 211702.

GOUDHURST FOOTPATH WALK - THE MILLENNIUM WALK (Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2015 at 2 pm)

The walk starts at 2pm at the pond in Goudhurst. The route is longer than usual and takes in much of the best local scenery to the NW, W, and S of Goudhurst village. The plan is to omit some sections that are on public quiet lanes in order to reduce the length of the walk. The booklet describing the walk can be obtained for £1.50 inside St Mary's Church Goudhurst. The route is shown, also, on the Goudhurst Walkers Map.

We can expect to return to the start by 5pm. There are stiles and we may find some muddy stretches.

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



SMUGGLING IN THE SOUTH COAST IN THE 18TH CENTURY

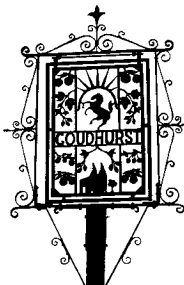
In Kilndown Parish Hall at 7.45 on May 5th author Chris McCooey will reveal the violent truth about those scurvy blaggards including the notorious Hawkhurst Gang. Have ye timbers shivered at Church Road, Kilndown, Kent TN17 2SF. Entry: free for members, just £2.50 for non-members. But why

not join; it's just £7.50pp for a whole season's meetings?

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

For more information visit www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org





GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Litter Pick on 28/29 March went extremely well with around 50 participants of a wide range of ages taking part. A big thank you to all. As usual the amount and variety of litter that was brought in to Balcombes Hill car park was quite remarkable and it took 2 pick-up trucks from Cory to take it all away. It is difficult to know what to do about motorists, or perhaps walkers, who casually toss their empty cans of drink or sandwich wrappers into the ditch. Or indeed scatter them about our public footpaths. But without the help of so many local residents, the Parish as a whole would look a good deal scruffier than it does now. One positive spin off is that more are volunteering to litter pick the year round, usually in the area where they live. If you would like to become a year round litter picker, the Parish Clerk has a stock of smart litter grabber sticks and yellow jackets. Give him a call on 01580 212552.

Not quite enough people registered with the Returning Officer to stand for the Parish Council in the elections to be held on 7th May. The election will therefore be uncontested in this Parish. However, some have come forward subsequently expressing a wish to serve on the Council and we expect to have filled all the vacancies by the time we hold our next meeting on 14 May.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has declared Balcombes Hill car park and the public toilets there to be 'non-performing assets'. Your Council is now in negotiation to take over the ownership of these two properties because, if we do not do so, they will be disposed of at public auction. We can not imagine being without a car park at a time when there is quite enough traffic congestion in Goudhurst village already. Equally, Goudhurst is much visited by tourists and walking groups and to be without toilet facilities would make this a less attractive destination.

The problem of dog owners that do not clean up is a matter that is raised regularly with your Council. We have recently put up notices to deter dog fouling on the footpath between the Primary School and the top end of Maypole Lane. We want to remind dog owners that they can dispose of properly wrapped dog mess into the ordinary litter bins.

Your Councillors hope that it is going to be a glorious summer and that many will join in the fun of the Goudhurst in Bloom 2015 competition. Look out for entry forms and posters and phone Cllr Mrs Angela Broom on 211316 if you have questions about it.

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

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	03 May	17 May	31 May	14 June
Kilndown , Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm				
		17 May		14 June
Curtisden Green , Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm				
		17 May		14 June

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, Curtisden 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 MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council Annual Meeting	Thurs 14 May	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 15 May	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Youth Committee	Thurs 21 May	8.00 pm	Goudhurst Scout Hut
Planning Committee	Tues 26 May	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tues 26 May	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 08 June	7.30 pm	Jessel Room

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



VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION FOR THE GLEBE FIELD LATEST NEWS

Following the Public Inquiry in June 2014 the Inspector, Barrister Annabel Graham Paul, provisionally reported on 25th September 2014 that her recommendation would be that the Goudhurst Glebe Field be registered as a village green. However, Mr. Vivian Chapman Q.C., representing the Canterbury Diocese, asked that her final recommendation be postponed until the Supreme Court had heard an appeal by Newhaven Port Authority against village green status for West Beach. On 25th February 2015 the Supreme Court's decision was published granting the appeal due to the statutory duty of the Port Authority to maintain port services.

This decision could have implications for our case. Therefore on 2nd April 2015 we submitted our representation that the Newhaven decision did not conflict with registration of the Glebe Field as a village green. The Diocese submitted that it had a statutory duty to reap maximum financial benefit for the benefit of the clergy which conflicted with village green status. The papers are now with the Inspector to decide on any revision required to her initial recommendation in our favour. The Committee of Regulatory Services at Kent County Council will make the final decision.

We impressed the Inspector with our case and our conduct at the Public Inquiry but the way ahead is still not clear and patience is required until we hear her decision.

Ed Bates, Pamela Boniface, Richard Bushrod, David Edwards, Lynette Edwards, Shiona Gardiner, Richard Hillier, Donald Sargeant, Barbara Stafford.

GOUDHURST IN BLOOM

Now that Spring is really underway and we are able to be out and about in the garden more, especially with lighter evenings and, we hope, better weather it is time to think about entering for this years Goudhurst in Bloom competition. The entry forms will be available from the 1st May and can be found in the Goudhurst bakers, general store and the Star & Eagle. Alternatively you can email: angelathebroom@aol.com or telephone 01580 211316. There is no entry fee, it is a light hearted, fun competition with a very social prize giving later in the summer. Entries close on the 30th June and the competition will be judged on Tuesday 7th July, the judging is based on what can be seen from the road or path, the judges do not need to enter your garden, they will be looking for original and interesting planting and ideas, sustainable planting and healthy, well cared for gardens.

We look forward to seeing some beautiful gardens and fierce competition!

WEEE - ELECTRICAL SKIP

As you know in our school car park we currently have a large pink skip which is designed to take unwanted electrical items. This will be emptied monthly and the school will receive a donation based on the weight of the goods disposed. Please place all unwanted WEEE in the skip and encourage family, friends and members of the wider community to do so to.

Goods that are accepted in the skip include - electronic toys and games, irons, toasters, hairdryers, clocks, microwaves, kettles, games consoles, drills and other electrical DIY equipment, vacuum cleaners etc.

Please note we only have the skip with us for the summer term so do take advantage of this facility to dispose of any electrical items you or your family have at home.

READYCALL

Spring cleaning time is here again and you may find items that are surplus to requirements in the house or shed etc. Ready Call are running their "Granny's Attic" stall at the Fete in June again this year and we would love to give those items a good home to sell to boost our funds for our "Good Neighbour Scheme". You may bring the items to Glebe Field on the morning or telephone Norma Neal for collection/delivery on 01580 211870. Sorry no electrical items as we are not allowed to sell them.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Plant Sale

The branch will be holding its annual plant sale on Saturday 16th May, and all Legion supporters and would-be-supporters are warmly invited to come for the wide range of plants that will be on sale.

Commemorations

Two more commemorations are being held at the War Memorial in April. On Friday 24th we will be remembering Basil Clark at 5 pm, and on Saturday 25th we will remember all who died in the 1915-1916 Gallipoli landings at 7.30 pm. On Monday 11th May we will remember Thomas Relf and on Wednesday 27th May Victor Moore, both at 5 pm.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to your continued support.

Robin Mitchell

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

dates may change!

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G&K Primary School
Living Eggs Delivery

Local History Society
Smuggling in the South Coast
in the 18th Century
Kilndown VH 7.30

6

G&K Primary
Yr4 Hazel group
Forest School

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

7

Election!

G&K Primary
Yr 1 Larch group
Forest School

Kilndown Gardening Club
"The Work of Plant
Heritage" Jude Lawton
Quarry Centre 7.45

11

G&K Primary
Back to Future
Music
Roadshow

12

**Goudhurst
Tuesday Club**
Terry
O'Connor

13

G&K Primary
Yr 4 Ash:
Forest School

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G&K Primary
Yr 1Larch: Forest School

Goudhurst Recorded Music Society
"What Makes Beethoven Unique"
Peter Medhurst. St Mary's 7.45

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Royal British Legion
Branch & Committee
Jessel Room – 7.30

19

20

G&K Primary School
Yr 4 Ash: Forest School

Hospice in the Weald
Tennis Tournament & Lunch

University of the Third Age
"Blinded by Duty" GPH 2.30pm

Goudhurst WI
May meeting GPH 7.30

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G&K Primary School
Yr 1 Birch:
Forest School

25

Hop Farm
"Half Term Fun"

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Pizza Cucina
Thursday Evenings
On the Plain

Friday

1

First Friday

Meeting @ Weeks

DOGKS

May Beers

Finchcocks

Jazz Evening

8

VE Day 70th Anniversary

Beacon Lit on The Glebe

From 2145 hrs

15

Café Toddler @ St Mary's

Every Friday 9am

22

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Bewl Water

"Shake That Boogie Baby"

Saturday

2

Quarry Centre

Saturday Shop,
9-12.

Finchcocks

Dame Emma Kirkby

9

Finchcocks

Friends of Square Pianos

Bewl Water

Half and Full Marathons

16

Royal British Legion

Plant Sale on the Plain 9.30am

Bedgebury Outdoor Theatre

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

23

Little Squirrels

Quiz at Kilndown VH

Big Church Day Out

30

Quarry Centre

Sewing Sale

Finchcocks

Virtuoso Music for
Horn & Piano

Sunday

3

09.15 Church Walk

Kilndown to Goudhurst.

St Mary's

Family Service at 10.45

10

17

24

Bewl Water

Be a Bewl Pirate!

Big Church Day Out

Finchcocks

Weekend of English
Musical Nonsense.

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Christchurch

Songs of Praise – 6pm

Big Church Day Out



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**Annual General Meeting
followed by**

“Blinded on Duty”

by

Steve Pendleton

formerly of the 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets

Wednesday, 20th May, 2.30 p.m. Goudhurst Parish Hall

Steve served with the Royal Green Jackets for three and a half years, mostly in Northern Ireland. In November 1991 the helicopter in which he was travelling crashed into a hillside. He suffered multiple injuries and his left leg was amputated above the knee. His head injuries left him registered blind and deaf in his right ear.

Following months of rehabilitation he undertook various courses of study and, among other things, qualified as a chef. He teaches Braille at Canterbury Christchurch University. He also enjoys gardening and rough and tumble with his three daughters.

Non-Members welcome - £2.50

Future Monthly Talks

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

15th July “Marbles, Minsters & Monarchy” by Patricia Francis, a London Blue Badge Guide

Ian Miller, Chairman, Goudhurst & District U3A

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Court Lodge is a historic manor house in the heart of Lamberhurst Village. It has been owned by the Morland Family since 1733 and has an exciting past that we are in the process of unravelling. The garden is 6.5 acres, and contains many historic features, such as Victorian sunken rock garden, a parterre, two walled gardens and many lawns and shrubberies. We are looking for volunteers to help us in the garden with some general gardening help, and some restoration projects. If you enjoy working in gardens, and would like to be part of the restoration of this historic garden, please phone Heather on 01892 891588 or email mandy@courtlodgeestate.co.uk for more details.

VINTAGE GARDEN TEA PARTY

Saturday 27th June 2015

£10 / adult

£5 / child

at

Grand View, North Road
Goudhurst

12.30/12.45 or
3.30/3.45

Please contact Andrea Kirkby
01580 211037
for details and tickets

in aid of The Friends of St Mary's



MARDEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Pippa Greenwood
The Author and Broadcaster
will speak on

“Pests and Diseases”

On Tuesday May 12th at 7.30pm

In Marden Memorial Hall

Admission by Ticket

Phone Jenny on 01622 833151 or

Zubeida on 01622 831163



PLANT SALE

In Aid of the POPPY APPEAL of the Royal British Legion

**Saturday, 16th May, 0830 to 1200 hrs
The Plain, Goudhurst**

A wide variety of flower and vegetable plants available

Donations of plants welcome

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



THE PILGRIMS WAY ARTISTS

Invite you to their

18TH ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

in Lenham village I4C Tithe Barn Kent ME17 2QD

FRIDAY 15th MAY TO

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25th MAY 2015

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

(Exhibition closes 4pm on 25th May)

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

**Kilndown's Hidden Gardens
Come and find them...**



**Sunday 21st June 2015
1.30 - 5.30pm**

*There will be 8 glorious gardens to explore around Kilndown
£5 entrance for all 8 in aid of The Quarry Centre, The Village Hall & the Gardening Club
Entrance programmes, refreshments and plants at the Quarry Centre
For more information contact Tina: tinagallagher22@aol.com 01892 890426*

BONES & GLORY

SATURDAY JUNE 13th

**GOUDHURST
DOG SHOW
at the FETE**

Bring a Dog

**FRIDAY
MAY 8TH**



**20.45 HRS
GLEBE FIELD**

The 70th anniversary of VE Day will see beacons lit throughout the United Kingdom. Join us at the going down of the sun on the 8th May as our beacon is lit as part of a chain of over 100 beacons across the UK.



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Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!