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FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

A few years ago where we used to live, there was a craze for something called 'Herman bread'. It started when someone gave us a small pot containing a splodge of nasty looking goo, which turned out to be a sweet bread dough. By adding flour, water and sugar, and leaving it in a warm place, the splodge grew massively in size, giving enough to make a loaf of Herman bread and to create your own pots of goo to pass on to unsuspecting friends and family.

Although we got rather tired of Herman when we were given our fourth and fifth pots, it's a lovely idea. Something is given to be enjoyed, and is then passed on for someone else to benefit from. And that is a pretty good way to live life - on the basis that everything we have been given is for us to use for the benefit of others.

Many of us have been richly blessed; we are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the world and to be part of strong village communities. We are blessed to live in a safe environment, with excellent schools and health care. We are - in comparison with much of the world - blessed with enough money. These are all wonderful gifts to have received, but the Herman bread principle suggests that they shouldn't just stop with us. These gifts are given for us to share out with others.

Because it's easy for us, living in such privileged surroundings, to take what we have been given, and to hang on to it for ourselves. But things aren't always so good for everyone, and there are always people for whom life is not going so well. It might be that there's someone on your street who could do with a hand, or someone at school or in the village. Maybe your gifts could be used to help a prisoner at Blantyre House, someone struggling to find work or someone finding it hard to make ends meet.

Jesus knew the Herman bread principle well - in fact he might have invented it when he was given a couple of loaves and fish by a young boy, and fed 5,000 people with them. He described the principle like this 'Freely you have received, freely give.'

So, this summer, as you enjoy all that you have been given, think of Herman, and give something away.

God bless

Revd Hugh

ps If you haven't already visited our new website, it's up and running at www.gkchurch.org.uk with everything you need to know about St Mary's and Christ Church.

COVER PICTURE

Visitors to our two churches can see the effects of bomb damage on the windows. At St. Mary's only tiny fragments of the old glass remain mainly in a panel made up of pieces. At Christ Church the south side windows were lost. The remaining windows of the north side represent the English saints, King Charles the Martyr, King Edward the Confessor, Venerable Bede, St. David, St. Augustine and St. Alban. The lost windows were of St. Gregory the Great, St. Cyprian, St. Jerome, St. Augustine of Hippo and St. Ambrose.

The fragment of glass shown on the cover photograph is from the name panel of St. Ambrose. It was passed to me in a bucket of assorted glass fragments recovered from the bank of the Quarry Pond when clearance work after the purchase of the area in 1978 took place. Obviously the whole lot had been shovelled up and thrown over the hedge after the bomb landed. The panel states that he was an Archbishop and Doctor.

Thanks to a bound volume of hand coloured prints of all the window designs, presented to Alexander Beresford-Hope by Franz Eggert from the glassworks in Munich, a replacement for St. Ambrose was made at the same glassworks in the 1950s in memory of a young girl, Margaret Carwithen, who died of cancer.

David Denton



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 7.30 am on Tuesday and Thursday, and 8.00 am and 12 noon on Wednesday 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.

Thurs	1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	2nd	5.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	3rd	3.00 pm	Wedding – Justin Bass & Megan Pantry – St Mary's

Sun	4th		Trinity 10
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Family Service – St Mary's + Baptism x2

Thurs	8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
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Sun	11th		Trinity 11
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's

Thurs	15th	10.00 am	No Holy Communion
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Sun	18th		Trinity 12
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's

Thur	22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
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Sun	25th		Trinity 13
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion - Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's

Thus	29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
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READINGS

Sunday 4th August	Trinity 10	
	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12 - 14; 2.18 - 23	Colossians 3.1 - 11
	Luke 12.13 - 21	

Sunday 11th August	Trinity 11	
	Genesis 15.1 - 6	Hebrews 11.1 - 3, 8 - 16
	Luke 12.32 - 40	

Sunday 18th August	Trinity 12 Jeremiah 23.23 - 29 Luke 12.49 - 56	Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2
Sunday 25th August	Trinity 13 Isaiah 58.9b - 14 Luke 13.10 - 17	Hebrews 12.18 - 29

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church

16th June	Tara Bellhouse – St Mary’s
14th July	Laurel Hancock – Christ Church
	Piers Hancock
	Lily Rose Hancock
	Lily Jacks-Knight – St Mary’s
	Katy Hall

FUNERAL/BURIAL - We commend into God’s loving care

11th June	Eva Drawbridge – St Mary’s
11th July	Sheila Handley-Roberts - Christ Church

SUPPORTING ST MARY’S GOUDHURST

ST MARY’S TEAM QUIZ CHALLENGE

**Saturday September 21st 7pm
Goudhurst Parish Hall**

Questions, Licenced Bar and Food!

**Teams of 8 are invited to compete for recognition as
Goudhurst’s cleverest!**

**Will your team earn the right to hold their heads high in the village
for a whole year, safe in the knowledge of intellectual superiority?**

Tickets including 2 Course Supper - £15

Please contact Sue Crookall on 01580 211710

BRIDGE COMPETITION

18th September at 2.00 pm in aid of St Mary's. £10 per person. Apply to Judy Hodges (212280) or John McCaig (212329).



Saturday 14th September 2013

- Raise money for your church or chapel
- Get sponsored and visit as many churches as possible on the day by bike (or walking)
- All denominations welcome
- £2.5 million raised in Kent so far

The Ride and Stride is open to Everyone

The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride takes place on the second Saturday in September each year. 50% of sponsorship money raised goes to the church or chapel of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends, who use it to help the most needy churches and chapels in use in the County.

Ask your relations, friends and colleagues to sponsor you - so much per church or chapel visited between 10am and 6pm on the day. This is recorded on a special sponsor form. Please ask them to tick for Gift Aid if they are tax payers; this increases their donations by 28% with no cost to them. Sponsorship forms are available from Tina Gallagher – 01892 890426 – e-mail: tinagallagher22@aol.com.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GOUDHURST Bi-annual Flower Festival will be held from Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th May 2014

We will be holding our first meeting on Wednesday 4th September in the Children's Chapel of St. Mary's Church at 3pm.

Please come and join us, whether you are a keen flower arranger, a possible steward or a capable caterer, all are welcome to join and support our team in this community event. We look forward to seeing you on 4th September.

AP-W Tel: 211610

Bring & Share

Harvest Lunch

(Puddings provided!)

All Welcome!

Kilndown Village Hall

Sunday 15th September 2013 12noon

**(after the combined service for St Mary's Goudhurst and
Kilndown in Christ Church at 10.45)**

**In aid of the Goudhurst and Kilndown Sri Lanka Link so
there will be a raffle and the opportunity for donations!**



Please let Tina know if you will be coming so we can gauge numbers - 01892 890426
(tinagallagher22@aol.com)



**Kilndown Community Choir
and other local talent**

present an evening of entertainment for all

Not to be missed!

**Songs from the shows, sketches,
monologues & magic!**

October 5th

including supper!

Kilndown Village Hall 7.30pm

Tickets £15 (£7.50 for under 10)

Bring your own drink

In aid of Christ Church Kilndown

To reserve your place or for more information contact Tina
Gallagher 01892 890426 or tinagallagher22@aol.com

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

TRINITY CHURCH, SISSINGHURST

FRIENDS OF SISSINGHURST CHURCH

BOOK FAYRE

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST, 2013

St. GEORGE'S INSTITUTE, SISSINGHURST

10.00AM TILL 4.00PM

ST. LAURENCE CHURCH, HAWKHURST

SUMMER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 9th AUGUST, 2013 – 5.30pm – PARISH WALK - 7.00PM – MEAL (Venue to be confirmed)

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST, 2013 – CHURCHYARD

9.30am TILL 1.00pm – TABLE TOP SALE/FETE

includes: Cakes, Preserves, Candles, Bottle Tombola,
Refreshments, Tower Open

More tables welcome, £10 each – please contact

Stephen Ringer, 01580 879710

GRAND CUP CAKE COMPETITION

Prize for winners (Under 16 / Over 16)

Prepare 6 Cup Cakes to be judged and tasted,

no entry fee but 5 of each batch of cakes to
be sold for Church funds at 12.00 noon after judging

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST, 2013

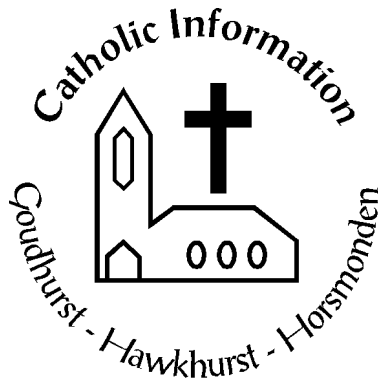
10.00am PATRONAL FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE

12.30pm – BBQ in the CHURCHYARD

QUARRY CENTRE

Volunteers on behalf of the Quarry Centre provided teas and homemade cakes at Dick and Hilary Bird's garden at Rogers Rough which was open for the National Garden Scheme over the weekend of July 13/14. Scores of visitors came from far and wide to view the garden on what turned out to be the hottest weekend of the year so far. The QC committee thank all who baked cakes and then served them in the blistering heat!

The next planned event for the Quarry Centre, in conjunction with Christ Church is a Craft Fair in the village hall on Saturday October 19, this follows on from the very successful event held last year. Provisional bookings are now being taken, particularly from those unseen knitters, stitchers and makers in the village, to book email lyndashepherd@talktalk.net and as always volunteers will be needed to help with the catering arrangements.



Parish Priest

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

Masses

Saturday:.....5.30pm	Goudhurst (1st of Sunday)		
Sunday:.....8.30am	Hawkhurst	Tuesday	9.30am Goudhurst
.....10.30am	Goudhurst	Wednesday.....	9.30am Goudhurst
.....5.30pm	Horsmonden	Thursday	9.30am Goudhurst
Monday	9.30am Goudhurst	Friday	10.00am Hawkhurst

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

Parish Contacts

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KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club Sweet Pea and Rose Show was held on July 4, with a goodly show of 50 entries. Winner of both the Legat Challenge Trophy and the Sweet Pea vase was Barbara Stafford. Judge, Laurie Manser stayed on to give the evening talk, in which he figuratively ran through the 2013 show schedule giving hints and advice on what to and not to do when showing. Try not to give KGC members strange looks at the September show if you spot them wielding wet tea towels and a bunch of stinging nettles! For the August meeting it is hoped to have an evening visit, details are being worked on.



GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Summer Term is always busy but this year seems to have particularly eventful!

The Headmaster's and Gentleman's cricket was held for the second year and generously hosted again by Bethany School. A wonderful day was had by all – coaching for the children was kindly provided by Horsmonden Cricket Club. The PTFA ran a BBQ and Pimms bar and a vintage tea and scones (kindly provided by Nick Reid from Plaxtol Bakery) The day raised £570 and the money has been spent on KwikCricket equipment for the School.

The Goudhurst Fete, sponsored by Bedgebury Park was once again a great success, raising over £4,500 for the school, our highest total yet! The “farmyard” theme was much in evidence with Sheep Racing, sponsored by Bethany School, and Cowpat Bingo as part of the afternoon's entertainment. We would like to thank Tate Fencing who stepped in at the last minute to provide the fencing for the animals, Hush Heath Vineyard for the Prize Draw and all the parents, teachers and children for all their work with the stalls. On another fundraising note, many of the children took part in a “Grow a Pound” challenge where they were given a pound that they then used to raise money for the school. Their entrepreneurial skills paid off and they have raised over £700!

As the school prepares to break up for the Summer holidays, the children have had great success in all areas of school life. The team won the Julie Rose WOKSSA Athletics Festival in Ashford for the third year running, a wonderful achievement made possible by Mrs. Mileham's and Mrs. Wheeler's hard work. We also finished 2nd in the Weald Academy Primary Maths Team Challenge against 10 other local primary schools. The Juniors were also involved in a wonderfully entertaining production of “Pirates of the Curry Bean”!

We have mixed feelings about the end of this very busy term. Excitement – as all the children have been busy practicing for Sports day and the inter-house competition, which will be held on the Chequers field and sadness as our Headmaster, Mr Reid, will be leaving us. Andrew Reid has been Headmaster of the School for 5 years and has brought a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm to the School. The children have flourished under his leadership both academically and in sport and he will be greatly missed by them and all the teachers, Governors and Parents. We wish him well in his new challenge of a larger School in Sevenoaks.

FOOTPATH WALK SUNDAY 18 AUGUST (north east corner of Goudhurst)

Meet at the pond in Goudhurst at 10am. We will walk to Ladham Road, then north on footpaths past Ladham House, then in a south easterly direction along footpaths numbered WC16, 17 and 18, through orchards, and into the cool of Old Park Wood. We return back along footpath number WC21 in a south westerly direction, passing a hop field, then on to Mile Lane. Finally, on footpath WC20 we return to Ladham Road. We expect to arrive back at the pond by 12 noon. A cup of tea and piece of cake will be available at a private house in Goudhurst at the end of the walk.

There will be a few stiles and, depending on the weather, there could be some muddy stretches. Everyone is welcome to join this walk.

If you have questions about this walk or suggestions for a walk route or are interested in leading a walk in the future or would like to buy the Goudhurst Walkers' Map please contact us at d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430.

David and Pamela Boniface

LITTLE SQUIRRELS PRE-SCHOOL IN KILNDOWN

The quiz night is going to be held on Saturday 28th September at Kilndown village hall. There is a £100 prize to the winning table. We will also be running a raffle.



VILLAGE ECHOES

The Roman Catholic Church in Goudhurst (Church of the Most Sacred Heart) was established in the early 1880s as a result of the arrival in the parish of Miss Sophia Dashwood, a 50 year old spinster of independent means. Miss Dashwood was one of eight children of Admiral William Bateman Dashwood and had, in fact, been baptised into the Church of England in 1830. It is thought that she, and at least one of her sisters, converted to the Catholic faith after the death of their father in 1869 had left them financially independent.

She moved into Oakleigh House (nowadays known as Pinehurst) in West Road, Goudhurst towards the end of 1880 and was described in the local press as “a kind –hearted lady who receives crippled children into her home and has them educated into the tenets of the Catholic faith”. Before coming to Goudhurst she had run a similar establishment near Arundel in Sussex. The 1881 census taken in April that year shows that the “school for cripples”, as it was known, comprised about 20 female “boarders” aged between 5 and 19 years of age, as well as Miss Dashwood, a governess, a matron, a cook, one other servant and one visitor. With the exception of one female pupil teacher who was blind, all the other boarders are described as “scholars” and “cripples”. Whether the school was actually for children who were physically disabled or were just in poor health and thus unable to attend a regular school is not known.

Local people were able to attend services in the small wooden chapel which was erected in the grounds of Oakleigh, access being through a door in the brick wall which surrounded the property. Miss Dashwood’s time in Goudhurst was relatively short, for she left the village at some point between 1885 (when she contributed £5 to the money being raised for digging the well on the Plain) and 1891 by which time she was living in Slindon, near Arundel, where she died in 1917.

Following her departure from Goudhurst, the chapel was dismantled with the intention of re-erecting it in Beresford Road. However, this never happened as it was found more convenient to use the Catholic Day Schoolroom in Beresford Road instead. According to the Goudhurst Coronation Book of 1937 (page 593) this latter building had been built at the expense of a Mrs Palmer and her daughter during the 1880s.

The entry under Goudhurst in “Historical Notes on English Catholic Missions”, published in 1907, states that in 1905 the Catholic population of Goudhurst was then about 30 and goes on to list the names of the first four priests i.e., A. Cumberlege, E. Palmer, John Brady, and George Evelyn Mendham. Of these four, Father Mendham, is the one about whom most is known and he well may form the subject of a Village Echo at a future date.

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PHYLLIS ASPINALL FOUNDATION (PAF)

Some of you may remember Phyllis Aspinall, who for many years lived at Bakers Farmhouse, Ladham Road, latterly moving to Sissinghurst in 1987 when her husband Bryant (who had been headmaster of Sutton Valence School) became terminally ill. As a widow she spent many happy holidays in Zimbabwe in the 1990s, enjoying safaris near Lake Kariba, close to the Zambian border. She also made sure that she got to know the schools in the area, and persuaded her friends, local shopkeepers and stall holders at Staplehurst Market to give her pens, papers, clothes, and even footballs to take out to the children in the schools at Mola and Kalundu. When she died in June 2008 it turned out that she had left her money with a specific request that it be used to benefit the children in these schools, which by that time were in urgent need of help. A charity was set up, and with the assistance of a man on the ground in Mola and another in Harare, Phyllis' tiny charity has overcome every challenge imaginable.

Conditions are extremely tough, but with a workforce of 24, we have rebuilt 2 schools, accommodation blocks for teachers, ablution blocks and toilets. We want to start rebuilding the third school but we need to get a borehole re-established and raise more funds for the children who sometimes are only able to eat a meal every other day. The idea of taking a packed lunch to school is unthinkable to them. Of the 1524 children we are helping to educate only 1/5th can afford to pay their school fees (schooling is NOT free). There is no electricity, no running water at the moment as supplies have been cut off, and there certainly was not a computer or football in sight when I visited last month. They do have a library in Mola Senior School but one of the books I picked up was printed in 1936! UNICEF has recently supplied some text books for the primary school but the usual NGOs do not touch this area. It is 9 hours travel from Harare and has been forgotten by everyone.

Yes, of course times are tough here for families in the UK, but at least we have schools for our children to attend; we have crops and shops, and children do not eat every other day. We are a non-political charity; we never have and never will waste funds on huge admin costs; we do not operate a 'brown envelope' policy but we have got to the stage where we desperately need to supplement our initial fund. I don't know if any of you would feel like helping us raise funds for the next stage of this charity? We are planning a sponsored walk, ride and family BBQ on Saturday 17th August at Hoopers Farm, Edenbridge TN8 5QU from 3pm and if anyone would be interested in coming along or finding out more about PAF please contact me: Gail Hall at gail.jessel@hotmail.co.uk or tel 01622 931376; mobile 07973 292 485; or www.pafzim.org

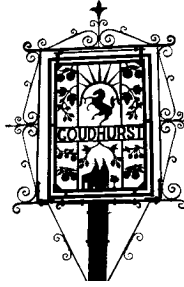
Phyllis Aspinall Foundation is registered with the Charity Commission 1129365

TEA @ 3

A big Thank You to everyone who came and to those who sent donations to our Hospice tea on 28th June, and as always another big Thank You to all the helpers.

We raised £360 for the Hospice in the Weald.

Muriel



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

11 August 25 August 08 September

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

11 August 08 September

Curtisden Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

11 August 08 September

This service is meant for the disposal of medium sized household rubbish items. If you have trouble putting your waste into the lorry, ask the driver for help.

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, paper and cardboard
- The Peacock – glass
- Globe & Rainbow, Kilndown – glass and cans
- Harpers Farm, Summerhill, Curtisden Green – Textiles and Shoes
(a charity facility)

Please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council 01892 554246 if you have any queries about waste collection and recycling.

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Monday July 15th the Chairman of the Parish attended the granting of the Freedom of the Borough (Tunbridge Wells) to the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; an event accompanied by military band and march past of some 120 members of the regiment and their officers. The salute was taken by Viscount De L'Isle the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells and Brigadier RW Dennis OBE the Colonel of the Regiment.

On a beautifully sunny morning the representatives of the Borough were perfectly positioned, in front of the Assembly Hall, to give the regiment a warm (hot) welcome, with our mayor suitably dressed for the normal English climate in fur cloak and hat! The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour our Borough can bestow. It is being given to the regiment (which incorporates the former Royal West Kent) in recognition of its service to the country. The honour entitles the regiment to march through the town with 'bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying'.

Interestingly, the event had a practical outcome in the signing of the Armed Forces Covenants by the Borough. The Covenant sets out the relationship between the nation, the state and the armed forces. It recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to members of the armed forces and their families. It exists to redress the disadvantages that the armed forces' community faces in comparison to other citizens and to recognise the sacrifices that they have made. At the local level, 'community covenants' are being signed across the country bringing military and civilian communities together.

Back in Goudhurst, we have a practical issue of how to recognise and respond to the great sacrifice made by our forebears 100 years ago and the state of our War Memorial. Time and the winter of 2012/13 have taken their toll on its condition, so we will have to ensure this most special of monuments is in a condition we can be proud of for 2014.

Do we or don't we need a Parish Plan and what do we want it for, remains in much discussion. GPC intends to establish a programme of Questionnaires as a means to consult with residents and businesses within the Parish. Depending on the outcome, we can then create an Action Plan that captures the views and wishes of respondents now and into the future. Golden Thread will be working with the Parish Council on the Business section of the programme. Email is the most cost effective way to manage the process, although those residents without access to a computer will be able to complete paper copies. Council hopes to commence this process during the autumn.

Hopefully, the Goudhurst in Bloom competition will be well underway by the end of July (Thank you Angela Broom) and we look forward to hearing the winners in due course. We wish all participating success and kind weather.

And you don't have.... "to go down to the woods today to be in for a big surprise" (see Sept. News).

Antony, Barry, Birgitta, Clive, David, Ed,
Guy, Jo, John, Phil, Stephen & Tony

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 12 August	7.30 pm	Quarry Centre
Planning Committee	Tues 13 August	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 27 August	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 27 August	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 09 September	7.30 pm	Jessel Room

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

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There will soon be a new Goudhurst Village Pre-school operating as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Reg. 1152404), a non-profitable entity that is in need of charitable donations to get it up and running. They could do with both indoor and outdoor equipment to engage and make comfortable their 2 – 5 year-olds. If you or someone you know has anything suitable in good condition they no longer need then please call Alison on 07958187366 / 01580 2119866, or email alisongvp@gmail.com and she'll come and collect. Many thanks in advance.

If you would like to register interest in sending your children to the new pre-school then please contact Jo Galloway on joanne.Galloway1@btinternet.com or 07896 890370 / 01580 211295.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June meeting took place in Kilndown Village Hall on a lovely summer evening and members were entertained by hair raising stories of life in some of the more remote corners of the African continent. Our speaker regaled us with tales of life lived very differently, where dealing with wildlife was an every day occurrence and where there was no convenient supermarket down the road but it sounded like fun - most of the time!!

The next meeting will take place in Angie Wither's garden on Wednesday 21st August starting at 7 pm instead of the usual 7.30 pm and a light supper will be served

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING

Pat Crawford provides the
HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN

Two phrases are increasingly commonly used in relation to food production: 'sustainable agriculture' and 'sustainable intensification'. Increasing global demand for agricultural and horticulture production ('farming') that takes account of environmental needs is at the root of this thinking.

Desert, ice, rock and boreal land account for a considerable portion of the earth's surface. It is estimated that – globally -38% of land is used to produce food. The predicted vastly increased global population will put additional pressures on land usage and we are already witnessing pressure being put on the release of agricultural land in favour of house building and the supporting infrastructure.

In order for farming to be 'sustainable' without having unwanted impact on the environment, account must be taken of wider issues – for example, consumer health, rural welfare and profitability.

The delivery of sustainable agriculture (and related productive systems) involves producing sufficient food to satisfy human needs without causing unsustainable impacts on the environment. Agriculture – 'farming' – is dependent on what scientists generally term 'ecosystem services' including water quality and quantity, soil, fertility, genetic variability, pollinators, et cetera.

Food production cannot be sustainable if demands on ecosystems services exceed capacity for replacement. The aim is thus to produce more food – intensify production – while at the same time reducing inputs and avoiding land degradation.

The need for more efficient nutrient use is increasingly urgent because, for example, the known economically-viable reserves of phosphorous are forecast to be depleted within the next 50-100 years. The fact that agriculture, horticulture – and gardening – are currently heavily dependent on phosphorous indicates the urgency of research. Policy makers, researchers and the agriculture and horticulture industries worldwide are increasingly concerned but, largely due to the current economic climate, governments around the world have reduced investment in research.

The good news is that interest and awareness are growing globally. Recognition of the seriousness and breadth of the impending problems is encouraging people to form lobbying groups in countries all round the world. We need action now in order to safeguard the future.

In this country interest in food is rising up the agenda. Fired by celebrity chefs, food writers, nutritionists and various sectors in the food industry, greater emphasis is being placed on 'local', 'regional' and 'seasonal' produce. At the same time, we take for granted the availability of virtually everything type of foodstuff throughout the entire year.

Today the proportion of UK household budgets spent on food is one of the lowest in the world - and foods that were luxuries not that many years ago are affordable. This begs the question: can this happy state of affairs continue if increased demand cannot be met sustainably? The facts suggest 'sustainable agriculture' and 'sustainable intensification' might be the only answer.

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JOAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Sunday 23rd June 2013 Mrs Joan Emery celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at the Goudhurst Ex-Servicemens Club, attended by more than 50 family and friends.

Joan is a life-long Goudhurst resident and many people of a 'certain age' will remember her as the Head Cook at the old primary school, who cooked for Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green schools.

Present at the party were 5 generations.

Instead of presents Joan requested donations for Ready Call (£130), Lunch Club (£65), Tea Club (£35) and the local Doctors Surgery (£20).

Thanks to all who donated.

Ann Parker - daughter

THANKS FROM READYCALL

Congratulations to Joan Emery on her 90th birthday earlier this month (July). She asked that instead of presents, would family and friends like to make donations to four local charities. A most generous gesture Joan, our share amounting to £130.00 was a very welcome boost to our funds.

Chairman and Committee of Ready Call would like to sincerely thank all who gave so generously.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

Time to empty your collecting boxes!

The Children's Society fights childhood poverty, harm, and neglect. The most disadvantaged children rarely suffer on just one front. The Children's Society work with these children to ensure that they are loved, valued, and listened to.. In hard times, children are often among the hardest hit.

Last year Goudhurst and Kilndown collecting boxes enabled us to send £634. 65 to aid in this good work.

Please would you let me have the boxes for the annual counting, and if anyone else would like a box do please let me know. The small change in your pocket all adds up.

Judy Hodges
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Goudhurst Newsagents or at **Russets, North Road** by
THURSDAY 15th AUGUST.

Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!

HORSMONDEN FARMER'S MARKET

Aug 1st-15th -30th

Sept 13th -27th

8.30 to 11.30 all markets

The market continues to attract a high number of quality stalls from a wide range of producers. Fresh fish, meat, bread, vegetables, cakes, chocolates, olives, seasonal fruit, cheese are available most markets. Range of crafts stalls selling items such as jewellery, wooden crafts, notice boards, woollen goods, framing for pictures. Please note these do not attend every market. Two local nursery producers attend on a regular basis.

The market needs the support of local people to ensure they survive and continue. Please make an effort to attend and bring your friends along and enjoy the atmosphere. Teas and coffees are also available

Buying locally has the advantage of a shorter supply chain, meaning your retailer will know the source of the produce and you can be assured of traceability and in many cases you can buy before purchase.

Remember you need to use the market or the risk of it going are increased.

Please try and support it and you may well be surprised by what you find.

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