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## **WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S & CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Family Service**

On the first Sunday of the month our service at St Mary's is informal and relaxed, with something for the whole family. There's coffee and something tasty to eat from 10:15 and the service starts at 10:45. The next service is on 3 August when we will commemorate the start of World War I in a variety of creative ways.

### **Sunday Club**

There is no Sunday Club this month, but on 10 and 31 August, we will be running Summer Fun during the 10:45 service at St Mary's. If you're aged 5-18, come along to church for the start of the service and then join us as we head to the Glebe Field for fun, games and (if the sun is shining) an ice cream.

### **Tuesday Club**

A 5 week club for children in years 4 and 5 to explore questions about God and to find out more about church, the bible and Christianity. The club will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 in the Church Rooms, and will include a chance for the children to learn more about communion. Find out more and tell us you'd like to come along by contacting Kev Draper on 01580 754728 or kevdraper@sky.com

### **Parenting Teenagers Course**

The teenage years can be demanding and challenging - but teenagers don't come with an instruction manual. Starting on 24 September, in partnership with the school and the Parish Council, we are running a Parenting Teenagers course. Come along to share your experiences, receive helpful input from experts, parents and teenagers themselves and find out what has worked for others. Find out more on the church website [www.gkchurch.org](http://www.gkchurch.org) or call Andrea Kirkby on 01580 211037

Please note that the Community Choir and Cafe Toddlers take a break in August - they are both back in September.

And there's lots more going on, and you can find out about it all on our website

**[www.gkchurch.org.uk](http://www.gkchurch.org.uk)**

## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

It takes a huge leap of the imagination to take ourselves back 100 years, to the day when the First World War formally began on 4 August 1914. The peaceful beauty of a Goudhurst summer is a universe away from the hell that was unleashed that day one hundred years ago. But it is important to put our imaginations to work, and to go back to those days. We do so to honour those who signed up with such enthusiasm, and who never came back. We will be remembering each one of those who died from our villages, on the anniversary of their deaths, over the next 4 years.

Remembering their individual stories also helps to remind us that war is never glorious and must only ever be the last resort. 100 years ago the war began with celebrations in the streets - celebrations which, with the benefit of hindsight, we know were desperately misjudged.

Our understanding of WWI, and many of our most powerful images of that war, come from soldiers who used their creativity on, and returning from the front lines, to make sense of their experience, and to bring it to life for those of us who will never see with our own eyes what they saw. We owe a huge debt to the artists, poets and writers who found creative ways to describe the horror of the trenches, so that we can imagine our way into their shoes as we remember them.

This August at St Mary's and Christ Church we are also encouraging people to use their creativity, to tell our own stories and go deeper - not just to go back in time, but also to go deeper in prayer. Just as, all those years ago, words and images communicated the depth of emotion and suffering that accompanied life in the trenches, so they can be used today to engage in the deepest parts of our own stories and being - to speak to God and to hear Him speak and work in our lives.

On Thursday 14 August a local resident and artist, Sue Donkin, will lead a day of art, words and prayer, helping us to explore our own relationship with God through paint and colour. You can find out more about the day later on in the magazine, or on the Church website, and everyone is welcome to join in - no artistic experience needed!

And throughout August, often a time of reflection as we take a break from school and work, we are inviting people to try journalling - by writing and reflecting on your own experience we hope you'll uncover your own story, and see how and where God is at work in your life. There are journals for sale at £3 each in St Mary's if you want to try it out, and you can find out more about journalling and spirituality - go to the church website - [www.gkchurch.org.uk](http://www.gkchurch.org.uk) - and follow the link on the front page.

However you use your own imagination and creativity this month - whether it's to honour and remember those who died, to commit yourself to peace, or to reflect and go deeper with God - be grateful for the work of those poets, artists and writers of World War I and for the gifts of creativity and imagination we've also been given. May we use them to reflect, to hear God in our lives, and to inspire others.

God bless

Rev Hugh Nelson

# **St Mary's PCC Annual Quiz**

Teams of eight friends, blood relatives or passing acquaintances are invited to pitch wits on

**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Goudhurst Parish Hall**

**From 6.30 pm**

**Tickets £15 per person  
to include two course supper**

If you have the wherewithal to call Richard Vinton on 01580 211 949 to reserve your table, then there's a reasonable chance you'll be able to answer most of the questions correctly and end the evening with the satisfaction that you can hold your head high the next day\*.

\*unless of course you are taking lunch with the winners.

## 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 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	1st	5.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal – St Mary's
Sat	2nd	12.00	Wedding – St Mary's
		3.00 pm	Wedding – St Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3rd</b>		<b>Trinity 7</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service
Thurs	7th	10.00 am	No Holy Communion- St Mary's
Fri	8th	3.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	9th	2.00 pm	Wedding
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th</b>		<b>Trinity 8</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Wed	13th	1.30 pm	Children's Chapel booked
Thurs	14th	10.00 am	No Holy Communion – St Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>		<b>Trinity 9</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Thurs	21st	10.00 am	No Holy Communion – St Mary's
Sat	23rd	2.00 pm	Wedding – St Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24th</b>		<b>Trinity 10</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion - Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Thurs	28th	10.00 am	No Holy Communion
Sat	30th	1.00 pm	Wedding – Christ Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31st</b>		<b>Trinity 11</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		10.45 am	Combined service – St Mary's

## READINGS

<b>Sunday 3rd August</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b> Isaiah 55.1 - 5 Matthew 14.13 - 21	Romans 9.1 - 5
<b>Sunday 10th August</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b> 1 Kings 19.9 - 18 Matthew 14.22 - 23	Romans 10.5 - 15
<b>Sunday 17th August</b>	<b>Trinity 9</b> Isaiah 56.1, 6 - 8 Matthew 15.21 - 29	Romans 11.1 - 2a, 29 - 32
<b>Sunday 24th August</b>	<b>Trinity 10</b> Isaiah 51.1 - 6 Matthew 16.13 - 20	Romans 12.1 - 8
<b>Sunday 31st August</b>	<b>Trinity 11</b> Jeremiah 15.15 - 21 Matthew 16.21 - end	Romans 12.9 - end

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### **BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church**

29.6.2014	Theo Alexander Young
6.7.2014	Phoebe Amelia Masters

### **MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage**

21.6.2014	Patrick Blackman and Tessa Kirk-Duncan
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### **FUNERAL/BURIAL - We commend into God's loving care**

17.6.2014	Molly Thorpe
1.7.2014	Rosemary Henley

## CHOIR

**The Community Choir starts back on 1st September  
in Christ Church Kilndown at 7.30pm  
- New members very welcome -  
for more information phone  
Tina Gallagher on 01892 890426 or  
email [tinagallagher22@aol.com](mailto:tinagallagher22@aol.com)**

**St Mary's Goudhurst and Christ Church Kilndown**

# **Harvest Lunch**

**Cottage Pie and Puds**

**All Welcome!**

**Kilndown Village Hall**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 12noon**

**(after the Harvest Festival service in Christ Church at 10.45)**

**Tickets £3 (under 5's free)**

**Bring your own drink!**

**Any profit to Christian Aid so there will be a raffle and the opportunity for donations!**



Tickets from Tina 01892 890426 ([tinagallagher22@aol.com](mailto:tinagallagher22@aol.com))

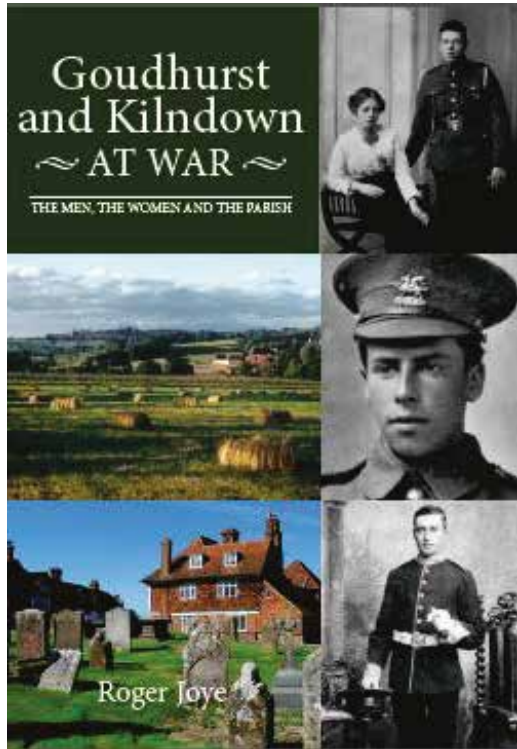


# A New Local Book

At the heart of this book published by Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society are the personal stories of the eighty men and two women whose names are recorded on the villages' war memorials.

Five different branches of service and five different parts of the world, from Kent to Burma, are covered in the stories of the 13 parishioners who paid the ultimate price in the Second World War. By contrast, the 69 victims of the Great War were nearly all soldiers, and most of them died on the Western Front.

In this work of local history focussing on the Great War, narrative chapters link the all-pervading influence of the war on people and life at home with catastrophic scenes on the Western Front and also in Mesopotamia where the 'lads of the village' were playing their part. Other chapters are devoted to the movers and shakers of the parish, the institutions spawned by the war, the creation of the memorials themselves, and the many local men who are not named on them – not all of whom came home.



**425 pages, with over 200 illustrations, many in colour**

**Price £20**

**Available from  
Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society**



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## GOUDHURST WAR MEMORIAL CELEBRATION and COMMEMORATION



### Celebration

Plans for the unveiling ceremony on Saturday 2nd August 2014 are well in hand, as trailed in the July Parish Magazine, and an order of ceremony will be available on the day. All are welcome to attend, and are asked to gather by 10.45 for an 11 o'clock start; **please note that the crossroads will be closed to all traffic between 11.00 and 11.15.**

There will be a number of activities after the unveiling, including a function in the Ex-Servicemen's Club for donors and relatives of the fallen, sponsored by Great War Battlefields, and Roger Joye will be signing copies of his new book "Goudhurst and Kilndown at War – the men, the women and the parish" published by the Local History Society. Over in the Parish Hall some of the senior citizens of Goudhurst who are members of the Lunch Club will be entertained to a meal. At 2.30 there will be the second of four performances of "Oh What A Lovely War" by Goudhurst Amateur Dramatic Society. There will also be a small display of Great War memorabilia in the Hall.

At this point I do need to thank my fellow members of the Goudhurst War Memorial Appeal Committee, Peter Rolington, Roger Joye, Phil Kirkby and Clive Roberts, for all their hard work over the past year and congratulate them for achieving all their targets; particular credit must go to Peter Rolington for his vision in initiating the project and his enthusiasm in promoting it. Not only has the appearance of our War Memorial been greatly enhanced, the work has been completed to a very high standard, on time and within budget.

### Commemoration

The second ceremony to take place at the Memorial will be on Monday 4th August at 11pm, the exact date and time 100 years ago that Great Britain declared war on Germany. Throughout the UK, towns and villages will commemorate the occasion in their various ways, and in Goudhurst we will be asking residents and businesses in the High Street to switch off their lights for 2 minutes while the background lighting on the War Memorial is illuminated. The names of the 60 fallen will then be read out and a small wooden cross will be laid for each one. This act of commemoration should last approximately 15 minutes. Again, all are welcome to attend what we hope will be a quiet but meaningful ceremony to remember the sacrifices made 100 years ago.

### Thank you

Since we last reported, the following individuals have made generous donations to the War Memorial Restoration Fund: Andy & Carol Ash, Richard, Sharon, Vivienne and

Lewis Bushrod, Harry & Carolyn Bridgland, M. Courtier, Mrs Joan Emery, Derrick & Edna Head, Tony & Amanda Allison, Norma Neal and Brian Pitcher, Dr S M Schmidt, Christopher & Allison Williams, Roger & Pamela Stubbs, Mr & Mrs Brian Lynch, Mrs Ann Coombs, Jeremy & Ingrid Morgan. The additional funds have allowed us to replant much of the garden and to install some low level LED lighting. We are also grateful to the Ex-Servicemen's Club for permission to connect to their electrical supply. Finally the biggest thank you of all must go to the huge number of parishioners and others whose donations made this project so successful. Over 200 individuals subscribed, including a couple of schoolchildren who donated their pocket money, and in one or two cases, different generations of the same families. Several local organisations have passed on the collections from one of their meetings, and a number of the descendants of the fallen have also made donations. In the 1920s it was the generosity of local individuals which got the memorial erected. In 2014 it has again largely been individuals who have shown they care.

Tony Richards, Chairman, Goudhurst War Memorial Appeal Committee

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

'If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields'

Even after 100 years McCrae's words still demand more than just the purchase of a poppy or a few minutes' reflection on Remembrance Sunday. While the Legion is the custodian of the nation's Remembrance, it does not claim to show how this should be done. But we are bound to keep faith with those who lie in Flanders fields so they can rest in peace in the knowledge their sacrifice was not in vain.

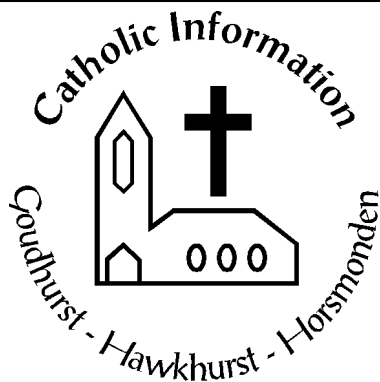
Two events stand out in August 1914, once described as the worst August in the history of the world, which command our thoughts, admiration and respect.

The first is that within days of the declaration of war thousands of young men rushed to enlist, to serve their country and support their 'pals' at work, in their neighbourhood or county, come what may.

Secondly the war was only three weeks old when the British Expeditionary Force, hugely outnumbered, met the first major German offensive in Belgium. Although the outcome came to be known as the Retreat from Mons, the 'contemptible little army', as they were called by the Kaiser, fought with great courage and were awarded not a few VCs; a reminder never to belittle any action, whether successful or not, in which those taking part are prepared to face death and risk their lives.

Note

The time given in the last magazine for commemorating the Declaration of War in 1914 was incorrect. It will be on 4th August at 10 45pm at the War Memorial.



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### 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

## FINCHCOCKS

It is estimated that around half a million people heard the BBC Radio 3 live broadcast from the Museum on July 13. Richard and Katrina Burnett were also heard as was Steven Devine, luckily the weather hadn't played havoc with the tuning of the instruments ( it does make a difference) and all went without a hitch. During August the Museum is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and the Bank Holiday Monday. Reservations can be made for lunch in the Cellar Restaurant, call 01580 211702 to book. As to who will be playing/singing – who knows, August is always 'open house' with a myriad of musicians and singers popping in!

## **FOOTPATH WALK TO THE NORTH FROM GOUDHURST**

### **Saturday 16th August**

You are invited to join a circular walk on Saturday 16th August. Meet at the pond in Goudhurst at 2pm. We will set off in a NW direction along WC26a to reach Trottenden Farm. The walk continues to the footbridge over the River Teise before doubling back towards Gore Lane and Brandfold. The walk continues eastward on a bridleway to Bockingfold where a sharp right hand turn places us on WC19 to walk past Ladham House and back to the pond. We should arrive back at the pond by 4pm.

The walk will be at an easy pace on footpaths. 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 the walk please contact [d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk) or by telephone at 01580 211430 or mobile on the day 07518 894 915.

David & Pamela Boniface

Little Squirrels



Kilndown  
Pre-School

### **LITTLE SQUIRRELS**

The children have been learning about what grows above and below the ground. They helped dig up the potatoes in the garden and were amazed at planting 5 potatoes produced a whole bucketful.

We had a lovely fun sports day which everyone enjoyed. A big thankyou to Mr Fox for doing the bbq and to the parents who helped with the refreshments. All the children were brilliant.

We are all looking forward to our trip to The Rare Breeds Centre.

Don't forget to book tickets for our Pop up tearoom on Sunday 27th July.

Its the time of year again to say Goodbye to some of our children as they leave us to go to Primary school. Edward Kimpton, Louis Canclini, Violet Gilder, Klara Blake, Leah Harris King, Elin Beecher are off to Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary school. Seth Wingfield and James Bateup are off to Lamberhurst primary school and Annie Bateup is off to Langton Green Primary school.

We still have some spaces for September, any enquiries please contact Donna Reynolds 01580 212918.

## VILLAGE ECHOES

When Great Britain declared war on Germany on Tuesday 4th August 1914, the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown was largely the same peaceful, rural community that it had been for centuries. The only significant change in the lifetime of the inhabitants had been the railway extension from Paddock Wood to Hawkhurst, involving construction of a station at 'Hope Mill for Goudhurst' in 1892. A small business enclave had rapidly built up around the station, including the Seaborne Coal and Coke Company, the Station Hotel (now the Green Cross), and the local auctioneers Hudson, Mills and Smith, who held a cattle market nearby every other Wednesday.



Agriculture – especially the growing of hops and fruit – and landed estates were by far the largest sector of the local economy in 1914, so the farmers and landowners and their many employees formed the heart of the community. The commercial infrastructure supporting them in the centre of Goudhurst extended from the High Street into North Road and Church Road, with outposts on the Cranbrook road and at Curtisden Green. At Kilndown, Frederick Morris was the grocer and draper as well as running the local post office, while James Richer ran the Globe and Rainbow public house. Other enterprises in the parish included butchers, a chemist, a hairdresser, shoe and boot makers, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, builders, undertakers, a laundry, carriers, confectioners, dressmakers, solicitors, a chimney-sweep, gasworks, waterworks pumping-station, an artificial teeth maker, the fire-brigade, Doctors Harvey and Collingridge, and a sub-branch of the London County and Westminster Bank – everything a reasonably self-sufficient rural community could need.

The spiritual needs of the parishioners were well catered for and, coincidentally, the Church of England establishments in Goudhurst and Kilndown had both welcomed new incumbents in 1911. The Sacred Heart Church in Beresford Road served the Roman Catholic population; Methodists worshipped at their small chapel further up the same road and also in North Road and Kilndown, and Curtisden Green had a Baptist chapel built when Bethany House School was founded.

A remarkable range of schools, both public and private, operated for children from within the parish as well as from outside. The Goudhurst Ladies College in Beresford Road and Bethany House School for boys were private establishments: both operated as boarding-schools, but many children from the better-off families in the locality also attended as day-pupils. Most of the Goudhurst village children attended the co-educational Public Elementary School on Clay Hill Mount; in 1913 it had 293 pupils registered. There was also a small school at Winchet Hill, while Kilndown had a main school for older children and a small school for infants at Riseden Quarter.

In the relatively limited amount of leisure time available to them, the villagers of 1914 could take advantage of various facilities and educational opportunities offered by the Goudhurst Hall and Reading Rooms or, in Kilndown, the Church Club and Institute; these are now known as the Parish Hall and the Quarry Centre respectively. There was no shortage of activities during 1914: in February there was the chance to see the Drama Club perform a pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty", adapted from the original by Charles Gripper, son of the local schoolmaster, and in March to attend a talk given by the vicar about Malaysia. In April there was an evening of entertainment given by the Gymnastic Club under the tutelage of Colour-Sergeant Charles Hyde, and in May – by complete contrast – a large audience attended a meeting in the Parish Hall to protest against the prospect of Home Rule in Ireland. In June there was a tennis tournament and the Horticultural Society held its annual fruit, vegetable and flower show. On 3rd August, Bank Holiday Monday, a garden party with sport and entertainment was held at Crowbourne; the next day, Great Britain declared war: for the unsuspecting population of Goudhurst and Kilndown, absorbed in work and play in their rural community, it was as sudden as that.

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## **QUARRY CENTRE SHOP**

Someone suggested the Saturday Shop should be open every day, as it is so useful.....!

As the summer progresses we have more and more locally grown produce for sale, alongside the usual range of goods on offer. Do you know that every £1 spent locally generates £1.76 for the local economy compared to just 36p when spent in a major retailer. The average family spends £54.80 on food and non -alcoholic drinks. If the average family spends £55 a week on food and drink, and if they switched just 10% of this to local suppliers that would lead to an estimated extra £175 Million a year being spent in Kent..... Food for thought!

There are spaces available for the Craft Fair on October 18, to book a table call Lynda on 01580 879549 or email [lyndashepherd@talktalk.net](mailto:lyndashepherd@talktalk.net).

**CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING**  
**Pat Crawford provides the**  
**HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT**  
**AND ADVICE COLUMN**

Everyone understands that achieving food security for a vastly increasing global population is going to be very, very difficult. Governments around the world have been exhorting farmers and growers to produce more food using fewer resources on less land for a long time. The industry is responding magnificently- but one big problem remains unsolved.

The horticulture industry – that section of it relating to food production – is failing to attract talented, motivated new entrants in sufficient numbers. The problem exists in this country, in Europe – and in the rest of the world. The reason for this deficiency is simple: the majority of people – including teachers, parents and young people – simply do not understand the wide-ranging opportunities the industry offers at graduate, skilled, semi-skilled, apprentice and ‘learner’ levels.

Vast progress has been made in production horticulture and today’s industry is sophisticated and technologically driven. As well as ‘growing’ the industry embraces research and development, agronomy, medicinal, new product development, marketing, press and PR - and a great deal more.

Unless we can create greater awareness of what the industry involves we aren’t going to solve the recruitment problem. A new website devised by RURAL PLC (KENT) promises to make a substantial contribution. The website is designed to help young people – and others – explore and understand the wide-ranging career opportunities available within the rural business sector – and of course, this includes many horticulture-related options.

The system has been developed for RURAL PLC by a Kent-based company and the website identifies 165 searchable careers in the rural sector. Job roles are described and the site contains information concerning qualifications, salary ranges, et cetera. Local businesses and enterprises will be able to log into the system and post job vacancies utilising the online form,

We need to see RURAL PLC’s contribution for what, if used correctly, it is capable of achieving. Of course, in isolation, the website cannot solve the recruitment problem – but it can certainly help to create the awareness needed to redress a problem that is already serious - and may become more so.

The RURAL PLC CAREERS WEBSITE: [www.kentruralcareers.com](http://www.kentruralcareers.com)

FOOTNOTE: Pat Crawford can be contacted:

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## GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summer has come to Goudhurst, but after the exceptional rains of the winter and spring are we now to have a drought? Depending on where one lives, some would say we already have one and from one garden to another that might be so. The heavens have been very selective; some gardeners have plenty, others look at every black cloud with hope, often unrewarded. Well, that's an English summer.

Our War Memorial has been restored and is now, once again, a fine memorial to those who gave their lives in the service of this country 100 years ago. The War Memorial Committee and many residents of the village and descendants of those remembered may take much pride in the raising of the funds required. The newly refurbished memorial will be formally unveiled at 10.45 am on Saturday August 2nd. ALL are welcome to join the ceremony on The Plain.

Your Parish Council has been busy, but not on Planning issues due to the hiccup caused by the amalgamation of the planning "back-up" for Tunbridge Wells, Swale and Maidstone! We are still however in discussion with the Diocese to finalise arrangements for the Glebe Field. Our Highways Committee are preparing a consultation list for Kent Highways of possible improvements that can be made to ease the traffic congestion in the High Street. The mirror at the junction opposite the Goudhurst Inn has been approved and we are chasing its installation. The Balcombes Hill Car Park is mysteriously on the TWBC list for disposal and we are in discussions with them to ensure that this vital Goudhurst facility remains available to the community (alternatively GPC will take steps to acquire it). We have also been in discussion with TWBC to ensure that our housing stock is not prejudiced by the funding activities of Town & Country (more next month).

Of great importance, certainly for the long term was the meeting held at the Village Hall to introduce the University of the 3rd Age to our community. Well over 40 attended that first meeting and another 15 apologised because they could not make the date. At the end of the meeting two key decisions were taken. It was agreed to set up our own Goudhurst and District U3A branch and a good number volunteered to join the inaugurating committee. They will be working hard throughout the summer to bring hopes into reality and our new U3A will be formally introduced to our community early autumn. Watch this space.

Finally, the Call Flow Solutions upgrade to our broadband needs has arrived. The rollout will be in three phases: No.1 will cover all those within a reasonable proximity to the 4 Goudhurst cabinets and they should expect up to 25mb download speed. All those who have already applied to CFS should be connected by the end of July. Phase 2 from September will be available to all those with a line of sight capability from St Mary's Church tower, with some additional arrangements for local reconnecting to follow. Further information on pricing and connections can be found on [www.cfsbroadband.com](http://www.cfsbroadband.com). Congratulations are due to Lorne, Peter, John, Richard and all the enthusiasts on the team who never lost faith and drove this through the Parish and County to bring our community competitively into the modern world.

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

## GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 11 August	7.30 pm	Quarry Centre
Planning Committee	Tues 12 August	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 26 August	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 26 August	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
War Memorials Committee	Thurs 28 August	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 08 September	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

## ERRORS IN LAST MONTH'S MAGAZINE

Last month an item was published concerning attendance at Buckingham Palace garden parties. Dennis Knight has contacted me to correct information supplied by the Lord-Lieutenant's Office. Dennis says:

I do not run the tennis club I was chairman for many years, it is now run by Carol Coburn Chairperson and her committee, also the annual tennis competition is organised by Pam Stubbs, I just participate.

I do not teach swimming, from 1956 to 1976 I was coach for the Royal Tunbridge Wells MONSON swimming club.

Apologies to Dennis and any others who may have been offended by these errors.

David Denton - Editor

## KILNDOWN VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

Since the hall re-opened in December 2010 the hire charges have remained unchanged. Following a review of our costs we have made the decision to increase our rates from 1st September 2014.

Current rate	Rate from 1st September	
Hourly Daytime	£10	£11
Hourly Evening	£15	£16
Hourly Village Organisation	£7.50	£8
Whole Day	£150	£165

For bookings contact Tracy Roberts on 01892 891122  
or go to the website [www.kilndownvillagehall.org](http://www.kilndownvillagehall.org)



## **GARDEN LORE - FACT OR FICTION?**

by  
**Jude Lawton**

**at Kilndown Quarry Centre  
Thursday, 7th August at 7.45 p.m.**

Is it safe to rely on Old Wives' Tales and legends? Primroses, Parsley and Lilacs bring bad luck in the house. Daffodils are harbingers of death. A single clove of garlic protects roses against aphids. Rabbits refuse to cross a boundary planted with wild garlic.

Come and find out the truth. Tea and coffee and chat after the talk while our great raffle is called. All are welcome - visitors £2.

At our last meeting the Sweet Pea & Rose Show was a great success with Judy and Rupert Hodges walking off with most of the first awards plus the Legat Challenge Cup for Best Rose Exhibit and the Sweet Pea Vase for Best Exhibit in its Class. Carolyn Lovell gained first awards for her Specimen Rose and display of Garden Flowers. Veronica Stacey gained a first award for a Stem of Roses. Many congratulations to them and to all the entrants who maintained the high standard associated with the Club.

Dr. Mick Lynn gave a fascinating talk on Bees, his interest stimulated when he bought a hive in Kilndown twenty years ago. He described how gardeners can help and attract bees by growing simple, open, small flowers in full sun. He said one litre of honey needs 10 million flowers so that should keep us all busy!

Dates for the Diary

Saturday, 13th September, 2.30 p.m., Kilndown Village Hall. Autumn Flower and Vegetable Show.

Thursday, 2nd October, 7.45 p.m., Kilndown Village Hall. Steve Bradley from BBC Radio Kent Gardening Show and author of many gardening books will be with us for a "Gardeners' Question Time". We are very fortunate to have secured a visit from Steve Bradley and hope that many of you will want to bring your gardening queries for his expert advice.

Barbara Stafford



## **GOUDHURST SCOUT GROUP**

### **Are you ready for “Survival camp...?”**

The Goudhurst and Sissinghurst Scouts have been on Survival Camp which involved building and sleeping in shelters, making fires and learning new survival skills such as distilling water and knowing which plants are edible and which are not. You can only bring a limited amount of items, ranging from twenty for beginners to only one for experts! Overall the Scouts learnt a lot of new skills and had an amazing time. Most of us are looking forward to coming next year, even though we got to gut pheasants and fish!!!

Lottie Wells, 12. Goudhurst Scouts

Although regular weekly meetings come to an end for the summer, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers still have plenty to look forward to. The Scouts have a two week Camp in Holland, where they join up with Scouts from the Headcorn and Cranbrook troops. The Cubs are off to our own fantastic Campsite near Horsmonden and the Beavers are looking forward to welcoming their new leader, Pip Barlow, who joins us as Brown Beaver in September, alongside Clare Cooke who is currently completing her training.

### **View the Plans for the Scout Hut**

Details of the proposed extension to the Scout Hut can now be seen on our website at [www.goudhurstscoutgroup.org.uk](http://www.goudhurstscoutgroup.org.uk), along with information about plans for fundraising, including our “Collecting Coppers” appeal. We are asking people to save their one and two pence pieces and donate them to the funds needed to extend the Scout Hut.

### **HOLD THE DATE!**

Meetings start again week commencing 8th September

Saturday 13th September is the Jumble sale, please start saving toys, clothes, jewellery and brick a brace for our stalls and put the date in the diary.

We are particularly looking for party dresses, bags and shoes as well as Scout, Cub and Beaver uniforms.

If you need jumble collected please email us at [bridgetwells1@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetwells1@hotmail.com)

We wish everybody wonderful summer holidays and look forward seeing you in September.

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



Our Sponsored Go Ape Fancy Dress Experience was a resounding success - great fun, a fantastic bonding opportunity and good exercise for those swinging in the trees. Moreover, we raised over £1,500 (still rising) and can't thank those who joined in enough; whether you baked monkey cakes, blew up balloons or screamed down a zip wire, your energy and enthusiasm were fantastic. A special thanks to Julie McCarmick and the GVP staff.

We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to our amazing pre-school assistant Hal Bedford-Cooper who will be starting his PGCE at Canterbury University as well as a teaching assistant post at Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary in September.

We are also bidding farewell and good luck to Rafferty Railton, Blake Barton, Susan Armand and Louis Canclini who will be lucky enough to see Hal at their new Primary School in the village.

Holly Watkins will be our new pre-school assistant. She comes from Sandhurst Nursery and will be studying her NVQ Level 3. We are looking forward to enjoying her ideas and smile in the Autumn term.

Our afternoon sessions are filling up so if you are interested in your child joining our sessions until 3.30 p.m. on a Tuesday and/or Thursday then get in touch.

Photos of Go Ape, Sports Day and our Leavers Party can be found on [www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk) or <https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>. Enquiries to Jo Galloway on 07896 890370



*See the photos on Facebook*

## ALIVE AND WELL?

Interested in how we bring about a community that cares about and for itself? Come and be inspired and share your knowledge and ideas!

We promise a mix of local stories and insights from care providers, policy makers and commissioners, and Funding for All will be there to advise on funding opportunities for your ideas.

“By 2032 the populations of 65-84 year olds and the over 85s are set to increase by 39% and 106% respectively ... If people can stay healthy for longer, they will remain engaged members of society.” Kings Fund (2012)

The Care Act 2014 is emerging and Kent’s Health and Well-being Strategy is under consultation. Local authorities will work with their communities to get the support that helps to keep people well and independent.

What is happening in your community? What would you like to happen in your community?

Date: 27th September - Time: 10.00 am til 3.00 pm - Venue: Smarden Charter Hall

Cost: £10.00 per head.

To book a place please email [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk) or telephone 01303 813790.

# Family FUN DAYS 2014

Taking place near you!

## Come and have fun together!

Try out our sports including Kwik Cricket, tag rugby, football and much more!

You can join in with group games and activities. If sports aren't your thing then how about creating something amazing in the arts and crafts area?

1 - 5pm

**Tuesday 5 August**  
Glebe Field,  
Goudhurst

**Wednesday 13 August**  
Millennium Green,  
Kildown

Provided by



and



**All young people must be accompanied by an adult at all times. You do not need to book on these courses, please just turn up and register with the activity leaders.**

**For those of you who are old enough to remember, enjoy.  
For the rest - it's a history lesson!!  
Very surprising how time and memory have taken their toll.  
Have things really changed this much in our time?**

### **EATING IN THE UK IN THE FIFTIES**

Pasta had not been invented.  
Curry was a surname.  
A takeaway was a mathematical problem.  
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.  
Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.  
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.  
Only Heinz made beans.  
Fish didn't have fingers in those days.  
Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.  
None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.  
Healthy food consisted of anything edible.  
People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.  
Cooking outside was called camping.  
Seaweed was not a recognised food.  
'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.  
A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.  
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.  
All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on.  
A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.  
Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.  
A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.  
Brown bread was something only poor people ate.  
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking  
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, regarded as being white gold.  
Prunes were medicinal.  
Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.  
Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only seen a picture of a real one.  
Water came out of the tap, if someone had suggested bottling it and  
charging more than petrol for it they would have become a laughing stock.  
The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties ... was elbows!

Ray Andrew ACO

Member of St Andrew's Church, Mottingham

*This was sent in by Doreen Warner and is reproduced from the St Andrew's Parish Magazine with permission. Editor.*



## **GOD IS THE COLOUR OF WATER**

**Thursday 14th August**

**10.30am-4pm**

### **Theme**

Meditation/prayer and art and vision

We will be looking at God through  
words in the Bible about water

Materials will be supplied i.e. paints,  
pencils, brushes, glue, paper and materials

You can bring anything as well

### **Where**

Stream View Cranbrook (just past Dulwich)

£5 bring own lunch coffee and tea supplied

Phone Sue Donkin 01580 211474



*Ladies of the Knitting Group hard at work in The Star & Eagle*

## ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Items for the Magazine are due to be with me by 15th of each month (except December). When they arrive by email I transfer the email to a folder on the computer for that particular month. In June I had 70 emails in the folder for the June Magazine. When I start assembling the Magazine I enter the items in sequence and start applying preset paragraph styles to meet the agreed style of the Magazine. Then items are moved to use the available space with as few items split over pages as possible (and those that are are arranged on facing pages wherever possible).

Occasionally I am asked to put items in more than one edition of the Magazine. Because I have much to do between each edition asking me to remember to go through the folders for earlier months is not a good idea (age and memory do not work together too well). For this reason the Recorded Music Society item for July was missed. I apologise to the Society for this, but would ask anyone needing more than one month's entry to send me a reminder or a copy of the previous email to ensure it goes into the new month's folder.

The monthly diary, which started for the three months when the Goudhurst Parish Council paid for copies to go to every household in the parish, will continue from September. However this is put together by Richard Vinton, so any items to go into this must be sent to Richard not to me.

If you are not able to send your item by email, it is still possible to leave typed or clearly handwritten items at the Newsagents in Goudhurst. These will be collected on 15th of the month and typed up to be emailed to me. Please do not leave these at Jo and Anne Meyer's address as if they are not around someone else will collect from the Newsagent, but not from their home.

We are finding it difficult at times to decide which items class as advertising and need to be paid for. If you have any concerns about this please contact James Cooke (email address on page 2) and he will let you know whether something is free because it is a charity item or whether it needs payment. Funds raised from advertising enable us to keep the price of the Magazine as low as possible. Over the year the income from Magazine sales does not meet the production costs, so this is essential to its survival.

I am grateful to the team responsible for keeping the Magazine going. This includes Jo and Anne Meyer who act as editors of the additional material left at the Newsagents. Also James Cooke who works so hard running the Trade Directory and dealing with all advertising matters. Then there is Richard Vinton who has recently started compiling the monthly calendar of events. Once printing is completed there is Pam Stubbs and Hilary Bird, who organise the distribution and their wonderful teams who put copies through subscribers' doors. Lastly a thank you to everyone supplying the items which make the Magazine such an interesting and informative document. Please don't forget all their hard work as you read your copy.

David Denton - Editor