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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST 2015

Summer Fun – 16 August and 30 August

During the summer holidays our Sunday Clubs at St. Mary's take a break too. But there will be Summer Fun available at the 10:45 service on both 16 and 30 August when the kids will have supervised games on the Glebe Field – and if they're lucky, and the sun is shining, an ice cream too. The children will start in the service as normal and then leave after the first hymn.

St. Mary's Film Afternoon – 2:00 on Friday, 28 August

We will be showing the newly released film of Cinderella in St. Mary's on 28 August at 2:00. Entry will be free but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Cinderella has a PG rating, so there will be the option for younger children of watching Ice Age 4 in the Children's Chapel. Free popcorn available too!

August is always a quiet month in St. Mary's and Christ Church, but there's lots to look forward next term including:

- ❖ 13 September, Harvest Festival at Christ Church followed by lunch in Kilndown Village Hall at 12pm
- ❖ 13 September, Sunday Club Welcome Back party at Twysden, Kilndown at 3pm
- ❖ 26 September, St. Mary's Barn Dance at Goudhurst Village Hall at 7pm
- ❖ 14 November, St. Mary's Quiz Night at Goudhurst Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

www.gkchurch.org.uk

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

One of the exhibits for the Kilndown Gardening Club Sweet Pea and Rose Show held last month.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

Every month I sit down to write this letter for the Parish Magazine, and although it sometimes takes a while, I usually find there's something that I want to write about. This month though, there's nothing...I have sat and thought, I've paced my study, I've taken a break and come back to it and I've googled "good ideas for Parish Magazine letters.". Nothing. I always ask for God's help with writing this letter, and that has always helped. Not this time. This time round, there are no stories, no messages, nothing that I want to write.

I could force it, and get something onto this piece of blank paper, but I wonder whether I am being given nothing deliberately. Maybe the absence of words is itself God-given. Is it possible that the world is full of words and opinions, and what we sometimes need is a bit of space and silence?

So here's a suggestion. Take the time that you would have given to reading this letter if I had written one - let's say 2 or 3 minutes (longer if you would like). Find somewhere quiet to sit, enjoy the silence, breathe deeply in and out 10 times, and then pray.....

Normal service will resume next month, but for now, enjoy the time and the silence.

God bless

Rev Hugh



KILNDOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Traditionally Harvest Festival was a chance for everyone in the community to come together to celebrate the crops being gathered safely in by feasting together, and enjoying each other's company. SO why not come and join us in the village hall for a jolly village lunch on September 13th. There will be a celebratory friendly service in your village Church prior to the lunch which everyone is welcome to join, if they wish, at 10.45 am, but whether you come to the service or not, we would love everyone to come for lunch at 12 noon.

In order for us to cater for everyone tickets will be available at £5 (£3 for children under 10) and will be on sale at the Quarry Centre Saturday shop from 29th August and from Tina Gallagher (01892 890426) and Angie Westmacott (01892 891522). DO COME AND JOIN OLD FRIENDS and maybe make some new ones! Any profit will go to help people in Sri Lanka. Put it in your diaries now!

St. Mary's Church, Goudhurst

HARVEST FAMILY BARN DANCE AND SUPPER

Goudhurst Parish Hall



**Saturday
26th September
at 7pm**

**Supper and
Licenced Bar,
Raffle**

**Tickets: Adults £10,
Under 16s £5,
Family ticket for 4 £25**

**Available from: Goudhurst Newsagents,
and St. Mary's Church on Friday mornings
and Sunday mornings in September**

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.

Sat 1 2.00 pm Wedding, Christ Church
 4.00 pm Wedding, Christ Church

Sun 2

Trinity 9

8.00 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
9.15 am Holy Communion, Christ Church
10.45 am Family Service, St. Mary's

Sun 9

Trinity 10

8.00 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
9.15 am Holy Communion, Christ Church
10.45 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's (no Sunday Club)

Sun 16

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 with Summer Fun (kids will play on the Glebe Field with adult supervision during the service)

Thurs 20 10.00 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Sat 22 2.00 pm Wedding blessing, St. Mary's

Sun 23

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 (no Sunday Club)

Thurs 27 10.00 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri 28 2.00 pm Film Afternoon, St. Mary's
Sat 29 1.00 pm Wedding, St. Mary's

Sun 30

Trinity 13

8.00 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
10.45 am Joint Holy Communion, St. Mary's with Sunday Fun (kids will play on the Glebe Field with adult supervision during the service)
2.30 pm Baptisms, St. Mary's

FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGE: We congratulate on their marriage:

Samantha Elizabeth Page and Edward Michael Hollis (11 July)

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES

The Childrens Society appreciate all donations in support of their work helping England's most vulnerable children and young people.

The most disadvantaged children rarely suffer on just one front. The Childrens Society fights poverty and neglect, and works with these children to ensure that they are loved, valued, and listened to.

Goudhurst and Kilndown residents donated £755.28 last year from our 46 collecting boxes and from donations. Please may I have the boxes to open them for our 2015 donation to this very good cause. If anyone else would like a box in their home, please let me know, your small change can really help these children.

Judy Hodges

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The branch learned with regret the news of the death of Tim Taylor who played a large part in village life before he retired to Oxfordshire.

Plans are being made for a visit to Firepower The Royal Artillery Museum in the autumn before it moves out of London. The branch would welcome any non-member who is interested in this visit. Please contact Tony Richards on 01580 211933 or Richard Dixon on 01580 212623 for further information.

Members are reminded that the next meeting is on Monday 28th September at 2 30 pm in the Star and Eagle.

Robin Mitchell

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY SPECIAL FOUR-MILE WALK

Meet on the car park of Lamberhurst Church (TN3 8DT) at 10:00 on Monday 31 August for the circumnavigation of the River Teise. The route follows footpath WT351 along the north side of the river Teise, a short section of the A262 to join the Millennium Walk route towards Finchcocks, and finally a turn at Riseden back towards the south bank of the river on WC50 and WT375 and return to the car park by 13:00.

It will involve a few stiles and could be muddy. Everyone is welcome to join this walk.

If you have questions about this walk please contact us at: d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430 or on mobile: 07518 894 915.

David and Pamela Boniface

QUARRY CENTRE



At a recent meeting of the QC Committee, news was heard of the Charitable Trust and all is progressing well, with paperwork due to be signed off very soon. Good news all round! To comply regulations as set out by our insurers Ann Olley has been co-opted on to the Committee (all too complicated to report here) but trust us it is all correct.

Looking forward, quotes are being sought for the complete refurbishment of the exterior cladding, a vote was taken in committee as to the paintwork colour and this will remain the same. The jottings on scrap paper as to the dreaded fundraising are scattered over the kitchen table as I type.

Questions have been asked as to the telephone box, which was purchased from BT for £1, some years ago, such as “Why do we keep it, it’s useless” – “Could we use it as a book swap” – or perhaps the most useful suggestion “Could a Defibrillator be fitted in there”.

Some of you may have noticed the somewhat random application of herbicide around the bus shelter, phone box, and general area, it was not down to QC members, and the matter is in hand.

And whilst on the subject of ‘doing things properly’, the QC is regularly inspected by the Environmental bods from TWBC and we have a 5 star rating, I have a Level 2 Food handling and safety certificate and have recently completed a CLPS regulation course (used to be known as COSHH).

Anything else? Almost forgot in all the paperwork.....the Saturday Shop is open from 9am – 12 noon, you’ve guessed, every Saturday, pop in and take a look.

Lynda Shepherd

7th. ANNUAL RICHARD BEATTIE DAVIS SANDHURST MUSICAL EVENT FOR HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

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) Held in a private home in Sandhurst. Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



Next month we will be welcoming a new influx of children and a new member of staff into our pre-school life. Our two assistants, Holly and Jorge are following the call of new homes and careers and sadly won't be returning for the start of the Autumn term.

They have both been absolutely brilliant during their time with us; as dedicated staff within our team, as key workers with whom our parents have been readily able to approach with any concerns, and as amazing role models and carers for our children. We recruited them to harness their energy, ideas and enthusiasm with the knowledge that as young professionals they may wish to progress, but are very happy to have had them with us for an academic year.

Holly came to us with a Level 2 NVQ and has nearly completed her Level 3, which she has been studying whilst working for us. As her other childcare role has come to an end and she has moved to Maidstone, she is taking up a childcare role with a family nearer to where she now lives.

Jorge was already an Early Years Professional when we employed him and so we facilitated a teaching assistant role with the Reception Class at Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary every Friday. Headteacher Mrs Roberts, who as an outstanding role model has a dual role at Frittenden Primary School has now secured him a permanent teaching assistant role there with a September start. We wish them both the best of luck in their new endeavours. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement assistant who will continue to provide the standards we are renowned for.

We would like to thank the community, our pre-school parents, our trustees and of course our children for their input and support that has made it a fantastic year for our pre-school. We now offer full days until 3.30 p.m. five days a week, have five members of staff and over forty children. Our setting is looking beautiful with wild flowers and vegetables on the decking, with its dreamy view, mud house and sensory toys, whilst we have an engaging range of stored activities and resources we inventively arrange and rotate on a daily basis in the main hall.

We hope you are enjoying your summer holidays and look forward to updating you next month at the start of the academic year. For all enquiries please email alisongvp@gmail.com or call Jo Galloway on 07896 890370.

Please visit our website and Facebook page for photos of our newly hatched chicks, Sports Day and our end of term trip to Bewl Water.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Goudhurst indeed bloomed this summer. Despite the weather being dull in the spring and dry ever since, Cllr Angela Broom informs us we had an excellent entry for this year's Goudhurst in Bloom, well up on 2014. It has now been judged and the prize giving will again be held at the Star and Eagle, courtesy of Karen, early evening on 27th August. To find out who the 2015 winners are, make sure to come and join winners, losers, judges and friends at the ceremony (cups, plaques and citations, drinks and snacks). Until then, the mystery must remain

Meanwhile life goes on and in the case of your new Parish Council it begins anew. Much activity is keeping your Clerk and all your new councillors busy with, in several cases, their changed portfolios:-

The acquisition of the Balcombe Hill Car Park and public toilets proceeds well and the legal work should be completed by the autumn.

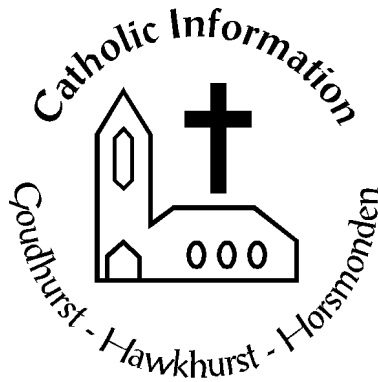
Resolution/formalisation of the future and ownership of the Kilndown Quarry Centre is in hand, as is the ongoing need to chase the diocese for conclusion of our lease (or purchase) of the Glebe field.

The purchase of a movable Speed Indication Device (SID) is under consideration as part of our traffic calming initiatives. The 12 Pedestrian and Highway Improvement Initiatives for Goudhurst (previously reported in GPC minutes - see Goudhurst website for details) are continuing in collaboration with Kent Highways.

Much has been in the press recently concerning what should be done to deter juggernauts blocking up village roads and we know this problem well on Goudhurst Hill. "Not through our village" seems a recurring theme, which basically means into someone else's. GPC is therefore supporting the Kent Association of Local Councils initiative for an assessment of the possibility to add East Facing Slips in the vicinity of Junction 5 of the M25 (A21/M25). A long way from us one might say. However any vehicle heading for Ashford, Maidstone, Canterbury and the Channel Ports and leaving from Tunbridge Wells, Pembury, Uckfield, Tonbridge and even Sevenoaks currently have little choice but to journey across country through the villages. This initiative we hope might result in a real and practical alternative rather than some other nice sounding but kick it down the road solutions. Even if agreed, this will not unfortunately happen overnight.

Ragwort, that horrible yellow flowering plant is about, it spreads and it's poisonous. See it, pull it, burn it.

Alan, Angela, Antony, Barry, Carol, David,
Georgia, Guy, Philip, Sean, Stephen, Tom



Parish Priest

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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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 10 Aug	7.30 pm	Kilndown Quarry Centre
Planning Committee	Tues 11 Aug	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 25 Aug	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Comm	Tues 25 Aug	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 14 Sept	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

SATURDAY MORNING WALK 8TH AUGUST
(with option of morning tea/coffee/cake at a private house)

You are invited to join a walk on Saturday 08 August starting at Goudhurst Pond at 9:10 and returning there by about 11:15. We will take Renown Coaches bus no. 297 from the bus stop outside Weeks Bakery in the centre of Goudhurst towards Tenterden, departing at 09:18 and alight opposite the Peacock Inn.

The route follows footpaths WC15 and WC 18 through Old Park Wood. The walk continues through orchards and another wood on WC16, WC17 and WC19 past Ladham House and back to Goudhurst Pond.

The walk will be suitable for all ages. It will involve a few stiles. Everyone is welcome to join this walk. Please bring a few coins for the bus fare or a bus pass.

If you have questions about this walk or suggestions for a walk route please contact us at: d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430 or on mobile: 07518 894 915.

David and Pamela Boniface



PLANTS AND CRIME
How Plants have Aided and Abetted the Police
by Dr. Mick Lynn
Thursday, 6th August, 7.45 p.m. Kildown Quarry Centre

Botanical evidence is increasingly used by police to analyse crimes, often to link suspects to murders, and the ability to identify plant DNA can be essential in detective work. A relatively new discipline, forensic botanists use their skills to understand where and when a crime has been committed and who committed the crime. Botanical evidence can also be used to identify clandestine graves and pollen can connect a suspect to a victim or scene of crime.

Tea, coffee and chat follow while our great raffle is called

Annual Subscription £10.00 Visitors Always Welcome - £2.00

Barbara Stafford

VILLAGE ECHOES

With today's reliance on the car, many of us will be unfamiliar with the lesser known byways of the village that are unsuitable for motor transport. One such byway is Stoney Lane, which starts from the side of Goudhurst Newsagents in the High Street and finishes in North Road near the junction with Blind Lane. If you take a walk along the lane, you will find no houses fronting it but that was not always the case!

Looking at the 1841 census, we can see that there were some 14 dwellings in the lane. This is perhaps a reflection of the belief that, at one time, Stoney Lane had been the main route into the village from the Maidstone direction. Indeed, at the time of the census, the only properties shown in North Road were those close to the centre of the village. In addition, the tollgate of the Goudhurst, Gore & Stilebridge Turnpike Trust on the road from Maidstone was situated close to the junction of Stoney Lane with North Road.

The properties in the lane were sited on the stretch from the Methodist Chapel running North, i.e. towards Marden. They were not large – most having four rooms or fewer - and were generally inhabited by labourers and tradesmen, such as a bricklayer, carpenter, shoemaker and laundress. Much the same applied by the time of the 1851 census when the number of inhabitants stood at 43. Although the number increased slightly in the later censuses, by 1901 it had decreased to 37 – probably a result of families beginning to have fewer children.

There are two advertisements in the Southeastern Gazette that give brief descriptions of some of the properties. The first, from 1857, is notice of auction of four cottages in the lane, described as being of brick and weatherboarded with tiled roofs. Each has a sitting room, two bedrooms, an attic, a washhouse and a small garden. There are three ovens between the four cottages. The total rent for the properties was just over £20 per year. The second advertisement is from 1875 and, once again, four cottages are being put up for auction and we are told that the rents amount to over £27 per year! The cottages even have the benefit of a supply of water on the premises.

What is interesting from the later advertisement is that the auctioneer is emphasising the fact that the cottages, although in Stoney Lane, also have a frontage of 78 feet to North Road 'on which several more cottages could be advantageously constructed'. This was to be the fate of Stoney Lane: the cottages were gradually demolished and replaced by more modern properties built in their gardens but facing North Road.

Unfortunately we have no record of what Stoney Lane looked like in those days or of when exactly the houses were demolished. Therefore, if any resident has some information, please get in touch with the Local History Society.

Local History Society

Email: info@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Website: www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

Tel: 01580 211711



SWEET PEA & ROSE SHOW RESULTS



A spectacular display of sweet peas and roses filled the Quarry Centre with colour and perfume. The judge was very impressed with the quality and quantity of entries and thoroughly enjoyed the task of inspecting and deciding who had produced the best blooms. Barbara Adams won the Sweet Pea Vase for the best entry in its class and Jean Mayhew won the Legat Challenge Cup for the best rose. Congratulations to all entrants. The Autumn Show is not far away – 12th September in the Village Hall.

Barbara Stafford





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**“Grow, Nurture & Imbibe
A Guide to the English Wine Industry”
by Victoria Aldwinckle, Wine Master
Wednesday, 19th August, 2.30 p.m. Goudhurst Parish Hall**



A background as a winemaker in Washington State, north-west USA, gave Victoria Aldwinckle a sound knowledge of the wines of Oregon and North Carolina, burgeoning wine producers not unlike the English wine industry. She is currently working with a local winery in Marden and will describe the rapid growth of locally-produced wine in England, its strengths and weaknesses.

Non-members welcome - £2.50

Future Monthly Talks

- 16th September “Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective” by Steve Roberts, a former Detective Inspector with the Metropolitan Police Service.
- 21st October “Crossword Puzzles” by Tim Moorey
- 18th November “Self-Publishing” by Andrew Buller
- 16th December “History in Comic Verse” by Geoff Hutchinson
- 20th January “The Social and Political Satire of Gilbert & Sullivan” by Bernard Lockett
- 17th February “Acting – Professional and Personal Experiences” by David Kerby-Kendall

OUTINGS – Please use links above for information and booking forms.

1. A visit has been arranged to Brattle Farm Museum, Staplehurst, on Tuesday morning, 11th August, to see the magnificent display of historic farm equipment. Many artefacts from the 20th century and before. Brattle Farm is a working farm with 14th century moated farm house.

2. A coach visit to Bletchley Park will take place on Tuesday, 13th October. Once Britain’s Best-Kept Secret, Bletchley Park is a unique heritage site where visitors can explore, experience and enjoy the top-secret world of WW2 Code Breaking.

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

Research carried out by Anthony Costello, professor of international child health at UCL for The Lancet referred to the fact that ‘We’re getting fatter, we’re getting heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, respiratory ill health, depression and anxiety – and virtually all the things we want to do to protect us against climate change will improve our health,’

One suggestion could seem fanciful: ban carbon dioxide-filled fizzy drinks! The fizz in one can of drink would hardly register- but multiply that millions and millions of times over. Well, in those terms, it could make sense?

Cutting our consumption of red meat, milk and dairy products could improve health whilst also reducing the volume of methane emissions produced by cows and cattle – but that is to assume the numbers of dairy cows and beef cattle would be reduced in line with demand. Despite market forces, supply and demand don’t always match up! It was also suggested that the NHS should consider banning metered-dose aerosol inhalers for asthmatics and replacing them with greener dry-powder alternatives.

On another point, thousands of people wrote to their MPs in an endeavour to persuade transport ministers to include a ‘Cycling and Walking Strategy’ in the Infrastructure Act 2015. Pre-election promises to turn England into a cycling nation may well be forgotten in the mini-budget which is due to be revealed prior to publication of this article. Apparently, pre-election there were promises to invest a minimum of £10 per person per year to help in that endeavour; at the current time the investment is just £2.

More people cycling instead of driving would reduce carbon emissions and improve the nation’s health – but we need initiatives that would help to make roads safer. The Campaign to Protection Rural England (CPRE) has revealed that the risk of being killed cycling is 15 times greater on rural A roads than those in cities.

Meanwhile a chilling report by David Rose, a journalist, has revealed that thousands of square miles of hardwood forest are being cut down in the US to fuel power stations in Britain! Some environmentalists now admit the processes involved end up producing more CO₂ than the coal the timber replaces. It is also alleged that some ancient woodlands in Britain are suffering the same fate.

True or otherwise, it does seem that – in many instances – we take one step forwards and several back. Genuine consideration for the environment demands lateral thinking and extensive investigation!

Pat Crawford (07771 635684 – patjournalist@waitrose.com) provides this column on behalf of Hadlow College.



Village SOS workshop

Thursday 30th July July 2015

2.30pm – 5.00pm

Smarden Village Hall, Kent

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake available on arrival

Event programme:

- Welcome from our host: Action with Communities in Rural Kent
- Village SOS an introduction: VSOS campaign partner, Caroline Masundire from Rocket Science will run through the campaign aims and objectives and outline the support available for rural projects
- Learning from others: Village SOS film
- Who's here today? Projects to introduce themselves, what they are up to and talk about any support they require
- Linking up: Facilitated workshop session encourage like-minded projects to network and share ideas.
- The next steps: Sign up as a VSOS Member and get involved.

To sign up for the Event, click on this link: <http://bit.ly/1IEuteq>

For more information please contact Chris Cowcher, VSOS Community Manager on 01285 653477 (Ex215) or c.cowcher@acre.org.uk

Please keep in touch:

Website: www.villagesos.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/villagesos

Twitter: [@VillageSOS](https://twitter.com/VillageSOS)

Probably too late for us (this only arrived on 15th July) see over for more details if you get your Magazine early. Editor.

MATERIAL FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2015 ISSUE should be left at
Goudhurst Newsagents by
SATURDAY 15th AUGUST.
Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!

New rural community project support available from Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Do you have an idea for a new project that would benefit your village – or even a group of villages?

Do you run an existing project, or help manage a village hall or community-owned business and want to do something new with it?

If the answer to either question is ‘yes’ then the Big Lottery Fund supported Village SOS programme may be able to help you. Working in partnership with us at Rural Kent, the Village SOS programme provides access to guidance, information, and other support to help you plan a successful project. This ‘other support’ can include a dedicated person to work with you on your idea.

If you would like to know more, please do come along to the Village SOS Roadshow on the 30th July at Smarden Charter Hall. The event runs from 2.30pm until 5pm, and you can book your place at <http://bit.ly/1IEuteq>

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