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FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

They grow, don't they? Children that is. One day, they're little babies, and the house is full of nappies, bottles and baby equipment, then they're off to school and making new friends, and before you've really prepared yourself, they've grown again and they're as tall as you and they know things you don't.

And it's wonderful watching them grow.

I've come across a book about growth recently. It's not about children though, it's about the economy. It's called *How much is enough?* and it's written by a father and son team, Robert and Edward Skidelsky.

Their question is not whether it's good for the economy to grow, but what the point of the growth is. They point out that the father of the modern economy, John Maynard Keynes, believed that by 2030 rising incomes would mean that no one would have to work more than 15 hours a week, leaving plenty of time for us to do the things we enjoy doing outside work. Well, he got that wrong - and on average we now work longer hours than ever before.

The question the book asks is, if, in 1930, Keynes wrongly thought the point of growth was to give us more time away from work, what do we think the point is now? Why do we keep on making and buying more and more stuff? Why do we need our economy to keep on growing? The authors suggest that our problem is that we don't know the answer, and that growth has become an end in itself. Our difficulty is, they suggest, we don't know how much is enough.

I'm no economist, but that strikes me as a very good question - how much is enough? Because the search for 'enough' that we are on in our society doesn't seem to have an end, and if enough is never enough, then like hamsters in a wheel, all we'll do is run faster and faster to stay in the same place.

'Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you' wrote St Augustine, describing his search for meaning in life, and we could do with learning from him. In the end, economic growth alone isn't enough and it cannot provide an answer to the restlessness of our hearts.

'My grace is enough', God told St Paul. That grace is what we need.

God bless

Revd Hugh

This is our story



LENT GROUPS 2014

We will be running two Lent Groups again this year, one in the daytime and one in the evening. The groups, which are run jointly by the Anglican and Catholic churches, will use the materials from the Diocese of Canterbury, which are called This is our story.

Each of the sessions will look at a story from the Book of Acts and will help us to let the story of scripture become more connected to our own lives.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on 5 March.

The daytime group will meet on Fridays in the Children's Chapel at St Mary's from 1:30-3:00, starting on 7 March.

The evening group will meet on Wednesdays at Russets, North Road from 7:30-9:00pm, starting on 12 March.

To join one of these groups, please add your name and contact details to the list at the back of St Mary's, Christ Church and the Sacred Heart. For more information please contact Revd Hugh Nelson (01580 211739) or Fr Vic Maclean (01580 211268)

Songs of Praise

-Light in the darkness-

A service of music & readings for the whole community

Christ Church, Kilndown

23 February, 4:00

Everyone welcome

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.

Sun	2nd		Candlemas
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service – St Mary's
Tues	4th	7.30 pm	? Alpha
Thurs	6th	10.00 am	? Holy Communion - St Mary's
Fri	9th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	9th		4th Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		2.00 pm	Baptism – St Mary's
Tues	11th	11.00 am	? Churches Together
		7.30 pm	? Alpha
Wed	12th	3.00 pm	Childrens Chapel Flower Meeting
Thur	13th	10.00 am	? Holy Communion – St Mary
Fri	14th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	16th		3rd Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	18th	7.30 pm	?Alpha
Thur	20th	10.00 am	? Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	21st	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	23rd		2nd Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion - Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion + Baptism – St Mary's
Tues	25th	7.30 pm	? Alpha – Kilndown Village Hall
Thurs	27th	10.00 am	? Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Goudhurst PCC
Fri	28th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers

READINGS

Sunday 2nd February	Candlemas Malachi 3.1 - 5 Luke 2.22 - 40	Hebrews 2.14 - end
Sunday 9th February	4th Sunday before Lent Isaiah 58.1 - 9a Matthew 5.13 - 20	Corinthians 2.1 - 12
Sunday 16th February	3rd Sunday before Lent Deuteronomy 30.15 - end Matthew 5.21 - 37	I Corinthians 3.1 - 9
Sunday 23rd February	2nd Sunday before Lent Genesis 1.1 - 2:3 Matthew 6.25 - end	Romans 8.18 - 25

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWERS

Ladies, please put your names down on the 2014 Weekly List on the Bread Tomb by the kitchen door.

Please do as many weeks as you can. We do not have as many volunteers as we once had so if you can cover a week or so more than you did last year, it really would help. If can recruit anyone to join our group it would be wonderful!

Judith Farnfield 211457 and Angie Withers 211665

Annual Goudhurst & Kildown Sri Lanka Link Quiz Night **Saturday, 1st March 2014** **7 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall**

Advanced bookings for tables of 8, and single reservations are now being taken

A very popular Quiz Night with Supper at just £16 per head, payable in advance

Wine, beer and juice Bar (No BYO please as we are fund-raising for Sri Lanka) and a great raffle

Competition and guaranteed good fun!

Contact Wendy Russell on 01622-832778 or 07720-441370 or Sue Crookall on 01580 211710 e.mail: sue.crookall@hotmail.com for details and to reserve a place.

'WORKING WONDERS' ...

... is the theme for the 2014 Flower Festival in St Mary's over the Spring Bank Holiday week-end from 3rd to 5th May. More than thirty floral displays will celebrate the world of work with its rich diversity of paid, voluntary and leisure activities and will take as its inspiration the many ways in which work is depicted in the Bible. The Festival encompasses an art exhibition, a gala concert on the Sunday evening, a number of stalls, other activities and with refreshments available throughout.

The 2012 Festival attracted in excess of 1,200 visitors and was a source of much fulfilment to all those involved, either directly or indirectly. Once again the Festival team is being Chaired by Angela Pakenham Walsh. The success of the Festival depends on an army of willing (!) helpers both front of house and behind the scenes, particularly in offering hospitality to our visitors as stewards or as part of the 'catering team'.

Local businesses are being invited to act as 'Sponsors' of the Festival and there will be an opportunity for parishioners to act as 'Patrons' by supporting the Festival, for example in thanksgiving for something special in their lives recently or perhaps in honour of a loved one. Full details will appear in the March magazine of how you can become involved as a Sponsor, Patron or as part of the Festival 'team'.

In the meantime please pray for the success of the Festival, for those involved in its preparation that it may be a time of deepening fellowship in our church and for those who will come that they may be inspired by what they experience to draw closer to God.

Neville Gallagher

(for 2014 Flower Festival committee)

ALPHA COURSE CATERING

Alpha Course Catering: Tuesdays - 21st January until 1st April (excluding February 18th)

If you are able to help with the catering for the Alpha Course even for just one week please contact Tina Gallagher on 01892 890426 or 07909 946195 or e-mail tinagallagher22@aol.com. For anyone willing to cook it would involve making a one pot dish for 10 people (recipe provided) or cakes/tray bakes enough for 30 people - money for ingredients can be claimed! For anyone willing to help on the night it involves getting there at about 6.45 to help set the tables and get the food and plates warming, serving the food and clearing up afterwards. Full instructions given to willing volunteers!! Many hands make light work as the saying goes!!

Wanted – a new volunteer(s) to help keep Christ Church, Kilndown clean. You only commit to a one and a half hour session approximately every three months, on any day and time of day that suits you. The bonus is a time of peace and quiet in this fabulously ornate building. Please give it some thought, thankyou – Jane Davidson

Over the centuries, the countless wars fought in Europe tended to go quiet once the winter weather imposed itself on even the greatest of military plans and ambitions – as Napoleon discovered in 1812. Analysis of the sixty names on the Goudhurst war memorial dating from the Great War shows the weather factor still curtailing warfare: only seven deaths occurred in the months of December, January and February between 1914 and 1919, and three of those – Herbert Stone, Gus Lovell



and Tom Wickham in January 1916 – were far away from Europe in Mesopotamia (now Iraq). Infantry attacks across an icy or flooded No Man's Land in Flanders were not a viable proposition, so inevitably it was shell-fire that killed George Chestney in January 1917 and probably also Walter Mitchell in December of the same year, both of them near Ypres. The Great War ended in November 1918, but the deaths did not: as if dying soon after the killing had stopped was not poignant enough, the final two fatalities were those of a 20-year-old woman, Marjorie Fitzgerald, who succumbed to enteric fever on 4th January 1919 after a brief time in the WRAF; and Frederick Jarvis, one of the very first volunteers from 1914, who miraculously survived while serving with the Buffs on the Western Front from June 1915 until demobbed in January 1919, but caught pneumonia on the way home and died in Maidstone Military Hospital on 5th February. Both are buried in the small cemetery across the lane from St. Mary's Church.

In order to restore our Goudhurst War Memorial to its original condition, in time for the commemoration of the start of the Great War on the 4th August this year, we have started a Restoration Fund and have asked if parishioners would like to be involved, as they were when the memorial was originally built nearly 90 years ago.

The initial response has been very good and in December the Fund received £765 from 9 donors. By early January the total had risen to £ 3,506 as the following added their names to the list of donors:-

Brian and Jan Vousden	Peter and June Wickham
Sir Derek and Lady Day	Mrs Janice Elvidge
Mrs Lesley Bolton	Mrs April Cornish
David Bolton	R J Drawbridge
Mrs Sheila Klopper	

We thank all the above for their generous support and remind prospective donors that cheques should be made payable to "Goudhurst Parish Council" and sent to The Parish Clerk at:- South Oast, Smugley Farm, Goudhurst TN17 2QU, where they will be held in a ring-fenced account. All donations will be acknowledged in writing and a further list of donors will be published in the March edition of the Parish magazine.

Roger Joye and Tony Richards
Goudhurst War Memorial Committee

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KEVIN ANTHONY PAINE

My cousin, Kevin Paine, sadly died on the 28th. November, 2013, at the young age of 58 years. He was very much a Goudhurst man, often to be seen walking around the village he loved. His funeral service was held on 3rd. January, at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium and I had the honour of delivering the Eulogy. At his father, Rex's request, part of it has been reproduced in this month's magazine:-

How many of you know what was, for instance, top of the pop charts this day, 1982? Well, Kevin did. If you heard an unknown bird song, the chances were that Kevin would recognise it: his knowledge was second to none.

Kevin was born on 3rd. August, 1955 in a long since demolished cottage in North Road, Goudhurst. While he was very young, he and his family moved to Dunton Green for a few years but then moved back to Goudhurst to Willow Cottage, Lidwells Lane, after his father, Rex Paine, started work at Lydd. From Goudhurst, Kevin travelled daily to St. George's School in Tunbridge Wells for his education.

Kevin had many interests and he travelled widely in Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland and to Guernsey where he was able to meet up with my sister, Joy, who lives there. However, he always journeyed by coach and boat, never by aeroplane. He loved to send postcards of places he had visited and also liked to receive postcards of places others had visited to see if he had been there too. He belonged to the local "Arts and Heritage" group which enabled him to visit many interesting places and make new friends.

The one piece of equipment which he always took with him was his camera, as he loved to take photographs. If he went on one of his walks around Goudhurst, his camera went with him, just in case... On returning from his holidays, he always delighted in showing you photos of places he had visited. More recently, Kevin had "gone digital" and so the images were usually then viewed from the camera.

Kevin enjoyed doing all sorts of quiz sheets, and, together with his Dad, they were quite a team! He loved to visit churches, especially for Flower Festivals. Annually he would come to ours in Rolvenden, have lunch at our village hall and then enjoy the flowers, taking many photos as he walked around. He was really looking forward to the one taking place at Goudhurst this year and, months ago, via a little note, informed me of the date. He was always very proud that at his suggestion, a Flower Festival was held in St. Mary's to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Kevin enjoyed music and would often put in a request on Radio Kent, which was usually played! The Proclaimers sang the final song at the service because it was one of the last songs performed by the group who played at his nephew Chris's wedding to Louisa in Edinburgh in September. Kevin was sitting next to me, the song started and he was gone, up on the dance floor dancing to "I wanna be (500 miles)" as it was one of his favourites! His feet had been tapping to the music all evening and now was his chance to be part of it! How he loved family occasions and those of us there will never forget his joy and enthusiasm at hearing this song.

I feel privileged to have had Kevin as a cousin. He had a gentle nature and a great sense of humour. He NEVER forgot birthdays and anniversaries and, on the last occasion I saw him, he talked about being 60 in 2015.

There is more I could say about Kevin, but his father, Rex, has written the final word:-

“Many of you will remember Kevin for his camera and love of photography. On one famous occasion, coming home from one of his walks, he saw a rare bird possibly something lesser spotted, sitting on the telegraph wire. Before he had got his camera out, the bird had flown away! Kevin was always very proud to be able to tell the tale of the one that got away or talk about the person who stepped in front of his camera at a crucial point!

And so to Kevin Anthony Paine, let us say thank you once more for the many pleasures you have given us all”.

Maralyn Button



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Seasonal frivolity was the order of the day at the December meeting when members played a bit of bingo, tackled fiendish quizzes and enjoyed delicious nibbles amid a great deal of chat and laughter as was appropriate with Christmas approaching. It was a very social evening and much enjoyed by all and sundry and thanks go to the hard working Committee for all their efforts.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th February when Stewart Kempster will guide us "Up The Amazon" Visitors and new members are always welcome, for more information please contact Annie Fellows 01892 890354.

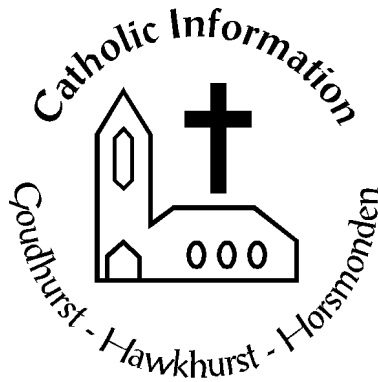
There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall at the February meeting so please do bring things to sell and be ready to buy!

IF YOU LIKED MR SELFRIDGE MEET MR BURGESS

At 7.45 on February 4th, Gill Joye reveals the surprising story of Goudhurst's very own shopping 'magnate' and the store that for 140 years has been a centre of village life. Meet "The Burgess family and their Store" at The Church Room, Back Lane, Goudhurst. Entry: free for members, just £2.50 for non-members. So why not join, it's just £5.00pp for this season's meetings?

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

For more information visit www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org



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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

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GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting in St Mary's Church Room will be at 7.45 on Thursday 13th February with a presentation on English Church Music by Jeffrey Gray. From plainsong through Purcell and Parry to modern pop, England has a rich tradition of church composition, which is often under-represented in music histories. Jeffrey, the Director of Music in Goudhurst and Director of the Cranbrook Choral Society, has made a special study of the subject and will give us a broad overview, with special emphasis on the periods before and after the Reformation. Members come at no charge and visitors are welcomed at £5. For further information, please contact Quentin Rappoport on 01580 211514 or Clare Benfield on 01580 211517.

KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting for 2014 is on Thursday February 6, in the Quarry Centre at 7.45pm. Guest speaker will be Alison Marsden and the topic, More Garden for Less Effort. Hopefully the schedules will be ready and don't forget to bring purses/wallets to pay your subscriptions.

On the subject of money, our bank balance is diminishing! Hiring the Quarry Centre for meetings has saved a bit, but subscriptions are down, speakers cost anything between £50/£90 a time, judges have fees, there are printing costs and we have to pay insurance on various odds and ends. With only a handful of people turning up for the evening meetings and to shows (there were only 10 at the Autumn Show last year) it doesn't take a mathematician to work out where and why the money is going.

If it ever stops raining and us gardeners can get down to some 'proper gardening' rather than wistfully thinking about it, don't forget the Plant Sale on May 17. This will be outside the Quarry Centre, were we have plenty of room and don't have to cart plants and tables up the road the Goudhurst as we did in the past. Sow a few extra seeds, order more plug plants, do some dividing and the Sale is not restricted to garden plants, do you have houseplants that need new homes, we'll take them.

Lynda Shepherd



Our children and staff have spent the first few weeks getting to know each other and all settled in to our warm, welcoming setting very easily. The numerous fantastic donations of toys and books are being used and enjoyed and the children have been learning about the weather and Chinese New Year.

Invitations to our first fundraising event, a fun, wine tasting evening on Saturday 8th February, are free and available at the village newsagents. The evening starts with a glass of fizz at 6.30 p.m. Suggested donation £10. Detailed information can be found at www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

You can also donate while you shop online by registering with our pre-school at easyfundraising.org.uk

VILLAGE ECHOES

Back Lane in Goudhurst sometimes acts as a by-pass for pedestrians and desperate motorists when traffic chaos affects the High Street. To most of its users, it is simply a through-route, with the churchyard, the Star & Eagle and the backs of the High Street shops and houses on one side, and on the other.....? A few houses, a field and, hardly noticeable behind a plethora of yew bushes, the small cemetery which opened in 1874 when extra space for burials was required. Over the last few months the Local History Society, with the co-operation of the Parish Clerk, has created a map of the burials and has photographed the headstones and other memorials in this space.

One of the larger burial plots is that of Joseph Ridgway and his family. Born in the parish of Horwich, near Bolton in 1821, Joseph Ridgway was the son of the owner of a successful bleach-works business which had been in the family since the mid-eighteenth century. (No connection with the family who founded the famous Ridgway Tea Company has been proved). Known as “Young Joe” to distinguish him from his father who was also called Joseph, Ridgway inherited the business when his father died in 1842. By 1851 he had purchased and was living at Fairlawn, a big estate near Tonbridge, along with his wife Selina and their two children, Cecily and Thomas Francis. Ten years later, and in poor health, he was advised by his doctor to visit a warmer climate, so he, his wife and son travelled to Thebes (Luxor) in Egypt - with disastrous consequences. While there, all three contracted a fever from which only Ridgway himself recovered, and he had the unenviable task of returning to England with their bodies. He remarried in 1865 and had two more daughters, but his second wife Georgiana died in 1871 shortly after the birth of the second one. He subsequently sold Fairlawn for £100,000 and came to Goudhurst where he had purchased a house called Brandfold. This he promptly demolished in order to build a new one with the same name on the same site.

Ridgway became involved in the formation of the new burial-ground at an early stage. In July 1872 he wrote a letter offering to pay for the building of the wall which now surrounds the cemetery and in return he requested that he be given a corner plot measuring 25 feet by 25 feet. In 1873 the newly formed Burial Board agreed to this proposal, and Ridgway became the owner of the first “purchased” grave plot in the north-east corner of the burial-ground on 5th December 1873. The first actual interment was of 82-year-old William Parks, a plumber from Wickham’s Row (Rope Walk) on the 12th June 1874 whose unmarked grave lies against the south wall. Ridgway died at his London house, 73 Eaton Place, on 20th January 1879. His was the seventy-fifth burial to take place and, unlike Parks, his final resting-place and those of his two wives and only son are





marked with elaborate memorials. There are also memorial windows to Ridgway and his second wife in St Mary's Church.

Brandfold was inherited by his eldest daughter, the wife of John Stewart Gathorne Hardy who later became the Earl of Cranbrook. After passing through a series of owners, the main Brandfold house was demolished in 1927.

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QUARRY CENTRE

We've had a tidy up. All the spare tables and chairs along with various odds and ends are now in the 'Office' (the Doctors), hopefully all that use the QC will help keep our newfound space uncluttered. Our next project is new curtains, estimates have been sought, materials felt, poles prodded and it shouldn't be too long before the tatty blinds can be thrown in the rubbish bin.

Winners in the QC Club draw for December were, Richard Crumpling, Margaret Wood and Alan Olley. The QC Club is a very easy way to support the Quarry Centre and only costs £12 per year, subscriptions for 2014 are now being taken. The more that join, the bigger the prizes. Prize winners in the Christmas Raffle, were Ann Olley, Mary Ward, Carolyn Lovell, Tina Gallagher and Eric Skinner. The next fundraising raffle for the Quarry Centre is underway, this is a chance to win a Family Ticket for a trip on the Kent and East Sussex Railway. Watch out for the 'board' at the Saturday Shop.

Just a reminder as to what we do sell at the Saturday Shop. Fruit and vegetables, locally sourced or 'English' as much as possible, we have to give in sometimes to the 'foreign/out of season' stuff! We have organic canned and dry goods, bread, eggs, organic meats, Eco Friendly cleaning materials - on a refill basis, cards, stamps and anything else that comes to hand!

Lynda Shepherd

STAPLEHURST MUSIC CENTRE

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

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

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

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



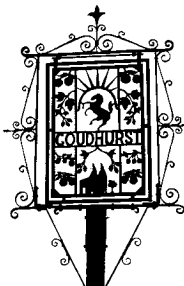
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

There will be no Branch meeting in January; the next one will be on Monday 24th February at 2 30 pm at the Star and Eagle.

The Branch is most grateful for the support it received in 2013 from the Poppy collection and fund raising, and even though the majority of our forces will be withdrawn from Afghanistan by the end of this year, the need for the Legion's resources, financial and services, will continue into the foreseeable future.

The Branch sends its best wishes to all its supporters for 2014.

Robin Mitchell



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

09 February

23 February

09 March

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

23 February

Curtisdan Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

23 February

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, Curtisdan Green –	Textiles and Shoes
	(a charity facility)

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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, the New Year really has been “upon us” with so many inches of rain that Goudhurst received mention on the BBC news for the exceptional rainfall over the past month. The winds blew, the rain poured, trees fell and the phone and electricity lines were cut resulting in some very unplanned or alternative Christmases. Our relatively small population meant that other areas received first call on the overstretched emergency, repair and maintenance services resulting in some of our parish being without electricity for five days. Sadly for some, the disruption extended to substantial flooding.

What can or should we as a community do to prepare for the future was a matter discussed at our January Council meeting. The authorities and organisations other than your Parish Council have the responsibility and resources to deal with these situations. But since such extreme weather events seem to be becoming more common what should we as a community do? Our initial thought is to take an inventory of people with equipment who are willing to provide help. If you have any suggestions along these lines please contact our Clerk who is co-ordinating the list. Our thanks’ should go especially to those residents and indeed councillors who were out and about with chainsaws and tractors helping to clear fallen trees including those which fell across the Cranbrook road by the Glebe field.

Apart from that it has been a fairly quiet period for the Parish Council other than; a grant has been agreed to help the Kiltdown Quarry Centre maintenance; following a request submitted to our County member and the Highways Fund Team leader, traffic survey equipment has been installed at 4 points along B2079 Bedgebury Road and Lady Oak Lane which will record both traffic volume and vehicle speeds. We have received an encouraging response from Kent Highways to the possibility of putting a mirror at the junction of B2084 Chequers Road with the A262 to improve the visibility (and safety) of drivers exiting Chequers Road turning right (westward onto the A262 Cranbrook Road).

This Parish Magazine is one of the main ways that parish, church and village societies have to communicate news and forthcoming events throughout the community but it doesn’t reach everyone. So in an effort to introduce it more widely and hopefully increase its long term circulation, your Council has agreed to sponsor its distribution throughout the whole community during the months of April, May and June. Since this will coincide with the run-up to the August 1914 centenary, the Village Fete, the expected roll out of the improved broadband and a number of other initiatives, all should benefit from the expanded coverage and publicity during that period.

Amy, Antony, Barry, Birgitta, Clive, David,
Ed, Guy, John, Phil, Stephen & Tony.
www.goudhurst.co.uk

GOUDHURST PARISH HALL NEEDS A NEW HON. TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer will be retiring later this year and applications are invited for the post. The person appointed will also become a Hall Trustee. The role would suit a person with basic book keeping skills and is not onerous. There are bi monthly meetings lasting 1 hour. For further details please contact Tony Richards on 01580 211933

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Monday 10 February	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 11 February	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 25 February	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tuesday 25 February	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
War Memorials Committee	Thursday 27 February	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Monday 10 March	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

MAIDSTONE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Conductor, Brian Wright will perform on Saturday 1st February 2014 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone ME15 7RN. The programme consists of four works; Mendelssohn – Overture, The Hebrides; Sibelius – Valse triste; Copland – Clarinet Concerto; Beethoven – Symphony No. 3 “Eroica”.

We’ve another powerful musical evening, climaxing in the glories of Beethoven’s “Eroica” Symphony. There’s Mendelssohn’s most popular Overture and a particularly poignant miniature from Sibelius, and we warmly welcome back Mark Simpson to play Copland’s wonderfully jazzy Clarinet Concerto, dedicated to Benny Goodman.

Tickets £10, £20 and £25, full time Students with a student card £5 available from Membership Secretary Alan Veal on 01622 735830, with either Cash or Cheque payment only. These can be collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall. Bookings can also be taken on www.mso.org.uk using the booking form.

Tickets for all Children up to and including 18 years of age are FREE.

MSO Registered Charity No. 287986

DEANERY EVENTS
February/March

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

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SATURDAY 1st MARCH, 2014 - 7.30pm - CHURCH

CONCERT BY ANTIPHONY

TICKETS:- £10.00 to include a glass of wine during the interval are available from Graham Codling 01622 832622 or Robin Judd 01622 831609

SATURDAY 8th MARCH, 2014 – 8.30am – Vestry Hall

MEN'S BREAKFAST

An opportunity to enjoy a Full English Breakfast in good company.

Guest Speaker:- TBA

No charge but donations towards the cost of the food would be appreciated.

Please advise Alec on 01622 832211 or Tim on 01622 833291

if you will be attending so that sufficient food will be available.

FRIENDS OF MARDEN'S HERITAGE

SATURDAY 15th MARCH, 2014 – 7.30pm – MEMORIAL HALL

IRISH (ST. PATRICK'S) EVENING

Come along for an enjoyable evening and bring friends.

Horse racing, Sing-a-long, Raffle, Supper, Cash Bar.

Tickets:- £10.00 per person to include supper and a glass of wine

Tickets available from The Heritage Centre, The Village Stores , West End Stores or by contacting Steve McArragher on 01622 831007

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, CRANBROOK

FRIENDS OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY, 2014 - 12.30 for 1 pm - CHURCH

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – BRIAN GIPPS – ORGAN RECITAL

THURSDAY 6th MARCH, 2014 – 12.30 FOR 1.00pm – CHURCH

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – NAOMI BURRELL

Refreshments – 12.30pm; Lunch 1.00pm

Admission to lunchtime concerts is free.

There is a retiring collection to support church restoration.

**“HOLD A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER
TO HELP SPINAL CORD INJURED PEOPLE
REBUILD LIVES AFTER INJURY”**

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



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

Midway through last year the government produced a document entitled 'Future of Farming Review report'. The foreword contained an interesting phrase; 'Fortunately as a country we have now accepted that food security is an issue'.

I guess it all depends how 'country' is interpreted in this context. If it means people in government, then it is probably true. If it means the general public has lucid understanding of the issues involved, then it's probably a defective analysis. The public attitude to 'food security' is polarised. There are those who don't even recognise the phrase. There are those who not interested - who might even consider it 'rubbish'. There are those who are vaguely interested but cannot see what they can do about it - and therefore see no point in worrying!

Then there are those who do understand the enormity of the issues concerned, bend the ears of relatives, friends and colleagues, attempt to put various measures into place, support local farmers and growers, promote local food enterprises, join a grower group or set up their own kitchen garden - possibly make adjustments to their eating habits.

The challenges aren't going away. The extreme weather we have already experienced this year brings some of the problems into sharp focus. Flooding is an obvious issue and some crops are likely to be suffering badly. Less obvious, the weather has been particularly mild. Good in respect of the fact that it has reduced household heating needs - but it is not without potential negative aspects. Some trees are in bud at the time of writing (before mid-January). Top fruit will be badly affected if trees come into blossom early and we then get severe frosts. Similar problems will affect other food production sectors.

Farmers and growers are faced by huge challenges. Collectively they manage the larger part of our land; they are tasked with producing more food using fewer resources whilst at the same time paying greater attention to the environment and the importance of biodiversity – all against the background of climate change.

The farming industry in this country – and globally – needs to attract new entrants at graduate, post-graduate, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled levels. The biggest obstacle to recruitment is the failure of schools, careers advisors, parents - and young people - to appreciate the farming industry offers progressive, fulfilling and stimulating career opportunities. Too often the industry is not understood at all – or it is perceived as unrewarding, badly paid and lacking opportunities for progression.

Arguably, food security will not be achieved in this country – or globally – unless the problem of recruitment can be overcome. The issues are vast. The farming industry - and ability to manage food security - depend on attracting the right entrants, continuous training, proactivity rather than reactivity - and planning for tomorrow's needs rather than those of yesterday!

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PARISH MAGAZINE

Since the early 1990s the Parish Magazine has been printed on a copy printer. This is basically an ink duplicator which cuts its own stencil from a built in scanner or from information sent directly from a computer. This has the advantage that it is fast and relatively cheap to operate.

For seven years I set the Magazine and printed master copies which Bill Musgrave printed on his copy printer. These were collated, stapled and folded by his wife Betty.

Since 2000 I have set the Magazine and printed it on my copy printer. For a number of years this was an early Risograph machine printing at 300 dots per inch resolution. Many of the church service sheets used each week were printed on this machine. Later I purchased a refurbished Riso RP3700 which prints at 600 dpi. This is the machine used to print this issue. Unfortunately these machines were superseded many years ago and no printer drivers (the little program that enables the computer to talk to the printer) were issued for recent versions of Microsoft Windows. This has meant that I have to set the Magazine on one computer then transfer the information to an old computer to send it to the printer. Spare parts for the machine are also becoming very difficult to obtain.

By the time I set the March issue of the Magazine I hope to have a different machine installed. This is again produced by Riso, but is an inkjet printer, so can print in colour. Unlike many home printers this uses oil-based inks which will not run in damp conditions. It can print at up to 120 pages per minute and will print on both sides of the paper. Attached to the printer is a finisher that will assemble a complete booklet, staple and fold it. This means, instead of printing all sheets of the odd pages of the Magazine, resending them to print all of the even pages, then loading the pages into a collator and booklet maker to produce each Magazine, once set up, the new machine will produce completed Magazines. Unlike home printers ink comes in 1 litre bottles so does not carry the premium charged for a few drops of ink in a tiny cartridge.



The main difficulty is going to be getting the printer and finisher installed into a room which at its widest point is the same as the machine length! We believe it will fit through the front door. Please wait for March to see if it did fit.

David Denton

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

I find it rather sad that some of the very beautiful items of church plate belonging to St Mary's are no longer seen as they are stored in the Bank for safety.

The cover photograph is of the Paten given by Sir William Campion and his wife Elizabeth in 1618. There is also a Chalice given by Sir William and a Flagon given by Frances Campion in 1722.



I do hope someone at the Bank keeps these items polished.

I suppose it is necessary to keep the most valuable church plate in the Bank, as, not long ago, someone was trying to make off with the bust of Sir William, which was much less portable than these silver items (as they discovered when their sack barrow collapsed under the weight before getting him out of the church). With the danger of stolen silver being melted down all the beauty of the silversmith's craft would be lost for ever, but one wonders what the real value is of something that is no longer seen anyway. At least we still have the photographs.

David Denton

PAUL WELLER ANNOUNCES FORESTRY COMMISSION GIGS

Paul Weller has confirmed five forest gigs, appearing as part of the Forestry Commission's Forest Live concert programme in spectacular woodland locations across the country.

It's been thirty years since Paul Weller first exploded onto the music scene, suited and booted, and armed with statement tunes in The Jam. Blending the best of British with his love of Motown, Weller crafted a new landscape in the UK music scene thanks to an impressive portfolio of work including amongst others, Stanley Road, Illumination, 22 Dreams and 2013's Sonik Kicks all hitting Number One. A significant figure in popular music for the past three generations, he remains a cultural icon.

Forest Live is an independent programme organised by the Forestry Commission bringing music to new audiences without commercial branding or sponsorship. Income from the concerts is spent on improving the woodland for both people and wildlife.

Following on from two sold out Forest Live dates last summer, Paul said of the 2014 shows, "It's a favourite summer jaunt for me so I look forward to performing in a few of the forests that I haven't played in a good while".

Paul Weller plus special guests will be performing:

Saturday 14 June: Sherwood Pines Forest, Edwinstowe, Nr Mansfield, Notts.

Saturday 21 June: Bedgebury Pinetum & Forest, Nr Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Friday 27 June: Dalby Forest, Nr Pickering, N Yorks.

Saturday 28 June: Cannock Chase Forest, Nr Rugeley, Staffs.

Friday 4 July: Delamere Forest, Nr Northwich, Cheshire.

Tickets £46.20 (including booking fee) go on sale at 9.00am Friday 17 January from the Forestry Commission box office tel 03000 680400 or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music.

Info

www.paulweller.com
www.forestry.gov.uk/music

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Goudhurst Newsagents or at **Russets, North Road** by
SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY.

Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!