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FROM THE VICAR

Dear friends

It's the New Year and the papers are full of reviews of 2013 so I've been doing a more personal look back at the last 12 months.

Irritatingly, first to pop into my mind are those incidents that I'd prefer my memory to have buried. Like the moment our new dog got off a train and cocked his leg against a nice lady's suitcase. Or the Sunday I forgot there was a baptism, only remembering as the family walked into church 10 minutes before the service was due to start. Those memories are probably best passed over quickly.

Fortunately 2013 had its share of good times too. I got to visit the Harry Potter studios with my daughter Martha - and saw the secrets behind the films. My garden moved from a nettle infested mess to a productive vegetable patch. There were frequent times of jaw dropping beauty in the countryside here and further afield. And in church there was the joy of weddings and baptisms, as people set out on a new stage in their journey through life, full of celebration and hope for the future. And I think of individuals for whom new opportunities opened up, and people who discovered that God is real, and that he loves them and who found their lives changed as a result.

And there was sadness and pain as well in 2013. For some, it was the emptiness of bereavement or struggles at work, a broken relationship or a difficult diagnosis from the doctor. For others something within them that could not easily be shared, but which made every day a struggle.

And woven between all those stand-out moments were the thousands of little encounters and events which are gone from my memory, but which made up ordinary life.

And what strikes me most as I look back is that God wasn't more present when I was feeling happy. Nor was he absent when things weren't going so well. God was simply present. While my experiences and emotions, and those of the people I spent time with, went up and down, he was just there. Sometimes very obviously, sometimes in the background, but always there.

And so, as 2014 starts, I thank God for being with us in the same steady, faithful, loving way, whether things are going brilliantly or life feels like it's going down the drain. Stuff will happen. Laughter and tears will come our way. Our feelings will shift and change like the weather. But God's love for us stays the same.

Happy New Year and may God continue to bless you with his constant presence throughout 2014

Rev Hugh

CALENDAR

Please note - re: 8.00 am Communion Service in St Mary's – order two from the Book of Common Worship, Traditional Language is used.

Weekday parish prayers: Morning prayer is at 7.30 am on Tuesday and Thursday, and 8.00 am and 12 noon on Wednesday at St Mary's and on Friday 8.00 am at Christ Church. Evening prayer is at 5.30 pm on Friday at Christ Church when the prayers for Compline will be used. See weekly sheet for Bible readings.

Thurs	2nd		No Holy Communion
Sun	5th		Christmas 2
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service – St Mary's
Thurs	9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
Fri	10th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	12th		The Baptism of Christ
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	14th	11.00 am	Churches Together
Wed	15th	3.00 pm	Children's Chapel Booked
Thurs	16th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary
		7.30 pm	PCC - Kilndown
Fri	17th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	19th		Epiphany 2
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	21st	10.30 am	Children's Chapel Booked
		7.30 pm	Alpha – Kilndown Village Hall
Thurs	23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	PCC - Goudhurst
Fri	24th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	26th		Epiphany 3
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion - Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	28th	7.30 pm	Alpha – Kilndown Village hall
Thurs	30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	31st	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
		2.00 pm	Christingle – St Mary's

READINGS

Sunday 5th Christmas 2

Isaiah 60.1 - 6
Matthew 2.1 - 12
Ephesians 3.1 - 12

Sunday 12th

The Baptism of Christ

Jeremiah 31.7 - 14
John 1.10 - 18
Ephesians 1.3 - 14

Sunday 19th

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49.1 - 7
John 1.29 - 42
I Corinthians 1.1 - 9

Sunday 26th

Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9.1 - 4
Matthew 4.12 - 23
I Corinthians 1.10 - 18

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church

1st December Edward Coles – St Mary's

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage

30th November Liz Crookall and Tim Piper

PASTORAL SERVICES

14th November Cyril Russell – Service of Thanksgiving



GOT QUESTIONS? TRY ALPHA

Alpha is for anyone with questions about the meaning of life. It is an informal, fun and friendly way to meet other people, enjoy a free meal and find out more about the basics of Christianity.

Alpha is for everyone, whatever you do or don't believe. No question is out of bounds, and you are free to say as much or as little as you want. It's totally free and it's fine to come along just to try it out.

Alpha starts on Tuesday 21 January 2014 in Kilndown Village Hall and runs for 10 weeks.

Find out more at www.gkchurch.org.uk or contact Rev Hugh Nelson on 01580 211739 or gk.alpha@yahoo.co.uk

KEVIN ANTHONY PAINE

We are saddened to announce Kevin's sudden death at the age of 58. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and great uncle, and well known in the village for his cheerful disposition and kindness. He will be sadly missed.



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.

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

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

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY, 2014 – 7.30pm – MEMORIAL HALL

WINTER WARMER QUIZ

Come along and test your knowledge of winter related matters.
Raffle, Light Supper, Cash Bar.

Tickets:- £9.00 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

STAPLEHURST MUSIC CENTRE

Staplehurst Music Centre will be 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: www.staplehurst-music-centre.co.uk which is updated regularly with news, term dates and concert information.

THANK YOU GOUDHURST & KILNDOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A copy of an Email sent to the Goudhurst & Kilndown Historical Society

Thank you so much for such an enjoyable evening on Tuesday and what a superb speaker , Geoff Hutchinson.

“Having been unable to attend the Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society meetings for some time, I was pleased to be able to renew my membership and attend the December meeting. And – what a wonderful evening it was. Perhaps I had forgotten what such a friendly, professional society it is with such committed and talented leaders that we have. So – what better way to start the evening but by greeting us with mince pies and mulled wine! Our speaker was so professional and entertaining, his talk ranging from the celebration of the birth of Christ to the way we celebrate it today and the associated customs. The talk was both serious and thought provoking but matched with very light hearted moments, including lovely taped Christmas Carols, and Christmas songs sung by him . The evening was amusing, thought provoking and obviously much appreciated by the very long and loud applause he received.

I look forward to the next meeting – WHY NOT JOIN US - YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE MISSING.

Doreen Warner

GOUDHURST WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL FUND

The great majority of the sixty individuals commemorated on Goudhurst's war memorial from the war of 1914 – 1918 died on the Western Front. One notable exception is Private A. J. Kemp of the London Regiment, who was reported "Missing" after an attempt to capture the Turkish-held citadel of Amman (now the capital of Jordan) on 30th March 1918; his name is carved among those of his comrades on the Memorial to the Missing which stands in Jerusalem War Cemetery at the northern end of the Mount of Olives. Arthur Kemp was also different in other ways from the rest of the soldiers whose names accompany his on our village memorial: alone among the preponderance of farm and shop workers (though he was a grocer's son), he had been an undergraduate – at London University – when he and his brothers Frank and Stuart all enlisted together in November 1915; at 5ft. 10½ ins. stood 5 inches taller than most of his contemporaries; and although his first six months abroad were spent on the Western Front, the next six involved facing the Bulgarian army in a mountainous region of Greece. By July 1917 the army had taken him even further from home, to face the Turks in Palestine, and the turn of that year found him in Jerusalem itself. From there he and his unit advanced eastwards via Jericho, crossed the River Jordan, and then headed for Amman.



We mentioned in November's Parish Magazine that, in order to restore Goudhurst War Memorial to its original condition in time for the commemoration of the start of the Great War next year, we would be opening a Restoration Fund and we asked if parishioners would like to be involved, as they were when the memorial had originally been built nearly 90 years ago. The initial response was very good, with the fund receiving £1,775 from 14 individual donors and 2 village organisations by 15th November. By early December the total had risen to £ 2,971 as the following added their names to the list of donors:-

Ian and Anne Torry	Mrs Sonya Smith LRAM
David and Eve Windsor	Roger Joye (CRANARA)
Mrs Muriel Parker	Cliff and Diane Wilks
Lady Noakes and Mr C B Noakes	John McCaig
Mrs John Morgan	Bryan and Elizabeth Mason
Alastair and Cynthia Cooke	Mrs Maralyn Button
Mrs Jill Coombs	Mrs Elizabeth Crusoe

We thank all the above for their generous support and remind prospective donors that cheques should be made out to "Goudhurst Parish Council" and sent to The Parish Clerk at The South Oast, Smugley Farm, Bedgebury Road, 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 February Parish Magazine.

Roger Joye and Tony Richards
Goudhurst War Memorial Committee

CLOSURE OF SIZZLERS BUTCHERS

By the time this goes to print I am sure that you will have heard that unfortunately because of the recent down turn and ever increasing costs, that Sizzlers has had to make the difficult decision to cease trading.

I first started at the Butchers 37 years ago, working for Mr Freddie Southon in 1976 and later went on to work for Steve Greenaway, before it became my own in 1998 and was known as Sizzlers. It has been a very happy 37 years and I have enjoyed every day and being at the heart of village life. I would like to thank all of our loyal customers that I have had the pleasure to serve and also all the people that I have worked with during this time. I would like to say a special thank you to Ric who I have worked alongside for the past 33 years and also Trish for almost 20 years.

It is at times like this that as a village we need to think about helping to support our local shops, and avoid this happening to the remaining village shops that we are lucky enough to still have. It may be easier in the supermarket but remember 'if we do not use them, we will lose them!'

Ric, Trish and myself will be looking for work - gardening, small DIY jobs, cleaning etc (anything considered). If it's a job you think we can do please give us a ring.

Harvey: 01580 714702,
Ric & Trish: 01580 892169

Once again I would like to thank the village for their support over the years and wish you all a happy 2014.

Harvey

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GOUDHURST, FLOWER FESTIVAL 3-5 MAY 2014 "WORKING WONDERS"

Flower Arrangers' Meetings all in the Children's Chapel at 3pm on

Wednesday 15th January,

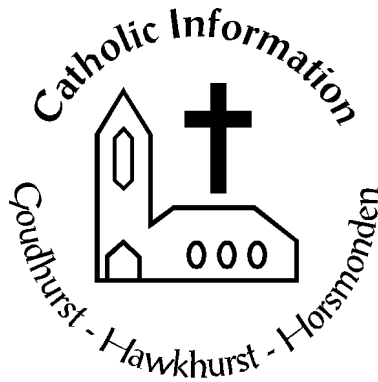
Wednesday 12th February,

Wednesday 12th March

Wednesday 9th April

Please make a note of these dates; we look forward to seeing you all there.

A. P-W - 211610



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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 VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL

The new Goudhurst Village Pre-school opens this month on Wednesday 8th. If you couldn't make the Open Day in November feel free to pop in and see what we're all about and even arrange a free taster session for your child.

Our first fundraising event will be a Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 8th February, when you can test your knowledge, learn something new and tease your palette after that spell of January abstinence, so put the date in your diaries and check our website for more details www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

OLD PARSONAGE SURGERY

Patient Participation Group Newsletter No. 6

New Members Required for Goudhurst Patient Participation Group

We are currently looking for new members for the Old Parsonage Surgery Patient Participation Group. The PPG was formed in 2011 with the intention that it should contribute to the improvement and flexibility in the services provided by the Practice through consulting and planning with patients and with the Practice in a positive and constructive way. The Group welcomes suggestions and feedback from any patient of the Practice.

A couple of members of the committee are resigning, so we are in need of new Committee members. If you would like to be part of the Committee, or know someone who you think we could approach who might be interested, please contact our Chairman, Mr Anthony Farnfield at anthony.farnfield@btinternet.com.

Closure of Kilndown Surgery

It is with regret that the Doctors have decided that the weekly Kilndown Surgery will have to be closed. The date of the last Surgery in Kilndown will be 30th December 2013 and from that date, it will be necessary for all Kilndown patients registered with Dr Llewellyn or Dr Watson to attend the Old Parsonage Surgery when medical assistance is required. The Doctors have asked us to let you know that it will still be possible for the Doctors to carry out a "home visit" to a patient if their medical condition warrants a visit

Dr Llewellyn's retirement

Dr Llewellyn has asked us to let you know that she will be retiring from the Old Parsonage Practice on 31st March 2014. Dr Llewellyn has been a GP at the Old Parsonage Surgery since 1987 and has provided first class advice to all patients during this time. The Doctors have asked us to let you know that a replacement is currently being sought to take over from Dr Llewellyn from 31st March 2014 and should one not be found in time, Dr Llewellyn has said that she will continue working in a locum capacity after this date until a suitable person has been found to take her place. She has asked that no fuss be made about her departure, but Dr Watson will be placing a book in reception in the weeks leading up to her departure for patients to record their best wishes and thanks to her.

Flu Jabs

Please note that any patient who is over 65 and or who has a chronic medical condition is entitled to a free flu inoculation. Please contact the Surgery to make yourself an appointment with Brenda. The PPG would like to thank Dr Llewellyn and Brenda Bateman for giving up their time one Saturday in October to inoculate 100 patients who required the jab.

Lonely People in Goudhurst

The PPG are aware that there are people who live in the village who are feeling lonely. Are you lonely? Do you know anyone in the village who is lonely and needs company and support? If you would like help, please contact Mrs Judy Hodges on email: rujudhodges@uwclub.net and she will be able to provide you with the details and telephone numbers of Clubs and Societies in the village for people of all ages.

Accident and Emergency Procedure

There are many minor injuries and complaints that can be managed in the Practice without a visit to A&E. Please bear this in mind and remember to give the Surgery a call before going to A&E. This will enable the large waiting times at A&E to be reduced, which will please everyone. You should also be aware of NHS 111 which offer 24 hour medical advice.

Also please see the Surgery website for details of Out of Hours care.

www.oldparsonagesurgery.co.uk



RBL POPPY APPEAL ALL-YEAR-ROUND COLLECTING BOXES

I have a supply of All-Year-Round Collecting Boxes for the Poppy Appeal and would be happy to deliver one to anyone who would like to pop their spare change into these red poppies as an easy way of continuous giving to the RBL Poppy Appeal. They will take any coins, brown, silver or gold, and I would be glad to collect when they are full.

Please think of using this way of supporting our defence forces and the Royal British Legion. My telephone number is: 01580 212467.

Barbara Stafford

QUARRY CENTRE

With the village hall so busy these days, village event organisers are having to think well in advance. Following on from another successful Craft Fair, the date has been booked for one in 2014, Saturday October 18. Another date for the diary, will be Saturday May 3, when the Norwegian Jazz Band are back in the country, and have generously decided to give a concert, possibly their last, for the Quarry Centre.

QUARRY CENTRE



Saturday Shoppers at the Quarry Centre helped celebrate the building's 133 year 'birthday' by partaking in a glass of mulled wine and mince pies on Saturday December 7 (the actual anniversary date is December 6). The opportunity was taken to discuss plans for the doctor's consulting room, after their last surgery on December 31. It is hoped that most of the excess furniture will fit in there along with a small freezer. Early in 2014, poles and curtains will replace the tatty collection of roller blinds that are currently adorning the windows. If anyone would like to help defray the cost the committee would be pleased to hear from them.

November winners in the QC Club, were Tracy Roberts, Lynda Shepherd and David Denton. January is the time to renew subscriptions or take one out, at £12 a year it is a very easy way to support the centre. Ask at the Saturday Shop for details. The QC Club is registered with Sevenoaks District Council, under the Lotteries and Gambling Act.

Lynda Shepherd

Shoulder to shoulder
with all who Serve

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



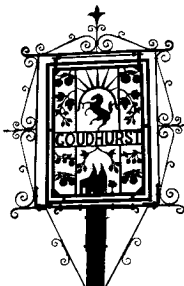
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2013 Goudhurst Village and Curtisdien Green

Generous Goudhurst Village and Curtisdien Green residents have contributed a Record £5,133 to the recent Poppy Appeal. At times the weather was atrocious but an army of volunteers was not deterred and the response from your homes, shops, clubs, pubs and other meeting places was magnificent. St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, the Primary School, Bethany School and HMP Blantyre all made very significant contributions. So far this year's Poppy Appeal is £315 up on this time last year. Income from Gift Aid should bring in at least another £200 plus other fund-raising efforts.

Behind the scenes Richard Dixon, Sam and Colina Slade, Brian Ferdinando and his team were invaluable in administering the monies, wreaths, tins and boxes and I am so grateful for their willing help. And my unending thanks to the 36 Poppy tin carrying volunteers.

All this does show how highly we regard the work of the Royal British Legion in caring for the brave and dedicated members of the defence forces and their families. Sadly, the work is never-ending but you have shown that "We Will Remember Them".

Barbara Stafford
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
Goudhurst Village and Curtisdien Green



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

12 January

26 January

09 February

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

26 January

Curtisdan Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

26 January

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 554246 if you have any queries about waste collection and recycling.

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

With the New Year upon us it is a good time to look forward bringing with it hope and opportunity.

During the coming year we will pay due respect to the fallen in the Great War, and if the fates smile upon us we will conclude arrangements for a 30 year lease on the upper and lower Glebe Fields, our broadband will finally have been upgraded, we will have expanded the uptake of the Parish Magazine, participated in "South East in Bloom" and dredged and de silted the Goudhurst pond.

So much to do, so little time.

Your council is seeking to eke out our funds whilst keeping the increase in the Parish Precept within the rate of inflation. This is not easy because over the years the village has added considerably to the tasks expected from the council without much thought to the increased costs this may entail and without making adequate provision for major expenditure such as the pond. Accordingly we will need to fund some of this from our reserves this year and endeavour to restore them over the next few years. This will be an important subject for discussion at our Annual Parish meeting.

The good news for December is that we received news that the long awaited KCC funding for the Goudhurst Broadband upgrade received government and EU approval in November and work has already started on upgrading wires and our four telephone cabinets. Work is expected to continue over the next few months and will involve highways, electricity suppliers, land owners and others to install the necessary infrastructure. We would anticipate the new system becoming available to most residents during the course of 2014. GPC will be vigilant to ensure that the benefits extend, as originally intended, to the far corners of our parish.

We were also delighted to welcome Ms Amy Kneller on to the Parish Council at our meeting on December 9th. On the same day the Vine quietly reopened for business to take us all by surprise. It did not appear to take long for the people of Goudhurst to make that discovery.

We were however saddened to learn that Harvey Barlow has announced that he will be closing his business Sizzlers the family butcher in Goudhurst High Street. Harvey has been associated with the shop for over 35 years and we will miss him, the team and his wonderful service and wish them all well for the future.

The Goudhurst War Memorial Fund has made a reasonable start and major events are already planned for the New Year. To avoid the bureaucracy surrounding the opening of Bank accounts etc. GPC has agreed to hold their Funds. Accordingly donation cheques may be made out to GPC but with note to hold for the Memorial Fund.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 13 January	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 14 January	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Youth Committee	Thurs 23 January	8.00 pm	Goudhurst Scout Hut
Planning Committee	Tues 28 January	6.30 pm	Jessel room
Amenities Committee	Tues 28 January	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
War Memorials Committee	Thurs 30 January	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 10 February	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
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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Once again Goudhurst has managed to increase its Poppy Appeal collection over the previous year, and our thanks go out to all who made this magnificent achievement - a total of over £5000 - possible. In particular the branch is especially grateful to Barbara Stafford, Poppy Appeal Organiser, and offers its congratulations to Patrick Mayhew in Kilndown on organising a collection only a little short of Goudhurst's.

At the Annual General Meeting Tony Richards was re-elected Chairman, and after twelve years as Treasurer Brian Ferdinando handed over to Peter Rolington.

There is no meeting in January, and the next meeting will be held on Monday 24th February in the Star and Eagle at 2 30 pm.

KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

An appreciative group of Gardening Club members watched in awe, as Fiona Butler from Golden Hill Nurseries (out on the Marden Road) deftly created five different arrangements for Christmas at our December 5 evening meeting. Fiona brought along her husband Roger, who, as she was working, was answering questions about the various bits of shrub she was using.. We almost had two talks in one!. All the decorations were raffled and the largest one was kindly donated to Christ Church.

At time of writing, I'm waiting for the first replies to enquiries about speakers etc for 2014. Hopefully, we will be able to engage some new faces to entertain us. As usual, there is no meeting in January, the first will be on Thursday, February 6.

Lynda Shepherd

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting in St Mary's Church Room will be at 7.45 on Thursday 16th January with a presentation by Roger Dalleywater entitled All That Jazz. Roger has been a well known jazz critic and presenter on Radio Kent, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject. He is also a proficient saxophonist. With this background, he is well qualified to give us an overview of jazz, both past and present, and to play us some memorable recordings. Members come at no charge and visitors are welcomed at £5.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Flower arrangements were the order of the day at the November meeting when Angie Withers demonstrated how to produce a simple but very effective table centrepiece and then set the members the task of producing their own arrangement from the assorted greenery, candles, baubles, fir cones and flowers on offer. Amid much laughter and the odd mutter a large selection of very creditable arrangements were produced rather to the surprise of some!

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30 pm when Dan Mead will give an "Introduction to British Wildlife". Visitors and new members are always welcome, for further information contact Annie Fellows 01892 890354.

COVER PICTURE

For our New Year edition I have reused a photo kindly sent in by Catherine Dench in January, 2013. It was taken after the service on 20th January as people were leaving church. Now we must wait to see what the weather has in store for us in 2014.

DID YOU MISS THE DEADLINE?

This is quite a slim Magazine this month. I wonder how many of our regular contributors forgot the earlier deadline in December. The surprise shown by some over the years would suggest that many of our contributors either do not subscribe to the Magazine or do not read it. Back to normal for the next issue! Happy New Year.

David Denton - Editor

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING

Pat Crawford provides the HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN.

Regeneration is becoming increasingly important in economic, social and environmental terms – especially when it relates to making use of a semi-derelict site. Way back in 1989 the last coalfield in Kent – Betteshanger near Deal – was closed. Since then successive government agencies have promised numerous regeneration projects but none have come to fruition.

In November last year Hadlow College launched a massive scheme. Backed by £40 million public (£11 million, of which £6 million confirmed) and private sector investment of £29 million, it is believed this is the very first time a college has led such an undertaking. The project is important in terms of job creation in an area of Kent that has suffered a severe degree of deprivation. The scheme is expected to generate a thousand new jobs - enormously important to this part of East Kent.

But Kent as a whole – and maybe further afield – stands to benefit from the fact that the vision for the 121 hectare Betteshanger Sustainable Parks is described as ‘a 21st century global laboratory for green technologies that brings together business, environment, education and training, mining heritage and tourism’.

Hadlow’s partners in the Betteshanger Sustainable Parks enterprise are Dover District Council, the Homes and Communities Agency, East Kent Spatial Development Company and private investors. The site was acquired by Hadlow College during the summer. Green technologies will be a priority; Nick Boyle, CEO of Lighthouse Renewable Energy, the UK’s leading solar energy generator, comments ‘We are delighted to be involved with such a pioneering project(which recognises) the real importance of sustainability for future generations’.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, Hadlow’s director of finance and resources who led the project on behalf of the college, comments ‘The supply of incubator space for green technology companiesis critical... (We are) working with the enterprise zone and the priorities of the local enterprise partnership to ensure we bring education, skills and business together...’.

Despite mounting international concerns regarding the creation of sustainable energy, most countries – including the UK – are scarily slow to make real and sustainable progress. Hadlow College is well respected for the ‘Less Campaign’ (less energy, water and fuel – and create less waste) which is employed throughout all campuses. In setting up this pioneering, forward-thinking enterprise it is possible that Hadlow is providing a blueprint that other educational institutions may wish to follow. Collectively, they could make a contribution destined to become immensely valuable in the future. Mark Lumsdon-Taylor is convinced the launch of the enterprise celebrates an innovative and remarkable achievement that has the ability to provide a multitude of sustainable benefits.

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OUT AND ABOUT WITH A CAMERA

Over the last few years, as a space filler when there are gaps in the Magazine, I have written a little about some of the trips out with my camera to places much loved by my mother. As she had reached the stage where she could no longer walk unaided especially over rough ground or steep pathways, I photographed some of the flowers she used to go out to see. This enabled her to see that they were still flourishing where she had originally discovered them.

When my mother died recently I discovered a letter to me, amongst her papers, written five years ago, when she was thinking of her end. She made it clear that she did not want to be buried, asking that her ashes might be scattered on the South Downs, one of her favourite places to walk and see the orchids.

We had a wonderful service for her at Christ Church with items specially chosen by her or for her. I and the family are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to this celebration of a life well lived. Her cremation followed a few days later.

A few days ago the weather was perfect, so I took her ashes, accompanied by one of her friends and we visited the South Downs close to one of her favourite walks. A lone, weatherbeaten hawthorn tree was chosen as a marker so that we could remember where her ashes had been scattered. Now her last earthly remains are part of the very landscape she so much enjoyed.

David Denton





*One of last year's photos a Late Spider Orchid
at one of the few places they grow in this country*

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Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!