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WHAT'S ON IN JULY 2015

Church Cricket Match – Sunday, 12 July

Do come and join in the annual church cricket match at Kilndown Cricket Club at 2:00 on Sunday, 12 July. All ages are welcome to play, or you can just enjoy the view from the boundary. We will sort out teams on the day, so please just turn up at 2:00 and be part of the fun.

Picnic at Bedgebury – Friday, 17 July

We are so fortunate to have Bedgebury on our doorstep, so why not grab the kids from school, pack a picnic and come and join us at the Pirate Ship between 5:00 and 7:00 on Friday, 17 July. Everyone is welcome.

Café Toddler

Please note that the last Café Toddler before the summer holiday break is on Friday, 10 July. The doors of St. Mary's will be open between 9:00 and 11.00 for anyone to pop in for coffee, cake and chat. You don't even have to have a toddler, everyone is welcome, so come along and try it out. Café Toddler will then reopen on Friday, 4 September, so pop the date in your diary.

St. Mary's Augmented Choir

If you enjoy singing, but can't commit to joining the choir on a weekly basis, why not join the augmented choir which happens on the fourth Sunday of every month. Just turn up for choir practice on Saturday, 25 July at 10:00 in St. Mary's, and then be part of the choir at the 10:45 service on Sunday, 26 July.

There's lots more going on and you can find out about it all on our website
www.gkchurch.org.uk

BRASS & VOICES

GRAND SUMMER CONCERT

7.30 pm SATURDAY 4 JULY 2015 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GOUDHURST

CRANBROOK TOWN BAND & KILNDOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR

'SALUTE TO AMERICA' & 'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS'

TICKETS £8 / £5 Under-18s (Additional £1.00 per order, if posted)

Available from Goudhurst News : 01892 890554 : info@kilndownchoir.org.uk

Tickets available on the door (subject to availability)

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

Every now and then someone has a simple idea which they put into practice to create something brilliant. I came across one recently. The idea is to use the power of the internet to connect people in the West who have a few pounds in their pocket, which they would like to use to make the world a better place, with people in the Third World who are setting up small businesses and who need some seed funding to get themselves going.

This idea has been put into practice by Lend with Care, a charity that has worked with people in poor countries for many years. They run a website (lendwithcare.org) which gives details of entrepreneurs in Africa, Asia and Latin America who are seeking small sums of money - usually between £500 - £1000 to start, develop or grow their businesses. Rather than just giving them a donation, ordinary people like you and me are invited to invest in one or more of these businesses by lending a sum as small as £15. If the business goes well, the loan is repaid after an agreed period - usually 12 months - so that it can be reinvested for someone else to use.

The beauty of this idea is that it takes small loans, of a size that we can all afford, and uses the gifts and talents of the entrepreneurs in the Third World to turn them into something more, before the loan is returned so it can be used again.

At St Mary's this month we gave out £1 coins to everyone in church, and invited them to use their God given gifts and talents to grow that money into something more - and all the profits will be invested with Lend with Care.

So far people have used their coins to bake and sell dog biscuits at the Fete, buy sweets for a Guess how many sweets in the jar game and to make and sell fresh lemonade. The Heath stores in Horsmonden are even using their £1 to make special Lend with Care pies with profits going to the charity.

Like many of the best ideas, Jesus got there first. In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 13, he compares the Kingdom of God to a Mustard Seed - the smallest of all seeds - which when planted grows up to become a wonderful tree which gives shade and shelter to animals, birds and humans. It's a story about something small being used to create something much bigger and better.

We've all been given something by God - a gift, talent or desire; we're all good at something - even if we don't feel that to be the case sometimes. The parable of the Mustard Seed reminds us that whatever we have to offer, however small it might seem, can be used to grow something unexpectedly wonderful. It's the same principle which lies behind Lend with Care who are ready to help turn our small loans into an income which can provide a home, food, education and healthcare for those who need it most.

This month, why not join in with us. Take a £1 and use your talents to turn it into something more which can be invested with Lend with Care. God loves to bless small things, and to turn them into something unexpectedly wonderful. This is a simple way to join in with that work.

There's more information about how to do this on our website, or you can get in touch with the Church Office on 01580 211739.

God bless

Rev Hugh

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The first of the gatherings at the war memorial in Kilndown remembering the one hundredth anniversary of the death of one of the Kilndown names listed on the memorial took place on 27th May. The occasion was led by Peter Albertini, a former Captain in the Royal Navy. The group remembered Stoker Victor Moore, who at the tender age of 19 died when the mine layer HMS Princess Irene exploded and sank off Sheppey, killing the crew of 221, 79 dockyard workers and 2 members of the public.

David Denton

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

In last month's Magazine disaster struck with the centre page diary. All emailed Magazine items are stored in a folder for the month (in this case June). Where these items are graphics or in pdf format the attachments are then transferred into the Parish Magazine folder. Unfortunately the June 2014 and 2015 files came up in sequence with very similar titles and I managed to insert the wrong one. It was only after printing that my mistake was spotted. Because the Kilndown Village Newsletter was due shortly after the Magazine I was able to print a correct version in that with a short explanation so that Kilndown subscribers had access to the correct diary. The websites had the correct version. A print of the centre pages was made available in St Mary's for those able to collect a copy. I apologise, first of all to Richard Vinton, who spends much time and effort compiling the diary pages, and secondly to all subscribers who may have been very confused by my error.

David Denton

CALENDAR

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

Weekday parish prayers: Morning prayer is at 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.

Thurs	2	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		7.30 pm	God's Big Picture Course, Goudhurst Church rooms
Fri	3	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
		7.00 pm	Youth Group meets (contact Kev Draper for more detail – kevdraper@sky.com)
Sat	4	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
		7.30 pm	Cranbrook Town Band and Kilndown Community Choir's Grand Summer Concert, St. Mary's
Sun	5		Trinity 5
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service, St. Mary's
Tues	7	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
Thurs	9	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	10	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's – last one before the summer holidays – back 4 September
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Sat	11	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
		1.00 pm	Wedding, St. Mary's
Sun	12		Trinity 6
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's with Sunday Clubs
		2.00 pm	Church cricket match, Kilndown cricket club, everyone welcome
		6.30 pm	Evensong, Christ Church
Tues	14	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
		7.30 pm	Wives Group meets, Children's Chapel, St. Mary's
Wed	15	7.30 pm	Filling Station, Kilndown Village Hall
Thurs	16	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	17	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		5.00 pm-7.00pm	Bedgebury picnic and play, meet at the Pirate Ship
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church

Sat	18	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sun	19		Trinity 7
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's with Sunday Clubs (last Sunday Club until 6 September)
Tues	21	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
Wed	22	9.00 am	Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary School Leaver's service, St. Mary's
Thurs	23	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		7.30 pm	St. Mary's PCC meeting, St. Mary's
Fri	24	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, Christ Church
		5.30 pm	Evening Prayer, Christ Church
Sat	25	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
Sun	26		Trinity 8
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's with Sunday Fun (kids will play on the Glebe Field with adult supervision during the service)

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church:

Nathen Senchery
 Tamzyn Gale – baptised at Bethany School
 Rufus Olof Crookall

MARRIAGE: We congratulate on their marriage:

Rebecca Louise May and James Weston (6 June 2015)
 Helen Elizabeth Cook and Thomas Fenn (20 June 2015)

St MARY'S TOWER

The views from St Mary's Church are absolutely stunning and well worth climbing the steep steps for! If you haven't been up there yet you should and if you have and would like to share it with others then here is your chance!

We need volunteers, aged 18-75 to help cover each weekend afternoon from 2.30-5.30pm until the end of September. If you have an afternoon free to sit with a friend in the church and welcome visitors please contact me on larawilliamson@btopenworld.com



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!

FOOTPATH WALK FROM COLLIER'S GREEN SCHOOL Sunday 12th July 2015

You are invited to join a walk on Sunday 12th July starting at 10am on the lay-by beside Colliers Green School. The walk will take us partly through Old Park Wood, will cut back to Round Green, pass two lakes with swans, lead up to a viewpoint east of the school, then return to the school via Hazelden Farm.

The walk will be at an easy pace on footpaths returning to the start point by around 12 noon. There will be a few stiles and, depending on the weather, there could be some muddy stretches. Everyone is welcome to join this walk.

If you need a lift to the start point or have questions about the walk please contact d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430 or mobile on the day 07518 894 915.

David & Pamela Boniface

QUARRY CENTRE



By the time this is being read, we should know a lot more about the state of our Charitable Trust status, having had a meeting at the end of June. As many of you will have noticed the outside of the Centre is becoming somewhat 'tatty' – nothing that a good tidy up and lick of paint (bit more than a lick – probably!) won't put right. We have started fundraising for this, a Haberdashery Sale raised £110 and we will benefit from the Hidden Garden Event held on June 21. A generous donation of £452 has been received from the now closed Goudhurst and Kilndown Tea Club, for which we thank them and of course all who attended

the Sale and the Garden Event.

As is usual during the summer months sales at the Saturday Shop drop, it's surprising how just two or three customers being away and peoples gardens home grown fruit and vegetables being plentiful make such a difference (especially when they give the excess to their neighbours) needless to say ordering becomes a nightmare! Too much.....too little, who'd be a shop keeper!

A few customers have noted that we now stock more general goods, not just organic versions of day to day items. We still have the Eco Friendly cleaning materials and can obtain gluten free goods. As always it is better to order bread, but generally there is always something in the freezer for emergencies if we have sold out. Our freezers are well stocked with meats, we sell good quality bacon, ham and eggs and like to think we are a fairly useful addition to the weekend!

Lynda and Richard

CRICKET EXTRAVAGANZA

The fourth annual Headteacher's & Dad's Cricket Extravaganza, to raise funds for sports equipment for Goudhurst & Kilndown C of E Primary School, takes place at Cranbrook School on Saturday, 11th July from midday until 6.30pm.

Four teams, of very mixed abilities, will compete for the prestigious Headteacher's Trophy.

Spectators are welcome to enjoy some poor quality cricket, bar, BBQ, cream teas, bouncy castle and, of course, magnificent sunshine! Do come along to lend your support and soak up the quintessentially British atmosphere while raising funds for a good cause.

A few playing places are still available for anyone keen to dust off their whites. Volunteer scorers and umpires also welcome! For more information, please email Rupert. Williamson@HPSJardine.com

FINCHCOCKS

The new opening time of 11am to 5pm is working well, with many visitors having lunch before touring the Museum and Gardens. The Museum is open on Sundays in July and September, during August it is also open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the Bank Holiday Monday. To book for lunch call 01580 211702.

Bookings are being taken for the Primavera Chamber Ensemble who are performing at Finchcocks on Sunday July 19 at 6pm. The presentation includes piano trios by Ravel and Beethoven. Tickets are £26 which includes wine/soft drink during the interval. To book call 01233 622971 or online at www.primavera-ensemble.co.uk

KILNDOWN QUILTERS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS



The first quilt made for fundraising was auctioned at Bedgebury School in 1975 in aid of repairs to the tower of Christ Church. It raised £400 which was a considerable sum for a quilt in those days. Sewn by Ellen Boorman, Muriel Johnson, Hermione Pearson and me (Ann Olley), we met in various homes, laying the templates on the floor to design the quilt and then sewed it in sections. (see photo left).

The next quilt was made for The Queen's Silver Jubilee. We chose pastel shades of yellow, pink, green, grey and silver. This was raffled in the village and £200 put towards the Jubilee Fund.

Late 1979 found the village confronted by a serious problem. The village shop was due to close in March 1980. The answer lay with Kilndown Institute building, then used as a paint store by a local builder. In the centre of the village, given for village use, it was the ideal solution. The loss of the shop meant the closing of the post office where pensions and family allowances were collected as well as the very basic facilities available for a surgery. Lots of fund raising within the village and many hours of voluntary work and dozens of repairs later, saw a transformation. In April 1980 we opened our new community centre. A once-a-week sub-post office was functioning and a doctor's surgery providing running water instead of an enamel bowl and a thermos for hot water! Kilndown Institute, the original village reading room, was renamed The Quarry Centre, as it was adjacent to the quarry pond. Once a week we had a produce stall, sold bread from the local baker and home made cakes and pies. As the school was still in Kilndown we also kept quite a selection of sweets and a few essential items.

A Meeting Place for Quilters

The Quarry Centre provided the Quilters with a central meeting place and our numbers increased. At one point we had fifteen of us sewing quilts. No machines for us! We only hand sew. We have recorded most of our work but some items have 'escaped'! No two quilts are the same and the size, colour schemes and patterns are very varied. Our village and Goudhurst, plus other local areas have been well catered for and a considerable amount of money raised.

We have made quilts for numerous national charities, and our latest large quilt was made to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We were thrilled with the result of this one.....our best ever! We chose The Jubilee Sailing Trust as our charity. The Trust owns two tall sailing ships which give sailors of all ages, who are less able, the chance of sailing with assistance. Our design was Ship's Wheel and was composed of over 1500 diamond shapes in royal colours. Thanks to Mavis Gray and her son, the quilt was auctioned at an event at The Mall Gallery, London and fetched a marvellous £1500.

We know that we have sewn about seventy quilts and raised thousands of pounds for good causes. Auctioned, raffled and given away, we also make quilts to order. Over the years I remember the many friendships connected by needles, threads and cups of coffee!

Reflecting on those friends no longer with us and those who have moved from the village, the quilting mornings have provided a very social occasion and have been a source of much enjoyment over the years. We still meet on Tuesday mornings although there are only six of us at the moment.

Our non-sewing friends Ruby, Kath and sometimes Marie and others who join us for 'elevenses' are very welcome.

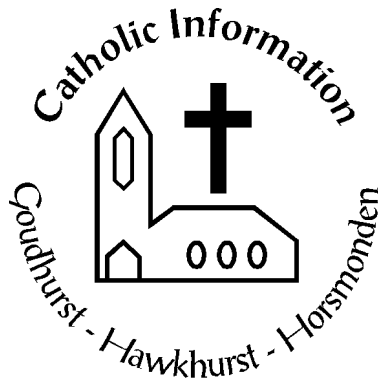
If you enjoy simple sewing and can spare an hour or two now and again, do please join us. Tuesday mornings from 10am till noon.

We shall be selling and showing at Kilndown Craft Fair in October and our file of quilts will be on view then.

I still have a vast quantity of pieces of cotton, prints and plain waiting to be made up...I wonder if we can make our Golden Jubilee? I do hope so!

To everyone who has joined us in the past and especially my present band of enthusiastic sewing ladies, may I say 'Thank You'.

Ann
(Olley)



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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

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Churches Together

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

We will be holding our annual Summer Serenade on Saturday 11th July with picnics commencing 5/5.30, followed by a light-hearted presentation of recorded music at around 7pm.

The venue is the Church Room where there is a balcony for picnics if the weather is kind to us. There are plenty of tables and chairs but please bring your own picnic supplies. Members come free and guests are welcomed at £5.

Further information from Quentin Rappoport 01580 211514.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Two leading local choirs are joining forces to stage a summer evening of musical treats for charity in a beautiful garden setting.

The Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir and Women In Harmony will be taking part in the two-hour concert at the glasshouse of Coolings Garden Centre at Knockholt on July 11 to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald.

The men's choir are famous for raising many tens of thousands of pounds for charities in their 77-year history, performing at venues such as the Albert Hall and Cardiff's Millennium Stadium. Their typical concert will include folk songs, blues, classical and pop favourites, hymns and show music.

Women In Harmony, the all-female group based in Tunbridge Wells who will accompany them, were formed 15 years ago. Singing a cappella, they were named Choir of the Year in February in the contest staged by Hospice in the Weald.

Tickets including a glass of wine cost £12. More details from Sara Clark on 01892 820586 or sara.clark@hospiceintheweald.org.uk.

Saturday July 25th. 3pm.

Duo recital in aid of Hospice in the Weald
with garden party tea (weather permitting)

Oliver Davies (piano) and Adrian Bradbury (cello)

will be coming from London to perform Russian and ballet music
in a private home in Sandhurst.

Tickets in advance only from Gillian Davis.

01580-850384 min.don £15.00

TEA CLUB

At a meeting of the Tea Club on 27th May it was decided that it was time to finally close it. 19 people were present who all had some involvement with the Club. Those members who were unable to be present through illness etc were remembered. Unfortunately, over the last year our numbers have decreased sharply. We do have some financial assets and after discussion it was decided to divide these between 7 groups in Goudhurst and Kildown. The Tea Club / Over 60's Club / Old Folks Club was founded in the early 1950's with meetings being held in the Ex- servicemen's club, the Village Hall and later the Church Room. Celebratory events were many as were outings to various local gardens, together with coach trips (including London and the coast). Speakers and "in house" entertainments have been many and varied throughout the years but throughout all this time there has always been tea, sandwiches and cakes together with friendship. As a third generation member, and on behalf of all the people who have attended the club, I would like to thank all those who have helped the club in any way.

Rosemary Southon

VILLAGE ECHOES



As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the British victory over Napoleon at Waterloo, it is intriguing to note a connection close to Goudhurst. In the 1935 Coronation Book Alfred Tiffin wrote of his conversation with a Mr J Rofe who was a woodreeve (wood steward) at Glassenbury Farm, bordering on Goudhurst along the B2085 from The Peacock Inn.

John Rofe submitted a photo of his father standing beside the “Jaffa stone” in Glassenbury Park. This marked the supposed burial site of a horse of that name which had been owned by Napoleon and ridden by him at the famous

battle of Waterloo. The horse was named after Napoleon’s victory at Jaffa, Palestine in 1799. The burial site had been confirmed by the then owners, Baron and Baroness Nettelblatt, who said that one of Napoleon’s friends had rented Glassenbury at the time. Although the inscription was by then deteriorating it had read:

To Jaffa, the favourite charger of Napoleon, aged 37 – 1829

More was revealed in a series of letters to a newspaper (date unknown) involving our late Secretary Len Pierce. He suggested that the horse had been the ‘spoils of war’ for Marshal Beresford of Bedgebury who had been in charge of Wellington’s quartermaster arrangements, although why Jaffa was interred at Bedgebury wasn’t explained. At this time another connection was revealed, that of William Field (see June Village Echo) of Goudhurst village forge. He had apparently been farrier major to the Iron Duke and responsible for his horse called Copenhagen, named in honour of a previous battle at Copenhagen.

A newspaper article in the Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society archives moves the story on to the late 1960s. The owners at this time were the Roberts family and Mrs Elizabeth Roberts was featured in the story. She stated that, according to the family record book, the horse was owned by a Mr Green, the tenant of Glassenbury until 1827, and that he instructed his gamekeeper to shoot Jaffa in 1826 because of his age, slightly earlier than reported by Tiffin. This the reluctant man did early one morning after blindfolding the horse with a silk handkerchief. In addition it was recorded that Jaffa was buried with an iron trunk full of coins.

Mrs Roberts arranged for a team from the Buffs’ Territorial Army unit to excavate the site in order to prove the story and find the treasure. After six hours digging with the aid of metal detectors all that came up was two horseshoes, no bones and no treasure!

Local History Society

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HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

A one-time marathon runner who was struck down by terminal cancer is showing his gratitude for the care he receives at Hospice in the Weald by urging runners to sign up for the charity's annual 10K Tunbridge Wells road run.

Grandfather Steve Chittenden said: "Prior to being diagnosed with a terminal illness, I would never shy away from a sporting challenge and I hope others feel the same. Why not sign up for this year's event and help Hospice in the Weald continue to care for and support patients like me and families like mine?"

The popular event, which takes place on Sunday 20th September, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with backing from sponsors including media partner Times of Tunbridge Wells. Organisers have set a target of raising £50,000 towards the £6m it costs each year to provide the hospice's free services.

Steve, 62, from Rotherfield, a father of three, said: "I cannot even begin to describe how important support from and in our community is to help Hospice in the Weald continue to provide their vital services. Please remember that the hospice is a charity, not part of the NHS. Hospice in the Weald have already given me and my family the most compassionate and supportive care, and I know they will continue to do so.

"The £50,000 that we want to raise could enable Hospice in the Weald to fund their In-Patient Unit in Pembury for a whole week providing 15 patients with a terminal illness specialist care, pain and symptom control in an environment where they feel safe and their families and carers supported.

Just get involved today! Runners who register online now will receive an early bird rate; £23 per adult, £15 for 12-16-year-olds and £20 for affiliated club runners (all valid until 30th June). See www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk

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SPECIAL EVENT

"A Week in the Life of a Member of Parliament."

by

The Rt. Hon. Greg Clark

Member of Parliament for Royal Tunbridge Wells

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

on Friday, 31st July, 2.30 p.m. Goudhurst Parish Hall

As the title suggests, this is a non-political talk

Non-Members welcome - £2.50



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Marbles, Minsters & Monarchy

Patricia Francis

London Blue Badge Guide

Wednesday, 15th July, 2.30 p.m. Goudhurst Parish Hall

Blue Badge Tourist Guides have detailed, in-depth knowledge of all London's major attractions as well as places off the beaten track and lead groups of any size or nationality around these sights and can include shopping, cycling or even a pub crawl!

Patricia Francis was in her fifties when she undertook the two years' training and will explain what it takes to acquire the coveted Blue Badge.

Non-Members Welcome - £2.50



OUTING

The M.P. for Royal Tunbridge Wells, Greg Clark, has very kindly invited us to visit the Houses of Parliament on Friday, 24th July beginning at 2 p.m. This is limited to 25 U3A members so please book your place using the links above as soon as possible. There is no charge but you will have to take care of your own travel.

Future Monthly Talks:

19th August "Grow, Nurture & Imbibe : A Guide to the English Wine Industry"
by Victoria Aldwinckle, Wine Master.

All enquiries via the links above.

Ian Miller, Chairman, Goudhurst & District U3A

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The branch is most grateful to those who chanced their arm – and their money - at the Village Fete's Coconut Shy which added £290 to the British Legion funds. Congratulations to Jack Butler on his prize for knocking down three coconuts. Our thanks also to those who made donations to the Poppy Appeal at the Legion tent. It is very reassuring to have such generous support.

The branch recently agreed that the men of Kildown who fell in the 1914-18 War would be commemorated in the same way at the Kildown War Memorial as at the Goudhurst War Memorial on the 100th anniversary of their death.

The branch also agreed that its monthly meetings would be held for a trial period in the Star and Eagle at 2 30 pm on the fourth Monday of the month; the next meeting will be on 22nd June.

Robin Mitchell 01580 212151

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



A warm welcome to Elizabeth Harding and Beau Lane who joined this half term and have settled in very happily with us all.

We have special guests at the pre-school setting at the moment - an incubator of duck eggs. The children are watching them avidly to see when they will hatch into ducklings.

This month, after our seaside theme the children will be focusing on sports and learning about the importance of keeping fit. They will be practising for our annual Sports Day to be held on the Glebe Field as usual on Thursday 16th July at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome along and refreshments will be provided afterwards.

We will be holding a leavers' presentation on Tuesday 21st July and will have tissues at the ready as we say goodbye to some of the first children who came to our pre-school when we opened in 2013, as they embark on their primary education. In total we have 10 leavers, 8 of whom will be going to Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary, 1 to Colliers Green and 1 to Horsmonden: Erin Williams, Eva Weeks, Savannah Barker, Lily Driver, Willoughby Spry, Alfred Hamerton-Stove, Macie Hudson, Sabina Nitrean, Anna Cooper, Abigail Smolinska, Amelia Willis and Beau Lane. We will miss each and every one of them dearly and wish them all the best of luck and happiness in their Reception Classes.

Our end of term trip this year will be to Kent Life in Maidstone on Wednesday 22nd July so we can all have some fun together before breaking up for the Summer holidays.

The funds raised from our Sponsored Fancy Dress Go Ape totalled around £3,000 so we can definitely buy our staff iPads, start our vegetable patch and buy new equipment - an amazing result so thanks to all involved.

Also, thanks goes out to Judy Hodges and the Wednesday Tea Club who have very kindly donated £450 to us as well as to other local charities from the funds they have amounted over the years.

Great to see you all at our stall at the Goudhurst Village Fete. Our Face Painting, Nail Painting, Cheek Motifs and cupcakes raised £153.

We wish everyone a fantastic summer and will be ready to welcome our new September intake of attendees in the autumn term. If you are interested in enrolling your child please call Jo Galloway on 07896 890370. We are open all day until 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday and have keep fit, Spanish, French and cookery sessions, as well as a monthly play date with the Reception Class at Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary throughout the week during our afternoon sessions.

If you missed looking at our photos of daily pre-school life, outings and events on display at the Village Fete stall please visit our website and Facebook page.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

POPPY APPEAL RESULTS

Heartfelt thanks to those who supported the Plant Sale in May and the Poppy Appeal Stand at the Fête. We raised over £1,000 for the work of the Royal British Legion.

The Plant Sale raised £970.19 – the result of hard work from local Legion members and Poppy Collectors. Golden Hill Nurseries in Marden and Hartley Dyke Farm Shop at Charity Farm were very generous with their donations of plants, Rupert and Judy Hodges grew on more than a hundred plugs and many others donated plants to swell the coffers. Veronica Stacey and Alastair Cooke were very successful with the darts board with winners receiving donated baskets of goodies. The result is surely a record for a Goudhurst Plant Sale.

At the Fête where a number of Poppy Appeal Collectors “manned” a stall, there was a constant stream of eager children spending their pocket money and very kind grown-ups donating to the Poppy Bucket. It is clear that slap rulers have taken over from wristbands as the must-haves this year. We raised an excellent £88.66.

Congratulations and heart-felt thanks to all who helped and to the kind folk who spent their money with us for this great cause.

Barbara Stafford

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser for Goudhurst



SWEET PEA & ROSE SHOW

Thursday, 2nd July, 7.15p.m. Kilndown Quarry Centre
All are welcome to enter or visit the Show – you do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club. Just email Lynda Shepherd at lyndashepherd@talktalk.net or telephone her at 01580 879549.

Entry fee is 20p per entry (children free) and can be paid on the day.

Exhibits should be staged between 6 p.m. and 6.45 p.m.

The Centre to be clear of exhibitors to allow judging from 6.45 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

The displays can be viewed from 7.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

At 7.45 p.m. all are welcome to watch a SUMMER GARDENING DVD (visitors £2)

Special Awards will be presented
at 9 p.m.:

LEGAT CHALLENGE CUP –

Best Rose Exhibit

SWEET PEA VASE –

Best Exhibit in its Class



Barbara Stafford

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

SUNDAY 5th JULY, 2015 – MARDEN CRICKET CLUB – 1-00pm

SAINTS (The Church) v. SINNERS (The Unicorn) 'BIG BASH'
CHARITY CRICKET MATCH in aid of CANCER RESEARCH UK.

Raffle, Bar, BBQ, Games

Donations can be made via: www.JustGiving.com/SaintsSinnersBigBash

Come along and support this worthy cause

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HEADCORN

SUNDAYS 12th JULY, 9th AUGUST, 13th SEPTEMBER, 2015

2.00pm to 4.30pm

CHURCH CREAM TEAS

Come and enjoy our delicious homemade Cream Teas.

£3.50 per person.

TRINITY CHURCH, SISSINGHURST

SISSINGHURST **SUMMER CONCERT** IN TRINITY CHURCH

in aid of Friends of Sissinghurst Church

and St George's Institute Development Fund

Given by a Quartet from Orchestra Vitae (Orchestra of Life)

Friday 19 June, 6.45pm for 7.00pm

'Orchestra of Life' is based upon the idea of injecting something special into classical music performances, and in doing so encouraging others to find inspiration within it.

They have played in the Royal Festival Hall and St John's Smith Square.

Tickets in advance from Sissinghurst Village Shop or Milk House Pub. May also be bought at the door. Adults £10, Children £2.50 (refreshments included)

LAMBERHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday 11th July the Gents of St. Johns will be entertaining us in Lamberhurst Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. It will be a light relaxing evening with favourite songs from the 50s onwards. A choice of meals from the Chequers pub can be ordered beforehand and will be served in the interval. Tickets :£12.50

Then on Saturday August 1st there will be an international night at the Opera with many arias and excerpts from well known operas around the world. This will take place in the grounds of Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst. Doors open at 5.30 pm in time for you to enjoy a picnic in the beautiful grounds. The performance starts at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £27.50

Website: www.lamberhurstmusic.co.uk

Phone: 07812 192338

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

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2
Kilndown Gardening Club
Sweet Pea and Rose Show.
Quarry Centre 7.15

6

7
G&K Primary School
WOKSSA Athletics

8
Knitting Group
Star & Eagle
10am weekly

9
G&K Primary School
Buddy Afternoon

13

14
Goudhurst Tuesday Club
Angie makes a posy

15
University of the Third Age
"Marbles, Ministers & Monarchy." GPH 2.30
Goudhurst WI
GPH 7.30
Filling Station.
Kilndown Village Hall

16
Goudhurst Village Pre-School
Sports Day 10.30

20
G&K Primary School
Choir singing at the Festival Hall

21

22
G&K Primary School
Year 6 Leavers Service
Last day of Term!

23
Pizza Cucina
Thursday Evenings on The Plain

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29
Moby Dick's
Fish & Chips
Wednesday Evenings on The Plain

30

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

3
G&K Primary School
 Whole School Photo

DOGKS
 July beer

Finchcocks
 Jazz Evening

4
Bewl Water
 Pond Dipping

Brass and Voices
Grand Summer Concert
 St Mary's 7.30pm

5
St Mary's
 Family Service

Goudhurst Open Gardens
 10.30 – 4.30 for
 Hospice in the Weald

10
Café Toddler @ St Marys
 Last this term.

Bewl Water
 Two Counties Music
 Festival

11
DOGKS
 Cricket extravaganza

Goudhurst and Kilndown
Recorded Music Society
 Summer Serenade from 5pm

12
St Mary's Cricket match
@ Kilndown

Christ Church
 Evensong

17
G&K Primary School
 Sports Day!

St Mary's Picnic & Play
 5-7 at the Bedgebury
 Pirate Ship

18
Quarry Centre Shop
 Every Saturday 9-12

Bewl Water
 Toe in the Water Folkfest

19
Bewl Water
 H2O Newfoundland Dogs

Finchcocks
 Primavera Chamber
 Ensemble

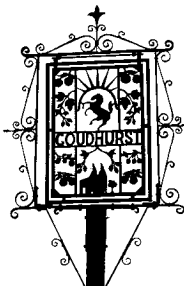
24
Bewl Water
 Renault Owners
 Weekend

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Bewl Water
 Have a Go Weekend

26
Junior Park Run
 Sundays from 9.45
 4-14 years on The Glebe

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dates may change!



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 July

26 July

09 August

23 August

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

12 July

09 August

Curtisdan Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

12 July

09 August

This service is meant for the disposal of small household rubbish items. No trade waste please.

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, plastic bottles, paper and cardboard. Please note that the Finchcocks facility is open during daylight hours only and domestic rubbish should not be left there.

The Peacock – glass and textiles

Globe & Rainbow, Kilndown – glass and cans

Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School (big yellow container) – clothing including socks and underwear, paired shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys, perfume, cosmetics, net curtains, towels and aprons. This facility is a school fund raiser.

Harpers Farm, Summerhill, Curtisdan Green – textiles and shoes. This is 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

On Saturday June 13th the Annual Goudhurst Fete and Dog Show was held on the Glebe Field. Organised this year by the Scouts, supported by the Primary School PTA, St Mary's PCC and the Parish Hall, it proved an excellent day and despite the thunderstorms that preceded it and the cold windy morning the sun progressively shone as the afternoon progressed. So this year macs, woollies and wellies were not a necessity and stands and marquees were not blown away. As the sun came out, so the numbers swelled, the dogs arrived for the (as always highly controversial) judging and a great time was had by all who did not fall out of bordering trees ! Sean Gilder compered the day on the microphone and Richard Vinton compered the Dog Show for which a huge thank you and also to the Fete Committee - James Cooke, Andrea Kirkby, Jacqui Clark, Louise Bushrod, Jane Russell, Richard Vinton and Tony Richards. As the day drew to a close, almost 100 children from 4 to 14 toppled the tug-of-war winners (great sports) so everyone – children, parents and grandparents - could go home victorious!

Taking just a little more time than HMG took to announce the makeup of the Her Majesty's Cabinet, GPC are delighted to announce the makeup of the new team for Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green:-

Cllr Stephen Wickham takes over Chairmanship of the Amenities Committee (maintains public areas, the Plain, ponds, memorials, play areas and soon the public lavatories & car park). The Highways & Footpaths Committee will continue to be chaired by Cllr David Boniface (works with Kent Highways on road issues, monitors public transport and supports and maintains footpaths). Cllr Guy Sutton will chair the Business & Communication Committee (Broadband and other issues supporting business and employment).

Cllr Antony Harris will take on The Burial Board (St Mary's and Christ Church burial grounds, records, fees & maintenance). Cllr Phil Kirkby will continue to Chair the Youth Committee (works with local youth organisations, the Chequer Field and other play areas). Cllr Barry Noakes will continue to chair the Planning Committee (comments on all Parish planning applications before decisions are taken by TW Borough Council).

The Glebe Field Committee will be chaired by Cllr Harris (to acquire or lease for the community the upper & lower Glebe Fields from the Diocese). Housing will be chaired by Cllr Wickham (works with TWBC on S106 allocation of affordable housing and with relevant Housing Associations).

The Policy & Staffing Committee is by convention manned by the Chairmen of the GPC Committees and usually meets annually to review the coming year budget and Standing Orders for recommendation to Council.

The following will represent your Parish Council on other committees in the community: Cllrs Foster & Kirkby – The Goudhurst Parish Hall Committee; Cllr Boniface - The Hop Pickers Line Cttee; Cllrs Mrs Ash, Mrs Read-Cutting and Sutton – The Kilndown Recreational Hall Trust, Millennium Green Trust and Quarry Centre; Cllrs Harris & Kirkby - The KALC Area Cttee; Police & Neighbourhood Watch Liaison - Cllr Gilder

and Peter Rolington; Dorothy Bathurst Charity – Cllr Noakes and Richard Bushrod; Goudhurst Education Foundation – Cllr Noakes; Parish Hon Tree warden – David Edwards; Parish Hon Pond Wardens – Cllr Broom and Ed Bates; Church Room Play Area Cttee – Cllr Kirkby.

John Ward in his report as retiring GPC representative on the Superfast Broadband Project has, with Lorne Mitchel, presented an account of what has been achieved so far for Goudhurst, Curtisden Green and Kilndown and where the project goes in future. This review is under the title of “Superfast Broadband. The Final Frontier” and is a separate article in this month’s Magazine. Thank you John and the whole project team for your efforts and achievement on our behalf over the past five years. Don’t stop now!

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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Monday 13 July	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 14 July	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Burial Board	Tuesday 21 July	7.30 pm	St Mary’s Church
Youth Committee	Thursday 23 July	8.00 pm	Quarry Centre
Planning Committee	Tuesday 28 July	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tuesday 28 July	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Monday 10 August	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

SUPERFAST BROADBAND: THE FINAL FRONTIER

In the last month, Kent County Council has advised the Parish Council that Callfow Solutions have completed their contract to upgrade the cabinets on the Goudhurst Telephone Exchange to Superfast Broadband.

This is a major milestone in the five year campaign to get better broadband and gives a new set of broadband options for many of those who are connected to the Goudhurst Exchange - including a fixed wireless option for those that have line of sight to St Mary's Church.

Aside from Bethany School being able to implement a new twenty first century learning system, several businesses which were planning to leave the Parish because of poor Broadband speeds have decided to remain in the Parish. To date there are 80 connections on the new infrastructure and more are in the pipeline.

Callflow will also be marketing their service over the coming months to promote an increase in take up in the areas where superfast broadband is already available. If you are not already on the Callflow network, you can enquire about the new services by calling them on 0845 274 1114.

During the next phase of the project, which we are calling "the final frontier" Councillors and members of the Golden Thread will attempt to get better coverage for the parts of the Parish that are still in a superfast broadband "not spot". As a first step over the next six months Callflow Solutions have agreed to investigate the feasibility of extending coverage of their network to Kilndown and Prior's Heath on a commercial basis.

We will continue to update you on progress through the Parish magazine and on the project website: www.goudhurst.net as well as at our monthly informal meeting at Weeks the baker's from 10.30-12 on the First Friday of every month.



GLEBE FIELD VILLAGE GREEN - We have good news!

The KCC Regulation Committee Member Panel determined on 19th May 2015, that past use of The Glebe Field has met all the criteria for successful registration as a Village Green. It is therefore now registered as Goudhurst Village Green.

In practical terms this means that residents of Goudhurst Parish have the right of access to carry out their "legal sports and pastimes" on the field in perpetuity.

The field is owned by the Diocese of Canterbury, with the Village Green registration changing neither the ownership in any way, nor compelling the Diocese to carry out maintenance. Regular maintenance is of course vital (mowing, weed control, hedge cutting, litter picking, etc.) and to date the Diocese has carried out only minimal maintenance which has not met standards required for general use. Confirming Village Green status is therefore a very large step in the right direction, rather than the end of the journey.

Goudhurst Parish Council continues to negotiate with the Diocese to purchase the field, or in the event of that not being possible, agreeing a long lease. We wish these negotiations every success, as either outcome would enable the Parish Council to undertake the ongoing maintenance, without which we will be left with Brer Rabbit's briar patch in the future!

Finally, huge thanks to all of you for your help in supporting the Village Green application – we could not have done this without you. All Goudhurst residents can now be very proud of their Glebe Field Village Green in perpetuity.

Ed Bates, Pamela Boniface, Richard Bushrod, David Edwards, Lynette Edwards, Shiona Gardiner, Richard Hillier, Donald Sargeant, Barbara Stafford

LAMBERHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL

AROUND THE WORLD IN ~~32~~ 80 ARIAS

A MUSICAL WORLD TOUR FROM MOZART TO COLE PORTER



LANDING AT

BAYHAM ABBEY SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST

MATERIAL FOR THE FEBRUARY 2015 ISSUE should be left at
Goudhurst Newsagents by
THURSDAY 15th JANUARY.

Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!

WILDLIFE GARDEN

For some time I have used my garden as a wildlife garden, growing brambles for the butterflies and encouraging birds and insects. Before I disappeared into the brambles I had the area cleared, but this has encouraged other wildlife like this Muntjac Deer.

David Denton



TRADE DIRECTORY

Agricultural Engineers	B	Mathematics Tuition	I
Accountancy	B	Newsagents	I
Beauty	B	Painting & Decorating	J
Care Navigator Service	B	Parish Hall	I
Car Hire	C	Pest Control	I
Chartered Surveyors	C	Pharmacy	J
Curtains & Soft Furnishings	B	Photography/Portraits	J
Education	D	Physiotherapists	J
Electrical	D	Pilates	K
Farm Shop	E	Plumbing	K
Florist	E	Pre-School Playgroups	L
Funeral Directors	E/F	Psychotherapy/Counselling	L
Golf	N	Reiki	L
Inn/Restaurant	G	Stonemason	M
Kent Life Coach	G	Store	M
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