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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Family Service

On the first Sunday of the month our service at St Mary's is informal and relaxed, with something for the whole family. There's coffee and something tasty to eat from 10:15 and the service starts at 10:45. The next service is on 5 October.

Sunday Club Creche

Every Sunday we run groups for children and young people aged 0-18 and from September 21 this will include, for the first time, a crèche for pre schoolers. Come along and let our creche team look after your little ones while you enjoy peace and quiet in the service.

Alpha

Starting in January we are running Alpha - the chance to explore the big questions of life over a good meal with lots of other people who are also asking questions. You can do Alpha whatever you do or don't believe, or if you're really not sure if you believe anything at all. Find out more on our website or speak to Ali Williams on 01580 211478.

Kilndown Walk

On Sunday 19 October join us for an autumn walk in Kilndown. We'll start at Christ Church, Kilndown at 2:30 and decide on the length and route depending on the age and fitness of those who come along. Whatever distance we walk, we will end up at the Globe & Rainbow!

All Souls service

On Sunday 2 November at 4:30 we will be remembering all those we have known and loved who have died - whether recently or not. Everyone is welcome to this gentle service which will include readings, music and the chance to light a candle in memory of loved ones. And if you would like the name of someone read out during the service, please contact Rosemary Southon on benofficegandk@btinternet.com or 01580 211739

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

www.gkchurch.org.uk

COVER PHOTO

Kilndown Gardening Club Autumn Show 2014

Giant parsnips brought first prize to Rupert Hodges of Goudhurst

Photo by Peter Rolington

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

These days every company worth its salt has a mission statement - a pithy sentence or two that captures the essence of the business. A good mission statement manages to both describe the company as it is, and to set out their aspirations for themselves and their customers.

Some mission statements are massively exaggerated - "To help make every brand more inspiring, and the world more intelligent," is a rather grand claim for the company Avery Dennison to make, given that they make sticky labels. Some of them are terrifying - until recently Hershey's mission statement was "Undisputed Marketplace Leadership", which makes them sound more like a James Bond villain than the biscuit maker that they actually are. Some are clearly meant to be catchy and aspirational - Nike for instance aims to "Bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete in the world.", while a huge number are just jargon. See if you can guess what this is the mission statement for - "It is our mission to continue to authoritatively provide access to diverse services to stay relevant in tomorrow's world." Does it sound vaguely familiar? Give up? It is in fact a randomly generated statement using the most frequently used words from the mission statements of real companies. In other words, it's nonsense.

I was sent a prayer this week by one of the children in Sunday Club. It was written by the founder of Methodism, John Wesley and is said to have shaped his approach to life. It was, we might say, his mission statement and it strikes me that it remains a powerful description of the life of a Christian today.

Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.

There's no jargon in these words - just a straightforward commitment to living a good life. These words are deeply rooted in Jesus' great commandment - to love God and each other, and this month, I will be trying to let this be the mission statement that guides me each day.

God bless

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 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.

Wed	1st		Parenting Course
Thurs	2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	3rd	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers – St Mary's
Sat	6th	2.00 pm evening	Wedding – St Mary's Barn Dance
Sun	5th		Trinity 16
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service + Baptism
Tues	7th	3.45 pm	Tuesday Club
Wed	8th	evening	Parenting Course
Thurs	9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
Fri	10th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sat	11th	10.00 am 7.30 pm	Retreat Day Choral Concert – St Mary's
Sun	12th		Trinity 17
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion + Baptism – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
		afternoon	St Mary's – Baptism Visiting Bellringers
Tues	14th	3.45 pm evening	Tuesday Club Evensong – Ladies Tuesday Club
Wed	15th	evening	Parenting course
Thurs	16th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	17th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sat	18th	3.00 pm 6.45 pm	Baptism – St Mary's Visiting Bellringers – St Mary's
Sun	19th		Trinity 18
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		2.30 pm	Prayer Walk – from Kilndown

Tues	21st	2.00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer
		3.45 pm	Tuesday Club
Wed	22nd	evening	Parenting Course
Thurs	23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
		7.30 pm	Goudhurst PCC
Fri	24th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	26th		Last after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
Thurs	30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
Fri	31st	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers

READINGS

Sunday 5th October	Trinity 16	
	Isaiah 5.1 - 7	Philippians 3.4b - 14
	Matthew 21.33 - end	
Sunday 12th October	Trinity 17	
	Isaiah 25.1 - 9	Philippians 4.1 - 9
	Matthew 22.1 - 14	
Sunday 19th October	Trinity 18	
	Isaiah 45.1 - 71	Thessalonians 1.1 - 10
	Matthew 22.15 - 22	
Sunday 26th October	Last after Trinity	
	Nehemiah 8.1 - 4a, 8 - 12	Colossians 3.12 - 17
	Matthew 24.30 - 35	

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church

7.9.2014	Minty Sargeant
	Theo Sargeant
	Ollie Rowse
	Evie Rowse

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage

23.8.2014	Lee Walton and Charlotte Winner – St Mary’s
30.8.2014	Patrick O’Neill and Sarah Muir – Christ Church
6.9.2014	Ben Reuter and Shivani Ramoutar – St Mary’s

KILNDOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to all those who contributed to making Kilndown Harvest Festival happen!

To Veronica who masterminded the Church flowers with the help of Annie, Ann, Angie and Carolyn Thanks to all of them for making the church look so beautiful and thanks too to Bill Haynes for providing apples to decorate the church. Thanks to Gill who cleaned the church and polished the eagle ready for the grapes to be put in his beak!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Harvest Lunch – to Angela, Caroline Carol, Annie, Sue (Annie's sister) for making such delicious Cottage Pies, to Neville for his freshly baked rolls, to Ann, Angie, Annie, Carol and Marie for their amazing puddings (Hugh has a photo to prove it!), to Veronica for her beautiful table decorations. Many thanks too to all those who gave raffle prizes and to Will, and the Dawes girls who sold the tickets! Thanks to David Denton who produced the posters and tickets with his usual artistic flair. Special thanks to Carol and Henrietta Ash and Angie Westmacott who were absolute stalwarts in the kitchen and to all who helped serve the food and clear the tables at the end.

It was great to have Emma Kevan from Christian Aid with us for the service and the lunch along with her husband Matt and colleague Callum. Emma certainly gave us lots of food for thought (literally) in her sermon. We were able to raise £350 in donations and with the raffle for her to take back for the work of Christian Aid. We may have a bit more to send her when we have worked out expenses for the lunch.

Sadly it will be the last Harvest Festival that Annie and Andrew Fellows will share with us because by the time you read this they will have moved to pastures new. They have helped with such occasions for 21 years and will be sorely missed we wish them many happy harvests in their new community!

Tina Gallagher

A MESSAGE FROM VAL STOTT

I would like to thank all my friends in Kilndown for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the Marks & Spencer voucher which you gave me on my leaving the village. I was very touched and I miss you all. I am settling in to my little house in Welwyn well and I send my thanks.

Valerie Stott

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN 3 T'S PROJECT

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER, 2014 – 7.00PM – VESTRY HALL

BRAIN OF MARDEN QUIZ

A chance to exercise your General Knowledge in good company

Tables of six or help to make up a table.

Ticket details and further information from Graham Codling, 01622 832622,
graham.codling@homecall.co.uk

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, CRANBROOK FRIENDS OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

12.30 for 1 pm - IN CHURCH

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER, 2014

HUBERT MOORE - POET

Refreshments – 12.30pm; CONCERT - 1.00pm

Admission to lunchtime concerts is free. There is a retiring collection to support church restoration.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, SANDHURST

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER, 2014 – 3.00pm – CHURCH

RECITAL

ROBERT, MAX AND FRIENDS perform works by Borodin, Amani and Henselt and others.

Tickets (min. £15) in advance from Gillian (01580 850384).

In aid of Hospice in the Weald and St Nicholas' Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, SISSINGHURST

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER, 2014 – 10.00am TILL 12.00 noon - PARISH ROOM

BRING AND BUY COFFEE MORNING

ADVANCE NOTICE

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, STAPLEHURST

SATURDAY 1ST November, 2014

It's Our Birthday

9.30am till 12.00 noon – ALL AGE WORKSHOP IN CHURCH – Lots of things to make or do.

12.00 noon till 4.00pm – A CELEBRATION OF WEDDINGS AT ALL SAINTS – Ideas if you are getting married.

1.30pm till 2.00pm – OUR HISTORY IN STONE, A Play by Anita Thompson.

2.00pm till 4.00pm – VISIT THE CHURCH BELLS IN THE TOWER.

POPPY APPEAL 2014

Another tumultuous year of conflict and aggression with death, injuries and family trauma in its wake. The Royal British Legion is there to support the recovery of our armed forces and to help the dependants of these brave men and women cope with life-changing challenges.

Having recognised the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the First World War in such spectacular and moving fashion in Goudhurst and Kilndown, we still need to help the medical and welfare services available today for our serving forces. The Royal British Legion never forgets those affected by previous conflicts, still providing welfare help to service men and women and families affected by the first and second world wars and ensuing conflicts.

Let us show that “We will never forget” and support the Poppy Appeal this October and November.

Kilndown Poppy Appeal

Lord Mayhew has been leading the Kilndown Poppy Appeal for many years with great success but has decided that now he can only support the fund raising aspect. The administrative side attracts a lot of paper work and bureaucracy, inevitable with such a large organisation, and I have agreed to merge Kilndown with Goudhurst. There is a vigorous and faithful band of volunteers in Kilndown and they will not see any difference in their tremendous role of collecting for this great appeal. I will make sure that Kilndown will always know how much they have collected. It is a mark of Patrick’s dedication that he is determined to continue his support for the Poppy Appeal and I am very glad to be working with him.

Barbara Stafford
Poppy Appeal Organiser

LAMBERHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL

After a successful musical summer the autumn and winter programme includes some interesting and amazing concerts. In October we welcome Danny Driver, a world class star on the piano. He will be playing Schumann, Beethoven and some Bach. This is on Friday October 10th at 7.30 pm at St. Mary’s Church, Lamberhurst and tickets cost £17.50.

In November we welcome back Red Priest, a quartet playing in a flamboyant and theatrical style, making use of props, costumes, dramatic lighting and other effects. This concert was a sell- out in 2009, so book early! Tickets cost £15.00 and the concert takes place on Friday November 21st, 7.30 pm at St. Mary’s Church.

The choir of Clare College, Cambridge will be singing Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 14th at 7.30 pm at St. Mary’s Church, Lamberhurst and tickets cost £15 00.

Lamberhurst Music Festival is registered as a Charity No 1102771

Tickets can be bought on the website: www.lamberhurstmusic.co.uk, or by phone: 01892890597

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



We are delighted to welcome a further four new children this term: Abigail Smolinska, Willoughby Spry, Savannah Barker and Lawrence Jeffrey, some of whom have already settled down happily with us and are enjoying our Autumnal activities and crafts.

In recent weeks the children have been making scarecrows, creating pictures using vegetable prints and growing cress, as they learn about Harvest time. They will also have the opportunity to craft Harvest mice and squirrels, bake their own bread and make apple crumble.

As well as making bear caves, muddy footprint paintings and collage teddy bears for our “We’re Going On a Bear Hunt” book week, the Diwali festival will find our children making clay lanterns and for Halloween pipe cleaners will be bent into leggy spiders.

We will be hosting a FANCY DRESS HALLOWEEN PARTY for 2 - 5 year olds in our setting the Church Rooms, on Saturday 25th October from 4 - 6 p.m. There will be crafts, games, dancing, refreshments and a small firework display that can be viewed from the safety of our veranda. Tickets are £6 per child in advance, £10 on the door and can be purchased from the pre-school during session times.

A big thank you to Sarah Clark, the local photographer who came in to take pictures of our children and new staff, as well as gratitude to the extremely informative Kent County Council Discovery Bus.

For recent photos and information please refer to our website and Facebook page. Enquiries to Jo Galloway on 07896 890370.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

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

SOUTH EAST WATER OPEN DAY AT BEWL WATER **Ever wondered, where does my water come from?**

An open day at Bewl Water Treatment Works on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 4pm. Entry is by ticket only. Telephone 01732 375410 between 9am and 5pm (weekdays) to book.

This is not suitable for people with impaired mobility or children under 16.

www.southeastwater.co.uk/opendays

FOOTPATH WALK
BEWL WATER AND COMB WELL PRIORY
Sunday 19th October 10am

You are invited to join a circular walk on Sunday 19th October. Meet at the Rosemary Lane parking spaces on the bridge over the River Bewl at 10 a.m. Driving route is through Kilndown to the A21, turn left on to the A21 towards Flimwell, take the first right down Rosemary Lane to Bewl Water. (Map reference is 570132)

The route is on footpaths towards Combwell (former) Priory, through Cats Wood, across the A21, south to Bewl Water, then east along the edge of Bewl Water to the starting place. Footpath WC code numbers are 63, 59, 57A, 57, 61, 61A. We aim to finish by 12:00 to 12:30.

The walk will be at an easy pace on footpaths. There will be a few stiles and, depending on the weather, there could be some muddy stretches. Everyone is welcome to join this walk. If you would like a lift 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

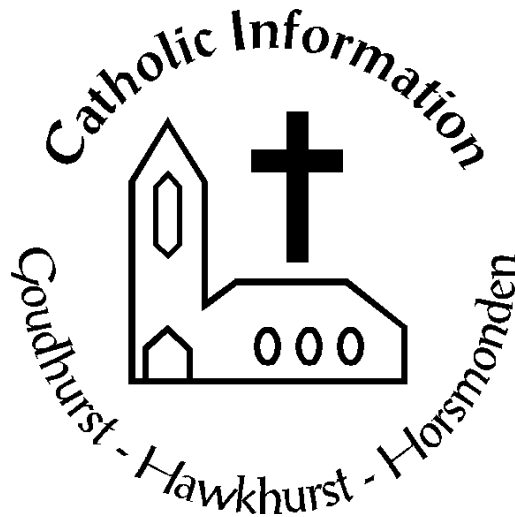


WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members abandoned the Village Hall for the August meeting and travelled to London to visit the BBC at Bush House. It was a fascinating experience and having seen round the iconic building and watched programmes being made several members took part in recording a "special" and then had the fun of listening to themselves on the radio. The visit was followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the Charing Cross Hotel before everyone wound their weary way back home.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm when Peter Hartley will talk about Buckingham Palace. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

JUMBLE SALE: On Saturday 18th October there will be a fund raising Jumble Sale in the Village Hall. Donations of jumble can be brought to the Hall from 9 am on the day or collection can be arranged - please contact Rosemary Stockings 01580 713844. Helpers are needed so if you can give a hand on the day or make a cake for the teas please let Rosemary know.



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Masses

Saturday:	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst
Sunday:	8.30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst
	10.30am	Goudhurst
Monday to Thursday:	9.30am	Goudhurst
Friday:	10.00am	Hawkhurst

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

Parish Contacts

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Churches Together

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 3pm at St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, Robert Max (Barbican Trio) and friends will be presenting the 6th Richard Beattie Davis Memorial Recital. This String Trio event will be held to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald and St. Nicholas Church. Robert Max plays a Stradivarius cello dating from 1726 known as the "Comte de Saveuse" and the programme will feature Russian music and Beethoven. There will also be a premiere performance of a Henselt 'Romance' arranged by Robert Max. Tickets are available in advance from Gillian Davis 01580-850384.

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th October at 7.45 in St Mary's Church Room when Clive Willkes will be talking about George Gershwin, whose work spanned the worlds of pop, jazz, musicals and classical music. The presentation, with particular emphasis on 'Porgy and Bess', will be illustrated with recorded music. Members come free and visitors are welcomed at £5 each.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The branch is always ready to welcome new members and with the Poppy Appeal Collection fortnight approaching this is an appropriate time to consider joining.

Members are reminded that the next meeting is on Monday 22nd September in the Jessel Room in the Parish Hall when plans will be discussed for commemorating Armistice Sunday and other events connected with World War One.

Robin Mitchell

COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR

During the centenary years of the Great War which are now upon us, it is intended to commemorate each of the 69 individuals whose names are recorded on the war memorials in Goudhurst and Kilndown because they died in that conflict. This will be achieved in a number of different ways, and as closely as possible to the date of their death:-

- In each case, and exactly one hundred years to the day, the flag beside the war memorial will be flown.
- On the evening of the same day, it is proposed that a photograph of the man concerned, if available, will be projected on to the façade of The Vine.
- In each relevant month from now on, this magazine will include a brief biographical note about the individuals concerned. The first three were all soldiers:

8th September 1914: Frederick Percival Tester, Driver 68417, 'L' Battery, Royal Horse Artillery. Family home at Wickham's Cottages in Lidwells Lane and later Stoney Lane, Goudhurst. Died from wounds sustained at Néry during the Retreat from Mons, aged 21.

28th October 1914: Frank Oliver Page, Private L/8700, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Family home at Mill House Cottages, Church Road, Goudhurst. Killed in action at Bois-Grenier, near Armentières, aged 24.

30th October 1914: William George Burgess, Private 4633, 3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards, attached to 2nd Life Guards. Family home at Stream Farm and later at Monk's, both in Summerhill, Goudhurst. Missing in action at Zandvoorde, near Ypres, aged 31.

GOUDHURST AND DISTRICT

The doors of the latest University of the Third Age will be open in Goudhurst Parish Hall (aka Village Hall) by the pond on Wednesday, 22nd October, from 2.30 to 5 p.m.



This is your opportunity to become a member and register your interest in one or more of the Groups now formed and to bring ideas for other topics. So far the Interest Groups are: Literature; Wine Appreciation; Computers & Computing; Theatre & Cinema; Walking; Photography; Garden Visits; French & France; Bridge; Art Appreciation; History; Psychology.

Although termed a University, U3A uses the word in its original sense, meaning “a corporation of persons devoted to a particular activity, not necessarily intellectual”. Members will be retired or semi-retired and meet in informal Groups to pool their knowledge and skills for mutual benefit and enjoyment – no targets or exam pressure. Headquartered in Goudhurst, members from all surrounding parishes are very welcome.

Our membership year starts on 1 November with an annual membership of £25.00 – less than 50 pence per week. This will cover the cost of monthly speakers, membership of The Third Age Trust and Newsletters throughout the year.

There are monthly meetings in Goudhurst Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month with knowledgeable speakers and for this year we have:

19 November Albert Granville “... and so we raised the Mary Rose”
17 December Don Dray The Dancing Decades – from Ragtime to Swing

In the pipe line for 2015: journalist John Izbicki on his escape from Nazi Germany and physiotherapist Jonathan Hockey on Wellbeing.

I do hope that if you are of the third age you will join us to enjoy friendship, grey cell stimulation and enjoyment.

Enquiries: goudhurstanddistrict.u3a@gmail.com

Ian Miller, Chairman

GOUDHURST SOCIAL CLUB

The following events will be taking place at the Club during the next few weeks:

Saturday 18th October

Elvis Tribute Cliff Castle. Starts at 9 pm; non-members £3 at the door

Saturday 1st November

Children’s Fancy Dress Hallowe’en Party at the Club from 3 to 5 pm. Disco and games. Non-members’ children welcome – 50p entrance fee at the bar

VILLAGE ECHOES



Some years ago a small number of receipts dating from the 17th century were found concealed in the fireplace of a house in Goudhurst High Street. The one used to illustrate this Echo is dated 13th August 1683 and was given to William Cogger when he paid his half-yearly Hearth Tax. This was a tax which

was levied between 1662 and 1689, during the reign of King Charles II, as a means of raising revenue for his government. In theory all households paid two shillings per hearth (i.e. fireplace) which was collected in two instalments - Lady Day (25th March) and Michaelmas (29th September) - each year. In practice, however, not everyone was taxed: for example, those in receipt of poor relief who probably only had one hearth were exempt from payment, and this is indicated in the returns. Surviving lists of householders, which list the number of hearths in each dwelling, can give a good indication of not only the size of the building but also the social standing of the inhabitants.

This receipt tells us that William Cogger's house had six "fire-hearths" for which he had paid 6 shillings for the half-year, meaning that he would have been one of the better-off inhabitants of Goudhurst at the time. Records for St Mary's church show that William and his wife, Mary, had eight children (2 sons and 6 daughters) baptised between 1663 and 1682, and that four of these died in infancy. Mary Cogger died in 1684 and William in 1693. The inventory of his "goods and chattels" compiled after his death on 10th June gave his occupation as "gardiner". It is clear, however, from the items listed that he was not a gardener as we understand the term in the 21st century but in all probability a farmer, hop grower and brewer. Apart from his household goods and furniture, the inventory listed hop-poles, 4 acres of wheat, an orchard, cows, hogs, horses, dung – the latter valued at £1 – and numerous barrels and casks of beer and canary wine in his cellar.

In total the inventory valued his property at £238 18s, a considerable sum in the 17th century and equivalent to about £30,000 in today's money.

Local History Society

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

When a college's future is threatened – as in the very recent case of K College which had campuses in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone - the knock-on consequences in relation to students, staff, businesses, the wider community and other stake holders are fairly obvious. Very rarely is any mention made of the environmental consequences when local colleges are unable to continue to provide education and training for local communities.

In the case of K College, a solution has been found. The campuses at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells are renamed 'West Kent College', that at Ashford 'Ashford College' and now all are part of the Hadlow Group. The campuses at Dover and Folkestone have been taken over by East Kent College.

The provision of education and training at all these campuses is obviously important in economic, social and community terms but what would be the effects in relation to vast increases in carbon emissions if approximately 3,000 students in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells – and some 2,000 at Ashford – had been forced to find alternative places to study? Most are based locally – or relatively locally – but they would have been obliged to consider much longer journeys, many unavoidably travelling by car.

On the same basis, has consideration been given to the numbers of extra car journeys undertaken as the result of post office closures and other important services? Multiply this many times over and the results could be concerning. This raises interesting questions but, of course, solving this type of problem is far from simple.

Planners, statisticians, politicians, scientists and others face this type of situation repeatedly when village post offices are closed; when hospital provision is changed; when library services are reduced; when transport links are cut; when village shops are closed. Almost always money dictates these changes – but it's impossible to stretch money to fulfil all the competing priorities.

On a different subject, fracking – more properly hydraulic fracturing - is climbing higher and higher on the agenda and there are passionate arguments on both sides of the divide. There are very serious issues that must be fully debated. At the same time, there are questions in relation to wind farms; solar farms; water power; land usage; bio-fuels; provision of food security - and more. The medical profession is issuing warnings concerning increasing resistance to antibiotics; concerns are arising in relation to some diseases that have been considered to be under control.

Each of the 'problems' and 'issues' with which we are faced is considered in isolation. It is difficult to find 'solutions' that don't adversely impact in ways that create additional 'problems'. We need to be able to evaluate the bigger picture.

Pat Crawford
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GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Who would have guessed that the combination of too much rain, spring floods, no rain, more rain and the forecast of an Indian summer would produce near perfect conditions for our English vineyards? The warm September sunshine has been a bonus bringing exceptional quality as the grapes mature before the harvest. All this has occurred whilst our neighbours across the channel have suffered torrential rain, floods, low temperatures, a dearth of sunshine, storm and violent hailstorms. As the apples and other crops are being harvested around the parish let us hope that this translates to a bumper saleable harvest for our farming community.

Though you may be reading this in October, it reflects mostly our August activity, historically the silly season for the press as not much happens at that time. But as we review the minutes of our recent, September 8, Council Meeting, though holidays have been taken, life and work on many issues affecting our parish have continued.

Our highways committee have drafted a list of potential projects to try to improve the safety and alleviate some of the congestion in the centre of the village. This will be presented and reviewed at our October meeting and, if approved, will be passed to KCC Highways who have promised to cost them. Thereafter sources of funding will be considered between KCC, TWBC and ourselves to form the basis of a 3 year plan.

Our planning committee managed to review a number of planning applications over the summer even though the merging of TWBC and neighbouring Kent councils back-offices has caused havoc with the paperwork over recent months whilst the new system settles down. GPC's Planning Committee meets in the Jessel room of the Village Hall most alternate Tuesday evenings at 18.30 to review and comment on all planning application relating to our parish. Those with planning applications are always welcome to attend and support their application as are members of the public who wish to comment. Though the final decisions are made at TWBC, our recommendation is more often than not followed.

GPC have continued to defend the provision of Toilets at Balcombes Hill and the Community refuse collections from Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green. Both under threat from the current TWBC cost review. We have been assured by Council Leader David Jukes that there will be no unilateral withdrawal of services and representatives will be meeting with TW October 2nd to work out future funding.

As reported last month the Goudhurst and District U3A will be holding its inaugural meeting in Goudhurst Parish hall at 2.30 on Wednesday October 22nd.

At the coming October meeting we look forward to welcoming Mr Alan Foster, who has volunteered to join the Parish Council to fill the vacancy caused by Birgitta Wikman's departure. May 2014 will be election time in Goudhurst so now is a good time to think about standing. Come and join us at a parish meeting to get a better understanding of what we do and what might be of interest to you.

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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 13 Oct	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 14 Oct	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Burial Board	Thurs 21 Oct	7.30 pm	Kilndown Quarry Centre
Planning Committee	Tues 28 Oct	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 04 Nov	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council Open Meeting	Mon 10 Nov	7.45 pm	Goudhurst Parish Hall

All are welcome to attend these meetings at which time is set aside for questions from the public.

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CHRIST CHURCH KILNDOWN AND ST MARY'S GOUDHURST Autumn Tidy Up in the Churchyards on 20 October

It is time once again to give the Churchyards and Cemeteries at St Mary's and Christ Church a tidy up before winter is upon us.

Please can you spare an hour or two to help with this task? Saturday, 18 October. Meet at 9.00 am either at Christ Church, or in Back Lane, Goudhurst.

All ages are welcome, but please bring your own gardening tools - for example secateurs, loppers, rakes, spades and anything to keep the brambles, ivy and weeds under control.

Please put this in your diary now as many hands make light work to keep these very special parts of our Parish looking good. It is good fellowship.

Any queries to Cllr Clive Roberts on 01892 890970 or Anthony Farnfield 01580 212552.

LITTER PICKING

A number of local residents have volunteered to be occasional litter pickers in the areas where they live. I have some litter picking grabbers and hoops to hold the litter collecting bags open and these are ready for you to use if you would like to join in. You can do as much as you like – say weekly or monthly – the choice is yours. Any litter picking helps to keep our Parish looking good. Would anyone like to take on Goudhurst High Street?

Call me on 01580 212552 if you would like to know more.

Anthony Farnfield

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

1
G&K Primary
Year 3
Victrix visiti

2
Globe & Rainbow
"World Tapas"
every other Thursday

6

7
Local History Society
"Glyn Jones and
Brandfold House"
Church Room. 7.45pm

8
Knitting Group
Star & Eagle
10am weekly

9
**Goudhurst Recorded
Music Society**
George Gershwin
7.45pm Church Room

13
Bedgebury
"Fungi Day"

14
The Goudhurst Inn
Chicken Chuesday
Every Tuesday

15
"Parenting Teenagers"
G&K Primary School
Moby Dick's
Fish & Chips
Wednesday Evenings
on The Plain

16
Pizza Cucina
Thursday Evenings
on The Plain

20
G&K Primary
Year 6
Trip to Hill Top
starts

21
Kids Tuesday Club
for 8-10's
Church Rooms
weekly

22
U3A
University of
the Third Age
Recruiting GPH in the
afternoon

23
Globe & Rainbow
"Surf and Turf"
every other Thursday

27
Royal British Legion.
Branch Meeting
Jessel Room 7.30pm

28
Hop Farm
Halloween
Half Term

29
Kilndown Village Hall
Boffo Theatre.
Half Term activity

30

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

3
G&K Primary
 Harvest Festival 2.30pm
 At St Marys

Dads of Goudhurst School
 Star and Eagle

First Friday Meeting
 Weeks

10
Café Toddler @ St Marys
 Every Friday 9am

17
G&K Primary
 Non-School Uniform Day

G&K Primary PTFA
 Quiz Night

24
G&K Primary
 Break Up for Half
 Term!

31
Halloween

Hop Farm
 Bonfire & Fireworks

4
The Big Sing 10 am

Kilndown Meet the Village.
 Quarry Centre Open Day

Barn Dance
 GPH evening

11
Finchcocks
 Finchcocks Baroque

18
Kilndown Village Hall
 Craft Fair

Finchcocks
 Kenneth Weiss Concert

25
Goudhurst Village Pre-School
 Halloween Party & Fireworks
 2-5 years olds, 4-6pm

Royal British Legion
 Poppy Appeal starts

Finchcocks
 The Trout Quintet

5
"Park Run"
 New Sunday running
 event
 Glebe Field 09.30

12
Hop Farm
 Kent Boat Jumble

Finchcocks
 Pianist Open Day

19
Kilndown Walk
 from 2.30pm

26

dates may change!

GOUDHURST PARISH HALL NEWS

The committee of volunteers which runs the Hall has been strengthened recently with the appointments of Mrs Judith Farnfield , who has taken on the role of Booking Officer and James Cooke who has become the Hall Treasurer.

Both have a wide experience of this type of charitable work and have already started to make their mark with a review of the Halls booking systems, which up to now have been very paper orientated. Going forward, most of the forms needed for a booking can now be downloaded from the web by prospective hirers and items like hire charges and terms and conditions can also be accessed electronically. There is also a new web site with photos of some of the varied activities which the hall hosts and a diary of forthcoming events. Have a look and let us know what you think.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Birgitta Wikman, one of the two Goudhurst Parish Council representatives on the committee, following her move to Dublin. We thank her for her valuable contribution over the last year and wish her well. In due course GPC will nominate a replacement.

The Hall has been kept pretty busy recently with three weddings, a quiz, two jumble sales and a curry supper as well as the regular weekly activities from Pilates, Yoga, Zumba dancing , Aerodance, Jumping Beans , WI, Goudhurst Parish Council and its various committees, Royal British Legion, lunch club, circle dancing, soft furnishings instruction and GADS, and pre bookings for the autumn look good. The Hall is therefore more than fulfilling it's founders aims of providing a centre for local community activities.

Contact numbers remain unchanged :-

Bookings: 07760 181645.

gphbookings@outlook.com

Web page: www.goudhurstvillagehall.co.uk



GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN SRI LANKA CHURCH ASSOCIATION (SRI LANKA LINK) AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 30th October, at 7.30 pm in the Children's Chapel of St Mary's Church.

The agenda will include a discussion on future plans for the link including the next visit to the UK of two Theological College of Lanka students and also the possibility of another visit by members/families/young people to Sri Lanka. Further we would be interested to hear from you if you have ideas for increasing our profile and activities. An increased involvement of Church and school is under discussion.

Everyone is welcome – new members very welcome.



QUARRY CENTRE

The Quarry Centre Saturday Shop is open from 9am to 12 noon, selling a good selection of fruit and vegetables, organic groceries, meats, eggs, bread and Eco Friendly cleaning products. Orders for 'veggie' boxes may be placed by emailing lyndashepherd@talktalk.net on Wednesdays in readiness for collection on Saturdays, ask at the counter for details. Orders may also be placed for bread or bulk quantities of anything (almost) on the shelves, including gluten free products. Suggestions have been made that we need to 'update' ourselves, we're thinking about it!

Tentative plans are being made for a Meet the Village, Open Day at the Quarry Centre on Saturday October 4 from 9am to 3pm ish. It is hoped that village organisations will be there with leaflets, fliers and/or examples of what they do. This Open Day is aimed at all the new and maybe 'old' residents of the village who may not know what goes on in Kilndown and to act as a showcase for all. Tea/coffee cakes will be served all day.

The main event for the Quarry Centre in conjunction with Christ Church this month is the Craft Fair (our third) which is on Saturday October 18 from 11am to 4pm in the village hall. There will be a good variety of crafts for sale, with a few familiar faces and some new to us. Veronica has agreed to run a Produce Stall and will be very happy to receive donations of homemade cakes, preserves etc. Offers of help on the day would be appreciated as usual refreshments will be served all day.

Lynda Shepherd 01580 879549



An evening of Remembrance

Music and Words for reflection on War and Peace

Friday 7th November, Christ Church Kilndown, 7.30 pm



The Community Choir will be performing excerpts from

'The Armed man – A Mass for Peace'

By Karl Jenkins

Free admission-donations welcome

Light refreshments available

Further details from Tina Gallagher 01892 890426; email:tinagallagher22@aol.com



*Kilndown Gardening
Club Autumn Show
2014*

*Colourful selection of
fruit, vegetables and
herbs*

Photo by Peter Rolington

KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

**An Evening with Steve Bradley - Your Gardening Questions Answered
at Kilndown Village Hall**

Thursday, 2nd October at 7.45 p.m.

BBC Radio Kent's Steve Bradley, will bring his vast experience to help solve our gardening problems in what promises to be a lively and rewarding evening.

It will help if you can bring your questions written on a slip of paper so Steve can sort them into related groups. Also, samples of plants or pests and diseases (probably best in a plastic bag!) could be useful so he can identify them and suggest controls or remedies.

We are very fortunate to have a visit from such a highly qualified and experienced expert who has starred in the "Garden Doctors" series, contributed to "Ground Force" and written over 50 gardening books. As well as a regular contributor to Radio Kent and other BBC programmes, Steve and his wife Val write regularly for the Sun newspaper.

Come and solve all your problems! Tea and coffee and chat after the talk while our great raffle is called. All are welcome - visitors £2.

Autumn Show Results

Kilndown and Goudhurst have once again shown that their skills in producing the best vegetables and flowers are unsurpassed. The Autumn Show was a splendid display of quality and colour with the judges having to think hard to decide which entries deserved the highest points. Veronica Stacey was supreme in winning the Twysden Challenge Cup for the best entries in the Vegetable and Flower Classes. Rupert Hodges, aided by his wife Judy, was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal for most points in all horticultural classes. Richard Heaton's soil in Priors Heath must be special for his superb trug of vegetables for the Hawkins Cup and the award of the George Waghorn Challenge Cup for the best squash.

Annie Fellows received the Lewis Baldock Challenge Cup for gaining the most points for a Kilndown resident plus the Carwithen Challenge Trophy for most points in the Flower Section.

Lynda Shepherd won the Fisherlizer Challenge Cup for the best potatoes and the Angus Challenge Cup for the best Small Dinner Table Decoration. Christine Macey received the Millennium Vase for the best Fuchsia Blooms and Joan Skinner's cooking skills were recognised with the St. Clair Erskine Cookery Challenge Cup for most points in the cookery section. Ann Olley won both sponsored prizes for best handicraft exhibit and best jar of stone fruit jam.

With no awards but very great thanks to Ann Olley, Annie Fellows, Tina Gallagher and Joan Skinner for their delectable home-baked cakes to accompany the teas.

Barbara Stafford