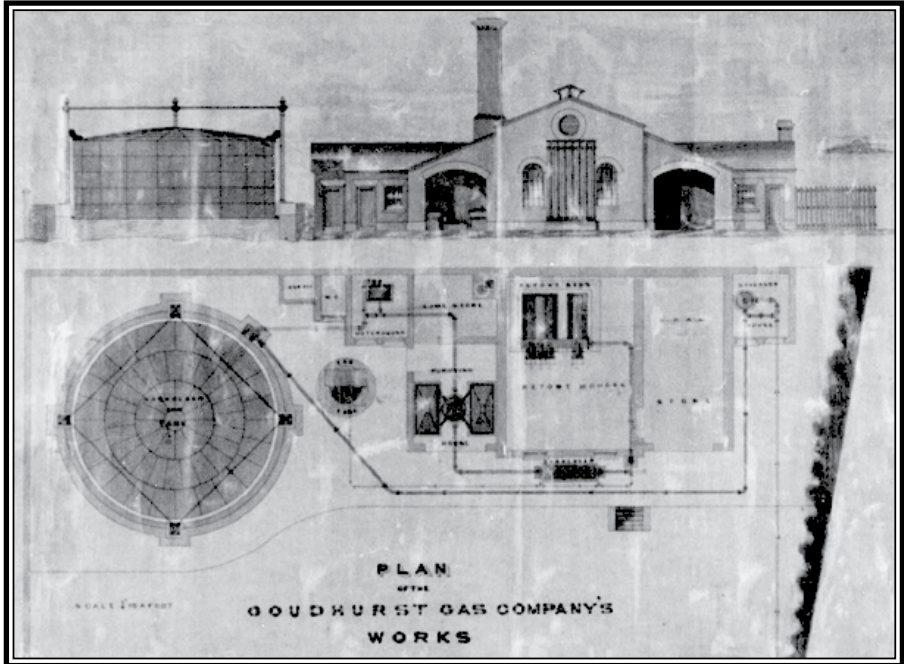


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FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

As the new school term starts, and nature begins to turn it's thoughts towards autumn, St Mary's and Christ Church are also getting ready for a new season - here are some of the things that are coming up in the next few months.

Our next **Family Services** will be on **Sunday 1 September** and **Sunday 6 October**. An informal service for the whole family, with something nice to eat from 10:15, and the service starting at 10:45. If you haven't been before, come and give it a go.

On **Friday 6 September, Cafe Toddlers** opens again with toys, crafts, singing and finger food for pre-school children, and coffee, cake, newspapers and chat for the adults. It's open from 9:00-11:00 and everyone is welcome.

On **Sunday 8 September, Sunday Club** opens again after the summer break. We run groups during the 10:45 service at St Mary's for children and young people aged 0-15. Call Huthrie Coplestone on 01580 211610 for more information, or just turn up.

Harvest Festival services will be on **15 September** at 10:45 in Christ Church, and **29 September** at 10:45 in St Mary's. There will be a Bring & Share lunch after both services, and everyone is welcome. We welcome dry food stuffs at these services, all of which will be distributed to local food banks.

On **Wednesday 18 September** at 2:00, St Mary's is holding a **Bridge Competition**. Tickets from Judy Hodges on 01580 212280 or John McCaig on 01580 212329

If you enjoy singing (whether or not you think you're any good) we are holding **The Big Sing** on **Saturday 21 September** in St Mary's. Come and pick up tips on singing from our Music Director, Jeffrey Gray, and learn some new hymns. The Big Sing runs from 10:00-11:30 - and there will be cake. Really good cake.

Saturday 21 September is also **St Mary's Quiz Night**. It starts at 7:00pm with tables of 8 for a 2 course meal, with licenced bar and fiendish questions. Tickets from Sue Crookall on 01580 211710.

Our new **Parenting Course** will be held at the Primary School for 6 evenings from **Tuesday, 8 October**. It is aimed at parents of primary aged children, and includes input on a DVD and time to share experiences, tips and ideas about the joys and struggles of bringing up children. Contact Andrea Kirkby on 01580 211037 for more information, or to book a place.

More information about these, and lots of other services and events, can be found on the church website

www.gkhurch.org.uk

And of course, we're here for everyone every day - whether it's because you fancy coming along to church on a Sunday morning, or to enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, or because you're having a hard time and we might be able to help, or because you want to explore questions about God, or the meaning of life.

However we can help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

God bless

Revd Hugh Nelson
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- Raise money for your church or chapel
- Get sponsored and visit as many churches as possible on the day by bike (or walking)
- All denominations welcome
- £2.5 million raised in Kent so far

The Ride and Stride is open to Everyone

The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride takes place on the second Saturday in September each year. 50% of sponsorship money raised goes to the church or chapel of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends, who use it to help the most needy churches and chapels in use in the County.

Ask your relations, friends and colleagues to sponsor you - so much per church or chapel visited between 10am and 6pm on the day. This is recorded on a special sponsor form. Please ask them to tick for Gift Aid if they are tax payers; this increases their donations by 28% with no cost to them. Sponsorship forms are available from Tina Gallagher – 01892 890426 – e-mail: tinagallagher22@aol.com.

CALENDAR

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

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

Sun	1st		Trinity 14
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service – St Mary's
Wed	4th	3.00 pm	Meeting – Children's Chapel
Thurs	5th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
		7.45 pm	PCC meeting – Kilndown
Fri	6th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	8th		Trinity 15
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong – Christ Church
Tues	10th	8.00 pm	Tuesday group – Evensong
Wed	11th	7.30 pm	Children's Chapel – Deanery Ministry and Mission
Thurs	12th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal – St Mary's
Fri	13th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sat	14th	2.30 pm	Wedding – Alex Botting and Leah Hollis
Sun	15th		Trinity 16
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		10.45 am	Harvest Festival – Christ Church
Wed	18th	2.00 pm	Bridge Drive – Village Hall
		Evening	Deanery Synod
Thurs	19th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.45 pm	PCC meeting – Goudhurst
Fri	20th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sat	21st	10.00 am	Big Sing – St Mary's
		Evening	St Mary's Church Quiz – Village hall
Sun	22nd		Trinity 17
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion - Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's

Tues	24th	??	Alpha Planning Group
Wed	25th	11.00 am	Churches Together
		7.30 pm	Sri Lanka Link AGM – Children’s Chapel
Thurs	26th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
Fri	27th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
			Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	28th	1.00 pm	Wedding Chad Henderson and Jessica Walker
Sun	29th		Trinity 18 Michael and All Angels
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary’s
		10.45 am	Harvest Festival – St Mary’s

READINGS

Sunday 1st	Trinity 14	
	Proverbs 25.6 - 7	Hebrews 13.1 - 8, 15, 16
	Luke 14.1, 7 - 14	
Sunday 8th	Trinity 15	
	Deuteronomy 30.15 - 20	Philemon 1 - 21
	Luke 14.25 - 33	
Sunday 15th	Trinity 16	
	Exodus 32.7 - 14	1 Timothy 1.12 - 17
	Luke 15.1 - 10	
Sunday 22nd	Trinity 17	
	Amos 8.4 - 7	1 Timothy 2.1 - 7
	Luke 16.1 - 13	
Sunday 29th	Trinity 18	
	Amos 6.1a, 4 - 7	1 Timothy 6.6 - 19
	Luke 16.19 - 31	

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church

4th August Ava Coles – St Mary’s
Austin Coles

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage

3rd August Justin Bass and Megan Pantrey

FUNERAL/BURIAL - We commend into God’s loving care

16th July Peter Gray – St Mary’s

Bring & Share

Harvest Lunch

(Puddings provided!)

All Welcome!

Kilndown Village Hall

Sunday 15th September 2013 12noon

**(after the combined service for St Mary's Goudhurst and
Kilndown in Christ Church at 10.45)**

**In aid of the Goudhurst and Kilndown Sri Lanka Link so
there will be a raffle and the opportunity for donations!**



Please let Tina know if you will be coming so we can gauge numbers - 01892 890426
(tinagallagher22@aol.com)



Kilndown Entertains!

An Evening of

Music, Magic and Mirth

Saturday October 5th

Kilndown Village Hall 7.30pm

Including a 2 course supper!

Bring your own drink

Tickets £15 (£7.50 for under 10's)

In aid of Christ Church Kilndown

Tickets from Tina Gallagher 01892 890426 or

tinagallagher22@aol.com

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S NUMBER FUN QUIZ

The winner of the quiz was Jo Galloway. Thank you to all who entered, a complete list of answers can be found on our web site fsmg.org.uk

Come and dust down your dosey does with all ages at St. Mary's

HARVEST FAMILY BARN DANCE AND SUPPER

Goudhurst Parish Hall, Saturday 12th October 7pm

Supper and Licenced Bar. Raffle

Tickets Adults £8 Under 16's £5 Family Ticket £25

**Available in September from Sizzlers Butchers, the Newsagents
or Cafe Toddler in Church on Friday mornings**

BRIDGE COMPETITION

18th September, Goudhurst Parish Hall at 2.00 pm in aid of St Mary's. £10 per person.
Apply to Judy Hodges (212280) or John McCaig (212329).

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GOUDHURST

**Bi-annual Flower Festival will be held
from Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th May 2014**

We will be holding our first meeting on Wednesday 4th September in the Children's Chapel of St. Mary's Church at 3pm.

Please come and join us, whether you are a keen flower arranger, a possible steward or a capable caterer, all are welcome to join and support our team in this community event. We look forward to seeing you on 4th September.

AP-W Tel: 211610

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, CRANBROOK

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 2013 – 12.30pm

FRIEND'S LUNCHTIME CONCERT

NAOMI BURRELL (VIOLIN) and FRIENDS

**ADMISSION FREE BUT A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN FOR CHURCH
RESTORATION**

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

Wednesday 11th September, 2013 – 10.00am – WEALD OF KENT GOLF CLUB

AUTUMN GOLF DAY

Coffee and Bacon Rolls available from 09.15am.

18 Stableford Competition with prizes for the winner,
nearest the pin and longest drive.

Also a prize for the top team of 2 from any church.

Ham, egg and chips to round the day off.

Entry fee:- £35.00 per person – cheques payable to B. Woodgate.

Entry forms available from Brian Woodgate, 01622 743011

or email brimarchur@aol.com.

Closing date for entries – Wednesday 4th September

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER, 2013 – 08.30AM – VESTRY HALL

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come along and enjoy a full English Breakfast in good company
with a guest speaker.

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

Please let either Alec - 01622 832211 or Tim – 01622 833291 know if you
wish to attend so that sufficient food will be available.

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 – IN CHURCH

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – 'THE POWER OF LOVE'

10.00am to 4.00pm - A festival demonstrating what people 'LOVE' e.g holidays,
cars, cooking, painting, church, Marden, family, friends or anything else.

7.30pm – Concert by the Church Choir, Kevin Deacon (Organ),
Antiphony, and others.

Tickets:- £5.00 (to include refreshments) available from Marden Post Office,
Premier Store, The Unicorn and West End Stores.

Information on taking part can be obtained from Carol Walker – 01622 831132 or
email: cawalker1944@yahoo.co.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STAPLEHURST

Saturday 21st September, 2013 – 09.30AM TO 12.00noon – in Church

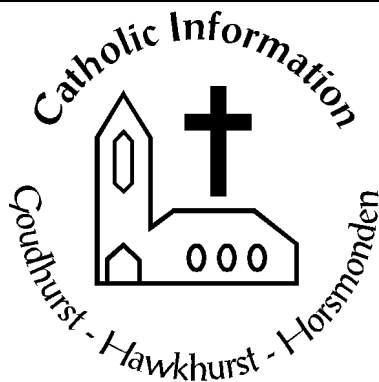
A KITE MAKING WORKSHOP

Persons of all ages invited to come along and make your own kite.

Refreshments including bacon butties available.

Other crafts available for the very young.

a donation of £2.00 per kite would be appreciated.



Parish Priest

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Website <http://www.rcgoudhurst.org.uk>

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

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

Parish Contacts

Chris Roome 01580 891686 Churches Together
 Parish email: parish@dawson.myzen.co.uk

MACMILLAN CANCER RESEARCH

**Come and enjoy tea and cakes
 (and a good chat)**

in Kildown Village Hall on

Sunday 29th September

from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

and help support

Macmillan Nurses

Contributions of cakes and/or raffle prizes gratefully received
 For further information 'phone 01892 890477, 890600 or 890557

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

Most people have a general understanding of the phrase ‘food security’. The most succinct, easily understood description of what is really involved originated at the World Food Summit way back in 1996: ‘When all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life’. Implicit within the term is recognition that affordable is a vital factor, sustainable another and geographic access another.

What is interesting is that, rather than be seen as a complex issue that is already affecting a large part of the globe, ‘food security’ is often relegated to a concept - something that might matter somewhere in the future but which has nothing to do with life today. Yet earlier this year global predictions for this year's harvest were pretty appalling. We're not out of the wood yet but the predictions concerning many crops have been reversed and in some cases bumper harvests are being recorded.

It sometimes seems that, as consumers, the implications of food security only hit home when there is a real threat of shortages - and prices on the shelves rise. Overindulgence and wastage in some parts of the world - scarcity, hunger and starvation in other parts - it seems we simply cannot get the balance right.

Questions posed by some member states of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), as part of a much longer document, put the complex issues into perspective

- What is the net impact of the further liberalization of food and agricultural trade, considering the widely differing situations in developing countries?
- To what extent can domestic economic and social policies - and food, agricultural and rural development policies - offset the diverse (and possibly negative) impacts of international policies, such as those relating to international trade?
- How can the overall economic gains from trade benefit those who are most likely to be suffering from food insecurity?
- Do gains “trickle down” to enhance economic access to food for the poor?
- How can food and agricultural production and trade be restrained from the over-exploitation of natural resources that may jeopardize domestic food security in the long term?
- How to ensure that imported food products are of acceptable quality and safe to eat?

If we could answer only some of these questions, much of the inequality concerned with food security would disappear. The truth is that we are unable to give an entirely satisfactory answer to even one question.

Pat Crawford, Press Officer Hadlow College, can be contacted pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk 01732 852243

“WHAT’S YOURS?” LEARN THE SURPRISING STORIES BEHIND OUR PUB SIGNS

At 7.45 pm on Tuesday 1st October you're invited to a fascinating talk by Gordon Bentley about the historic, strange, amusing but always surprising stories behind pub signs, including some local ones. It's at The Church Room, Back Lane, Goudhurst.

Entry: free for members, £2.50 for non-members. So why not join, it's just £5.00 per person for seven meetings? Cheers!

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
For more information visit www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org



OWN A BEAUTIFUL MEMENTO OF GOUDHURST

This decorative map of the Parish of Goudhurst was designed and beautifully crafted by the late Len Pierce, secretary of the Local History Society and an accomplished artist/calligrapher.

It vividly portrays the rich and fascinating history of the parish through places, houses, farms, events, literature and, of course, people (both good and bad).

Imagine it hanging on your wall or as a gift, a perfect souvenir of this charming parish.

Size: 29cm x 42cm and it costs just £5 plus postage (posted maps will be rolled). Please contact John Benfield at jandcbenfield@talk21.com or ring 01580 211517

VILLAGE ECHOES

130 years ago an article appeared in the December 1883 issue of the Argosy magazine entitled “Round about Goudhurst”. The author, Charles Wood, described Goudhurst as “a straggling village in a richly timbered landscape on one of the highest hills in the Weald of Kent where the air was pure and bracing”. At the same time, however, he implied that the village was but a shadow of its former 17th century glory when the cloth

trade had been at its height, and that the memory of the villagers' victory in the battle with the Hawkhurst gang in 1747 had given way to the "humdrum life of agricultural interests". Contrary to this rather downbeat appraisal, Goudhurst at the beginning of the 1880s was a bustling village on a well-established turnpike road structure. It had a weekly market and numerous shopkeepers from grocers to butchers, together with craftsmen from blacksmiths to wheelwrights, several schools, inns, churches, gasworks and a small lunatic asylum. Beyond this centre, Goudhurst remained a largely rural parish where the main "crops were hops, fruit and cereals".

The 1881 census records that Goudhurst parish contained 555 inhabited and 51 uninhabited dwellings with a population of 2,764, consisting of a nearly equal number of males (1384) and females (1380). Among this number, 1,243 (45%) had been born beyond the parish boundary with birth-places ranging from parishes in Kent and Sussex and other parts of England and Wales to places as distant as Scotland, Ireland and even Brazil. Some may have moved here when they married or, if they were children, with their parents or to attend school, but the majority of outsiders had moved to Goudhurst for economic reasons.

Many of these in-comers were employed in domestic service, either indoors (e.g. butler, housekeeper, maid, footman) or outdoors (e.g., coachman, gardener, groom, gamekeeper). Some occupations attracted the long-distance migrant to fill professional posts in education, religion, law and medicine. For instance the vicar, James Sanderson Clarke, originally came from London and his wife from Hungerford, Berkshire, while Arthur King, the manager of the gasworks, came from Buckland in Surrey via Battle where some of his children were born.

Among the tradesmen resident in Goudhurst at this time were the Burgess family whose head, William Burgess, had moved to Goudhurst from Ewhurst, Surrey in 1832 to take over the store run by his father-in-law. Tradesmen like Burgess, whose descendants continued to run the store until 1971, were the most likely (along with locally born skilled tradesmen such as wheelwrights, carpenters and so on) to be the most settled inhabitants of the parish: the nature of their business made them familiar with the needs of the local residents which, in turn, encouraged and stimulated trade, thus making it unnecessary for them to move away.

Most censuses include a number of people who can only be considered itinerant - they were unlikely to be in the parish in the next week or even the next day. Among these in April 1881 were a group of adults and 13 children whom the census enumerator failed to name even though he recorded their ages and places of birth. The fact that they are described as "tramps in hoppers' home" may account for their reticence in divulging their names.

Local History Society
Email: info@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org
Website: www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

GOUDHURST EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees of the Foundation are inviting applications for a limited number of grants to residents in the Parish of Goudhurst who are under 25 years of age and who, in the opinion of the Trustees, are eligible for financial assistance towards their further education. Grants can be towards the cost of education, or for outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to help beneficiaries at school, university or any other educational establishment. To apply, please contact Anthony Farnfield, Clerk to the Trustees, 01580 212552 or anthony.farnfield@goudhurst.co.uk before 14 September 2013.



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Monday September 23rd 3pm. Musical afternoon for Hospice-in-the-Weald. Oliver Davies (pf) (RCM) and ('cello) Adrian Bradbury, free lance leader with all the top orchestras. This duo will be performing some rare Russian repertoire including music by Felix Blumenfeld, Glazunov, and Tchaikovsky. They will be playing in a private home in Sandhurst and tickets must be purchased in advance with a minimum donation of £14. Further details from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

Monday October 7th. 3pm. Piano recital for Hospice-in-the-Weald. The well known pianist Malcolm Binns will be playing in a private home in Sandhurst. He will be performing 'Carnival' by Schumann, some Nocturnes by Field and a selection of Chopin pieces. Tickets must be purchased in advance with a minimum donation of £15. Further details from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

STAPLEHURST MUSIC CENTRE

Starting 14th September the 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 Junior choir, recorder ensembles 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.

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN LUNCH CLUB

Just a reminder that Lunch Club commences again on Monday 2nd September.

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

After the successful Summer Serenade in July, the first meeting of the new season will be at 7.45 on Thursday, 19 September in the Goudhurst Church Rooms, when Jane Coleman will be speaking on 'Ballet and Music'. Jane runs a ballet school in East Sussex and is a fellow and examiner of the International Dance Teachers Association.

After September, the rest of the programme for the 2013/14 season is:

- 10 October: Rebecca Miller on 'Kent music – an American View'
- 7 November: Andrew Neill on Richard Strauss
- 12 December: AGM and Members' Choice
- 16 January: Roger Dalleywater on 'All That Jazz'
- 13 February: Jeffrey Gray on English Church Music
- 13 March: Clive Wilkes on George Gershwin
- 17 April: Christopher Fifield on Kathleen Ferrier.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd September at 7 30 pm in the Jessel Room. One of the topics for discussion will be the programme of events to be organised to commemorate the 1914-18 war. A number of suggestions have already been made, eg a talk by a military historian, a candlelit service on 4th August. However further suggestions are welcomed, and members are asked to bring these to the meeting or notify the Secretary.



LITTLE SQUIRRELS

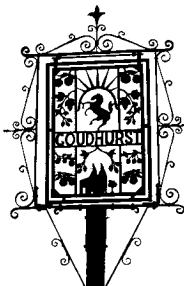
The children all enjoyed a fantastic end of term party with dynamites, who as always did a great job entertaining the children. A big thank you to the parents for providing the wonderful party food.

We said a fond farewell to the children who are leaving us we will miss them but wish them all happiness in their new schools.

We welcome our new children starting in September.

There are a few spaces available.

For any information regarding the pre school please contact Donna Reynolds on 01580 212918



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

08 September

22 September

06 October

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

08 September

06 October

Curtisdan Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

08 September

06 October

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

You don't have "to go down to the woods today to be in for a big surprise" (Aug. GPC News). Just pop in to St Mary's Church any term time Friday between 9.30 and noon and you will certainly be in for a big surprise; toddlers of all ages, parents, friends, uncles, aunts, grand-toddlers all enjoying toys, teas and tastes and much else besides. There you will find thirty to fifty from Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green, attending Café Toddler; congratulations to the church and all those involved in the initiative, what a great community. All are welcome.

As reported last month, time and the winter of 2012/13 have taken their toll on the state of our War Memorial, so we will have to ensure this most special of monuments is in a condition we can be proud of for the 1914 centenary. In response to public interest, GPC have set up a War Memorial Committee with councillors Richards (as chairman) Kirkby and Roberts representing GPC together with Peter Rolington & Roger Joye, representing the community. The committee have the mandate to ensure that both our memorials are in shape by summer 2014 and having already taken professional advice, will shortly be seeking quotations for the work to be done in the spring, after the frosts. The stonework will be high pressure cleaned, damage repaired and the opportunity will be taken to correct some misspellings. Fundraising over the winter may be necessary to meet some of the cost, so we can pass on the memorials in sound condition for generations to come.

We seem to have been debating Parish & Neighbourhood Plans interminably. However, as already indicated we will be working with the Golden Thread/First Friday group and plan to start by taking the business pulse of our community using the low cost option of questionnaires by the internet. Over the next few weeks we will be putting together the list of email addresses from various sources and mailing you for notification and permission to use it for this purpose. (email details to be kept strictly confidential). So if you are in Goudhurst, Kilndown, Curtisden Green or indeed in some field between and are running a business, work from home or just want to be included, now is the time to let us know on Clerk@Goudhurst.co.uk.

Hopefully, the Goudhurst in Bloom competition will now have been judged and the winners known. Thank you everyone who entered and also those who organised and judged. And was the weather kind to you this year? Perhaps that depends on whether it was water you needed or not!

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Monday 09 September	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 10 September	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 24 September	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tuesday 24 September	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Monday 14 October	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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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.

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

Anthony Farnfield

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is working with rural communities to raise awareness of fire safety risks associated with country living. The service has been talking with parish councils and local groups about some of the challenges faced in rural areas while highlighting the free advice and services available to residents.

Safety in the home

Fire can occur at any time without warning and can spread very quickly, particularly in older, timber-framed buildings. Just three breaths of fire smoke can render an occupant unconscious, so it is vital that homes have working smoke alarms fitted on each floor to provide valuable early warning.

As the cooler evenings set in, Chimney fires become a common occurrence in rural homes, generally caused by a build up of soot from open fires or wood-burners used

for heating. Such fires can put both your life and your property at risk, so it is important to make sure chimneys are swept and checked regularly and that flues are correctly fitted and in working order.

Free advice and services

KFRS offers free safety advice and, where needed, its community safety team can provide free home safety visits. These take around 30 minutes and include advice on escape routes, night time safety routines and fire hazards in the home and, where required, the fitting of free smoke alarms.

Often those most in need of help are older residents or those with health issues, who perhaps live alone in more isolated communities. KFRS's vulnerable persons team provides specialist advice to help people stay independent in their own homes for longer and equipment for residents who are more at risk.

Help might include providing items such as fireproof bedding and fire retardant materials for immobile smokers, safety gadgets such as cooker switches for dementia sufferers who have become forgetful about turning the cooker off and smoke alarms designed for visually and hearing impaired people.

Eligibility for a home safety visit is assessed on an individual basis and takes into consideration age, health, mobility, lifestyle and other risks.

If you know someone who may need fire safety advice or specialist help please call KFRS (free from landlines) 0800 923 7000.

Bonfires

It is tempting to have a bonfire at this time of year to burn off garden waste, but they can easily burn out of control, cause pollution and become a nuisance to neighbours. Composting is a much safer, greener solution for getting rid of garden waste. However if you do have a bonfire the advice is to take extra care and never use petrol or other accelerants on it. Ensure any fires are built well away from any buildings, sheds or fences and never leave a fire unattended.

Road safety

With the darker evenings setting in fire crews are also urging motorists to take extra care on the roads. With more leaves and debris on the roads, coupled with poorer visibility, the advice is to check your tyres, ensure your lights are working properly and to keep your windscreen clean. Also, always take into consideration the road conditions, check your speed and ensure you keep a safe distance from other road users.

For further free safety advice please visit www.kent.fire-uk.org.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Surgery Website continues to flourish

The Old Parsonage Surgery website is available at www.oldparsonagesurgery.co.uk.

It contains a wealth of information about the Practice, including details about surgery hours, out-of-hours services, members of staff and the Patient Participation Group (PPG). It really is a useful facility and the PPG would encourage you to visit it when looking for information about the Practice. At the moment, the surgery website is providing a link to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) website, which asks for your opinions on the services offered by the Doctors. If you would like to make a comment about the practice on the CQC site please do so. Many thanks.

Café Toddlers

The highly successful “Café Toddler” group takes place in St Mary’s Church every Friday morning in term time from 9am to 11am. This important group gives Mums and Carers the chance of having a cup of coffee and a chat to others in the same situation and also a chance for children to play with toys and have a run around. By all accounts it is a highly enjoyable morning. Do come and enjoy a cup of coffee and perhaps sit and read newspapers in these friendly surroundings. All are welcome. .

Vaccinations

It is important that all patients ensure that they have the correct vaccinations when they are travelling abroad either for work or on holiday. It is advisable to book your appointment well in advance and to complete a Surgery Travel Vaccination Form so that the Practice Nurse Brenda can advise you appropriately.

Doctors’ holidays

The Doctors have asked us to let you know that there will be part-time locum cover for each Doctor while they are on annual leave over the summer period.

PPG Committee

You may or may not be aware that PPG committee members serve a minimum of two years in their role. We will be looking for two new members to join the committee around November 2013. Do you feel you are able to join the committee or can you suggest a good candidate? If so please contact Mr Anthony Farnfield our Chairman at anthony.farnfield@goudhurst.co.uk or 01580 211457.

MMR Vaccine

If your child has not yet had two MMR vaccinations, we suggest you get them immunised as soon as possible. This is particularly important for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers and young adults about to start college or university. The vaccination is open to all Under 25s and can be obtained by making an appointment with the Practice Nurse.

Defibrillator

A reminder to all that there is a defibrillator in the car park of the Star and Eagle Pub. There is also a defibrillator available in the Surgery.

Lonely People in Goudhurst

The PPG is 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 01580 212280 or email: rujuhodges@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 dealt with in the Practice without a visit to A&E. Please bear this in mind and remember to give the Practice a call before going to A&E. This will enable the long waiting times at A&E to be reduced, which will please everyone. You should also be aware of the new NHS 111 Service which can be dialled should you require help at home with a medical problem that is not an emergency.

Email Prescription Service

The PPG would like to remind all patients of the Practice email Prescription Service which is working extremely efficiently. Please remember to tick the required items on your repeat slip and scan and email it to us on old.parsonage@nhs.net.

KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

A very appreciative handful of members went along to Brattle Farm Museum for the August 2, evening outing. This museum, possibly unique is a hidden gem of times past, and has a link held within the collection with Kilndown, one of the large ceiling candleholders from Christ Church was being disposed of several years ago and Richard and I thought the Museum a better resting place than the council tip!

The next event for the club is the Autumn Show on September 14, in the village hall. Schedules are available from the Quarry Centre. Plenty of classes for all to have a go at, flowers, cookery, vegetables, crafts, photography. Entries due in by Wednesday September 11 to lyndashepherd@talktalk.net or 01589 879549.

For the October meeting Chris Stewart returns to talk about The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - intrigued? then come along to the Quarry centre on Thursday October 3.

Our AGM is on Thursday November 7 at 7.45pm There will be lots of points to discuss! As has become the norm there is no speaker for that evening, however we will be having a House Plant Bring & Buy. Most gardeners are very adept at propagating and generally have a selection of odds and ends going spare, or have house plants that have outgrown their allotted space, if this is you, then bring the plants along to the meeting.

Lynda Shepherd

QUARRY CENTRE

AND.....the good news is we have been awarded a grant of £4,000 from the TWBC Sports and Communities Capital Grants Scheme towards the provision of a new roof. The slightly disconcerting bit is that we have a shortfall, fundraising for a New Roof hasn't been so easy or enjoyable as when we raised money for the toilet and ramp. Those with long memories will remember the somewhat risqué things we did! So be warned, be prepared, we are out to get this 'little job' done and dusted before the end of the year!!!!

Booked in long before the welcome news, is a Craft Fair on October 19, in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. This event is in conjunction with Christ Church, both our establishments are in need of essential repairs. There are tables remaining for the Fair, so come out of the closet all you, makers, stitchers, artists etc. make some cash for yourselves and help us at the same time. As usual, there is the plea for helpers on the day.

There are a few money spinners already on the go.....the QC club, recent winners were Carolyn Lovell, Lynda Shepherd, David Denton, Rosemary Southon, Richard Crumpling and Muriel Parker. Collect the Coppers - which in reality is filling a jar with bronze coins - saves holes in pockets and purses, and does us a good turn. Choose a second hand book from the selection in the QC, only 30p a book, what a bargain! EasyFundraising, when shopping online, go through the EasyFundraising site, choose the Quarry Centre and donate as you shop - easy. Then there's the monthly quizzes, have a go, they are not usually too brain wearing. We have 'draws' most often with the prize being a meal for two at the Globe and Rainbow.....Whew! So what else can we do?

Well, we have applied to the Courier Heart of the Community Awards, if we do get nominated, please vote for us.....some begging letters have been dispatched.....also applied to the Waitrose Community Scheme, if our name comes up, put your little green token in our slot!

As is her habit the Treasurer has come up with a list of potential fundraising ideas, the Chairman has said "Don't be Daft" or words to that effect.....all I can say is watch out there is a Fundraiser About.

Lynda Shepherd



SRI LANKA LINK

Please make a note in your diaries that the AGM will be held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 25 September at 7.30pm.

Anyone who would like to pay their subs of £15 in cash or cheque may do so on the night.

Ladies, do you have unloved,

**BAUBLES, BANGLES, BEADS,
BAGS & BELTS**

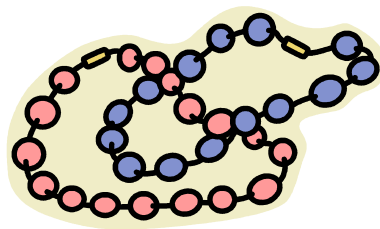
Lingering in your wardrobe or cupboards?
Donate them to the -

5 B's Bring & Buy

Globe & Rainbow
Friday September 27th
11am - 2pm

**Have coffee & cake - book for lunch
Browse the Bargains and BUY**

*Donations may be left behind the bar at the pub or at
the Quarry Centre or given to Lynda*



A QUARRY CENTRE ROOF FUNDRAISING EVENT 2013

MATERIAL FOR THE OCTOBER 2013 ISSUE should be left at
Goudhurst Newsagents or at **Russets, North Road** by
SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER.

Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!

GOUDHURST SOCIAL CLUB

Sat 7th Sept Country singer 'Sarah' at the Club. Starts 8.30ish. Non-members welcome. £2 at the door

Sat 28th Sept 'Ricky Fontayne' returns to the Club. Starts at 9 pm. Non-members £2 at the door. All welcome

The Club is available for outside bars in the village for a fixed price. You can also have a party, christening or funeral wake in the Club for a fixed fee or become a member and enjoy all our facilities at the Club including free entertainment, bingo, pool, etc. Bingo is now open to non-members on Wednesday nights at 8 pm. Also our drinks are cheaper too. Why not pop in and sit outside in our lovely garden on the hot summer days and evenings. We are now open in the week from 3 pm and all day Saturday and Sunday.

See you soon

P Penfold - Social Secretary