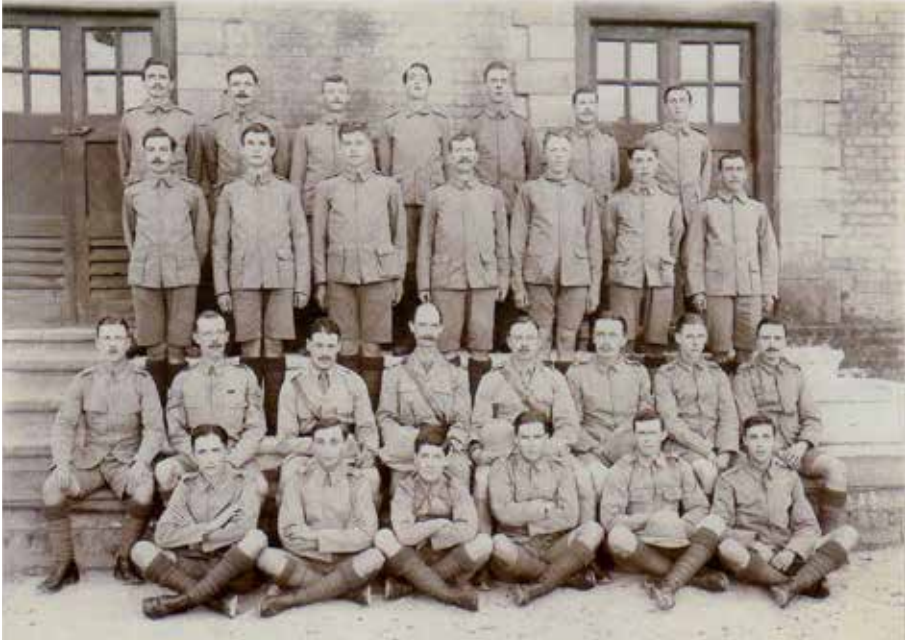


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## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY 2016

### **Family Service, St. Mary's, 10:45, 3 January**

Why not start the New Year by coming along to our Family Service at St. Mary's. The service is very informal with something to eat and drink from 10:15. Everyone is welcome.

### **Café Toddlers, St. Mary's, 9:00 – 11:00, every Friday during term time**

The doors of Café Toddler will open again on Friday, 8 January. The whole community is invited to come along for coffee, cake, chat and a chance to read the newspapers while the children enjoy crafts, toys and fun with their friends. No need to sign up, just come along.

### **Alpha**

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to come along to explore the big questions of life on an Alpha course. You will have a delicious two course meal followed by a short talk and then there will be a chance to ask lots of questions. You can do Alpha whatever you do or don't believe, or if you're really not sure you believe anything at all. It all starts on 12 January in Goudhurst Village Hall at 7:30. Why not come along and give it a try. For more information email Ali Williams at [gk.alpha@yahoo.com](mailto:gk.alpha@yahoo.com)

### **Sunday Club**

Sunday Clubs start again at St. Mary's at the 10:45 service on 10 January. We run 5 groups of children and young people aged 0-18. Our aim is to help them have a brilliant time playing games, making friends and learning about God while their parents and carers enjoy the service. No need to book, just turn up for the 10:45 service.

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

**[www.gkchurch.org.uk](http://www.gkchurch.org.uk)**

## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

Happy New Year. I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and that 2016 is starting well for you.

Now that the decorations are coming down and life is returning to normal, what are you left with from Christmas? Was there something that happened, or something you saw or heard that has stayed with you? Perhaps it was something from your family, or something you saw on the TV, or something you heard in church. Perhaps there was a moment when you saw beneath the tinsel and beyond the mince pies and glimpsed something holy. Perhaps there was a moment when heaven drew close to you this Christmas.

You will have seen the yellow stickers that remind us that '*A dog is for life, not just for Christmas*'. The same is true of Christmas itself. Christmas doesn't end when the shepherds and angels go back in the attic. The story hasn't ended yet, and there is more to discover. Baby Jesus doesn't remain a baby for long. He is growing up already, and we need to let him grow in our lives as well. Jesus isn't just for Christmas, he's for life.

When Jesus is born, heaven and earth overlap in a glorious way, and nothing can be the same again. Now we know that we are not alone, that God isn't off in his heaven far away, but is here amongst us, born into our messy, suffering world.

So as 2015 becomes 2016, invite Jesus to step into the New Year with you. Let heaven continue to overlap earth in your life.

And if you want to find out more what that means for you, and to explore the big questions of life, then Alpha starts on 12 January. Alpha offers an opportunity to ask your big questions about God, the bible, faith and prayer and to discuss the answers with other people who also want to explore what they believe. It takes place in Goudhurst Village Hall on Tuesday evenings. There's a home cooked meal, a simple talk and a time of discussion. Over the last 3 years 130 people have done Alpha in Goudhurst and Kilndown, and in doing so have made great friendships as they explored the meaning of life. It's very informal, it doesn't matter what you do or don't believe and it's all free.

What we suggest is that anyone interested in Alpha comes along to the first evening and then decides whether to come back.

You can find out more on the church website [gkchurch.org](http://gkchurch.org) or call Ali Williams on 07944 776008.

God bless

Rev Hugh

**St. Mary's Church, Goudhurst**

# **A REELING GOOD BARN DANCE IN GOUDHURST**

**to include Addressing The Haggis,  
Bagpipes and a Wee Dram!**

**Goudhurst Parish Hall**

**Saturday  
30th January  
at 7pm**

**Posh Ploughmen and  
Licenced Bar,  
Raffle**



**Tickets: Adults £10,  
Under 16s £5,  
Family ticket for 4 £25**

**Available from: Goudhurst Newsagents,  
and St. Mary's Church on Friday mornings  
and Sunday mornings in September**

## CALENDAR

**Please note:** 8.00am Communion Service in St. Mary's – from the Book of Common Worship, traditional language is used.

**Weekday Parish Prayers:** Morning Prayer is held on Tuesdays at 8.30am at St Mary's and on Fridays at 8.00am at Christ Church. Evening Prayer is held on a Friday at 5.30pm, also at Christ Church.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Christmas 2</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service, St. Mary's
Thurs	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	8	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
Sat	9	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>Epiphany 1</b>
		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 starting
Tues	12	7.30 pm	Alpha starts, Goudhurst Village Hall
Thurs	14	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	15	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
Sat	16	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>Epiphany 2</b>
		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
Tues	19	7.30 pm	Alpha, Goudhurst Village Hall
Thurs	21	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	22	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
Sat	23	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>Epiphany 3</b>
		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
Tues	26	7.30 pm	Alpha, Goudhurst Village Hall
Thurs	28	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Mary's
Fri	29	9.00 am	Café Toddler, St. Mary's
Sat	30	10.00 am	Choir Practice, St. Mary's
		7.00 pm	Barn Dance & Reeling, Goudhurst Village Hall

**Sun**      **31**                      **Epiphany 4**  
                    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

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church:**

Isaac Maimi  
Bobby Burns

**“THANK YOU**

Once again I am mobile after my accident & I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported me. Many 'phone calls, visits, cards & delicious meals; I feel very blessed to live in such a lovely village where so much care is shown.

Penny Ferdinando



**GOUDHURST WI**

In November we were treated to a very informative talk entitled 'Life Inside' which was about aspects of prison routine but from the point of view of a prison officer and a governor. Not quite as Ronnie Barker presented it in 'Porridge', but still very different from the ways most of our members had imagined.

Our meeting on December 9th was also different from the normal run of things as we had a Beetle Drive and some lovely food, just the way to approach Christmas. And on December 15th many of our members went on a coach trip to Hever Castle for a delicious lunch. A very sociable day.

And so to the New Year and our meeting on January 20th in Goudhurst Parish Hall at 7.30 pm when we shall hear a very lively speaker who has visited us before. Mr George Pulman will be telling us about his life in the law.

If you would like to join us at that time, but feel you need some more information, please ring Vera Hawkins on 01892 890477 who will be pleased to help you. The WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except in December when it is the 2nd Wednesday.

## COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR JANUARY 1916

All parishioners are invited to attend brief ceremonies which will be held at Goudhurst war memorial at 4pm on January 7th, 13th and 16th to remember local soldiers who died on those dates exactly 100 years ago.

*The mood in Goudhurst and Kilndown at the start of 1916 was grim, with six men – mostly Regulars or experienced Reservists – still unaccounted for after the Battle of Loos in north-eastern France in September & October. The next fatalities occurred in January of 1916, far away in Mesopotamia (now Iraq), and were perhaps more shocking to the villagers since the four men concerned had been part of daily civilian life in the parish until the Great War broke out. They were all Territorials in the 1/5th Buffs (East Kent Regiment) which had been sent to India in October 1914, enabling Regulars to be released for fighting on the Western Front. A year later they were despatched to the Middle East as part of a force marching to relieve British troops besieged by the Turks at Kut-al-Amara. Repeatedly attacked by the Turks, and floundering in impassable terrain, the relief force failed in its mission. The 1/5th Buffs suffered hundreds of casualties.*



**Herbert Orchard Stone**, aged 33. Company Quartermaster Serjeant T/156. A resident of Goudhurst since 1902, his homes included Beresford Road and Cloth Edge in Church Road. He worked as a clerk for the local builders, Davis & Leaney, and was engaged to be married. A particularly keen member of the Territorials and their predecessors, the Volunteers, Herbert Stone was killed in his battalion's first engagement, the Battle of Sheikh Saad on 7th January 1916. He is buried in Amara War Cemetery, 100 miles north of Basra.



**John Lower**, aged 24. Private T/1397. Born in Flimwell, and known in the family as Jack. He was a farm labourer living and working at Three Chimneys Farm on the Bedgebury Estate when war broke out on 4th August 1914. Despite no previous military involvement, he enlisted only four days later, joining the 1/5th Buffs and sailing with them to India in December. Like Herbert Stone, he was killed in the Battle of Sheikh Saad on 7th January 1916 and is buried in Amara War Cemetery.



**Augustus William Lovell**, aged 23. Private T/1391. Known in the family as Gus. Born and brought up in Goudhurst, he lived at Clay Hill Mount, worked just round the corner in North Road for Mr. Crouch, the wheelwright and blacksmith, and was considered a good all-round musician. With three of his brothers already serving in the Regular Army, Gus was possibly the first of our villagers to enlist when war broke out, joining the 1/5th Buffs. He was killed in their second engagement which took place at The Wadi on 13th January 1916, and is buried in Amara War Cemetery.





**Thomas Hugh Wickham**, aged 24. Private T/1160. A member of the prominent farming family. Born at Cloth Edge, brought up at Mount Pleasant House in Ranters Lane, and educated at Cliftonville College for Boys in Margate. Known as Tom, he was a keen sportsman and worked with his father on the family farm at Finchcocks. In December 1913 he and his brother Jack had enlisted in the 5th Buffs Territorials, and they subsequently went with the battalion to India and Mesopotamia. Tom Wickham died of wounds on 16th January 1916, but his body ultimately remained unidentified, so he is commemorated on the memorial to the missing at Basra. His name is recorded on the war memorials in both Goudhurst and Kildown.

## LITTLE SQUIRRELS

Little Squirrels



Kildown  
Pre-School

It has been wonderful to be finishing the term on a high as Little Squirrels received 'outstanding' in all areas at their OFSTED inspection on 10th November 2015. The summary of the report says **'the teaching is exceptional...children are extremely independent and confident. As a result are very well prepared for starting school.'** It was a pleasure to receive this judgement after all the support the staff, committee, parents and community have shown us over the years.

We held our curry and quiz night on 21st November, which raised a further £800 for the preschool and again our thanks goes to the support and generosity to those who continue to support Little Squirrels.

We held our AGM on 25th November and it is with a heavy heart we said goodbye to Joe Buckman, Pearl Bateup and Ruth David, it has been a pleasure to work alongside these committee members. Our new committee consists of; Carly Brooks, Harry Rousham, Ryan Fox, Laura Bateup, Clare Hickmott, Victoria Blewett and Lauren Parkinson and collectively they will be driving the preschool forward in 2016. I cannot thank the committee enough for their support as I complete my first year as manager of Little Squirrels.

What have the children been up to this term? We continued to explore our bodies, families and healthy eating, and as we enter December our attention is focused on Christmas, so the glitter has been out along with pine cones, snowflakes, and many other Christmas related crafts. On 8th we are holding our Christmas party and the children will be enjoying a trip to the soft play centre at Bewl water.

Wishing all those in Kildown and Goudhurst A merry Christmas from Little Squirrels.

Karen (manager of Little Squirrels preschool)

# Caravaggio comes to Kilndown



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**7.30pm**

**Kilndown Village Hall**

**Tickets £10 to include an Italian supper**

Andy Ash will give a presentation on his recent whistle stop tour to see every Caravaggio painting in the world in three weeks! An evening not to be missed! More details or to book tickets contact Tina Gallagher [tinagallagher22@aol.com](mailto:tinagallagher22@aol.com) (01892 890426).

**Hurry - tickets are going fast!**

This will be the first event to celebrate the **175<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of our village Church. Lots more to come!



# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



A Happy New Year to you all! We hope your Christmas was fun-filled and joyful. We're now ready for the start of the Spring Term and are about to celebrate our second anniversary on January 8th. We warmly welcome new attendees Sebastian Matthew-Jones, Michael King-Vidal, Esme Rea and their families to pre-school life.

We will kick start the term with construction week when the children will be junk modelling, building an obstacle course of wooden planks and crates, block building and making a rocket and a robot out of cardboard boxes. Next we will be weather watching; making rain catchers, sundials and weather charts. This will be followed by family week where we will be looking at photos, creating a family book and inviting our grandparents into the setting on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st January so they can join in our fun and see what we get up to. At the end of the month you will find us making our own orchestra of instruments and dancing to all sorts of different music.

This term will see the start of outings to the Primary School premises to enjoy their outside areas such as the pond, meadow and small forest areas.

Save the date! The first fundraiser of the year is a WINE TASTING EVENING held on Saturday 6th February at 7.30 p.m. After a month of polishing our halos and abstaining from the excesses of the festive break, we will be gathering for a tippie at the pre-school setting. For those of you that have been before you will know what a fun, tip-filled, informative evening it is, hosted by our super-knowledgeable and engaging local professional wine expert Victoria Aldwinckle. Put away notions of pretentious, mouth swilling murmurs and get ready to vote with your feet and have a laugh. Refreshments and nibbles provided. Contact the pre-school on 01580 212 777 to get on the £12.50 per person guest list.

Nativity and Christmas party photos can be found on our Facebook page and website.

[www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk)

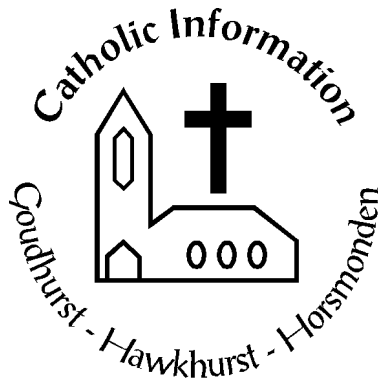
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## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The cover photograph this month, supplied by the Local History Society, is of the 5th Buffs. Please read Village Echoes on page 13 for full details.

David Denton

Editor



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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	Goudhurst

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

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Churches Together

## READYCALL

The Community Meeting held in October was very well attended - over 70 people motivated by the desire to see energy and ideas put into making our village even better, especially for the disadvantaged amongst us. Four areas for future action were identified:- a Community Pub, Meals on Wheels, the ReadyCall transport and visiting services, and a "Handyman" service.

The follow up meeting will take place in the Social Club at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 14th January. All who attended the October meeting as well as all who regretted missing the meeting, and anyone else who is interested are invited to attend. Much good work has been done, and there is progress to report, and future plans to discuss. Please come and share a glass of wine with us, and hear more.

The ReadyCall Committee

## VILLAGE ECHOES

In January 1916 Goudhurst and Kilndown were hit very hard, very suddenly, by an unforeseen consequence of their young men's sense of comradeship. The community then was far more close-knit than today, with the vast majority of residents working – and playing – within two or three miles of home. Opportunities for travelling further afield were limited, but one possibility open to young men with a sense of adventure was to join the Territorial Force, created by the government in 1908 as a more cohesive successor to the existing Volunteer units, and structured within the established system of county regiments. A large proportion of the nation's armed forces was stretched around the globe to patrol the British Empire, and in the event of war, the UK-based part of the Army would be expected to go where the fighting was, leaving the home territory exposed – hence the need for Territorials. Its members joined up for a fixed term of four years, during which they could be mobilised if a national emergency arose, though for service in the UK only.

Apart from the opportunity to join other like-minded young men in regular activities locally, one of the big attractions of the TF was to get away from home for the annual camp. Thus it was that early in August 1914 a number of young men from our parish belonging to the local TF unit, the 5th Buffs, found themselves – and thousands of others – at Longmoor Camp near Liphook in Hampshire when war was declared. They were immediately mobilised and sent to the regimental barracks at Dover. In the spirit of the time, more young men from the parish were prompt to enlist and, as village lads tend to stick together, especially in times of crisis, some of these volunteered specifically for the 5th Buffs, thus enlarging our mini-community inside the regiment. At the same time, cities and towns all over the country were creating “Pals” battalions by encouraging men to embark upon the great adventure of war alongside their friends, neighbours and workmates: it was a persuasive and successful tool for recruitment, but a fatal flaw was exposed later on when men who had lived together died together, at the same time and in large numbers.

The scale of the war quickly spiralled in every way: growing numbers of recruits for the TF in Kent led to the creation of two extra battalions, and the 5th Buffs were re-named 1/5th; Territorials were invited to volunteer for service overseas; many responded positively. By the end of October 1914 the 1/5th Buffs were on their way to India, releasing Regular troops for the Western Front. In April 1915 28 of the battalion's men from our parish posed together for a formal photograph at their base at Kamptee in central India; but by December their turn to fight had come and they had arrived in Mesopotamia (now Iraq). In January 1916, four of the Goudhurst & Kilndown “Pals” were killed in action and another was destined to die as a prisoner of war. The unforeseen consequence of civilian comradeship transferring into the military had come to pass.

Local History Society

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## QUARRY CENTRE

2016 should see our charitable trust set up and running, and a full refurbishment of the exterior completed. Well, there's fifty two weeks left to go!

The Centre is becoming busy in the hiring stakes, with one or two groups having booked for the year already, need a bigger calendar! Sales at the Saturday Shop during 2015 were steady, showing an increase on the previous year. The fresh meat that Ann kindly orders and collects from a local butcher is very popular, but not something that can be done every week as requested, think of it as a treat! Our fruit and vegetable order seems to be getting longer as the weeks

go by and the delivery drivers are amazed at how much we can 'shift' – apparently far more than some well- established village shops not that far away, must be the way we display the goods. We're trying to increase the dry goods side, with more known brands intermingled with the organic and Fairtrade things. We try to keep on top of stock rotation, but from time to time we do end up with a bargain basket of Best Before odds and ends, come in and have a rummage.

Look out for news on how we intend to raise the funds for the refurbishment, this we're looking into and are bearing in mind how busy the village is going to be celebrating Christ Church's 175th anniversary, but don't forget without the foresight of Reverend Henry Harrison in 1880 and Canon Wyndham Johnson in 1980, we wouldn't have a Quarry Centre at all.

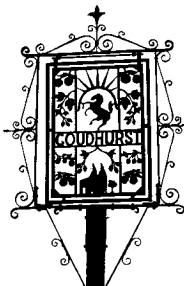
Lynda and Richard

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

January 1916 fell in the second winter of the Great War when the troops endured another period of cold and rain on the Western Front. Many spent days on end suffering from frostbite and wearing sodden clothing. So in addition to those who were killed we should remember the hardships and miserable conditions under which many of them lived and died.

November 1915 had seen the beginning of the ill-fated Mesopotamia expedition carried out to secure the oilfields of Iraq to ensure that fuel was provided for the Royal Navy. By January 1916 fighting against the Turks had intensified and we shall be remembering men from Goudhurst and Kilndown and their regiments who fell in that campaign.

We should also remember the suffering endured by the horses on the Western Front and elsewhere. They were essential to Britain's war effort, pulling guns and supplies and carrying the wounded to hospital. Huge numbers were killed, not just by shelling, but by exposure to hunger or illness. It was estimated that some 700,000 horses out of 800,000 were killed or died throughout the war.



## 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

10 January

24 January

**Kildown**, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

no service at Christmas or the New Year weekends 24 January

**Curtisden Green**, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

no service at Christmas or the New Year weekends 24 January

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

**The Peacock** – glass and textiles

**Globe & Rainbow, Kildown** – glass and cans

**Goudhurst & Kildown 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, Curtisden 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

Greetings for a happy and peaceful 2016 to all our readers.

In the December Magazine we wrote about your Parish Council taking over the Balcombes Hill car park and the public toilets. More recently we have spent considerable time putting together Council's budget for 2016/17. We are putting aside funds to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan which, once finished and adopted, should help to protect us from having huge housing developments thrust upon the parish as part of the national need to build more houses. We are making allowance to carry out some relatively minor Highways project that Kent Highways are no longer able to fund, as well as a renewal and expanded CCTV system.

Overall we plan a 2.9% increase which works out to be a 1.2% on a Band D equivalent property or a 74p increase in the parish element of a Band D annual Council tax bill.

Cllr Dr Georgia Read-Cutting has launched her project to install a defibrillator in the heritage red telephone kiosk at Kilndown. She has spend time researching the most suitable model and she is now working with the Community Heartbeat Trust. Buying the defibrillator through them brings support from BT and South East Coast Ambulance Service. Georgia is raising the funds to purchase the equipment and we do hope you will support the project with a donation. She will also be running training sessions on the use of the defibrillator for those who would like to be involved in the project. This is a Kilndown project for Kilndown. Contact Georgia on 07411 524813.

Last year during a storm, the weather vane fell from the roof of Goudhurst Parish Hall. Cllr Alan Foster retrieved it and has launched an appeal to renovate it and reinstall it on the roof. The main expense is hiring a hydraulic lift to get up to the roofline of the Hall. If you feel you would like to support this heritage project on the listed building, please contact Alan on 01580 211070.

Our congratulations to Soban Shanmuganathan on taking over 'Burgess Stores' and investing in extensive renovations to open it once again a valuable asset in Goudhurst High Street. Many will know Soban from Goudhurst Newsagents. Soban invites you to visit and if you find that he has not got an item in stock, he will get it in for you. Let us all support his initiative to ensure Goudhurst keeps our range of High Street traders.

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

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Representing the people of Curtisden Green, Goudhurst and Kilndown



## GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Monday 11 January 2016	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 12 January	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Youth Committee	Thursday 21 January	8.00 pm	G'hurst Scout Hut
Planning Committee	Tuesday 26 January	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tuesday 26 January	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Monday 08 February	7.30 pm	Jessel Room

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

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### GOUDHURST PARISH HALL The Plain, Goudhurst, Kent, TN17 1AH

#### HIRING CHARGES MAIN HALL

<b>Weekdays</b>	09.00 - 18.00	£13.00 per hour
<b>and Sundays</b>	18.00 - 00.00	£18.00 per hour
All day	09.00 - 00.00	£205.00
<b>Saturdays</b>	09.00 - 18.00	£26.50 per hour
	18.00 - 00.00	£32.00 per hour
All day	09.00 - 00.00	£370.00

#### Concessions

There is a 10% discount available on request for Residents, Clubs and other organizations within the parish of Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green.

#### Deposits

For events lasting more than four hours a damage deposit of £350 will be required. This is refundable after the event, once the Hall has been inspected.

#### Jessel Meeting Room

This small meeting room, which seats 26, can also be hired at £7 per hour ( at all times)

#### Cancellations

The hire fee will be retained unless another booking can be arranged

1st January 2016

Charity number 302751

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

# WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

dates may change!

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**G&KCP School**  
Back to School!

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**G&KCP School**  
Parent Class  
Information  
Meetings

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**New Year's  
Resolution?**  
Try Bell Ringing at  
St Mary's 7.30!

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**War Memorial  
Commemoration**  
Herbert Stone & John Lower  
4pm

**G&K CP School**  
Parent Class Information  
Meetings

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**Goudhurst  
Tuesday Club**  
  
**Alpha Course  
Starts**

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**War Memorial  
Commemoration**  
Augustus Lovell 4pm

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**University of the Third Age**  
"The Social and Political Satire of  
Gilbert and Sullivan"  
Bernard Lockett GPH 2.30pm

**Goudhurst WI**  
GPH 7.30

**Filling Station**  
KVH 7.30pm

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**G&KCP School**  
WOKSSA  
Swimming Gala

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**Moby Dick's Fish & Chips**  
Wednesday Eve's on The Plain

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*Friday*

*Saturday*

*Sunday*

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**NEW  
YEAR'S  
DAY!**

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**St Mary's**  
Family Service at 10.45  
**Tunbridge Wells Ice Rink**  
Last chance to fall over

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**Café Toddler @ St Mary's**  
New Term Starts

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**Quarry Centre**  
Saturday Shop,  
9-12.

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**St Mary's**  
Sunday Clubs start up

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**Caravaggio Comes to  
Kildown**  
Andy Ash presentation  
and Italian Supper  
KVH 7.30pm

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**War Memorial Commemoration**  
Thomas Wickham 4pm

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**Pizza Cucina**  
Friday Evenings  
On the Plain

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**G&KCP School**  
Christingle Service

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**Reeling Good Barn  
Dance!**  
Goudhurst Parish Hall  
From 7pm

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## **GOUDHURST PARISH HALL NOTES**

The Parish Hall has continued to offer a venue for a huge variety of sports, parties, weddings, dances and quiz nights throughout the last 12 months, including acting as a polling station for the General election in May and more recently as a theatre for GADs annual play and looking ahead there are already some interesting bookings for 2016, including a sleep over by pilgrims on their way from Winchester to Canterbury and a Hindu wedding.

The Hall Committee thanks all those hirers who have made use of Goudhurst's superb community asset and looks forward to welcoming back the "regulars" as well as a few newcomers this year.

Hire charges for 2016 have increased slightly as shown below, but the discounts available to local residents and organizations from Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green, continue unchanged.

If you are a one of the organizations which uses the entry key code, please note that this will change on the 1st January, so you will need to contact the Booking Officer for the new number.

We look forward to welcoming you in the New Year.



### **THE POPPY APPEAL 2015**

All donations have been gathered in during the Remembrance period of last year and the total is a grand £11,598 which is £55 up on the previous year. My very grateful thanks to all the volunteers who pounded the highways and byways or stood in the High Street in rain and wind and to all the locations where poppy tins were displayed. Special thanks must go to Lord Mayhew whose personal efforts brought in very generous donations.

This result is very gratifying as we did not have the stimulation of the 100th Anniversary of World War One and it shows that parish-wide we will always come up to the plate and remember the sacrifices of all our armed forces, last century and this, and that of their families. The work of the Royal British Legion in supporting them is never-ending and this contribution will play its part in helping their efforts.

Barbara Stafford  
RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser



We had a very jolly evening when Chairman Lynda demonstrated affordable table decorations for Christmas. Her speed and skill in conjuring up wonderful displays were marvelled at and much appreciated.

An unexpected hilarious event was when Lynda quoted from a Julia Clements' book of the frugal '50s that one could make an attractive arrangement with five short logs and a ribbon. Brian Pitcher rose to the challenge and to gales of laughter arranged and rearranged and rearranged the logs but, with the help of a large orange, got there in the end – don't ask!



We will meet again on 3rd March. Meanwhile we send you all the very best season's greetings.

Barbara Stafford

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

GM CROPS are back on the agenda. Moves to allow EU member states to opt out of growing GM crops – in other words, decision to deploy or not to deploy - could result in the UK being able to employ the technology.

Renaud Wilson – a member of Defra’s GM policy team - suggests that giving nations individual opportunity to opt out of GM production may remove current existing barriers at EU level – thus the UK and other countries that are GM-pro will be able to commence production of GM crops. He commented: ‘In principle all the excuses for not allowing GM have been dealt with. The Government wants access to new technologies, including GM. Without that, how are you going to remain competitive and support the economic growth the Government is keen to promote?’

On the same subject, a former chief scientific adviser to the Scottish government - Professor Anne Glover - has said she is hopeful that the SNP might change their policy in regard to their ban on GM.

Amber Rudd, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, has announced the Government’s intention to close remaining coal-fired power stations by 2025. At the current time coal provides about a quarter of the UK’s electricity. Ms Rudd said: "Frankly, it cannot be satisfactory for an advanced economy like the UK to be relying on polluting, carbon-intensive 50-year-old coal-fired power stations". Ms Rudd says the Government wants more gas-fired power stations to be built. The major parties have all signed up to phasing out coal. The announcement was made ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference due to commence in Paris on 30th November. Meanwhile environmentalists are concerned that sources of renewable energy are insufficiently promoted.

The latest news in relation to the Greenland glaciers is full of foreboding. According to a NASA-funded study, Zachariae Isstrom is the latest Greenland glacier to undergo rapid change. It drains ice from an area of 35,440 square miles (91,780 square kilometers) - estimated to be about 5 per cent of the Greenland Ice Sheet. Were it to melt completely, it is estimated that the global sea level would rise more than 18 inches.

“North Greenland glaciers are changing rapidly” according to Jeremie Mougnot, an assistant researcher in the Department of Earth System Science at the University of California. “The shape and dynamics of Zachariae Isstrom have changed dramatically over the last few years. The glacier is now breaking up and calving high volumes of icebergs into the ocean.....”.

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*Brenchley & Matfield, Curtisden Green, Goudhurst, Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst*

**The Middle East – an Update  
by Dr. Brian Beeley**

**Wednesday, 20th January 2.30 p.m. Goudhurst Parish Hall**

A popular and interesting speaker with in-depth knowledge of this troubled part of the world acquired over many years. We are promised a fascinating and instructive view of the current situation and what the future may hold.

(The talk on Gilbert & Sullivan has been cancelled due to personal circumstances of the speaker but we hope to re-schedule at a later date.)

**Non-members welcome - £2.50**

**Future Talks:**

- 17th February “Acting – The Profession and Personal Experiences”  
by David Kerby-Kendall
- 16th March “Running a different race – people with intellectual disabilities  
and the Paralympics” by Jan Burns
- 20th April “Bruges - It’s More Than Just Chocolate” by Melanie Gibson-Barton
- 18th May “Some Mother’s Son –A Project of Discovery” by Peter Ewart
- 15th June “World without Vision” by Steve Pendleton
- 20th July “Biggin on The Bump – the story of Kent’s premier fighter  
station” by Bob Ogly
- 17th August “‘Save the Children’ in Tanzania” by Jane Cobley
- 21st September “Tax, Care & Toy Boys” by Collective Legal Solutions
- 19th October “My Solo Walk Across Africa” by Fran Sandham
- 16th November “The Plant Hunters” by Dr. Mick Lynn
- 21st December Talk title to follow. Victoria Aldwinckle

**Outings:**

- Tuesday, 12th January. 1.30 p.m. “90 min Tour of BBC Broadcasting House, London”  
at Portland Place. £13.00. Travel at own expense.
- Thursday, 4th February. “Shakespeare’s Globe – The Elizabethan Experience” Light  
refreshments included at The Swan overlooking the Thames with views to St. Paul’s.  
£15.00. Travel at own expense.
- Thursday, 14th April. “Coach Tour of Romney Marsh Churches” Travel and a Ploughman’s  
Lunch included. £35 (to be confirmed).

**Further details via the links above**

## MUSIC IN KILNDOWN

Following the sad report last month of the closure of Finchcocks Museum of keyboards instruments after more than forty years, it is encouraging to see the Kilndown Community choir going from strength to strength. This was wonderfully demonstrated at their Christmas Concert on 12th December when they delighted a packed Christ Church.

As the January Magazine has a couple of spare pages I thought it may be appropriate to reprint the following item from the last issue of the Kilndown Village Newsletter. This shows that although we will be losing a number of historic harpsichords from Kilndown parish when they are auctioned off in May, at least we have one new instrument.

David Denton

### THE BIRTH OF A HARPSICHORD

Perhaps birth is not quite the right word, but this process did take nine months. First a little of the background leading up over the years to the building of this instrument.

When I was around eleven years old I started having piano lessons. After a few years my teacher told me that she had seen and tried a virginals at Morley's music shop in Tonbridge. I visited the shop and was enthralled by the sound of this plucked stringed instrument made by John Morley in the workshops in Bromley. After a visit to the workshops with my mother I placed an order for a virginals. Thanks to funds being available from my daily paper round and a Friday evening/Saturday morning grocery round I was able to arrange a hire purchase agreement.

In 1967 I lost my job with an electronics company in Jarvis Brook following a disagreement with one of the directors concerning my need to leave on time for my Wednesday evening junior choir practice at Brenchley church. I was later persuaded by some teacher friends in Brenchley that I should apply for a teacher training course at Christ Church College, Canterbury. Following an interview I was accepted as a music student. When it came to the choice of a main instrument I chose to have lessons on the college's harpsichord. It was a great privilege for me to have three years of lessons from Trevor Pinnock, then leader of the Galliard Harpsichord Trio, which later became the English Concert.

Towards the end of my course I was offered an Italian harpsichord made by Clayson and Garrett in Lyminge. Sadly I was unable to accept their very generous offer as I did not have the necessary funds.

It was only recently following the death of my mother that sufficient funds from my grandparents' wills enabled me to look again at this possibility.

I asked Alastair Laurence, then curator at Finchcocks and head of the Broadwood Piano Workshop, for advice on one harpsichord builder. Alastair offered to build an instrument for me using a kit made by The Paris Workshop.

Because space at Quarry House is fairly limited the instrument chosen was a two manual Flemish harpsichord based upon the instruments of the Ruckers family of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.



I had hoped to follow progress of the build at Finchcocks, but Alastair had failed to tell me he was moving the workshop to Lythe near Whitby in North Yorkshire. Due to difficulties with some parts of the kit it took considerably longer for the instrument to be completed. The finished instrument arrived late on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

There are three sets of strings, two at 8 foot pitch (normal piano pitch) and one at 4 foot pitch, playing an octave higher. The upper keyboard jacks (the plucking mechanism of a harpsichord) pluck one set of 8 foot strings fairly near the end of the string giving a slightly nasal sound. The lower keyboard jacks pluck the other set of 8 foot strings further away from the string end giving a less strident sound. The 4 foot strings are also plucked by a set of jacks on the lower keyboard, which can be moved on or off by a stop knob rather like an organ. By moving the upper keyboard inwards the two keyboards can be coupled together so that all sets of strings can be played at once. A buff stop with little felt pads can be moved to touch the strings of the upper keyboard giving a muted pizzicato effect.

The instrument looks splendid in its deep red colour finish with a cream interior to the lid. Flemish printed papers surround the keyboards setting off the ebony keys with bone accidentals and pearwood arcades. The quality and variety of sounds produced by this harpsichord are outstanding.



At last I can make full use of some of the music that I used to play something over forty five years ago. If only my now rather creaky fingers still worked as they did then!

David Denton

*Harpsichord and  
virginals playable  
from the same stool*