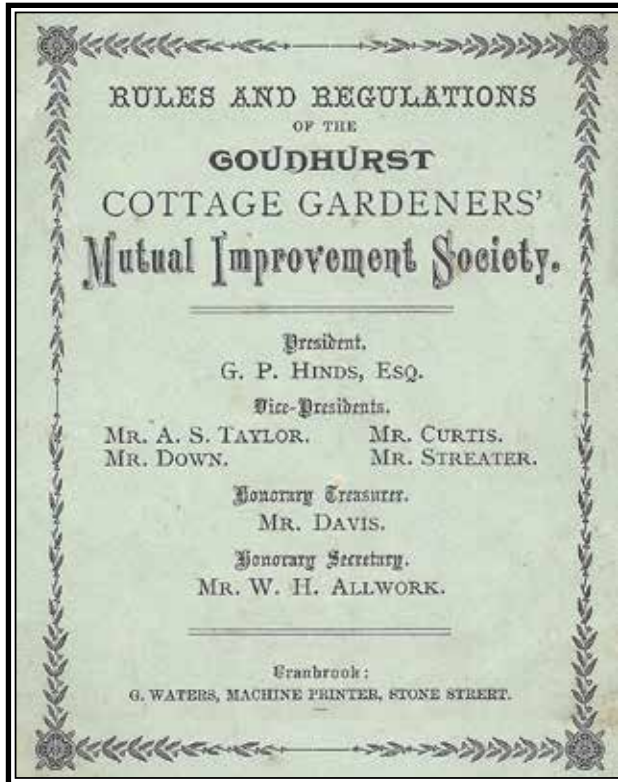


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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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 2 November when we will be celebrating 'A light party'

Music

Music is a wonderful part of the life of our church - and we are always looking for people who would like to share musical talents with us. Maybe you would like to sing with the choir, maybe you play an instrument and would like to join us sometimes, maybe you're not quite sure how to get involved, but know you would like to - whatever your musical talents we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Director of Music, Jeffrey Gray at jeffreygray@virginmedia.com

Sunday Club

Every Sunday at St Mary's we run 5 groups for children and young people aged 0-18 including a crèche for pre schoolers. 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 the service. There's no need to book, just turn up for the 10:45 service.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual thanksgiving for those who have given their lives in war falls on Sunday 9 November. There are services at 10:45 in Goudhurst and Christ Church.

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.

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

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

At its heart prayer is very simple - it's really just about being in touch with God - and we don't need any special words to pray. But some people have a particular gift of putting thoughts and hopes into words in a way that can shape our prayers and focus them, and many people use prayers written by others and find them helpful as they spend time with God.

This is a prayer that I am particularly enjoying at the moment. I can't remember where I found it, nor who wrote it, but I hope it helps you in your prayers. I offer it with a simple reflection on each short section. You could use this to pause some time in a busy day, and to let God speak.

Sometimes You speak, Lord,
in tongues so strange
that I must pray
for grace to obey
without understanding.

Our culture tells us to be suspicious of things we don't understand. But we will never fully understand God and his ways. Prayer means letting ourselves trust even when we don't have all (or even any) answers. What do you need from God today?

Sometimes You sing
such a lovely song
that I must laugh
at the silly tune
I thought was wisdom.

Humility is a great gift. And in front of God, we can only be humble. What 'silly tune' have you been singing recently? What 'lovely song' do you hear God singing to you?

Sometimes You shout
in a voice so loud
that I must awake
and confess again
that I was sleeping.

TV, Facebook, another glass of wine, being too busy, working too hard - there are a thousand ways in which we dull our senses and sleepwalk through life. What do you need to wake up from?

But in this moment
when silence is Your word to me
and stillness is my prayer
I rest within a confidence
born in the quiet of Your smile:
I am beloved.

'God is love', says the bible - not just a general feeling of love, but a deliberate and specific love for every person - including you. Take a moment to pause and to know that you are beloved by God; He loves you.

God bless

Rev Hugh

An evening of Remembrance

Music and Words for reflection on War and Peace

Friday 7th November, Christ Church Kilndown, 7.30 pm



Featuring Kilndown Community Choir and Children's Choir

**Performing a variety of songs including excerpts from
Jenkins 'The Armed man – A Mass for Peace'**

Including a selection of poems and reflective readings

Free admission - donations in aid of the British Legion

Light refreshments available

Further details from Tina Gallagher 01892 890426; email: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	2nd		All Saints Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service – St Mary's
		4.30 pm	All Souls Service – St Mary's
Tues	4th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer – St Mary's
		11.00 am	Funeral – St Mary's
Thurs	6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
Fri	7th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
		7.30 pm	Community Choir Concert – Christ Church
Sun	9th		Remembrance Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		10.45 am	Service of Remembrance – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Service of Remembrance – St Mary's
		pm	Cafe Church
Tues	11th	10.45 am	Services at both War Memorials
Thurs	13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Kilndown PCC
Fri	14th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	16th		2 Before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion + Baptism – St Mary's
			Park Run Commences – more details in Church
Tues	18th	2.00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer
Thurs	20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	24th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
			Mens Curry evening
Sat	22nd		Goudhurst PCC – Strategy Meeting
Sun	23rd		Christ the King
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion + Patronal Festival – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's

Thurs	27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Goudhurst PCC
		evening	Friends set up
Fri	28th	5.00 pm	Friends Christmas Fair – St Mary's
Sun	30th		Advent I
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		10.45 am	Benefice Service – Holy Communion – St Mary's
		6.30 pm	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service – Christ Church

READINGS

Sunday 2nd All Saints day

Isaiah 56.3 - 8
 Matthew 5.1 - 12
 Hebrews 12.18 - 24

Sunday 9th

Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18 - 24
 Matthew 25.1 - 13
 Thessalonians 4.13 - end

Sunday 16th

2nd Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - end
 Matthew 25.14 - 30
 I Thessalonians 5.1 - 11

Sunday 23rd

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11 - 16, 20 - 24
 Matthew 25.31 - end
 Ephesians 1. 15 - end

Sunday 30th

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64.1 - 9
 Mark 13.24 - end
 I Corinthians 1.3 - 9

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM We welcome into the Church

4.10.2014	Otto Ambrose-Gordon – St Mary's
	Juniper Ambrose-Gordon
	Anais Ambrose-Gordon
5.10.2014	Michaela Carole Sanders – St Mary's
12.10.2014	Olive White – Christ Church
	Charles White – St Mary's
	Isaac Parker
	Aaron Parker

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage

20.9.2014	William Miller and Lucinda Hird – St Mary's
4.10.2014	Claire Sanders and Stephen Beebe – St Mary's

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

9.10.2014	Patrick Stanbridge – St Mary's
16.10.2014	Joan Emery – St Mary's



Christmas



GOUDHURST
VILLAGE NIGHT & CRAFT FAIR
Friday, 28th November, 4-9 pm



JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
CHOOSE UNIQUE PRESENTS FROM OUR MANY STALLS
LISTEN TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KILNDOWN COMMUNITY CHOIRS
SAMPLE OUR TASTY REFRESHMENTS - ENJOY THE BARREL ORGAN
SHOPS AND BUSINESSES WILL BE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU



In aid of Friends of St. Mary's

Got questions about life

Alpha starts in Goudhurst
Village Hall on Tuesday
13 January 2015.

Find out more at
www.gkchurch.org, in
church or call Ali Williams
on 01580 211478



Alpha

gkchurch.org

#TryAlpha
Alpha.org

DERRICK HEAD

It is with much sadness that the Friends of St Mary's Church note Derrick's passing.

The Friends of St Mary's Church was established in the mid-1980s with the objective of raising funds to help preserve the fabric of this magnificent building. Derrick, from the outset, was committed to the Friends as a committee member, then as chairman from 1995 to 2003 and finally as our patron.

For many years Derrick and Edna were mainstays of the Friends' Christmas Coffee Morning, now the Friends' Christmas Fair. His contributions as a skilled wood turner and worker will be remembered in many homes throughout the locality; from dolls houses, where Edna's skilled needlework provided the accessories, to Noah's Arks, nativity scenes, castles, aircraft carriers and those wonderful monks carrying out a variety of tasks. Over the years Derrick and Edna personally raised thousands of pounds for the Friends in this way. For twenty five years the Friends' August art exhibition provided a most noteworthy village event; Derrick was involved right from the start.

As Chairman of the Friends he brought his considerable knowledge of village life and history combined with quiet diplomacy, experience and drive to making the Friends important to the financial and social well-being of the Church. He had an eye for detail which was so evident in all he created and everything he managed.

Throughout his life Derrick was a pillar of our community; a kind, understated and gentle man who always had a clear focus along with the energy and commitment to make a difference in so many ways and through various local organisations. He was a great man and it was a privilege to know him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Edna at this difficult time.

The Friends of St Mary's Church



COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR

15th November 1914: Ernest Cole, Lance-Serjeant 14511, 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Family home in Blue Coats Lane, Goudhurst; he had worked at Crowbourne Farm before enlisting in 1909. Probably the very first Goudhurst soldier to arrive in France, landing at Le Havre on 13th August 1914, he was wounded in action near the Menin Road, Ypres, and died in hospital at Boulogne, aged 25.





UNVEILING OF THE BILL MUSGRAVE PICNIC BENCH

60 to 70 people attended the unveiling on Saturday 11th October including two of his sons and family, it was a fantastic turnout.

I would like to thank everybody who donated funds to enable me to buy the picnic bench and have a suitable inscription engraved.

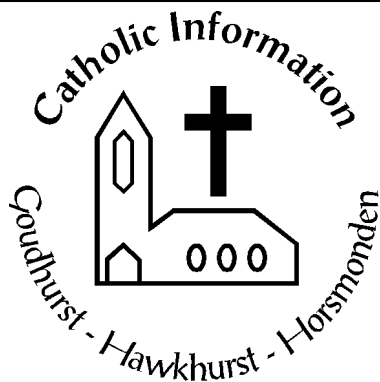
I was advised months ago that Bill didn't want any fuss or recognition for all his donations to our village, how wrong can one be, from the time Bill got out of the car, he never stopped smiling and he put two thumbs up. According to his sons who telephoned me on Sunday morning he has never stopped talking about the picnic table.

From day one we decided that any money left over should go to a charity or good cause of Bill's choice. He wants it to go to Old Parsonage Surgery (patient fund), I will advise you next month when I hope we can have a photograph of the hand over.

I have just been advised that G P C have agreed that they will pay for the plinth which means we will have at least £500 to go to the surgery.

Once again thank you all for your support.

Dennis Knight



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

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

Chris Roome

01580 891686

Churches Together

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 27th November at 7.45 in the Church Room, Goudhurst with a presentation by Peter Medhurst on What Makes Beethoven Unique. The musical fingerprints of Beethoven are clearly recognisable to the ear and yet explaining why Beethoven sounds like Beethoven is trickier than might at first appear since he shared so many traits with the music of Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and others. Peter Medhurst is renowned internationally for presenting complex issues in a lucid and comprehensible way. The talk will include works by Beethoven and those who influenced him.

AUTUMN FAIR

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER

9.30 am to 12.00pm

GOUDHURST VILLAGE HALL

**HOME-MADE CAKES & PRODUCE
BRIC-A-BRAC, PICTURES & PRINTS
TOYS & GAMES, CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS,
BOOKS & MUSIC, TOMBOLA,
RAFFLE, COFFEE & CAKES**

Want to earn extra cash for Christmas?
Want to make space for all those new gifts?
Then you need to book a table at the
Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary School

Indoor Boot Sale

Saturday 8th November - in the school hall.

Stallholders 9am, Buyers 10am-12pm

Tables just £8

Refreshments available. Ample parking

Booking is essential through Teresa Steel Tel: 07900 278564
Ashley Wilson 07885 425940 or through the school office.

SOME CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING

Pat Crawford provides the

HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN

Energy - and how to secure supplies in the future - is of ongoing concern. So far a holistic solution that takes account of all the issues involved has not been found – and it is very unlikely it will be found in the near future – yet surely coordinated planning is crucial?

Solar panels are becoming more and more familiar on rooftops and across fields in most parts of the UK. Arguments continue as to whether or not solar farms should be built on land used – or which could be used – for food production. Concerns relating to the environmental impact have not diminished – rather, they are on the increase.

One particular project is creating a lot of interest: an 800 floating panel has been installed on a reservoir at a fruit farm in Berkshire. The owner stated that this solution is more lucrative than using fields because there is no loss of income involved.

Some scientists have thrown a spanner in the works by declaring that many of the millions of panels that have been erected face the wrong way! It was generally assumed that panels should face in a southerly direction but it now seems that west-facing panels can generate a more even flow of electricity.

Way back in April this year the Department of Energy and climate Change issued a set of guidelines that included, the most important:

‘Support for solar PV should ensure proposals are appropriately sited, give proper weight to environmental considerations such as landscape and visual impact, heritage and local amenity and provide opportunities for local communities to influence decisions that affects them’.

It is important that the planning concerns of local communities are properly heard in matters that directly affect them.

The document also comments in relation to proposals to build solar farms in ANOBs (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), impact on views and various other environmental-related considerations. It appears the document embraces all concerns – but does it in reality? It is absolutely impossible to be categorical and the fear is that many judgments may be made subjectively rather than objectively.

And one rather obvious question continues to arise on an almost daily basis. Is it sensible that we continue to build residential and commercial properties that do not have the benefit of solar energy – in fact - do not incorporate any measures that would help to make homes and business premises more sustainable in relation to energy, water and waste? Saving in financial terms now could be very costly in the future.

Pat Crawford: pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk - 01732 852243

WEALD DEANERY EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER – 6.30pm TO 9.00pm }
SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER – 9.30am TO NOON } VESTRY HALL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE featuring:

FRIDAY evening – Marden School Choir - plus Hot Dogs for supper,
SATURDAY morning – Marden Church Junior Choir – plus Breakfast Rolls.

Stalls include: Cakes and Seasonal Produce; Bottle Tombola; Crafts; Raffle;

Children's Games; Unwanted Gifts; Cards

Refreshments also available. Admission Free.

Donations for stalls or offers of help to Graham Codling, 01622 832622 or email:
graham.codling@homecall.co.uk

3 T'S PROJECT

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER, 2014 – 7.30PM – CHURCH

ANTIPHONY in Concert

Another chance to enjoy this local groups' repertoire.

Tickets:- £10.00 including a glass of wine available from Graham Codling, 01622
832622, or email: 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 6TH NOVEMBER, 2014

NAOMI BURRELL and FRIENDS

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

SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER, 2014 – 7.30pm – CHURCH

MILITARY WIVES CHOIR together with KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tickets £17.50

Contact: Anne Tylden-Wright, 01580 850281 or
Bob Houlden, 01580 850278

In aid of Help for Heroes and St Nicholas' Church.

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 1.30pm – RECHARGE WITH A BOWL OF SOUP

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.

Music, Cream Teas, Minisaints, also Climb the Bell Tower.

For further information, call 01580 891258 or see www.allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FRITTENDEN

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER, 2014 – 6.00pm – CHURCH

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Further information, including offers to sing,
from Charlotte O'Neill, 07943 902745



FOOTPATH WALK IN OLD PARK WOOD

Saturday 15th November

You are invited to join a walk on Saturday 15th November starting at Colliers Green School at 2 pm and returning there by about 4 pm. There is room to park by the school. The walk will be at an easy pace on footpaths that lead on path WC5A through Old Park Wood, past the vineyard, and across open country to Jarvis Lane. The return section is on WC15 and WC21. The walk will be suitable for all ages. It will involve a few easy 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 please contact me at the number below. 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.

The new Goudhurst Walker's Map is the key to all footpaths in the area and is available from the Newsagent for £2.95.

David and Pamela Boniface

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

October GPC News commented on "...the forecast of an Indian summer ...etc." Well, the 39 mm rain on the night of the 10th contributing to a month's rain in just a few days shows how much our weather is as variable as always, which makes respect for our gardeners all the more justified. At 18.30 on Thursday 9th October at the Star and Eagle, to the appropriate accompaniment of wine and canapés, an enthusiastic gathering of supporters and participants awaited the presentation of cups and rosettes after the declaration of winners of the 2014 Goudhurst in Bloom competition. Special thanks must go to Angela Broom for again organising the competition and to Gill Wallis-Hosken for accepting the challenge of choosing winners from the excellent 2014 entries.

Your Council has continued to defend the provision of Public Toilets at Balcombes Hill as well as the weekend Amenity Refuse Scheme for Goudhurst, Kilndown and Curtisden Green. Whilst we still hope to retain these services it transpired at a meeting with TWBC, attended by Stephen Wickham and our Clerk, that as well as the cost (to which we will most likely be required to contribute) the issue is further complicated by the random mix of waste deposited which results in landfill disposal at considerably greater cost than recycling. We remain hopeful of a resolution though probably not without cost.

As reported in October the Goudhurst and District U3A will have held its inaugural meeting in the Village hall at 2.30 on Wednesday October 22nd giving Goudhurst and our neighbours the opportunity to participate in a variety of fascinating activities initially proposed as: Art appreciation, Bridge, Computers, Gardens, History, Literature, Languages, Photography, Psychology Theatre & cinema, Walking and Wine appreciation. Good luck to all and if you were unable to attend please call the membership secretary on 212457.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Alan Foster on to Goudhurst Parish Council at our October meeting to fill the vacancy caused by Birgitta Wikman's move to Ireland. However, whilst May 2014 will be Parish Council election time in Goudhurst, with the departure of Amy Kneller, we have an opportunity for someone thinking of joining us to do so for the remaining months pre-election. What better way to see what it is all about and test the water. Contact: Anthony Farnfield on 212552.

Finally, our Parish Council Annual Open Meeting will be held in the Goudhurst Parish Hall on Monday 10th November at 19.45. Do join us to hear what your council has been doing over the year, what we are now addressing and all to the accompaniment of tea and biscuits.

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

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 04 Nov	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council Open Meeting	Mon 10 Nov	7.45 pm	Goudhurst Parish Hall
Planning Committee	Tues 11 Nov	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Policy Committee	Tues 18 Nov	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 25 Nov	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Committee	Tues 25 Nov	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 08 Dec	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 09 Dec	6.30 pm	Jessel Room

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

Anthony Farnfield, Clerk 01580 212552
clerk@goudhurst.co.uk www.goudhurst.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

Although all Parish Council meetings are open to the public who have an opportunity to ask questions, the Parish Council meeting in November every year is traditionally the one which is truly an Open Meeting and all are invited to come along to raise local matters of concern and interest. Monday, 10 November in Goudhurst Parish Hall is the date.

Refreshments will be available from 7.45 pm and the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Antony Harris will get the meeting under way at 8.00 pm. Do please come along and we look forward to seeing you.

Anthony Farnfield, Clerk 01580 212552

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL has a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the Goudhurst Parish Ward. This is a chance for someone to become involved in community matters. The role entails attending one parish council meeting as well as perhaps one or two committee meetings each month.

If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Anthony Farnfield, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01580 212552 or clerk@goudhurst.co.uk before 5th November 2014.

MACMILLAN NURSES' APPEAL, KILNDOWN

This is to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in a delightful and worthwhile afternoon in Kilndown Village Hall on Sunday 28th September, whether it was by way of contributions to raffles or tombola, delicious cakes or books and puzzles, or whether you came along purely to enjoy and support a village event. To look around the hall and to see so many people chatting and laughing together was a real delight. Our thanks too must go to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped behind the various stalls, served in the kitchen and generally played their part in raising the grand total of £630 for this essential cause. Well done, Kilndown!

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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Local History Society
"WW1 Soldiers of
Goudhurst and
Kilndown"
Church Room. 7.45pm

5

Knitting Group
Star & Eagle
10am weekly
BONFIRE NIGHT!

6

Kilndown Gardening Club
AGM 7.45pm Quarry Centre

FIREWORKS!
Kilndown Millenium Green
Meet at **Globe and Rainbow**
at 6.30 for Torchlit parade

10

11

Royal British Legion
Parade at war Memorial
10.50

Goudhurst Tuesday Club
"University of the 3rd Age"

12

G&K Primary School
Prospective Parents pm

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

13

Pizza Cucina
Thursday Evenings
on The Plain

17

18

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

19

University of the Third Age
"and so we raised the Mary
Rose"
Goudhurst Parish Hall

20

Globe & Rainbow
"Taste of Game"
Evening

Bedgebury
Wealden Times
Midwinter Fair
starts

24

Royal British Legion.
AGM
Jessel Room 7.30pm

25

The Goudhurst Inn
Chicken Chuesday
Every Tuesday

26

G&K Primary School
Prospective parents
morning

27

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

1

Quarry Centre
Saturday Shop,
every Saturday 9-12.

2

St Mary's
Family Service

7

First Friday
Meeting at Weeks bakery

Christchurch
Community Choir
Remembrance Music

Finchcocks
Jazz Evening

DOGKS
Beers!

8

G&K Primary School
PTFA Indoor Boot Sale

Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal Ends

9

Royal British Legion
Parade at War Memorial
10.45

St Marys
Remembrance Service

14

Café Toddler
@ St Marys
Every Friday 9am

15

Kilndown Village Hall
Little Squirrels Quiz and Curry

Hop Farm
Spooky Spirit Charity Run at night

16

"Park Run"
Glebe Field from 9.45

21

St Mary's
Men's Curry Night

22

G&K Primary School
Christmas bazaar
2-4pm

23

Finchcocks
Christmas fair
10.30-4.30

28

Goudhurst Open Evening and
Friends of St Mary's
Christmas Fair
4-9pm

29

Hop Farm
Christmas Market
starts

30

Christchurch
Advent carols

dates may change!

**Shoulder to shoulder
with all who Serve**

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014

Many of you will already have received visits from the volunteer house-to-house collectors who make such a contribution to the funds collected in the parish to help support welfare needs of those defending us in all parts of the world including our own shores. Bereaved and dependant families need our help. We will never cease to help those from previous conflicts, right back to World War I.

If you've not yet bought a Poppy, please do to make sure that "We Will Never Forget".

Barbara Stafford
Poppy Appeal Organiser

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

NOTICE TO ALL EX-SERVICEMEN

To mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day the French Government intends to award the Legion d'Honneur to all ex-servicemen involved in the Normandy landings or the Liberation of Paris or France in 1944. This includes Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force personnel. The notice was initially sent to the British Legion, but anyone wishing to apply for this award or who knows anyone who could qualify is invited to contact me or can pick up an Application Form from the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Applicants must give details of their service on the form provided and then send it on to the Ministry of Defence (MoD). If the MoD supports the application, it will then be forwarded to the French Embassy.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 9th November, Remembrance Sunday, the Branch will hold its usual parade and march up to the Church from the War Memorial. Non-members, ex-servicemen and Legion supporters are invited to join the parade. Please assemble at the War Memorial by 10 15 am.

Robin Mitchell
01580 212151

VILLAGE ECHOES

Local newspapers have always been a good source of information for tracing events which took place in a particular area and which are now long gone and forgotten about. With the recent on-line digitisation of many newspapers making such items easier to find, this month's Village Echo contains a selection of Goudhurst news during the month of November as reported in previous centuries.

At Cranbrook Petty Sessions in November 1860, one James Brabon pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of hop-poles belonging to Mr Wickham of Goudhurst. He was sentenced to 21 days' hard labour.

In November 1861 the Goudhurst Rifle Corps Drum and Fife band held their practice sessions in the National School on Clay Hill under the instruction of Sergeant G M Stevens.

In November 1892, it was reported that Guy Fawkes Day had passed off very quietly in the village (was this unusual, one wonders?) and that the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Beresford Road had held a fruit banquet and entertainment, which the reporter considered something of a novelty.

In the same month Alfred James Cullen was appointed Chief Goods Clerk at the newly opened Hope Mill Station, Goudhurst.

In November 1893, five cases of scarlet fever were reported among the families of Clay Hill Mount.

In November 1895 the Cottage Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Society held their autumn show in the Vine Assembly rooms, Goudhurst. Among the exhibits was a vegetable marrow weighing 40lbs.

In November 1904 a whist match took place in the Parish Hall between teams from Goudhurst and Kilndown. Goudhurst won by a very narrow margin of 23 to 22. There were 18 men in each team.

A year later, in November 1905, Dr Sealy promoted a Smoking Concert in the same place, with Mr P T Smith at the piano - this is likely to have been a men-only gathering. During the same month the Providence Chapel at Curtisden Green, which had been built in 1878 by the Rev J J Kendon at a cost of £733, was re-opened. It had cost £350 to enlarge the chapel sufficiently to seat 75 and to install heating apparatus.

Excitement was caused in November 1913 when unfavourable weather conditions forced a Lieutenant Connor of the Army Flying Corps to land in a field on the Combwell estate.

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CRANBROOK CHORAL AND SINFONIA
conductor Jeffrey Gray

in St Dunstan's church Cranbrook 7.30 pm
on Saturday 22nd November

HANDEL "JUDAS MACCABEUS"

Tickets £12.50

from Choral members

or reserved at Grace Travel 01580 714411

Date for your diary: Saturday 20th December 2014

Cranbrook Choral

conductor Jeffrey Gray

**A Concert for Christmas for all the Family
with wine and mince pies in St Dunstan's church
at 6.30 pm. No tickets. Retiring collection.**

QUARRY CENTRE

The 'Mini' Meet the Village event held on October 4, was very well received and attended considering the haste in which it was arranged! It was a chance remark that led to it and it did what it 'said on the tin'.....a showcase for village organisations, a chance for new residents to see and hear what goes on and an opportunity for all to see the Saturday Shop in action. Thank you to all who took a part.

Our Saturday Shop, open from 9am – 12 noon, sells a good range of fruit and vegetables, all as locally sourced as possible, failing that English, except of course for the obvious. Chef Neil from the Globe & Rainbow bakes and makes for us and on most Saturday's there's a selection of pies, scotch eggs and whatever else takes his fancy! We have freshly baked quiches, homemade preserves, local honey, canned goods, organic goods, Eco Friendly cleaning stuff.....come along and take a look.

At time of writing, we are looking forward to the Craft Fair (our third) at which we raise funds for the QC and for Christ Church. Hopefully a lot of you will have paid a visit and bought some bit and bobs for Christmas or just to treat yourselves.

Talking of Christmas, we are planning a Grand Raffle, tickets of which will be (or are) on sale soon. First prize is an 'enormous' Hamper (full of goodies) and two or three other prizes well worth winning.

Lynda and Richard



KILNDOWN GARDENING CLUB

Do you have a problem with moles? Perhaps slugs are your nightmare? Not a problem for the enthusiastic audience at last month's Gardeners' Question Time when BBC Radio Kent's Steve Bradley gave us the answers to those problems and many more. We can now cope with crocosmia droop and know how deep to plant peonies. Steve was a mine of information in a relaxed and entertaining way.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 6th November, 7.45 p.m. in the Quarry Centre. This is an important opportunity to discuss your views and what you want from the Club in the coming year. Do come and join the debate.

The AGM will be followed by a short, fun video – with a gardening perspective, of course!

The 4th December meeting promises to be colourful and practical with a Chelsea Gold Medal winner demonstrating ideas with flowers for Christmas. All are welcome – visitors £2.

Barbara Stafford

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWS

Phase one of the move has now been accomplished and we are more or less settled in our temporary abode while works to our permanent home are getting underway - slowly! Leaving Kilndown was one of the hardest things we have ever done and I confess to driving out of the village in a blur of tears but we are now making progress and the house begins to look more like home.

I don't know where to begin with "Thank yous" - it was wonderful to see so many of our friends and neighbours enjoying a good old fashioned Kilndown Tea in the Village Hall and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of your parting gift and Neville's warm words. Once we are in our own house we will treat ourselves to something special from John Lewis as a lasting memento of the wonderful friendly community we were privileged to be part of for twenty one very happy years and who we will never forget. It is not possible to mention everyone by name but we do thank everyone for all they have done to make our departure as stress free as possible.

Andrew & Annie



A warm welcome to Leon Gallacher who has joined us, hope he has lots of fun.

The children have been exploring the changing season, exploring their surroundings noticing the changes, finding giant mushrooms, conkers, chestnuts, collecting the many different coloured leaves and even finding a toad.

The home corner is set up as a fire station. The children are acting out being firemen and other people who might help us. We hope to visit a fire station.

We would like to welcome our new supervisor Karen Lawrence. She is forest school trained so will fit in really well with our surroundings and ethos.

On Saturday 15th November we are holding our annual Quiz night. This is a great social occasion. There will be a curry supper, bar and raffle. Tickets can be obtained from Ruth David 01580 212606. Tickets are £12.50.

On Friday 5th December we are holding a Christmas sale night from 5.30-8.30pm. There will be a variety of stalls and Father Christmas will be in his grotto. Please come along and join in the fun.

For all enquiries about the pre school please contact 07803919897

For Brenchley, Curtisden Green, Goudhurst,
Horsmonden, Kilndown,
Lamberhurst, Matfield

By the time you read this we will have had our inaugural launch meeting and will, I hope, have enrolled many of you to join this exciting and new venture based in Goudhurst.

GOULDHURST AND DISTRICT



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The monthly meetings begin at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th November, in the Parish Hall with Albert Granville describing “.....and so we raised the Mary Rose”. We understand he has many a fascinating – and indiscreet – tale to tell.

The December meeting on the 17th will bring Don Dray describing “The Dancing Decades – from Ragtime to Swing” which should set us up for the festive season.

All are welcome to the talks – visitors £2.50.

As well as the talks and Interest Groups, many outings and social events are planned including “A Guided Tour of the Pantiles” and “A Backstage Tour of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden”.

If you are not yet a member of U3A but would like to learn more just email us on goudhurstanddistrict.u3a@gmail.com or call Paul Griffin, Membership Secretary on 01580 212457.

Ian Miller
Chairman, Goudhurst & District U3A

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



We are delighted to welcome two new attendees, Blu Cutbush and Fred Hamerton-Stove and hope they settle in happily to enjoy their time with us.

As well as ingratiating themselves with our children and settling into the team, our two new staff, Holly and Jorge, have already embarked upon furthering their own development. Holly has started studying for her NVQ Level 3 and Jorge is now spending every Friday as a teaching assistant in Reception Class at Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary.

A massive thank you to our Trustee Sheila Kloppe for inviting our children to reenact "We're Going On A Bear Hunt" in her beautiful garden. The children were thrilled when they discovered the hidden bear and loved the exercise.

Every Thursday afternoon we are now visited by Juliette Widdowson, a local tutor who is introducing the children to some French vocabulary. Our assistant Jorge is cleverly imparting snippets of his native language Spanish as he interacts with the children on a daily basis, and Jo Bowman, Lily's mother, is visiting us once a week to sign and sing with us all.

On the last Friday of every month we now have a play date with the Reception Class at Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary so our children can interact with the older girls and boys and have a real taste of 'big school'. They in turn will be visiting our setting.

After half term the children will begin getting ready for Christmas. They will start to craft decorations, sing Christmas songs and read festive books. If anyone from the village would like to come in to read them a Christmas story we would love to hear from you.

For our latest news and photos please visit our website and Facebook page.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

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

WOMEN OF BRITAIN

SAY -

“GO!”

GO!

TO THE CHURCH ROOM

- at 7.30pm on November 4th to hear Roger Joye reveal the inspiring stories of the **World War One Soldiers of Goudhurst & Kilndown** (with many new insights not covered in his recent book).

Celebrate our local heroes who did “GO” but sadly didn’t return, at The Church Room, Back Lane, Goudhurst. Entry: free for members, just £2.50 for non-members.



For more information visit www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org