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FROM THE VICAR

A bishop ...must be blameless...

On March 17th Bishop Trevor will be visiting the Deanery. An open invitation to everyone to attend an evening meeting is published elsewhere in the Magazine.

The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott was installed and welcomed as Bishop of Dover at a service in Canterbury Cathedral on 6th February. Much ceremony attended that service, which was conducted within the context of a Choral Evensong. The notes in the Order of Service explained that, in the Middle Ages, archbishops and diocesan bishops delegated some of their duties to other bishops, especially bishops with foreign sees. The title 'Bishop of Dover' was created under Henry VIII by an act of 1534. His main function is to assist the Archbishop of Canterbury in the business of the diocese. In more recent years, because of the increased worldwide responsibilities of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Dover is effectively the pro-Diocesan Bishop. This was signified, at the service of installation, by a deed of delegation handed to him by the Archbishop.

The calling to serve as a 'Bishop' is one which carries an immense burden of responsibility and expectation. The Letter of Paul to Titus gives the following summary:

'...a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able to both preach and teach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it...'

A high calling indeed! But maybe there is a model to which each one of us might aspire, whether we feel called to be a bishop or simply to be alongside those around us. Do come along to the Open Meeting and meet our new Bishop of Dover, Bishop Trevor. And do hold him and his family in your prayers as he begins his new ministry amongst us.

The Blessing used by Bishop Trevor at the conclusion of the service of Installation:

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Every blessing as we travel through Lent towards Easter,

Bill

A WELCOME FOR HOLLY FROM JOE

Four days seemed a long time to wait to meet my sister Holly, and I was sad that I only had photos to look at while she was having Special Care in the Hospital. But I was very excited when Daddy and I went to bring Mummy home with Holly. She had two blood transfusions at the Hospital where Daddy works, but she is three months old now and the doctor is very pleased with her.

I am very pleased with my sister too, and like to have her in the room where I am playing even if she is asleep. She always smiles at me, and Mummy says that I am Holly's favourite person, because I run about and talk a lot and do interesting things, like painting and making cakes with Mummy. But Mummy is Holly's most-important-person-in-the-world when she is hungry.

We took Holly visiting after Christmas so that she could meet lots of our relatives. It was good to stay at Granddad's other house, because Auntie Cat lives there and she has nearly as many children's books as the library. Great-Grandma Doris came for dinners, but went home to her house-round-the-corner to sleep. There are plenty of rooms at Granddad's other house, but most of his beds are at his Goudhurst home.

I am good at opening Christmas presents and everyone was grateful for my help. Some people only had money, and although they said they were pleased, they seemed to prefer playing with my Lego animals and my Playmobil cement mixer. Grandma especially enjoyed reading my new set of Hairy Maclary stories. And everyone liked my new tractor with the sheep, horse, cow and pig who all make noises in their trailer. Granddad was amazed that the batteries lasted such a long time.

When Grandma and Granddad came to our house last week I showed them my new big bedroom. Twice. We even looked in all the new cupboards where my pyjamas and socks are in tidy piles. They liked my new carpet and curtains, and my Bob-the-Builder duvet cover on my new bed; and they were pleased that my new room has lots more space for Daddy to play with my train set.

My sister likes to be cuddled while she sleeps, so Grandma held her for ages even though Holly weighs more than 11 pounds and Grandma's back and arms were aching. And because Holly was having a nice sleep on Granddad's lap, he waited half-an-hour for his lunch even though it was his favourite sausage roll from the lovely Baker's Shop in Goudhurst. So I think that he and Grandma are as pleased with Holly as I am.

**An Invitation to a
COFFEE MORNING
at
THE VICARAGE
to support the
DIOCESAN POVERTY AND HOPE APPEAL 2009/2010**

**Saturday 13th March
10.00am – 11.30pm**

Raffle : Quiz

This year's Poverty and Hope appeal is seeking to support:

- the 'Kent and the Wider World' project, working with Kent students to 'Maintain justice, do what is right. (Isaiah 56.1)
- Christian Aid in a project working with street porters and vendors in Bolivia,
- CMS, in partnership with Youthlife, in bringing hope to marginalised young people in Central Asia by means of breakdance clubs,
- the Anglican Church of Madagascar in funding construction of a classroom at the secondary school in a small isolated community in the poorest part of the country,
- a playgroup in the Diocese of Peshawar established by USPG in 1983 for children with physical and learning difficulties.

The Appeal gives us the opportunity to resource some essential deeds in places where most of us cannot go ourselves.

In commending this Appeal Bishop Stephen wrote:

'...It may seem strange to be commending the 'Poverty and Hope Appeal' when so many of us are feeling significant financial stresses and strains. Money is tight. We are having to do without...

...But I urge you to give generously – indeed sacrificially – because our financial crisis is precisely the time when we are challenged to ask the question: 'Who will pay the price?' The temptation is to pass the pain on to others. Thus the poorest people of our world will be deprived of help from us in the richest part of the world, because we are not prepared to pay the price...

...Jesus, who had nowhere of his own to rest his own head, still gave generously to support the poor. The result was that they became his friends and enriched his life. Can we do less than he?

+Stephen

More details on each of the projects can be found at

www.canterburydiocese.org/povertyandhope.

**And, after the Coffee Morning – do remember the Lent Lunch in
St Mary's Church!**

An
Open Invitation
to everyone in Goudhurst and Kilndown
to meet the new
Bishop of Dover,
The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott
Wednesday 17th March
at
Cranbrook School
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Written questions for Bishop Trevor may be submitted via our Area Dean,
Revd Canon Gill Calver,
The New Rectory,
High Street, Staplehurst, Kent, TN12 0BJ
or email gill.calver@btinternet.com



FAMILY SERVICES
at St Mary's, Goudhurst & Christ Church, Kilndown

MOTHERING SUNDAY
FAMILY COMMUNION

A service for all ages with coffee, drinks & biscuits afterwards.
It doesn't matter if you can't sit still or quiet for too long - come and join
us at 10.45am for about 45 minutes.

14th MARCH at 10.45 am
at both Christ Church, Kilndown and St Mary's, Goudhurst

CALENDAR

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

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

Tues	2 nd	7.30 pm	Lent Group – Sacred Heart
Thurs	4 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Sat	6 th	12.00 noon	Lent Lunch
Sun	7th		3rd of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	9 th	11.30 am	MSG meet – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Lent Group – Sacred Heart
Thur	11 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.45 pm	Goudhurst PCC meet – Church Room
Sat	13 th	10.00 am	Coffee morning – Vicarage (Poverty and Hope Appeal)
		12.00 noon	Lent Lunch
Sun	14th		Mothering Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
		10.45 am	Family Communion at Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Communion at St Mary's
Tues	16 th	7.30 pm	Lent Group – Sacred Heart
Wed	17 th		Bishop Trevor visiting Deanery
Thur	18 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Sat	20 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch – St Mary's
		5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart
Sun	21st		5th of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Tues	23 rd	7.30-9.00 pm	Lent meeting – Sacred Heart
Wed	24 th	7.45 pm	Kilndown PCC meet
Thurs	25 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Sat	27 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch – St Mary's
		5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart

Sun	28th		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s
		9.15 am	Combined Service at Christ Church, with procession
Tues	30th	7.30 pm	Lent meeting – Sacred Heart

READINGS

Sunday 7th March	3rd of Lent	
	Isaiah 55.1 - 9	1 Corinthians 10.1 - 13
	Gospel: Luke 13.1 - 9	
Sunday 14th March	Mothering Sunday	
	1 Samuel 1. 20 - 28	Colossians 3.12 - 17
	Gospel: Luke 19.25b - 27	
Sunday 21st March	5th of Lent	
	Isaiah 43.16 - 21	Philippians 3.4b - 14
	Gospel: John 12. 1 - 8	
Sunday 28th March	Palm Sunday	
	Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a	Philippians 2. 5 - 11
	Gospel: Luke 19. 28 - 40	

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM	We welcome into the Church	
	Sunday 31 st February	Isabella Baylis George Baylis
MARRIAGE	We congratulate on their marriage	
	Saturday 13 th February	Guy Morley and Nicole Manetti

LENT

Lent Meetings/Services arranged by Churches Together in Goudhurst and Kilndown

Lent Meetings led by Jill Robertson each Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
The Church of The Sacred Heart

Lent Lunch each Saturday at 12.30pm in St. Mary’s

The Stations of The Cross each Saturday at 5.00pm - Sacred Heart

Good Friday procession from The Plain at 10.00am

Easter Eve Celebration of The New Fire - St. Mary’s at 8.00 pm

ST MARY'S BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

It's time for an update. Much has been happening but as fundraising is now being accelerated everyone needs to know how things stand.

Imminent Work in the Church

There are some important works planned for the near future.

To ensure its security, the Public Address system controls and other equipment is currently housed on a wheeled platform and laboriously moved from its secure home in the vestry for services, and then back again. It is to be permanently housed in a secure and architecturally sympathetic enclosure near a column in the south arcade. The construction of this only awaits the promised free gift of the strong steel box to line the enclosure.

While that is being done we will also make the dais at the east end of the nave disabled friendly by incorporating a ramp and a lower step. Both will be foldable to be "hidden" or "in use", with the usual position "in use". In the same work we will adjust the variety of levels just west of the Bedgebury Chapel, confusing to many of us for too long.

The Friends of St Mary's has kindly agreed to fund the work for the P A System, for the dais and by the Bedgebury Chapel.

The bollard outside the west gate may well be converted to be removable to allow easier access for mowing and other wheeled equipment to the churchyard. Access for all via a common route yet again!

Contract Tenders

We have to face a challenge regarding the tender situation. For quite understandable technical reasons, probably better exposed before construction commences, the lowest tendering contractor had to withdraw its tender. Due to the passage of time, the second could not confirm its price. The scheme now has to be put to tender again, with other firms being added to the list. While frustrating and disappointing this is not a calamity. We are bound by Diocesan conditions so could not start construction until all the funds needed have been raised. This gives us time for the retender and, while nothing is certain, the new prices should not greatly exceed the original ones, as inflation in the building industry has not been significant and work is less plentiful than contractors would wish. Moreover the eventual cost will be indexed to a common industry index so that any delay is fair to both the chosen builder and us.

Fund Raising

Fund raising is always a challenge: it is now being energetically met. We have a fund raising team. This is now eleven strong. There are vacancies for more volunteers: just phone 211496. We have professionally produced brochures for

anybody wishing to read more about Building for the Future or encourage others to contribute: again call 211496. Recent training and the promised better weather should encourage our fundraisers to enter into in many conversations.

Some members have been generating applications to grant giving bodies and charities that exist almost specifically to help projects like ours. That can be soul destroying, as each application form is sufficiently different from all others to essentially need a new start.

Others are beginning to approach our local businesses, from a comprehensive list generated with wide local assistance.

Yet others are seeking grants from their employers. You may work for a medium to large organisation with a local, social or staff charity fund: you could be pleasantly surprised to get a grant for us just by asking!

There are plans in place to invite church and community groups to get involved in their own fund raising initiatives. Later in the process we will hold fund raising events, so prepare your recipes, your embroidery frames and your greenhouses: all will come into their own, but not until we are on the last lap.

Target

Now we have a little uncertainty on the eventual cost of the main work, giving any prediction of the funds still needed could be a hostage to fortune. However, based on the latest existing estimate and including the sum currently designated by the PCC for the project, we still need to raise some £120,000, say 40% of the current best estimate of the total cost (excluding the organ). We are well over half of the way there.

A “Thermometer”

This is planned, but definitely not on the tower, as that would raise more eyebrows and hackles than donations! It will be in the church porch by the project display with a probable further display of progress by the West Gate.

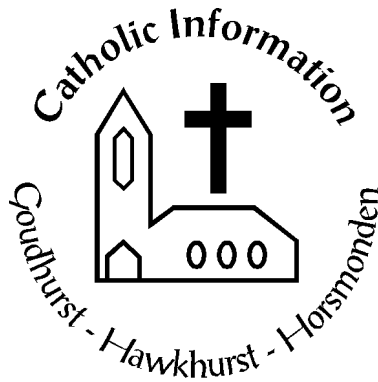
The Organ

A full scheme for the installation of the new organ is still being developed in detail. When we have that we will apply for the necessary Diocesan faculty.

Text Boards

Finally: for some time we have been almost ignorant owners of two handsome century text boards, as used to be hung on a church wall to stimulate worship. In response to the latest Quinquennial Inspection these have been restored and are now safe in the dry, relatively warm, environment of the Ringing Chamber. If anyone would like to view them please ask Rosemary Southon, our bell captain. When the Building for the Future dust has settled (literally) they will be rehung in a suitable position in church. We are grateful again to The Friends of St Mary’s for funding this restoration.

FURTHER REPORTS WILL FOLLOW



Parish Priest

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Phone: 01580 211268

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 by appointment / Confessions as requested
especially before and after Mass

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Helena Lesniewska	01580 753861	(Hawkhurst)	
Keith Reardon	01892 722799	(Horsmonden)	

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

After a full house in February when we heard Mr Laurence speak about Murder, Mystery and Music at Finchcocks, our March meeting gives us an overview of another local facility. Fegans and the Home Farm will be the title of the talk, given by Mr Waller on March 2nd, in the Church Room at 7.45 pm. Mr Waller writes that it “will provide something of the history of Fegans from 1870 up to the present day (including a little flavour of our current work).” Their head office is now in Tunbridge Wells.

See you there - early arrival suggested!

Rosemary



SRI LANKA LINK

Quiz Supper: Thanks to all who made this happen and supported the evening. We made £1550 for the Link. This is our record so far, so Thank You. Some of you may know that our Link, which was created in 1986 by Canon Bob Campbell-Smith, is primarily for prayer, fellowship and friendship with the Theological College of Lanka and the small Christian community in Sri Lanka, together with some other projects

in their parishes which are always to be advised by the Bishops of Colombo and Kurenegala. Another longstanding commitment is to the Nutritional Feeding Centre in Molkawa which is administered by the Archdeacon of Galle. These latter funds are provided by Christ Church Kilndown, with some support from smaller support from Link funds. St Mary's PCC contributes at present £900 p.a. to the field work programme for the students of the Theological College. £300 is added to this from Link funds.

You will remember the two students, Indra and Harshana, from the College who visited our parishes last year and spent time with some of us. We hope that we will be able to repeat this experience in 2011, thanks to the funds that we have raised.

Mothering Sunday March 14th:

The Right Revd Kumara Illangasinghe will be spending this weekend in Goudhurst. We hope that he will be attending events in the village over the weekend, possibly the Vicar's Coffee Morning on Sat. 13th followed by Lent Lunch in St Mary's. The Bishop will also be taking part in the Mothering Sunday Service in St Mary's on 14th March. Kumara is no stranger here and we hope that you will be able to meet him, his wife Dr Lakmini and daughter Deekshya during this weekend..

For more information on our Link, please see the new website details on [www.goudhurst.deaneryinthe weald.org.uk/](http://www.goudhurst.deaneryinthe.weald.org.uk/)

Sue Crookall, for Sri Lanka Link

READYCALL

I should like to express my gratitude for the "Tribute" in January.

I think it should be extended to all those members of Readycall, to the 'clients' and, of course, the drivers who made my job as co-ordinator so pleasurable.

I hope my successors will enjoy the role as much as I have.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Russell

Kilndown Village Hall Fundraising
Another date for your diary

Saturday 6th March 2010

Come and join us for an evening of



Circle Dance

in Kilndown Village Hall 7.00 pm until 10.00 pm
with a light refreshment break included

If you can still walk, you can circle dance and you don't need a partner or any previous experience, just the enthusiasm to join other people in a circle to attempt learning simple dances from Greece, Bosnia, France etc.

Anne Armstrong, our local 'guardian of Circle Dances', has agreed to give her time to teach us all we need to know to have an evening of fun and laughter whilst dancing. So, come along all you local men women and teenagers and prove you don't have two left feet! There will be a break during the evening for a 'cup of tea and a bun' and you don't have to dance every dance, you're allowed to watch when having a breather.

Tickets are £10.00 and because there is a limit on numbers in the space, don't leave it too long before you get yours!

For more information and tickets contact
Madeleine Jordan 3 Priors Heath 01580 211058
Anne Armstrong Goudhurst 01580 211621

If you would like more information about Circle Dancing then why not go to Anne's website: <http://circledancewithanne.pbworks.com>

VILLAGE ECHOES

The snow and ice of January 2010 almost brought the county of Kent to a standstill. In earlier days Goudhurst had at least two snow-ploughs in the village. One was made of thick timber with metal skids and fastenings to attach it to Charlie Diprose's lorry. It also had a seat upon which several of the local lads including Percy Mephram and Bob Nicklinson sat to add weight. This was kept at Maypole where the electricity sub-station is now. When snow fell, it was hitched to Charlie's lorry and towed around the local roads clearing the snow from the Peacock Inn to Goudhurst station. Charlie, (pictured) the village carrier for many years, was one of those larger than life characters that grace village life every now and again.



A second plough was to be found on the grass verge at the Risebridge crossroads. This also was made of wood with metal fittings. Unlike the Maypole one it was originally horse-drawn and had two handles at the back, the same as a normal plough. In the latter years one of the tractors from Risebridge Farm towed it. It is most likely there were more old snow-ploughs around the parish used by local farmers. I believe there was one near Trottenden, one at Curtisden Green and another near Cherry Gardens. No doubt there would have been at least one at Kilndown.

Of course, there were not as many cars around in those years just before and after World War 2 and most villagers worked locally so they would walk if it was too bad to cycle. The local school kept open even though it was not much fun walking there with snow to the top of your wellies and short trousers - boys were not allowed long trousers until they were fourteen!

How many kids fell through the ice into the Wall Pond? I know at least one, me! The kids made very fast slides across the pond, and cycles and even motor-cycles were raced on the ice. Poor old Elf & Safety would have kittens today. In the 1970s & 80s local farmers used their tractors to clear the roads near their farms. I recall keeping Bluecoats Lane open using the waterworks tractor in the 1990s.

Bob Brown
Chairman - Local History Society
Email: historysociety@goudhurst.co.uk



HORSERACING NIGHT

with Dinner

GOUDHURST VILLAGE HALL

March 13

7 for 7.30 pm

£15

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

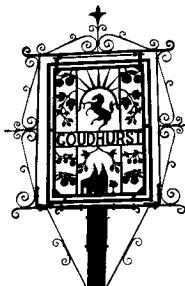
Hospice in the Weald is organising a Ladies' Night Out on Wednesday 24th March, 7pm-10pm at the Hospice in Maidstone Road, Pembury. Bring your friends and come and spoil yourself with a range of luxury treatments and therapies; manicures, facials, make-up, Indian head massage, reflexology and many others. There will also be a fashion sale of good quality clothes from our shops. Tickets £15, to include your first luxury treatment and a glass of wine. For further information and tickets please call 01892 820508.

Scouts

Goudhurst Scout Group are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday March 6th at The Goudhurst Village Hall. Doors open 1.00pm.

If you have any jumble it can be left at The Hall from 11.00am.

If you have any jumble for collection please telephone Jacqui on 01580 211591



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Last year I thought that the village pond and the Plain area had never looked so good. Our Amenities Committee is keen to continue the good work and when the current freeze finally releases us from its grip we are hoping that some measures will be taken to improve the condition of the water. A fine chalk product will be put into the water and new barley straw will be floated in nets on the surface. This should improve the water quality, consolidate the silt at the bottom and combat the danger of summer algae. It is also planned to replace the aeration jet with a spray located near the centre of the pond. Some planting of aquatic plants is planned which I fear may be subject to duck intervention, but with or without duck assistance we look forward to the pond again being a real asset. This despite the fact that it's only water source is from the road drains in the High Street !

We are now starting to look at arrangements for the operation of the new football field adjacent to the Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary School. We have had a meeting with members of Goudhurst United Football Club and we look forward to their return to the village after a long period of using the Lamberhurst ground. They deserve the greatest credit for having kept the flame of the club burning in a very long and difficult period. We are in discussion with the school and we intend to open a dialogue with the residents who will be most affected so that they may have input into the arrangements for the field. This should be a significant asset for the village and GPC needs to ensure that the community takes advantage of the opportunity that it presents.

In Kilndown we are preparing for the appeal by Cascade Housing against the refusal by TWBC of their proposal for the site in Rogers Rough Road. This will have taken place on Tuesday 23rd February. We understand that a strong Kilndown contingent plans to attend and Clive Roberts will represent GPC.

I noticed yesterday how the thermometer on Kilndown Village Hall had progressed. It really is the perfect example of how a community project should work. Well Done All.

Tom Crookall, Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Mon 08 March	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 09 March	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 30 March	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tues 30 March	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 12 April	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 13 April	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Goudhurst Annual Parish Meeting	Mon 19 April	8.00 pm	Goud. Parish Hall
Kilndown Annual Parish Meeting	Wed 21 April	8.00 pm	Kiln. Village Hall
Youth Forum	Thurs 22 April	8.00 pm	Scout Hut
Planning Committee	Tues 27 April	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Highways & Footpaths Com.	Tues 27 April	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council Annual Meeting	Mon 10 May	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 11 May	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 01 June	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tues 01 June	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Mon 14 June	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tues 15 June	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

MORE HELPERS NEEDED

“Keep Goudhurst Parish Tidy !”

Weekend of 27th and 28th March 2010

We hope that the snow and ice problems will be but a memory by the time you read this but the litter louts will surely have made it through to spoil our lovely countryside with their rubbish strewn along highways and byeways.

Each year around two tonnes of litter are cleared from verges and hedgerows by volunteers giving just a few hours of their time during one weekend.

High-visibility jackets, litter sticks, sacks and gloves are provided and individual roads allocated so that we cover as much of the parish as possible. The filled sacks are taken away by the Borough Council’s “Cleaner Borough” team.

Don’t leave it to the others – you can join in and make a real contribution.

Please call your local organizer and help with this worthy task

Goudhurst – Barbara Stafford 01580 212467
Kilndown – Roger Blackwell 01892 890087
Curtisden Green – Carol Davies 01580 211318

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

14 March 28 March 11 April 25 April 9 May

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

28 February 28 March 25 April

Curtisden Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

28 February 28 March 25 April

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 for advice, and to arrange a special collection (for which there is a small charge).

Note that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council now provides a fortnightly kerbside service to separately collect compostable waste from your brown wheelie bin, paper and cardboard from one of your green boxes, and plastics and cans from your second green box.

Everybody is invited to use the **Recycling Facilities** at:

Balcombes Hill Car Park –	glass and cans
Bethany School –	glass, cans, paper and cardboard
Finchcocks –	glass, cans, paper and cardboard
The Peacock –	glass
Globe & Rainbow, Kilndown –	glass and cans

Please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council 01892 554246 if you have any queries about waste collection and recycling.



*A cold spot for the former
Vicars of Kilndown*

KILNDOWN VILLAGE HALL

Members of the Village Hall Committee are wandering round with permanent smiles on their faces at the moment because we have recently heard that a grant of £80,000 has been made from an unexpected source! There are government funds available for early learning facilities and thanks to the tireless efforts of Barney Mayhew and the Pre School Committee an award has been made towards the new village hall which has secured our overall funding. We still need the grant from KCC but as we had already been warned that they were unlikely to provide the £100,000 originally applied for because of grant capping it is a huge relief to have the inevitable shortfall catered for like this. Confirmation of grant aid from KCC will not be made until April but our trusty Chairman & Treasurer have been lobbying assiduously on our behalf and thank goodness for their combined talents and experience which have been invaluable as we have navigated our way through the maze of officialdom.

This good news means we can begin to think beyond simply finding the money to get started and all being well work will start in July. Watch this space!

Annie Fellows

SPRING ART EXHIBITION

Kilndown Art Group will be holding an Art Exhibition in Kilndown Village Hall on Saturday 20th March 2010 in aid of Kilndown Village Hall Funds from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be some paintings for sale.

Kilndown Quilting Group will be organising a gift stall and there will also be a raffle.

Tea will be served between 2pm to 4pm.

Everyone will be welcome.

Irene Huntington

COLLIERS GREEN CEP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 27th March. Colliers Green CEP Primary School. 10am - 12. Tabletop sale of good quality clothes, books and toys,
Phoenix Cards and Jumping Beans children's play equipment.
Refreshments available – hot and cold drinks and home made cakes.
Free entry.

'PASSION, POWER, GLORY'

Paddock Wood Choral Society under the music direction of Adrian Pitts present 'Passion, Power, Glory' which includes Bruckner: Motets; Mozart: Ave Verum Corpus; Mozart 'Coronation' Mass; Haydn Symphony No 26 (Lamentatione) with soloists and Henham Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, March 20 at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood.

The concert coincides with Mascalls Gallery's display of wood carvings by Santiago Bell who was imprisoned by the Chilean dictator, General Pinochet.

Tickets are £10 (£2 under 19) and are available from the Box Office - 01892 822448; email: spring10paddockwood-choral.org.uk

LAMBERHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Lamberhurst Music Festival is entering its 8th season and the first concert takes place on Saturday March 20th at St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst at 7.30 pm.

The Truman Trio will be performing and the programme will feature Beethoven and Chopin, with Bob Truman on cello, Annabel Thwaite on piano and Matthew Jones on the viola.

Doors open 6.45 pm .

Tickets cost: £15 (children under 15 free)

Post :L.M.F. The Down House, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN3 8ET

Phone :01892 891115

Website :www.lamberhurstmusic.co.uk

Lamberhurst Music Festival is a registered charity No. 1102771 and exists to support St. Mary's Church.

READYCALL

Begged, borrowed or mislaid?

Readycall has some items of Special Aid equipment which are intended for short or medium term loan only. Would the person who borrowed the folding wheelchair from Grange Garden Cottage before Christmas kindly return it or phone 01580 211229 as soon as possible.

Sheila Klopfer

GOUDHURST EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

These events are on at the Club in March

- Sat 6th 'UB40' Tribute with 'DEL'. Starts at 8 30 pm. Non-members £3 at the door.
- Sat 13th Darts comp for members only. £1 to enter, prize for winner. Starts at 8 30 pm.
- Sat 27th Cake and Savouries Sale including Easter egg Tombola. To be held on the Plain (opposite the Club) unless bad weather, when it will be in the Club. Starts at 10 am. Any donations would be welcome.
- Easter Saturday 'Radio Active' Disco are at the Club for the evening. Starts at 8 30 pm. Non-members are welcome; £2 at the door.

The Club is also available for outside bars in the village (at least one month's notice is needed) or why not have a party, wedding reception, christening party or even a funeral wake in the Club. Just become a member and enjoy all the other facilities of the Club as well: free entertainment, bingo, pool, snooker, youth club and cheaper drink. Just call Liz on 01580 211308. The garden at the back is even big enough for a marquee if you wanted one.

P Penfold
Social Secretary

PS Coming in June: Jonathan is back. We are having a Ladies Night in the hall. Tickets will be on sale soon at £12 each or £15 on the night. Girls – don't miss out!

GOUDHURST AND KILNDOWN TEA CLUB

- Mar 3rd Bingo
- Mar 10th Bring and Buy
- Mar 17th Tasty Treat with Scott
- Mar 24th Decorate Easter eggs
- Mar 31st No meeting

All meetings are held in the Church Room unless stated otherwise from 2.15 to 4.15 pm. New members are more than welcome. Why not give it a try. Just come along or ring the leader of the week for transport or enquiries. Men and women 50 plus welcome.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Anthony Buckley made a welcome return at the January meeting, this time talking in part about his role as Chaplain at Alleyns School but officially about Oliver Cromwell for whom he clearly has considerable admiration! There was much lively discussion on the theme of Roundheads versus Cavaliers as well as a broader look at 17th century life in England and the underlying causes of the English Civil War.

The next meeting will take place in Goudhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm when Hilary Newman will talk about "The Lazy Gardener" and the competition is a Pot Plant. Visitors and new members are always welcome, for further information contact Annie Fellows 01892 890354.

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 18 March at 7.45 pm in the Goudhurst Church Room, when Martin Handley will be speaking about his life as a conductor and broadcaster. Martin will be known to many as a presenter of the Radio 3 Breakfast Show and for his broadcasts on the BBC World Service. He is also a conductor and chorus master, working for various international opera companies and is the Head of Music and House Conductor at the Royal Opera House in Copenhagen. He will be speaking about his experiences and giving his views on music today.

Quentin Rappoport (01580 211514)



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The branch has written to our MP requesting him to protest against the government's proposal to suspend the operations of the British Forces Post Office for servicemen stationed in Europe. This might save money but would have a demoralizing effect of troops stationed, say, in Germany who may well be posted at short notice to a war zone such as Afghanistan. Our own parcels campaign direct to Afghanistan is not affected and our scheme can now be resumed. Items for inclusion in our parcels can be given to Rosemary Southon or myself in Goudhurst or to Mrs Veronica Stacey in Kilndown.

The next meeting of the branch will be held again on the 22nd March at the Star & Eagle.

Robin Mitchell - 01580 212151

HOW CAN I GET THE BEST DEAL ON MY ENERGY SUPPLY?

If you have never changed your energy supplier you could be paying more than you need to for your gas and electricity. Depending on where you live, on average you could save: £91 a year if you pay by Direct Debit, £86 a year if you pay by card, key or token meter, or £73 a year if you pay by cash or cheque.

When going to compare prices of different suppliers it's a good idea to get a copy of your last bill, or if you use a card, token or key meter to have an idea of how much you spend each month on energy. It is also helpful to know the name of your current suppliers; the name of the deal you are on, and your post code.

There are three ways to find out about the prices charged in your area.

- **Phone round the energy supply companies** to find out what deals are on offer and compare them with your current deal.
- Or you can **use one of the approved online price comparison sites**.
- These are listed on the Consumer Focus website: www.consumerfocus.org.uk You can also download a pricing factsheet for your area from the Consumer Focus website.

If you cannot access the internet you can call Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 for a pricing factsheet as well as general consumer advice.

If you are having problems paying gas or electricity bills get advice. For more information and links to your closest bureau, please look at www.adviceguide.org.uk Details of Tunbridge Wells & District CAB can be found at www.twcab.org.uk To telephone for advice please call 0844 499 4140.

CRANBROOK CAB

Cranbrook CAB operates out of Association House, St. David's Bridge, Cranbrook, TN17 3HL. Our opening hours are Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30-3.30 and Thurs & Fri 9.30-12.30, we continue to offer a drop-in service as well as appointments. We are yet to receive confirmation that our admin number - 01580 713989 - will be retained, however, our telephone advice line remains the same and is 0844 499 4140.

Disabled parking is available across the road in the Tanyard car-park.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Schedules for 2010 are now ready and are available at the Quarry Centre on Saturdays, or at the next evening meeting, subscription fees are now £10 with no concessions, but with some 'savvy' shopping at the garden centres and nurseries that discounts have been arranged with, this money could be recouped quite quickly. The first evening meeting for 2010 was held on February 11, due to the weather (again) a rather small audience listened to Jacqueline Aviolet from Rosie's Garden Plants talk about 'named' plants. She asked each person their name and in most cases suggested a plant with that particular name, for example, Sedum 'Joy'.

Hopefully the weather will not have been too detrimental to our next speakers stock - as we have Wendy Bates from Rotherview Nurseries talking about Camellias, the meeting is on Thursday, March 11 at 7.45pm in the village hall.

The Spring Show is on Saturday, April 3 in the village hall at 2.30pm. Entries are due in to Sarah Heaton by Wednesday, March 31. Would winners of trophies at the last Spring Show please return them in good time. There are classes for all, including a photography section, subject "Kilndown Village Hall", so, go out and take a 'photo of the hall in the last days of its 91st year!

As usual, we are holding a Plant Sale on the Plain at Goudhurst, this is on May 8. It's not too early to start planning to grow a few extra plants for the sale, or when dividing a plants, pop a bit into a pot in readiness. Vegetable and herb plants always sell well and we don't mind the odd houseplant that may have outgrown its allotted space!

Those that already have their schedules will have noted that the June meeting is 'TBA'. Not now! Hospice in the Weald have organised for several gardens to be open on their behalf during the year and on Friday, June 25 the gardens and museum at Finchcocks will be open as part of this. The evening will include a tour of the museum and music and we hope that our members will come along and support the Hospice fundraising, even if they have been to Finchcocks in the past.

With the work on the village hall possible starting in July, we have arranged for the Sweet Pea and Rose Show to be held in the Quarry Centre, as this is a small show there is plenty of room for exhibits and the speaker.

Lynda Shepherd

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, CRANBROOK PART-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY REQUIRED

2 to 3 mornings per week; £7.50/ hr.

To obtain a Person Specification and Job Description, please email the Vicar, Revd. Richard Williams, at revrwilliams@btinternet.com.

QUARRY CENTRE

Inches of snow, ice, bitterly cold winds, whatever the weather threw at us the Saturday Shop was open, takings were boosted by extra customers, with the 'funny little shop' being much appreciated, and we were very pleased to have been of help. Looking back and recalling what customers came in and asked for has led to some rethinking, of course, we cannot stock everything, we can cover most things needed in a 'cooking emergency'. We now sell fresh milk and have a stock of 'long life' milk and try to order in and keep more bread in stock, two of the most asked for items. There are and will be those that say anything we sell is too expensive, in reality most is not, especially the fresh vegetables and fruit, and taking into consideration how much it would cost to drive to Goudhurst or Lamberhurst for just one 'forgotten item' which is the more costly? Another thing asked for was newspapers.....still thinking about that one!

With the impending demolition of the Village Hall, bookings for the Quarry Centre are already coming in. The Bingo Club have booked in as from July and the Horticultural Society also. To hire the centre is £5 per hour, with heating. It is fully accessible for the less able including wheelchair users, there are facilities for making refreshments, with a fridge available if need be. If there is something you need and cannot see just ask, it's probably in a cupboard, (as we do like to try keep the place tidy), or in most cases we can 'borrow' from Finchcocks. Once all the Go Pak tables are folded down and stacked, and with other odds and ends tucked into the doctors consulting room the centre is deceptively spacious (apologies to any estate agents reading this). With a little ingenuity who knows what the centre could lend itself to. Why not come in on a Saturday and have a look?

Lynda Shepherd



**Smugglers' Den
Pre-School**

Countries of the World has been our topic for this term and the children have really enjoyed cooking the various specialities of each country, especially liked was Italian Pizza! We are all looking forward to the half term break and to the start of the new term and hopefully the end of the cold weather.

A Grand Auction is being held on Saturday 27th March, 7pm in the Village Hall. The proceeds from this event are being split between Goudhurst and Kilndown Tea Club, Smugglers' Den Pre-School and St Mary's Church Goudhurst. Please come and help us raise funds for these worthy causes. If anyone is able to donate a lot/promise please contact Sandra Watson on 01580 211859.

Following the success of last year's Entertainment Quiz Night we are planning another Quiz on Saturday 15th May so please put that date in your diaries and support the pre-school. Further details to follow.

For more information regarding the Pre-School please contact Tracy Edmonston on 01580 212179 during term times or alternatively visit our website www.smugglersden.org.uk.

FINCHCOCKS

In between clearing up the debris after the bad weather and trying to make up for lost time over the last two months or so, I have, this year been asked to organise the Spring Garden Fair again, which takes place on May 30 and 31. (Last year was my first attempt, must have got it right!) As, like last year the emphasis is on gardening and outdoor living, with a few stalls selling good quality gifts. Finchcocks likes to have one or two 'charity' stalls, this year we have three, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Kent Wildlife and Hospice in the Weald - Cranbrook Link.

In an effort to encourage visitors to the Gardens, a Garden Open Today sign has been made up, which is put up at the end of the drive when we are in or there's something worth seeing that would otherwise be missed and an honesty box put on the gate to the garden. Even if the sign is not up, the Gardens are still accessible. If the weather brightens up a little, the snowdrops and early spring bulbs will be in bloom very soon, closely followed by the daffodils. As Finchcocks does not open officially until Easter, in some years all the early signs and flowers of spring are missed and it's only the gardeners that see them. Don't forget it is easy to walk to Finchcocks via the Millennium Walk.

Did you know? There is a Finchcocks daffodil, this was bred by Noel Burr, from Groombridge, for the daff. buffs, it has a yellow perianth with a red corona, the seed parent was Vulcan and the pollinating parent Loch Lundie and falls into Division 2 category for show purposes. We' only have a very few left and I'm trying to track down a supplier. There is a dahlia Finchcocks, bred by Jack Crutchfield, this is a small water lily type and is a pale orange, flushed with pink. We do have quite a few of these, however taking no chances with the weather/disease I have ordered a few more tubers. Aylets do have these (only by collection in person) or they available from the National Dahlia Collection.



Finchcocks is taking part in the Hospice in the Weald Open Gardens 2010 on Friday, June 25 from 6pm to 9pm. The museum will also be open, and refreshments available.

Lynda Shepherd

*We are still looking forward to
the warmer weather*

DEANERY EVENTS

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Let everything that has breath praise God'
Prepared By Christian Women of Cameroon
Friday 5th March, 2010

Methodist Church, Headcorn	10.30am
St. Mary's Church, Frittenden	11.00am followed by lunch
St. Michael and All Angels Church, Marden	2.00pm
Catholic Church, Headcorn	7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Staplehurst	8.00pm

ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARDEN

Saturday 13th March – 8-30am – Vestry Hall

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come along and enjoy a hearty breakfast in good company
followed by a talk by Graham Feest on Road Safety.

Admission Free but donations welcome.

Please let Alec Noakes 01622 832211 or Graham Westbrook 01622 832758
know if you are coming for catering purposes.

FRIENDS of MARDEN'S HERITAGE

Saturday 20th March, 2010 – 9.30am to 12.30pm – Vestry Hall

BOOK SALE

A sale of good quality books

Refreshments available

Admission Free

Books in GOOD CONDITION may be delivered for inclusion in the Sale
during the afternoon of Friday 19th March between 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

Books in poor condition will not be accepted for sale.

Further details from Brian Woodgate, 01622 743011, Steve McArragher 01622
831007 or Geoff Burr 01622 831106.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, CRANBROOK

FRIENDS of ST. DUNSTANS

Thursday 4th March – 1.00pm – Church

THREE PIANOS

Light lunch served at 12.30pm

Admission is free but a retiring collection goes towards the work of
the Friends.

Everyone welcome

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on 01580 713887**

With proceeds from the show, CODS is pleased
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for Children.



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Hospice Care for Children

MATERIAL FOR THE APRIL 2009 ISSUE should be left at
Goudhurst Newsagents or at Russets, North Road by
MONDAY 15th MARCH.

Thank you. Keep your contributions coming in!

ACTIVITIES AT KILNDOWN VILLAGE HALL AND MILLENNIUM GREEN

Free multi-sports and arts activities are back at Kilndown Village Hall and Millennium Green on 14, 15 and 16 April 2010. Activities will take place from 9.30am – 12noon and are available to children aged 6 - 11 years old.

Come along and play team sports like tag rugby, kwik cricket or rounders. For the younger children have some fun with some parachute games! When you are worn out from sports and want to relax, there is a special artist who will help you make something magical like masks or clay figures.

For more information on any activities please pick up the Easter Activities for Young People brochure, available from your local sports centre, Tourist Information Centre, Tunbridge Wells Museum and Art Gallery, Weald Information Centre, or the Tunbridge Wells Gateway. Alternatively contact Natalie Coode, Sports and Wellbeing Officer, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on 01892 554201 or e-mail sports@tunbridgewells.gov.uk.

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Additional entries or modifications to existing entries will be made in March, June and September for publication in the April, July and October issues of the Parish Magazine. Please contact James Wickham for information on layout and cost.
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