

EDITORIAL April 2026

There are so many bad things in the world right now and the future doesn't look entirely rosy but if we narrow our focus there's still so much that's good closer to home. I'm sure I'm not the only one to get excited every time I spot another spring flower and their freshness yet again brings pleasure and hope. Easter means a lot to so many, especially in the church. Those from the Church of the Good Shepherd will be walking around Hamstreet with the Cross on Good Friday, a solemn reflection on Christ's sacrifice; Warehorne church has an Easter Trail for all to follow; Ruckinge church will have

an Easter Garden. If Easter just means hot cross buns and chocolate eggs to you then that's fine, both are delicious and if we take a moment to recognise their historic symbolism then so much the better. As well as foodie treats we have quite a lot of disruption to look forward to when UK Power Networks dig trenches along Warehorne and Ruckinge Road. I'm sure we hope that the annoyance will be offset by a brighter result.

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## About the Guest Editor

I enjoy travel, camping and I am a keen software coder. I helped run a Code Club at a primary school for 2 years when I was in secondary school. I have completed both my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards and am looking forward to the challenge of Gold. I have also achieved the Chief Scout Platinum and Diamond Awards. In October 2026 I will be climbing Kilimanjaro, something I am approaching as a personal growth experience and one I am very much looking forward to. I am training in the gym 4-5 days a week to ensure I am physically prepared for the challenge.



# Village Halls - Weekly Timetables & Events

## Warehorne Village Hall

**MONDAY**  
JUMP KIDS  
(Yrs R -1)  
3.45pm - 4.45pm

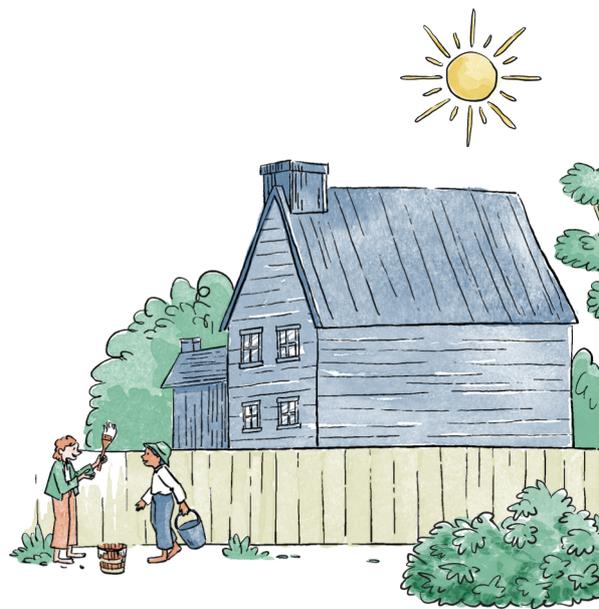
**TUESDAY**  
YOGA WITH LIZZIE  
6pm - 7pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
YOGA WITH EDITH  
9am - 10.15am  
6.30pm - 7.45pm

**THURSDAY**  
JUMP SINGERS  
(Community Choir)  
7.45pm - 9pm

**FRIDAY**  
ART CLASS  
Third Friday of the Month

**SATURDAY**  
JUMP KENT  
Jumpers (Yrs 2 & 3)  
9.30am - 11am  
Jump Juniors (Yrs 4 - 6)  
11.10am - 12.40pm  
Jump Tweens (Yrs 7 - 10)  
12.45pm - 2.15pm



## WEEKLY CALENDAR HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
pilates 9-10	Pilates 9-10	Parent & toddler 9-11	Tai Chi 9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30
WI 7.30-9.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Month	Beginner Pilates 10.10-11.10	Yoga 1 - 2.15	Dog Training 5.30-7.30 (Times vary)	Bowls 7.30-10pm

### BOOTFAIR                      April - Oct

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WAREHORNE

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRAIL

A 10.30am service of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, 29th March, will see the start of a Holy Week and Easter Trail in St Matthew's Church, Warehorne. We welcome everyone to this service when palm crosses, small crosses woven from palm leaves, will be distributed. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna", recognizing him as a king and the Messiah. Jesus did not go as the conquering hero, but, by riding on a donkey, demonstrated humility and peace. Palm Sunday is the start of the final, intense week of Jesus' life. The Church will be open 9am to 5pm every day during this week for visitors to follow the trail, a depiction of the Bible story of this important week for all, culminating in a celebratory Easter morning family Service with Holy Communion at 10am, in St Matthew's Church, Warehorne, followed by light refreshment, to which all are welcome.

Meriel Bailes  
Churchwarden



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

Come and see through following the

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRAIL

in

St Matthew's Church, Warehorne

depicting this intense week of Jesus' life from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Easter.

**29th March through 5th April**

Church open throughout this week from 9am to 5pm

## CHRIST IS RISEN

## EASTER SUNDAY

FAMILY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

10.00am

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WAREHORNE

Followed by refreshments

## ALL WELCOME

# St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

Well, what a lovely month we have had. It all started the last Sunday in February with an Open Afternoon to let people see what we had done with the Church to make it more user friendly. We were delighted at the number of people who came to join us. They came not just from Ruckinge but from far and wide, mostly those who had supported our many fundraising events. The following Sunday 1 st March Bishop Rose, the Bishop of Dover, came to lead our Service of celebration and to bless everything we have had done- new gates, new safe path, new kitchen, new toilet and vestry and lovely new heating.

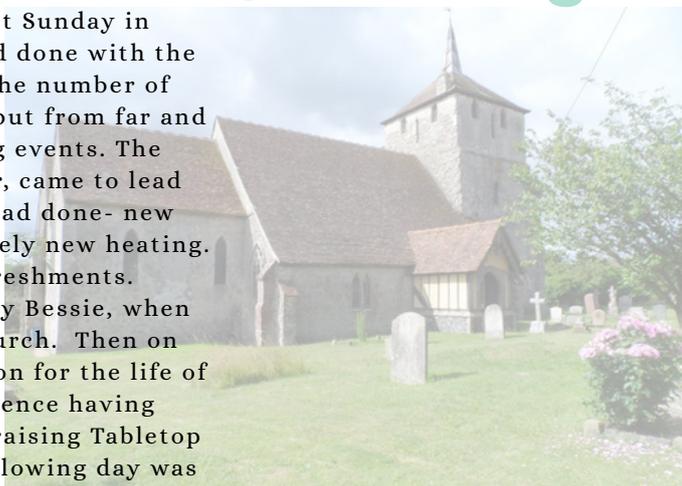
As with the week before we were able to supply ample refreshments. The following Sunday we had the first Baptism, welcoming baby Bessie, when the family were able to have their party afterwards in the Church. Then on Friday 20 th March we had standing room only for the celebration for the life of

Lou Hodgson, again followed by refreshments. What a difference having running water - and hot water at that - makes to life. Our fundraising Tabletop Sale added £230 to the piggy bank and was good fun but the following day was even better as it was Mothering Sunday and it was lovely to have so many children and families come along to eat bacon rolls, listen to the service, plant sunflower seeds and help hand out posies.

We held a Spring coffee morning in March but the Archdeacon has told us to rest! So our weekly Summer Coffee Mornings will not start until Saturday May 9th. However, on Tuesday 28th April we will be holding our inaugural meeting of something we are going to call "Tuesdays Together" when we will meet for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit and be sociable together, see more about this on the poster on this page. We'll be there between 10am and 12 noon but you can come and go as you like. There are many people who lack company or just want to relax among friends, if you know of others who might enjoy this new occasion please tell them all about it.

This year we are really looking forward to celebrating Easter in our own church; last year the building was already closed for work to commence and we'll be hosting the St. George's Day service at 10.30 on Sunday April 26 th and look forward to welcoming the young people from Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides. We need to celebrate our Patron Saint and to pray for our Country.

Mary Sillibourne Churchwarden



At the end of the service of dedication and thanksgiving the Bishop said there was one other thing she wanted to tell us. She said : "There was a man who didn't believe in God. He went to walk in the forest and exclaimed 'See all this wonderful forest, the trees, the flowers, the beautiful birdsong! Who needs God when it's all to do with Nature?' He walked further, then he saw a bear! He ran away but he fell over and, terrified, he put his hands together and cried 'God, if you exist, please make this bear a Christian bear.' And the bear stopped, and put his paws together and said 'For what I am about to receive ...' !

*Thank you, Bishop Rose !*

Ready to start on 28<sup>th</sup> April ...

## TUESDAY TOGETHER

at St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

**POP ALONG** and enjoy ...

Friendly company, conversation and a cuppa  
Bring your knitting, share a board game, finish a jigsaw,  
find a book, colour some pages ...

Children's corner.

*Laptops welcome but poor WiFi*

**Open 10am – 12 noon**

We will begin on the fourth Tuesday in April

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

then on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month**



# Local Business OF THE MONTH

Mark initially started Nash Potatoes approximately 13 years ago, just selling potatoes. As potato sales dropped, I was asked by customers to do other vegetables, so added cabbages and cauliflowers. Over the years I have included a wider range of fresh, local, seasonal vegetables and also fruit, eggs and juices. I am licenced to trade near Bournemouth bus stop every Saturday morning 8-12 and have been setting up there since May 2014. If the weather is too windy to safely set the stall up, we serve nearby from our blue van.

During lockdown, we had long queues of customers requiring our produce and provided a delivery service for those isolating, although nowadays on average only 3 dozen attend the stall, but we usually have more ordering boxes at Christmas.

Our produce is fresh from the growers and customers often remark that it is tasty and keeps well. We try to keep our prices competitive and although often advertised per kilo, we sell in much smaller quantities as required. Our weekly stock list is advertised on our facebook page as well as being shared on the Hamstreet Community page.

This is a community service and we hope to have enough customers each week to cover our expenses (doesn't always happen!)  
Margaret Nash



Fresh fruit and vegetable stall: seasonal produce sourced locally, competitively priced.

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**Bilington Priory Woodland Walk & Cream Tea**

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**Sunday, 26th April**

11am - 1pm  
1pm - 3pm  
3pm - 5pm

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**BRING YOUR WELLIES!**  
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To book call: 01233 504111  
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**GLOW** EVENTS

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## Royal British Legion

### JOHNSON'S CORNER

Hamstreet continues to remember with immense gratitude the self sacrifice of Lt William (Bill) H Johnson USAAF, whose selfless act on 13th April 1944, saved so very many lives.

A Remembrance service takes place each year on 13th April at Johnson's corner, Hamstreet, where wreaths are laid by Orlestone Parish Council & by the Hamstreet Branch of the Royal British Legion.

This service is attended by villagers, friends & enthusiasts from as far as Suffolk, Norfolk & America, who come along to give their support & remember a very special man who gave his life to save others.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT 11am on MONDAY 13th APRIL  
FOR THE 82nd ANNIVERSARY**

“The Hamstreet branch welcomes new members, who may or may not have any armed service links, but share the aims of the Royal British Legion to provide welfare & support to service personnel & their families. If you feel you could support such aims, please contact our Chairman, Dennis Seton, 0788076806.

Thank you

Peter Gostling 07713104488



### **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HAMSTREET & DISTRICT BRANCH**

**The aim of the Royal British Legion  
is to support ex-service personnel,  
but you do not need to be  
ex-military to belong.**



# Johnson's Corner

The memorial was erected and established to honour the memory of Lieutenant William (Bill) H Johnson of the United States Army Air Force (USAAF), who aged 23, sacrificed his life on Thursday, 13th April 1944 to save his crew and the residents of Hamstreet.

Lt Johnson (Bill) was the pilot of a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress of the 711th Bombardment Squadron, 447th Bombardment Group, United States Army Air Force (USAAF). At the time of his death, Lt Johnson's squadron was based at Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Lt Johnson and his crew was one of 243 B-17s which were taking part in a raid to bomb the Messerschmitt aircraft plant at Augsburg in Bavaria, Southern Germany. When flying in formation their position was no 4 in the lead squadron. Approximately 200 miles from the French coast the bombers came under heavy, accurate flak fire

F.) which caused a number of planes to abort and head home, including Lt Johnson's aircraft, after having suffered heavy damage.

Once the Flying Fortress was over the Kent coast at Hythe, Lt Johnson ordered his crew to bale out from their stricken aircraft, but he took the decision to attempt to crash land the aircraft. As he crossed the Romney Marsh and approaching the village of Hamstreet, Lt Johnson realised that his B-17 was going to crash into the village, and in order to avoid the inevitable loss of life amongst the local population, he sacrificed his own life by crashing the huge bomber to the south of the village.

After the crash, Technical Sergeant Frank L Hazzard of 2541 Bleden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, USA, submitted the following report:

"For about twenty minutes after we hit the French coast and were well on our way to Augsburg, everything went along smoothly, but then suddenly all hell began to break loose. A terrific explosion sounded directly beneath my turret. I knew we had been hit pretty badly because I heard the co-pilot saying that he was going to feather number four engine and number three was out also. The power line in my top turret was also hit, rendering my guns useless. All four offices had been wounded by the flak so I proceeded to the cockpit to see if there was anything I could do. The co-pilot had been hit in the arm rather badly; I cut his sleeve open and bandaged his wrist and arm. The pilot had been hit also, in the back of the neck, but he told me to take care of the navigator first. I then went to the nose of the ship and saw that the navigator had been hit in the leg. I slit open his trouser leg; the wound was bleeding very badly and I knew he must have been in great pain, but all the time I was working on his leg he stood up and continued to navigate the ship. The bombardier had also been hit in the arm but the cut was not bleeding, so I figured that we would be OK. About this time the co-pilot called and asked me

to transfer the fuel from number four to number one engine. This done, I proceeded to throw all my ammunition and ammunition boxes, flak helmet and other moveable equipment out of the plane in order to lighten the load. I went to the nose and did the same thing there. About this time we were hit again and number one went out. We were flying on one engine and losing altitude and flying speed all the time. I guess we were in a pretty bad spot but I was too busy running from my turret to the nose, to the cockpit and back again, to think too much about it. Down in the nose I put another bandage on the navigator's leg. By this time I knew the leg must have been paining him horribly, but he did a wonderful job, in my opinion he deserves a lot of credit for getting us home. When we hit the channel we were flying at 8,000 feet, when we finally reached the English coast we were at 1,500 feet. Just as I thought we were going to make it back home in one piece, I felt the ship vibrating something awful, looking out of my window I saw that she was on fire. I was in the

nose at the time, tapping the navigator on the shoulder, I showed him the fire. He nodded his assent.

I then went back to the pilot's compartment, I saw the bombardier on the catwalk of the bomb bay looking for his chute. I remembered that he had left it in my turret position, so I immediately went there and got the chute, since the bombardier, because of his wounded arm, couldn't get the chute on. I snapped it on for him and assisted him in getting out of the plane through the open bomb bay. By this time I thought everyone outside of the pilot and myself had left the ship. I looked towards his seat and saw him getting up preparing to jump. Later on I found out that he had never gotten out of the plane, but had been killed when it crashed about half a mile from where I jumped. We were now at about 800 feet, so I figure it was high time for me to get the hell out of the plane. I went through the bomb bay. When I landed I saw the co-pilot a few feet away. The first thing he said to me was, "Combat's rough, you can get hurt at this sort of thing." It struck me as very funny at that

moment, but I guess there's nothing funny about what we went through. If it hadn't been for the courage and skill of our pilot in bringing the ship home - the wreck it was on one engine; and for the wonderful job done by our navigator even though he was in constant pain and weak through loss of blood, we could never have made it back

It is believed that Lt Johnson saw the village coming up and sat back in his seat to bring the crippled bomber down away from Hamstreet

The crew were saddened at the loss of Lt Johnson, as they know he gave them priority. He was nominated for the Congressional Medal of LO6

.Honours and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously

During the mid 1990s the village of Hamstreet finally got a bypass, during the construction of which, a new road junction was formed on land owned by JW Goddard & Sons of Ham Mill Farm, Hamstreet, who also owned the ground where Lt Johnson had died on Thursday, 13th April 1944. The above road junction was named 'Johnson's

Corner' in remembrance of Lieutenant William (Bill) H Johnson. 6

Lieutenant William (Bill) H Johnson USAAF

# Musings with Adam

APRIL 2026

Being a fan of outspoken songwriters like Bob Dylan and Roger Waters (ex-Pink Floyd), I have often been inspired to pen the odd protest song myself (feel free to sift through the albums by 'Adam Colton and Teresa Colton' online if you feel so inclined). Bruce Springsteen has recently resurrected the protest genre with his 'Streets of Minneapolis' – well worth a listen in my opinion.

The current state of affairs seems truly scary if you're remotely concerned about the plight of ordinary people around the globe and the potential epic-scale disaster that climate change looks set to inflict on future generations. As we try to save on electricity and cut out unnecessary journeys and food-miles, our leaders cannot seriously say that the constant black clouds from bombs detonated by all sides isn't negating all our best efforts to make future life on this planet more stable.

For many of us this side of the Atlantic, Donald Trump has been a bit of a figure of fun for many years, as we try to get our heads around how he could ever find himself running the world's most powerful country. Twice! Yet, as many consider voting for those advocating similar policies here, I find my songs about the state of affairs growing more serious in tone. Maybe the Iran war will have ended by the time you read this (I doubt it) but it seems that life is going to get very expensive again. Will the Iranian people be any better off? Or will Putin and other questionable leaders just be emboldened by what has happened? Time will tell...

Lots of explosions filling the air,  
More refugees, but does anyone care?  
Houses blown up, plumes fill the sky,  
Does anyone ever stop to ask why?  
Remember when Trump said to Zelenskyy,  
'You're gambling [around] with World War Three?'  
But his Nobel Peace Prize chances are blown,  
So now he's embarked on a war of his own.

For years we've been trying to stop climate change,  
Meanwhile our 'great' leaders, they still act the same,  
We turn off lights, while they fill the skies,  
With non-stop explosions, this cannot be wise!

Trump hopes that Putin will be a good mate,  
If he finds his country a 51  
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state,  
Canada, Greenland or Gaza will do,  
He's trying to look big to impress you-know-who –  
No money for healthcare or helping the poor,  
But billions of dollars to start a new war,  
And don't disagree with him, 'cause he's got 'ICE,'  
And they've all got guns and they're not very nice!

When COVID hit hard, we all had to change,

But everything just got put back just the same,  
Was that our last chance to cut down emissions?  
Instead our world leaders took warring positions.

So don't blame the people who've had their homes burned,  
It seems that humanity still hasn't learned,  
But when the tides rise and the crops die away,  
Trump and his mates will still be OK.

...And on a lighter note, my mum (Teresa Colton) has released a new murder mystery. 'Rough Justice' is out now on Amazon and should be appearing at the Cosy Kettle soon too. Many thanks to all the local outlets selling 'Hamstreet, Kent – A compendium.' Since publication I received details that the 1960s pop star Billy Fury once had a rural retreat in a cottage at Poundhurst Farm, Ruckinge. If I can confirm this I'll add him to the section on local

celebrities. Billy was the first high-profile rock and roller to emerge from Liverpool, several years before four mop-topped young lads made musical history. The first Liverpool artist to have a UK number one however was Lita

Roza, with 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window?' in 1953. The most recent Liverpool number one was the Beatles' 'Now and Then' in 2023 – a solo recording of John Lennon's that was adorned posthumously by the remaining members of the group. And very good it was too!

- Adam Colton

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by the 21st of the month



**Cupcake, Cookie, Cuppa!**

Come and decorate a cupcake  
& Easter biscuit

**Monday 6th and 13th April**

Sessions at 9.30am and 11am

**The Cosy Kettle Hamstreet**

Booking is advisable due to limited places

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Our tour and tasting experience can be booked online on our website.

March is an important month for the WI because it's the last meeting of our WI Year and when we hold our Annual Meeting and elect a new Committee. The National WI rules allow you to decide whether you will set a limit on the years of service for Committee members and Orlestone WI allows a maximum term of 3 years on Committee before taking a minimum of a one year break. This has been a great benefit over our 60 year history for a number of reasons. First, it ensures that there's always the opportunity for new people to bring new ideas to the table. Second, it does away with a reluctance to join the committee in case you feel duty-bound to remain for years and years. Also, it avoids the chance - probably unlikely but these things do happen - that one or two people's views will continue to dominate proceedings and prevent changes. Change can be good! A new committee was formed, some remaining within their 3 year term, others joining afresh. Our President is Margaret Hanlon, Members Secretary, Pauline Harden and Committee Secretary, Jan Salt. We wish them every success and hope that they have as many laughs as did the previous committee. The Competition cup was awarded to Pat Kelly and the President's Cup was presented to Marion Jolin. The first Speaker of 2026/27 will be Suzanne Lepper, to tell us of the work of the Pilgrims Hospices. The year's programme includes making fabric flowers, genealogy, war-time women, upcycling, the suffragettes and de-cluttering. Oh, and a favourite Elf makes a return visit with some silly games. Outings are planned to local gardens and places of interest - petrol prices permitting - and the monthly competitions will have an animal theme, beginning with Rabbits. Come along and discover all of this for yourself!

We've begun our 60 th Anniversary programme of supporting local good causes by presenting Rising Sun with bags of dental hygiene items; these will help women in need as they set up new lives. Next, we'll support the RNLi with a coffee morning on 2 nd May including a children's competition. We meet in Victory Hall, Hamstreet on the second Monday monthly (no meeting in August) and all women are welcome, guests pay £1.00 and can come as a guest for two meetings before joining. Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 hanlon1@btinternet.com orlestone.wi@outlook.com



## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
11am – 12.30pm

*pay by donation*

VICTORY HALL, Hamstreet

*Cakes, savouries Raffle*

### CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

**DRAW A PICTURE OF A BOAT AT SEA ...**

bring to the Coffee Morning Prize winners for 3 age groups

Supporting the RNLi  
at  
Littlestone Lifeboat Station



## CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Create a picture of  
a SHIP at SEA

Bring to the Coffee Morning

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11am-12.30pm

Victory Hall, Hamstreet

Prizes : Under 6yrs; 6-8yrs; 9-11yrs

We're raising funds  
for Littlestone  
Lifeboat Station  
Saving lives at sea



Contact 07748 006249

If you cannot come to the Coffee Morning you can deliver  
your drawing to 28 Willow Drive, Hamstreet – leave in the  
box in the porch

Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 or hanlon1@btinternet.com



# 1ST Ruckinge & Hamstreet Cub Pack



Cubs have met four times since I last tapped out a few words for you: a skills evening; problem solving challenges; preparing for a hike, and going hiking.

Everyone really enjoyed the skills evening. The novelty and risks of using an electric drill and screwdriver, hammering in nails, lighting a match and ironing helped make these particularly popular. Cubs didn't need telling (although we did, of course) to behave sensibly as they showed appropriate respect for the risks. Laying a table for a meal with three courses, sewing a piece onto our homemade, tie-dyed bunting and changing a lightbulb were also challenges mastered in this busy meeting.

Cubs worked together to solve problems. In pairs, Cubs puzzled out riddles then, in small groups, worked together to build towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. The few marshmallows left over were cut in half so they could be shared. A second group challenge saw Cubs working out how to use cardboard, a small amount of bubble wrap and a couple of sets of chopsticks to protect an egg dropped from a height of about 6 ft. I think only one broke. Well puzzled out, Cubs!

What to take on a Cub hike was thought about. It was useful to think about context such as hike length, support available, location, weather conditions. With Akela bringing a first aid kit, phone and having walked to route to identify hazards, Cubs were to pack a backpack with a hat and gloves, coat (if not wearing), water in a leakproof bottle, and a torch.

We visited the woods and looked for signs of Spring. Whereas last time, late February, all we found were some tiny new leaves on woodbine, Spring had sprung this time with trees in bud, leaves emerging and blossom on the hawthorn in hedgerows. There were bluebell leaves everywhere with wood anemones, primroses and celandines in flower. You have to appreciate we were hiking in darkness so the tiny flowers that might have been visible on some native trees were no visible. We were careful with our torches and voices as we continued from woodland over fields some of which had lambs in them. We successfully navigated badger sets without losing even the smallest of Cubs.

There may now be three leaders but one has had to step back for a little while due to health challenges. I have my own health challenges and will need to take some time out later this year. None of us can make it to Cubs each week so we need a supportive team. Cubs getting the most out of activities demands adult attention to be on hand quickly and for there to be enough adults to spot Cubs needing support before they feel bad about the experience. Leaders can also spread planning and they bring different skills. Could you join us?

The Cub programme is hugely varied. There are traditional activities like hiking, cooking over fire, camping, playing team games, but there are other aspects such as thinking about serving the community, protecting the environment, finding out about other faiths, learning about being healthy, team building and reflecting on ourselves and our lives.

Do you have a skill or interest you'd like to share with Cubs? You can take a look at the main badges online to see if you can fit your skills into our programme, search online at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) then Cub Awards. We concentrate on earning the Challenge Awards but would be happy to work with you on an Activity Badge.

Susan Hanlon  
Akela

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# The Begging Bowl is still in action ...

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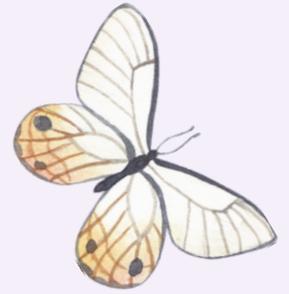
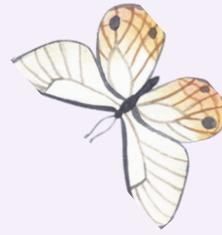
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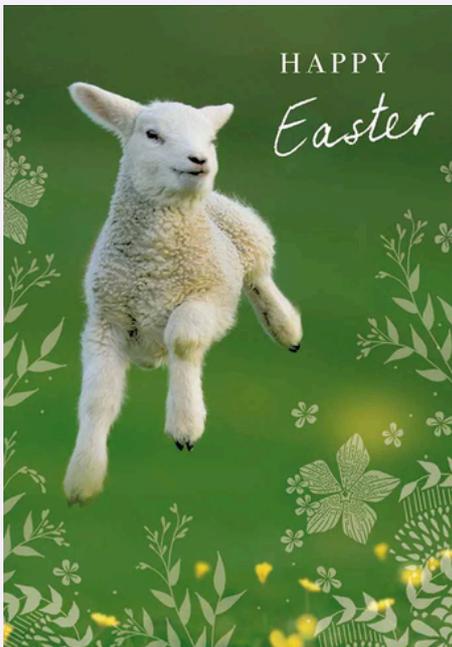
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# Katie Lam

We're very fortunate to live in such a safe and beautiful rural area, but in the crime survey I ran last year, hundreds of you shared concerns about issues that chip away at that sense of security – including fly-tipping, speeding and dangerous driving, antisocial behaviour, shoplifting and unauthorised encampments.

One of the most common things I heard was that people rarely see police officers locally, and that reporting crime can sometimes feel pointless if nothing seems to happen afterwards. I completely understand that frustration, but we must continue to speak up when these problems occur.

Reporting incidents helps ensure the police know where issues are happening and where their attention is needed.

That's why over the past month I've been bringing local people and businesses together with the police to discuss these concerns directly and make sure officers hear first-hand how people in our area are feeling.

I hosted two meetings on crime and policing through my clubs – one focused on rural crime with the police rural taskforce and people from our farming community, and another looking at shoplifting and antisocial behaviour on our high streets, with the Police and Crime Commissioner and local shop owners in attendance.

Alongside this, I've been highlighting to Kent's senior police leadership and local beat officers the areas where people have told me they want to see more visible policing and better follow-up when crimes are reported.

Particularly across a large rural area like ours, it's naturally difficult for the police to be everywhere at once. But many of the problems people are worried about are already illegal – the real challenge is enforcement. That's why it's so vital that the police know where problems are happening so they can respond effectively and I'll continue to highlight to police areas in the Weald that need better support.

So please do continue to report incidents, even when it feels frustrating. And as always, if you're experiencing an ongoing issue and need help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk).

## Quick Quiz

### In and near Hamstreet

1. Invasion deterrent R\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_
2. Bad choice of adjective! These are made of metal and full of hot water!  
C\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_
3. A large bag stuffed with sustainable material T\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_
4. Home to olden creatures & lots more R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_
5. Holding fast in Ruckinge but the colour of sadness, probably because it can't offer you a drink any more T\_\_ B\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_
6. John, chapter 10, verse 11; Psalm 23; a good 'looker' in this part of England T\_\_  
G\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_



# Ashford Sport

All the latest sports news for Ashford

Welcome back to the **Ashford Sport** column in this month's **Orlestone Parish Magazine**. Below is a roundup of some of our latest top highlights of local sports news from across the district.

Ashford resident **Chris Linkins** who this month ran the Tokyo Marathon, completed his journey of running all 6 major marathons in the world! The Abbots World Marathon Majors consist of; London, Chicago, Berlin, Boston, New York, and Tokyo. Chris ran the first major back in 2021 when he ran London in 3:03:08, and since then has run 1 major marathon every year, with 2026 in Japan being his final course. There are only 25,500 people worldwide who have completed the journey. His average finish time for the six marathons is 3 hours and 9 minutes. Well done Chris, a massive achievement for you to be proud of.

Exciting news as **Ashford United Football Club** owners Lloyd Hume and Dave Warr have announced that they plan to have brand new terracing behind both goals in place at **The Green Box Stadium (Homelands)** ready for the start of next season.

Good luck to **Duncan Randall**, owner of The Doghouse Micropub on Evegate, who has just taken over the running of **The Little Doughnut fishing pond**, also on Evegate. The Little Doughnut is a Spring-Fed Kent Pond, 1.2 acres in size with carp up to 19lb, including common and mirror, alongside bream, perch, tench, eels and silverfish, with a resident grass carp and a resident ghostie.

Ashford's **Louis Small**, who currently races for Syracuse University in New York, USA, as part of his journey to becoming a professional athlete, recently set two new club records for his hometown club, **Ashford Athletic Club**, where he is still a member. He ran an incredible 13:58.62 in the 5km race at the David Hemery Valentine Invitational in Boston. He became the first Ashford Athletic Club member in history to run a 5km in under 14 minutes! He also set a new club record in the 3000m race, running it in 8:07.79 at the John Thomas Terrier Classic, also in Boston.

Ashford's **Ella Darlington** has been named in Kent Cricket Women's squad for the second season in a row, congratulations Ella.

What a fantastic sight it was to see Ashford resident and four-time Paralympian medalist **Millie Knight** live on Channel 4, as she had the honour of creating the flame for the upcoming Winter Paralympics at Stoke Mandeville stadium (the birthplace of the Paralympics), before the flame headed to Heathrow airport and took off for Italy.

**Ada-Mae**, year 9 student at **The John Wallis Academy** recently signed a 2 year contract to be retained at professional football club Brighton & Hove Albion. Congratulations Ada!

Congratulations to **Paul Congerton** of **Ashford Hockey Club** who has been selected for England Masters Hockey Men's Over 60s who will be competing at the Four Nations tournament on 15-17th May.

Lioness captain **Emma Tune** of Ashford's **Tune Into Futsal**, and coaches **Alicia Grimmond** and **Charlotte Gurr**, have been named in the England Lionesses futsal squad who travel to Eastern Europe later this month to take on Bosnia & Herzegovina, Lithuania, and Serbia in the qualifiers of the UEFA Futsal Women's Euro 2027.

History has been made in the Triathlon Hall of Fame. We're incredibly proud that **Henry Urand** of Ashford has been named the 2025 Europe Triathlon Paralympic Athlete of the Year. The **Brook Primary School**, **Spring Grove School** and **The Norton Knatchbull School** alumni was recognised by Europe Triathlon for his outstanding contribution to the sport following his second World Championship in Wollongong, Australia, back in October. Congratulations Henry!

Finally, a huge congratulations to **Ashford Tri Club** whose annual Hythe Bay Triathlon event has been recognised by Triathlon England during their 2026 Awards and won 'Event of the Year'. A great achievement.

For more local sport news stories, please visit our social media.

Alex Perseval  
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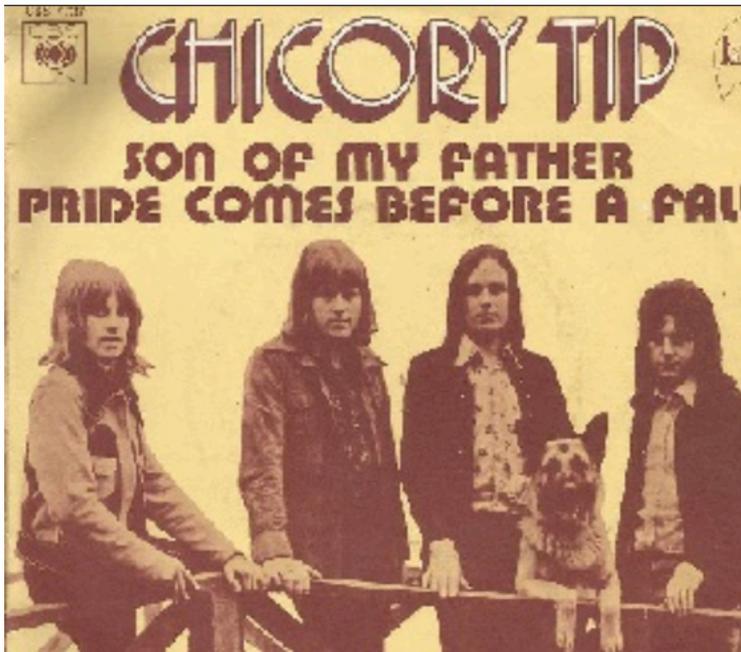
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# Over 60s Meet



**Chicory Tip  
joining us on the  
17th April**

On 20th March we collected our finished pottery chickens from Fiona in time for Easter and Geoff made a welcome return to entertain us with his singing. We had enjoyable outing for lunch at Littlestone Golf Club where we were made very welcome.

There will be no Over 60 on 3rd April as it is Good Friday. So there will be only one meeting in April, on 17th, when Chicory Tip will play (well known for their number 1 hit “Son of my Father” back in 1972).

On 1st May we will welcome for the first time Clayton who sings 60’s music.

The Over 60s meet at Cotton Hill House commencing at 2pm. New members are always welcome and the entertainment is good, so why not give it a try?

Ring June McKay on 07799984110 if you require further information



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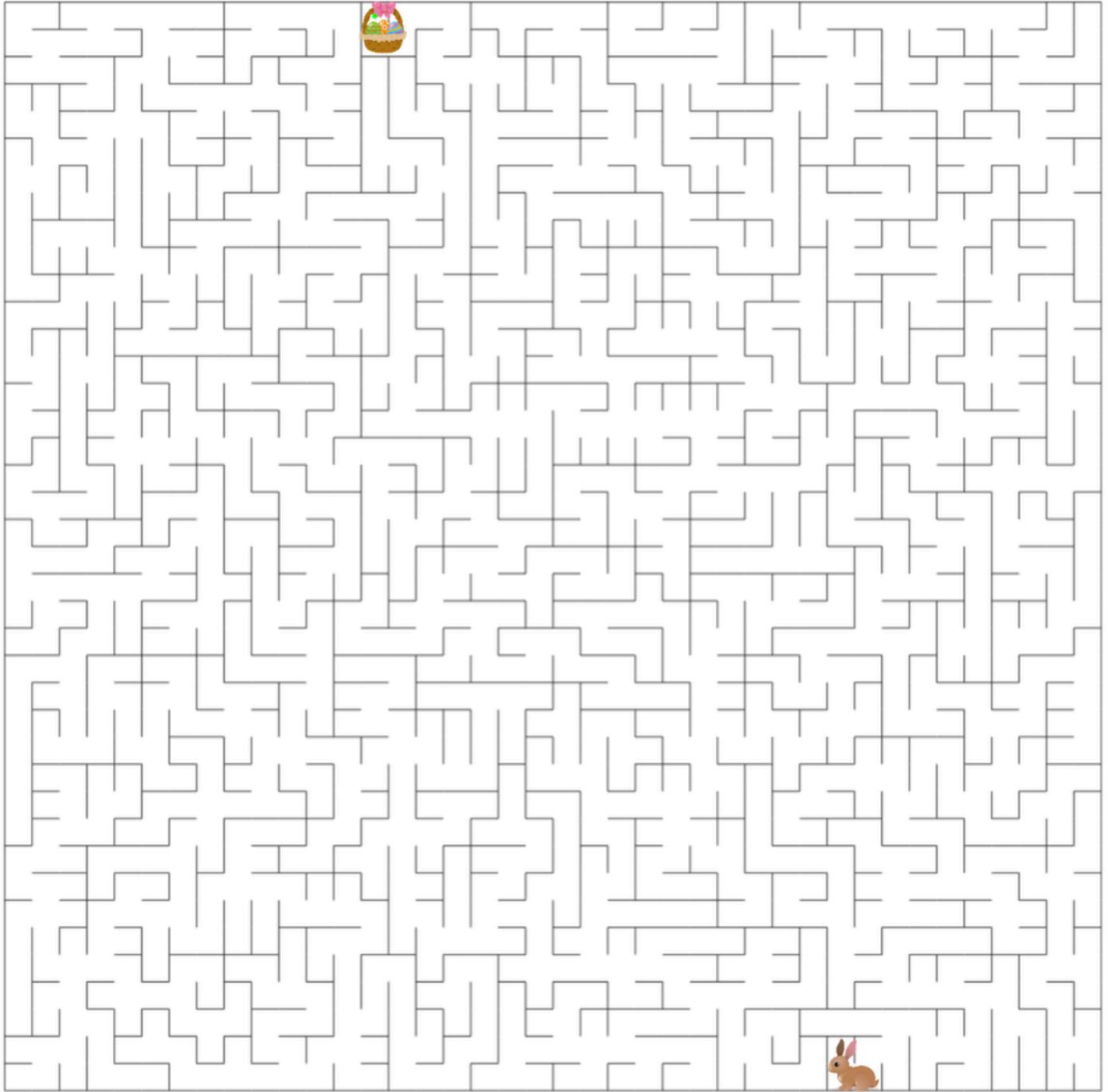




# April Puzzle Page



Can you help the bunny find  
the basket before Easter



Page Designed by Michelle Gardner



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What better way to begin than in the Scouting and Guiding movements.

## Villages' Bargain Oil Network

A massive spanner was jammed in the works just in time for the order of 2 nd March and it wasn't extricated by 16 th . I couldn't get a price that stuck long enough to actually order on 2 nd and by 16 th the best I could do was £1.22ppl. Despite this being an awfully high price, it was still a great price, given the times (I checked against online buying groups that are consistently cheap options). What will the world be like by the next order, 2 nd April. During the colder months I order twice a month on the 2 nd and 15 th (in both cases on the next working day if these dates are at the weekend). However, April sees the return of once a month ordering till October, 2 nd or next working day.

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# Benefice Worship Calendars For April

SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR April 2026		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <i>(Red/White)</i>	7.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper CW	SS Peter and Paul, Bilsington
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <i>(Hangings removed)</i>	10.00 am Reflections on Good Friday followed by walk to the village green to "plant" cross. 2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross	The Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet (Hot Cross buns and coffee at church hall afterwards). St. Rumwold, Bonnington
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	10.00 am Easter Family Fun Morning 8.00 pm Easter Vigil and Baptism	Aldington Village Hall St. Martin, Aldington
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day</b> <i>(white/gold)</i>	9.00am CW Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with communion 10.00 am Easter Worship 10.30am Easter Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Matthew, Warehorne St. Martin, Aldington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 2</b> <i>(White)</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 3</b> <i>(White)</i>	9.00 am CW Holy Communion 9.00 am Morning Worship 9.30 am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion BCP 10.45 am Worship Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Orlestone St. Mary, Kenardington Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge St. Martin, Aldington
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	7.00 pm Taize Prayer for Eastertide	St. Rumwold, Bonnington
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 4</b> <i>(White)</i>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Café Church 10.30am St. George's Day Parade with Scouts and Guides 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evensong	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge  St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne

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