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## **About Us**

Orlestone Parish Magazine (OPM), covering Orlestone and surrounding Parishes, is run on a not-for-profit basis, with all proceeds to be forwarded to a charity or charities to be decided by our Editor-in-Chief in consultation with the Parish Council and, if possible, our readers!

<https://www.orlestoneparish.co.uk/latest/>



## Hello July

I write this on the longest day and a very hot one it is, too. We'll probably all be wearing jumpers again by the time you read this, such is the way of British summers (not forgetting the effect of climate change). We should be aware of conserving water and I'm personally very frustrated because I have a water softening system which means that all except the downstairs cold water contains salt. So instead of merrily fixing a pipe to take bathwater onto the garden and using the washing up and other casual waters for plants I have to watch it go down the drain. No doubt a little salt wouldn't harm but a lengthy use will change the soil and may kill some plants. I'm considering stopping the use of the salt system while water is so precious. Any thoughts?

Interesting developments at Nightingale Way, where the residents have been badly let down by the developers and are living in a rather scruffy environment with none of the promised amenities. They are actively seeking changes and I'm sure it is of concern to all of Hamstreet to see a group of our residents in this kind of situation.

We all want the whole village to look good and cared for.



**Some of the problems residents are unhappy with include cracks in newly laid pathways and resting areas without seating**



# Village Halls - Weekly Timetables

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PILATES 9 - 10	PILATES 9 - 10	PARENT & TODDLER 9 - 11	TAI CHI BEGINNERS 9:30 - 10:30	COFFEE MORNING 9:30 - 10:30	YOGA 9:30 - 10:30
YOGA 5:30 - 6:30	BEGINNER PILATES 10:10 - 11:10	YOGA 1 - 2:15	TAI CHI ADVANCED 10:30 - 11:30	BOWLS 7:30 - 10PM	
WI 7:30 - 9:30 (2 <sup>ND</sup> MON OF MONTH)	BEGINNERS TAI CHII 6 - 6:45		DOG TRAINING 5:30 - 7:30 (TIMES VARY)		
	BOWLS 7:30 - 10PM				

BOOTFAIR  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH  
APRIL - OCT: 8AM - 12PM



**Bilsington Village hall-**  
**Your local venue**  
Bilsington, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7JU  
Registered charity 302685

Enquiries through committee members or by email  
Chairperson: Mr Mark Bilham 07776 218383  
Treasurer/Bookings: Mrs Vivienne Hudson 07887 850075  
Secretary/Bookings: Mrs Amanda Riley 07720 386874  
bilsingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

### Hall Hire

Hall available to hire for conferences, meetings, craft workshops, exercise classes, dog training, theatre, music events, private parties etc

Bright & airy hall in a lovely rural location, holds up to 100 people (80 seated), PA system, fully equipped kitchen, stage, Easy access & disabled toilet

We have a selection of tables & chairs for hire

### Prices

Local community (not for profit) groups £8.50 ph  
Local classes £9.50 ph  
Private parties & events £15.00 ph (£100 refundable deposit)  
For weddings please email

Find us on facebook & Instagram

**Bilsington village hall regular groups**  
please get in touch to join our regular groups

**Yoga with Isabel-Tuesdays 10:00-11:15**  
isabel.carballal 07757 858642  
yogaisabelkent@gmail.com

**Low impact circuit class with Sandra-Fridays 10:00-11:00**  
sandra.gooding 07525 857419  
sandragoodingtraining@gmail.com

For information on any of our events or to join the email distribution list contact us on  
bilsingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

## Kenardington Village Hall

For just £10 per hour you can hire this small, cosy and characterful space. Kitchen and bar area, fast wifi, TV, chairs and tables plus little ones for children too. Refurbished four years ago, the hall is great for meetings, drop in working space, children's parties, and village fund raising events.



To book or enquiries contact Brenda on 0776 6755 322

## 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



# INVITATION

To all residents and members of the congregations of  
Aldington, Bilsington, Bonnington, Hamstreet, Ruckinge  
and Warehorne

Please come along to discuss  
**the FUTURE of YOUR CHURCH**

and the future governance of the Saxon Shoreline  
Benefice

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 7.30pm St Matthew, Warehorne  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 7pm for 7.30 pm St Martin, Aldington  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm St Mary Magdalene,  
Ruckinge  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Sts Peter & Paul,  
Bilsington  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm St Rumwold, Bonnington  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Hamstreet (St Mary, Orlestone parish)



<https://achurchnearyou.com/benefice/06-208DT/page/97822/>

# St Matthew's Church, Warehorne

A very big "THANK YOU" to everyone who gave of their time to attend the consultation meeting at St Matthew's on 1st June. We feel so encouraged by the incredible community support and interest shown in our village church. I hope you gained a clearer understanding of what your church is doing and the issues each church within the Saxon Shoreline Benefice is considering regarding future governance of our churches.

Communication is key to moving forward, and it was incredibly helpful to hear your thoughts on what is going well, alongside your ideas for how we might do things differently. We are so grateful to those who have already offered their support.

We will keep you updated as the consultation process progresses. As Revd. Geoff mentioned, this will take several months, but we have started the conversation, and that is a great first step.



The day after the consultation meeting, parishioners once again filled the church to honour the life of Anthony (Tony) Hallett. Tony had lived in the same house in Warehorne, all his life. He was actively involved in many varied interests, his most passionate being horse racing. In later life he enjoyed regular meals at the Woolpack with his brother John and conversations with those he met there. We miss seeing him walking through the village to and from his regular bus trip to Ashford. He has been laid to rest in the churchyard where his parents are also buried. He must have held so many memories of life in the village and surrounding area over his lifetime, which leads me to think that it is a shame his memories were not recorded for future generations.

The sound of bagpipes could be heard in the village on Saturday, 20th June, piping in guests to the church for the wedding of Lulu Freemont and Paddy Macdonald.

The church was packed with so many of their young friends for this happy occasion.

The pipes were again played during the 'signing of the parish register', which sadly, since 2021, is no longer the traditional physical parish register book, but a one-page legal document called a Marriage Schedule

(or "marriage document" in the Church of England).



No longer is a handwritten paper marriage certificate given during the ceremony. The schedule is returned to the local register office, where the marriage is recorded in the electronic register. A certificate is issued afterward.

Also, the couple chose to ask their mothers to witness their names. The transition from parish register to the marriage schedule allowed the system to include the names of both mothers and fathers on marriage certificates, correcting an historic anomaly where only fathers were recorded.

Meriel Bailes

# St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

Lots going on and more to come, we're pretty busy!  
Our Saturday coffee mornings, open 10am – 11.30am, continue to be popular; it's not just the home baking but the good company and friendship that brings a large group of people to us every week. It's particularly good to welcome visitors to the area and also passers by – such as the motorcyclist who was on his way to Glasgow.

We prayed for a safe journey for him on the Sunday.  
Coffee is ready again on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays of every month when we gather for Tuesday Together, also 10am – 11.30am. It's simply a chance to drop in and have a chat, which is much better than sitting alone at home. It's a good place to bring your grandchildren when you're on Grandparent Duty, there are plenty of toys, books and room to explore, it's also a good place to get to know others. DO YOU KNOW of anyone who would appreciate coming to these mornings?

- please tell them about it.

Do they need transport? – please tell us.

Drop in whenever you want.

We held a Parish Meeting on 16th June to learn more about plans to reorganise the Benefice to ensure its future for everyone now and to come. It was lovely to see a large turnout of interested people and heartwarming to learn - once again - how beloved the church is and how important to the village. Geoff outlined ideas for changes and then we broke into groups to discuss what the church was doing and what it might do; a lot of useful information was shared.

A very good meeting and thank you to everyone who came along.

On the last day of June we have a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, the formal body which oversees the affairs of the parish church. The Agenda will include ideas for Future Events which seems like a long list, covering KidsQuest- a possible children's summer activity day, the Flower Folk Festival in October, the Ride & Stride lunches in September and a Wreath making workshop in November. We'll also discuss what's needed in order to hire out the church to other groups, there's a lot to get right about that before we can go ahead.

Mary Sillibourne Churchwarden 01233 732615



## Coffee Mornings



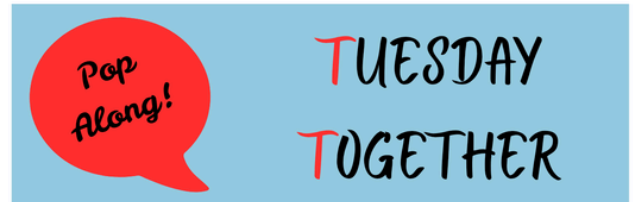
St Mary Magdalene Church,  
Ruckinge

every Saturday morning  
10am – 11.30am



Coffee ... Tea ...  
Cakes ... Savouries

**Everyone is welcome**  
*Supporting  
Ruckinge Church*



*At St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge*

**POP ALONG** and enjoy...  
Friendly company, a cuppa and a chat,  
bring your knitting, find a book,  
**Children's corner**      **Dogs welcome**

**Open 10am – 11:30am**  
*on the*  
**2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month**

**JULY 14th and 28th**  
**AUGUST 11th and 25th**

**Need a lift? Let us know 01233 732684**



## St Mary Magdalene Burial Map



## St Mary Magdalene Burial Map

We are one of very few churches that can offer an online search of the graveyard with such detail of the burials. The Map was created by a local resident and is of great value to the church and to those seeking information about their ancestors.

More than 3,000 people are buried in Ruckinge with records as far back as 1538.

Notable graves include: William and Richard J Wightwick, brave brothers who fought in WWI and it is believed that the Ransley Brothers, James & William, smugglers and murderers, are buried here.

You can find a grave by visiting

[www.stmarymagdaleneburialmap.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdaleneburialmap.co.uk)  
or by scanning the QR code on your phone

Simply search the website and find a grave:

- It is free to search to find burials
- Search for a name and you will find the burial location
- Then visit the grave in the churchyard
- Around 300+ graves are plotted



## St Rumwold Lectures 2026

Come and enjoy a summer evening, with a stimulating talk and discussion by candlelight, in the picturesque setting of St Rumwold's Church, Bonnington on the edge of the Romney Marsh near the Royal Military Canal.

SatNav users put in postcode TN25 7BW  
proceed down the lane until you see the church.

**All lectures start at 7:00 pm.**

### FRIDAY 3RD JULY

Dr Robert Gallagher (Author and Senior Lecturer in Early Medieval History at the University of Kent) Saxons, Vikings and the Written Word in Ninth-Century England. Robert will show how Viking attacks impacted education and written communication in a crucial period in the development of a unified English kingdom.

### FRIDAY 10TH JULY

Dr James Hannam (Author and historian of science and religion) Science and Christianity during the Middle Ages: Debunking the Myths Contrary to popular belief, the medieval church laid the foundations of modern science rather than opposing it.

### FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Dr Alex Hibberts (Historian of Climate & Weather at the University of Exeter) Waiting for the End of the World? Surviving Storms, Floods and Divine Wrath in Medieval and Early Modern Kent. How did faith shape responses to 'natural' disasters in medieval and early modern England?

**Supper will be available in the church after the lectures for all who wish to stay.  
Admission free, donations towards Saint Rumwold's welcomed.**

# Monthly Local Business Feature



## Bespoke Kent Joiners Ham Mill Farm, Hamstreet

Spittlywood Ltd is a bespoke joinery company based near Ashford specialising in quality joinery installations, including bespoke wooden windows and doors, traditional, modern and contemporary wooden staircases, and handmade furniture including fitted wooden wardrobes.

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## SCRAP METAL, please!



In support of  
Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts and Guides

### SCRAP METAL WANTED

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Aluminium

NON-FERROUS METALS ONLY

Please leave any non-ferrous metals in/near the porch at  
28 Willow Drive, Hamstreet, TN26 2HZ  
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hanlon1@btinternet.com 01233 732684 REGISTERED CHARITY 308134

**Brass, Copper, Electric cable, Aluminium,**  
If unsure, just ask us: *George & Margaret*  
01233 732684 / [hanlon1@btinternet.com](mailto:hanlon1@btinternet.com)

### MORE CASH IN THAT PIGGY BANK!

#### SO FAR SO GOOD!

The total raised in 2026 has reached **£255.44** - not bad but could be better - all due to the kind hearts and good memories of local people. Thank you very much and keep it coming!

This cash helps the hard-working leaders and helpers of Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides to continue to offer a wide range of activities for the youngsters who attend weekly. At the moment some cash is being allocated towards art materials for the Group's united church Flower Festival display.

Those same youngsters will grow up and become doctors, dentists, engineers, scientists and other vital and useful members of society.

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

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## Royal British Legion

### What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We will remember them.



### 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.



### Notable commemoration dates for 2026 are:

**Sunday 13th September** - 86th Battle of Britain service-  
12:30 at The Church of the Good Shepperd

**Saturday 31st October** - our Annual Poppy Appeal Coffee  
Morning in the Victory Hall

**Sunday 8th November** - Remembrance Service in Ruckinge  
Church

**Wednesday 12th November** - Armistice Day service at the  
Hamstreet War Memorial

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

# Handy Heatwave Hints

With the summer now in full swing and the chance of more hot weather on the horizon I have found some tips on how to stay cool and beat the heat!

1; Make sure all electrical appliances are turned off. Even on standby, electricals can generate heat.

2; Might sound strange but put a pair of socks in the fridge or freezer for the day, then put them on before bed.

3; If you can sleep on the lowest level of your property as the cooler air is lower down.

4; I know this is the most obvious one but stay hydrated. We lose most of our bodily water through sweat! YUK!!!

7; Wear cotton clothing as it is more breathable than nylon or polyester.

5; Keep your living space cool. Close your windows and curtains so the hot air from outside doesn't come in, once the temperature has dropped then open them again.

6; Run cold water over your wrists, your veins are closer to the skin here, so it will act like air-con for your body.

8; Ditch the duvet, sleep under sheets.

These are just some of the many ways to keep cool in the heat. Have you got any good tips to add?

## Villages' Bargain Oil Network

Prices had dropped a little again by last order, on 77.72ppl (+5% vat) on 2nd June.

Goodness only knows whether the Strait of Hormuz will be open or not by our next order and where the markets will be in response to whatever's happening. During the colder months I order twice a month on the 2nd and 15th (in both cases on the next working day if these dates are at the weekend). However, April saw the return of once a month ordering till October, 2nd or next working day.

I have major surgery coming up and I might have to skip a month or 2, but I'll be sure to put a bounce back message on my e-mail if that's the case. I hope to be able to fit everything in.

Please get your orders to me by the early evening of the day before. I always try to add latecomers but it's an unwelcome extra job for me and the winning company could say no to orders over and above those they've quoted on the basis of.

Any queries or to order, please e-mail me, where possible. I always acknowledge messages no matter how I receive them so please chase me if you don't hear from me. I'd rather people don't contact me via other routes, e.g. messenger, text.

Any household within a 5 mile radius of Hamstreet can access this service. You're welcome to pass on my details. I know that means some people who are in Aldington Parish fall outside the area but there's really nothing I can do about it, it's not my rule.

Please be reassured, there's no additional cost or on-going commitment to ordering your oil through me. I am just a member of the community and this is a voluntary, not-for-profit service that I slot in around my work, family and other activities. Contact me for more information.

**Susan Hanlon** [ordermeoil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ordermeoil@hotmail.co.uk) (preferred contact route)

01233 730884 - often answer-phone (I can take several days to pick up)

07810436191 - usually voicemail (absolute last resort, please)



# Nash Potatoes

## Fruit and veg



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

Near Bournemouth bus stop, Hamstreet, every Saturday 8am - 12pm

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01233 733613 / 07484 380634  
[nashpotatoesveg@gmail.com](mailto:nashpotatoesveg@gmail.com)



Join us at

## Parkinson's Cafe, Hamstreet

Monthly on the last Monday  
12 - 1pm

The Dukes Head, The Street, Hamstreet TN26 2HE

**\*\*Launching Monday 27 April\*\***

Join a small and friendly social group for conversation, friendship and mutual support. Friends and family welcome.

Contact Elisa...  
[ebienz@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:ebienz@parkinsons.org.uk)  
07955 269507



Parkinson's UK is the operating name of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom. A registered charity in England and Wales (26107) and in Scotland (SC26107).



## Evening & Weekend Sessions 2026

Try a fun summer sport in beautiful surroundings

### When:

Friday Evenings from 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm - 9pm

Saturdays from 16<sup>th</sup> May, 11am - 3pm

### Where:

Millbank Farm, Marsh Lane, Ruckinge. TN26 2QB

### What to expect:

- fun, social & easy to learn
- equipment provided for beginners
- no experience necessary
- friendly & welcoming
- tea & coffee provided

### Cost:

First four sessions free

Membership: £50 per adult, £25 per child aged 10+ (all under 18s must be accompanied by an adult)

### Contact:

For more information, phone Andrew on 07814 292027 or email [asinden@vfast.co.uk](mailto:asinden@vfast.co.uk)



## Ivychurch Croquet Club

### Club News

The fourth running of our annual Coronation Cup competition took place on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Ten pairs were drawn from the hat and played a round robin competition, nine games of best of seven hoops. It was a closely fought competition and our congratulations to the winners, Jane Fleming and Denis Wimble.



### Evening/Weekend Sessions

This year, the club will be open to prospective new (and existing) members on Friday evenings during the months of June, July and August. The first evening session will be on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 7 - 9pm and the last date will be 28<sup>th</sup> August.

The Saturday sessions began in May and run until 26<sup>th</sup> September from 11am - 3pm.

Come along a try this fun summer sport! Equipment will be provided. Refreshment available. Please wear flat-soled shoes or trainers.

### Kentish Night

We will be holding a Kentish themed evening on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June in the church hall, Saint Mary's Bay. Tickets are £25 per person. Menu: Smoked Mackerel Pate or Kentish Blue and Broccoli Tart; Shepherd's Pie or Chicken in Kentish Cider; Canterbury Tart or fresh Fruit Salad. To book, please contact Andrew - details below.

New members are always welcome. The club address is Millbank Farm, Marsh Road, Ruckinge, Kent. TN26 2QB. For all information about the club, phone Andrew on 07814 292027 or email [asinden@vfast.co.uk](mailto:asinden@vfast.co.uk)

# 1st Ruckinge & Hamstreet Cub Pack

Cubs finished term 5 with an age old favourite, singing round the fire. These days, children expect to roast marshmallows as soon as a campfire's mentioned, but I did relent this time, it being the end of term, and even agreed to sausages in a roll (I must be going soft). Still, it gave another few Cubs the chance to light and build a fire and all to share the convivial experiences of singing and eating together.

Term 6 sees Cubs getting out and about. We'll be at the Hut but cooking outside 2 of the 7 weeks. Cubs have to light, build and extinguish a fire, cook on a stick, in a billy (a pot) and in embers, for their backwoods cooking badge. I like to add in a frying pan to the list 'cos they're going to use this a lot when camping with Scouts. We have already cooked on a stick, hammering out chicken thighs till they were flat, impaling strips and, close to the end, glazing with a sweet and sour sauce made of soy, ketchup sugar and vinegar. All got involved with turning the sticks to cook the chicken evenly.

Some older Cubs who'd already achieved the badge were given a separate challenge, to make coleslaw. They made their own mayonnaise using a whisk, taking turns to relieve fatigued arms. Although separating the eggs was tricky (Akela stepped in so there was sufficient yolk salvaged to make enough mayonnaise) dripping the oil in a tiny bit at a time was achieved successfully and there was no splitting. We used a food processor to help chop the veg finely, another new experience for several of them. Not many wanted to eat the resulting coleslaw, but it was good and I finished it up over the next few days. There were cooked sausages left over from the BBQ after our Group's epic hike recently. I plan to use them to cook in a frying pan. I expect we'll have at least 2 pans on the go so might do a stirfry in one and a tomato sauce in the other. Billies can be used to cook noodles and pasta.

Given the long evenings, Cubs will be hiking round Hamstreet looking out for photographed features to tick off on their sheet. This i-spy hike is shorter than most at about 2 ½ km but it helps develop observation skills, links children to their community, builds in a bit of exercise and shows Cubs the variety of environments we enjoy as it takes in the built environments, the green and the woods. Beginning and ending at the playground at Victory Hall, what's not to like?

The other 4 weeks will be related to water. Cubs will build and float rafts and enjoy kayaking. We're such a big Pack now, 26, that turns will have to be taken. Parallel programmes will run so there's limited standing around; Cubs are good at creating their own fun when not given something to do! One thing we'll do when it's not our turn on the water is to make rope out of raffia. Understanding how rope is made and what makes it strong is part of the pioneering badge also covered in part by raft making given the need to perfect clove hitches and square lashing.



A few Cubs walked from Appledore to Ruckinge on 7th June as part of JOTT (Jamboree on the Trail). Our Explorers walked over 2 days from Hastings to Ruckinge spending the night in the Scout Hut in Rye. I walked from Stone in Oxney and enjoyed seeing the variety of land use we have going on from fields of crops to grass and vineyards, then our villages and the woods. As a whole Group (Scouting and Guiding) and thanks to the wider community via Facebook, we raised an amazing £1403.09! This will be divided equally between our Group and Cancer Research UK.

Cubs are having a lot of fun as well as learning skills for life. It's great to be popular and to have so many coming along but it really does mean there's lots for the 2 leaders to organise each week and we have to beg for support from parents each week to run.

You could be part of the fun and experience the reward of supporting our local kids, building our community. Please have a think and get in touch. 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

[susanhanlon@live.co.uk](mailto:susanhanlon@live.co.uk) preferred contact route  
01233 730884 (usually answer phone)



**They all look miserable in this photo, but fun was had, honestly!**



A warm welcome awaits you at **The Cosy Kettle!**

Open 7 days a week for a selection of hot and cold drinks - homemade cakes - light lunches - cream teas - ice cream desserts including sundaes and waffles - afternoon teas (24 hours notice required please).

Stonebaked pizzas are available for eat in or takeaway on Friday evenings from 5pm to 8pm. We also provide outside catering for small or large events.

For enquiries or to book a table contact us on:  
01233 733030  
jacqui@cosykettle.com  
[facebook.com/TheCosyKettle](https://www.facebook.com/TheCosyKettle)



## Craft at Cosy

Looking for inspiration /company /help with a new or existing craft project?



Join us on **Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9pm**

**Bring your own sewing / craft project or start something new!**

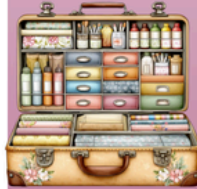
(Small selection of materials to buy and equipment to use)



**We are excited to welcome guest crafters**

**on the first Wednesday of each month**

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# Orlestone WI

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Example of a WI poster during World War II

We were busy bees in June. First, our meeting gave us a very good talk by Judi Knight who led us through the life of WI members during World War II. It sounds as if there was a lot of knitting going on and lots of healthy meals, queuing for the ingredients. Nettle gathering was important as they produced the dye for uniforms and the means to dry the leaves called for ingenuity because any useful equipment and metals had been sent to make arms and aeroplanes. They used old metal bedsteads, the ones with a wire base for the mattress – remember those? – and anything else they could find. At meetings they not only knitted and presumably darned as well, but played some interesting and pretty silly games, a couple of which I can't wait to introduce at our Christmas party.

The same week as our meeting we enjoyed a splendid Afternoon Tea in the garden of one of our members. Although the rain threatened it thought better of it and left us alone; oh, the power of the WI! We were asked to price up a shopping list for the 1950s which was quite a puzzle as we tried to recall what our Mothers had told us. You see, although quite a lot of our members were born before the end of the 50s (not all!) we were too young to do more than take the money and the list from our Mums, paying little heed to the prices.



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Shortly after the Garden Party some of us gathered at Pound Lees to officially 'Open' our lovely Anniversary oak seat, splendidly made by the Shed Men. A work of art. So now we can sit down as we plan fun things to put into the programme.

Our month was to finish with an outing to see the garden at Link Hill House, Sandhurst but we heeded the weather warning and cancelled. In July we'll be learning to make fabric flowers and visiting Cackett's Farmhouse, Horsmonden and we'll also be delivering pre-loved clothes and toys to The Wardrobe in Ashford. Our collection of used bras continues – anyone is welcome to give bras to any of our members, they will be recycled and passed on to help those in countries where they are needed.

We meet in Victory Hall, Hamstreet on the second Monday of the month (no meeting in August) and all women are welcome. Guests pay £1.00 and can come as a guest for two meetings before joining.

Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249,  
hanlon1@btinternet.com or orlestone.wi@outlook.com

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# 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.

Shout out to 12 year old **Ethan Fagg** of **Mersham Sports Archery Club** who secured a gold medal recently in a 3D tournament at Deer Park Archers in Cheltenham. Congratulations Ethan!

**Aldington Tennis Club** is now offering walking tennis as part of its programme. Walking tennis is particularly suited to people who are new to tennis (or returning after a long gap), who are recovering from injury or who just need a bit more time to get to the ball these days. No running is permitted and every shot has to be able to bounce twice in court – even though the opposition are free to hit it after one bounce or to volley it if they wish. This simple change makes for an absorbing contest without having to hit the ball too hard or to run around the court! Sessions are every Monday afternoon (except Bank Holidays) at 2pm for one hour. The first three sessions are free and then there are very reasonable annual membership rates for anyone wishing to continue. Instruction and coaching is provided, along with rackets and balls. The sessions are held on the tennis courts on the Reynolds Playing Field in Aldington, next to the Village Hall. Anyone interested should email [paddy@smallerworld.org.uk](mailto:paddy@smallerworld.org.uk) for more details or simply turn up to a session!

Ashford resident **Neil Lauder** recently won The Gravel Rally world class short route in North Wales, part of the Pan Celtic race series cycling challenge. This consisted of 11 miles and 1200ft elevation in a timed night stage through Gwydir Forest, followed by 58 miles and 7000ft elevation through Eryri National Park. He also recently had confirmation of breaking the FastestKnown Time (FKT) on The Henley 100, which is 100km with an elevation gain of 1,234 metres. Starting and finishing in Henley-on-Thames, the Henley 100 links classic West Chilterns singletrack, ridgeway trails, flowing descents, and scenic valleys into a compact, rewarding ride. He completed this in 3 hours, 58 minutes and 37 seconds.

A massive congratulations to **Yiannis Christodoulou** of **Ashford Tri Club** who came away with TWO bronze medals at the British and National Standard Duathlon Championships. He finished 3rd in his age group and it's also the first time Yiannis has earned a medal in Duathlon.

**Homewood School** student and **Tenterden** resident **Sophie Richmond** earned a podium finish when she finished 3rd fastest Overall Youth Female at the 2026 British Triathlon Super Series in Llanelli, Wales. A wonderful achievement!

Congratulations to young Ashford swimmer **Elise Butler** who back in May competed in two weekends of the South East Regional Age Group Swimming Championships and came away with: 3 Gold medals in 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke, as well as 2 Silver medals in 800m and 1500m freestyle, and 2 Bronze medals in 50m and 200m freestyle. She also achieved a new South East Regional Age Group Record and County Record in the 100m backstroke. She now starts her next training block in the lead up to the British Age Group Championships later this month.

Ashford cyclist **Maria Sparks** won the RTTC (Road Time Trials Council) National Team Time Trial Championships in Scotland! Maria was initially a reserve rider for Team Bottrill Nopinz but got called up due to a teammate's injury, which meant she was about to partake in her first ever Team Time Trial. The route was a 31.5 mile 2 lap circuit of the A78, and despite racing with a ruptured ACL and a torn meniscus – she still helped her team win gold in a time of 1:11:41 and is now a National Female champion!

Ashford's **Henry Urand** won a Gold medal whilst representing British Triathlon in Japan! He took the win so comfortably that organisers of the World Triathlon Para Series didn't have time to put up the finishing tape. Well done Henry!

Congratulations to **Craig Coggle** who won a gold medal at the European Men's Equipped Powerlifting Championships 2026 in Pilsen, Czechia. He benched 270kg to earn his 1st place podium spot, and finished 3rd overall in the Masters I 120kg+ class.

We'd love to hear from readers – if you have any questions about local sport or fitness activities, or want us to promote something sport related happening in the area, please email us on [info@ashfordsport.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordsport.co.uk).

Alex Perseval  
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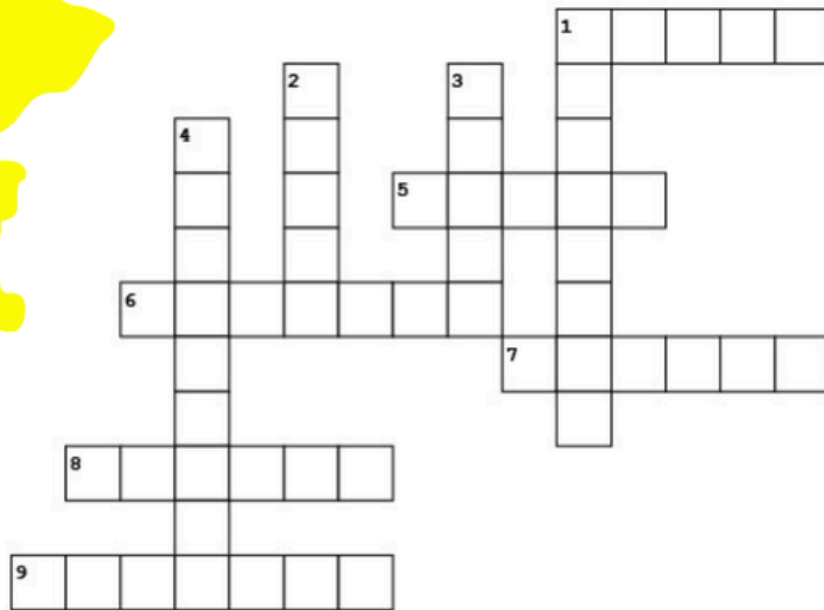


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# JULY PUZZLE PAGE



## Across

1. Colour of the sprinters jersey?
5. What capital city will the Tour finish?
6. What do they call the Advertising convoy before the start of the stage?
7. The surname of the youngest rider?
8. The colour of the winners jersey?
9. The main, large group of riders

## Down

1. The highest climb this year?
2. Official sponsor of the Tour (car brand)
3. The country where the Tour will start?
4. Bike used by the team Ineos Grenadiers?

Created by Michelle Gardner

# As I See It On The Land

The rain arrived in small doses starting on the day when I submitted my magazine entry last month.

With the ground so warm and dry it seemed to evaporate without doing much good. Hamstreet seemed to get more showers than we did on the marsh. Until we had a 10- minute downpour that swamped the gutters causing water to come through the roof, 10mm in such a short space of time. We think it is unlikely that it came in time to 'swell the grain'. The wheat was well ahead of the normal time for coming out into ear. Only time will tell when the combine starts working.

All the field work for the growing crop has been completed. Mark has been spraying out blackgrass that was visible growing within the crop. A laborious job constantly getting off the tractor to spray small areas. The rooks and jackdaws have just discovered that the wheat is at the tasty stage and have started feeding on the milky ears. Yet another problem to keep an eye on.

We still look out onto a nearly bare field. The flower seeds have given up the will to germinate or have dried out. There is a hint of blue phacelia growing in places and a few small lupins. The fields north of the main road are doing better. We are still waiting for guidance from DEFRA as to what they want us to plant next year. Ministerial shuffles do nothing to help plans.

One bit of exciting news for us this week is that we have discovered (heard) that we have young owlets in one of the boxes in the old hay barn. I thought I heard a feeding commotion last Sunday at about 9.30pm and saw two adults fly out across the yard. However, with poor hearing I thought I must have made a mistake. The next night I heard more noise, so my daughter Clare listened after 10 o'clock and confirmed at least two different sounds coming from the box. One parent was hunting in broad daylight and was seen by campers. One adult appears to keep guard of the nesting area and can be seen flying out of the shed into the trees until any disturbance has ended.

Nothing to my knowledge has been done by ABC, the Environment Agency or the Police over the fly tipping episode. We still hold the evidence but fear none of them have the guts or desire to follow up the incidence.

Gardening has been difficult with slugs enjoying just about anything planted! They climb to the top of the sunflowers, they demolish tomatoes, courgettes and dahlias at ground level, and feast on the strawberries. I wonder why we bother at times! They enjoyed the showers which brought them to the surface.

If the current heatwave continues combining will have started on some farms before the next magazine.



Peter Sillibourne



# Over 60s Club



Singer Cheryl

On the 28th May a group of the Over 60s had a delicious meal in the Greek restaurant Demetrios in Greatstone. The next day a representative from Age Concern attended Cotton Hill House to give a talk about their work and lots of useful information.

On 12th June singer, Cheryl, made a welcome return to entertain us and on 26th June we had a fun quiz which got everyone thinking outside of the box with tricky riddles and general knowledge questions.

As you are aware the Over 60s hold their meetings in the lounge of Cotton Hill House and on 19th June an afternoon was held to commemorate 50 years since the building was opened. The Worshipful, The Mayor of Ashford, Councillor Winston Michael attended with other local councillors and family members connected to the original occupants. The current Independent Living Officer, David Harris, welcomed everyone and gave an entertaining speech giving the background history going back to 5 April 1976, the official opening day of Cotton Hill House. The same day that James Callaghan succeeded Harold Wilson as Prime Minister, when beer was 33p a pint and cigarettes were 45p for a packet of 20! We all remember the heatwave of that year too - all before global warming was even a thing. Councillor Michael presented June McKay and Jane Sparks with framed certificates in recognition of their hard work.

### Forthcoming attractions:

10th July an Elvis impersonator  
24th July we see the welcome return of Rikki.

There will be no meetings in August but will return again on 4 September.

For any further information contact June McKay on 07999841140.



June McKay receiving her certificate from Cllr Michael

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## Pilgrims Hospices, Summer Fair

Our much-loved Summer Fair is being held at Sandyacres Sports & Social Club in Sandyhurst Lane on Sunday 26th July from 12pm - 5pm.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter with friends and family as the community comes together.

Whether you choose to browse our stalls, sit and listen to the music with an ice-cream, challenge a loved one on the inflatables or try your luck on the bottle tombola, you will be raising vital funds for Pilgrims.

**NEW** for this year; Join in the fun with our Dog Show, run by Gefion dog Training, judging starts 2pm.

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Tickets can be purchased in advance from Pilgrims Hospices in Ashford or on the day.

As always, there will be many games to try on the day, including Beat The Goalie, Putting and Tin Can Alley to name a few. We will also have a wide selection of our traditional Pilgrims Hospices stalls to browse, including crafts, cakes, plants, children's toys, jewellery, jigsaws and much more.

There will also be lots to keep the children entertained, from traditional games to inflatable fun. Our craft marquee always proves very popular for those that want to get creative.

At its heart, Pilgrims Hospices is dedicated to ensuring people living with a life limiting illness can access the quality care and comfort they deserve.

In the run-up to the fair, Pilgrims are asking the local community to help out by donating any unopened bottles from champagne to shampoo, chocolates, unwanted gifts, new craft items and new toys and games. Our bottle and chocolate tombola's are always really popular, along with the bottle fishing game. Donations are gratefully received. You can drop items into a collection box held outside the lower reception at the hospice site on Hythe Road, Ashford TN24 0NE. Alternatively, The Wardrobe at 1-3 North Street Ashford are also helping by holding a collection point.

From one community to another, come and join us, make some memories and support the work that Pilgrims Hospices does in the local community.

Dates for your diary:-

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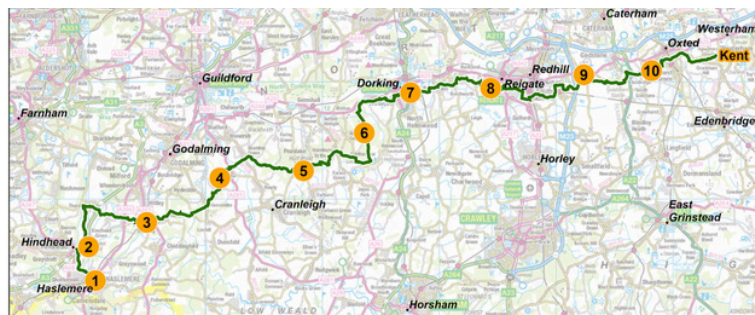


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# Walking with Adam

My 'twenty year' anniversary re-walk of the Greensand Way is now complete.

I first walked the c.110-mile path from Hamstreet to Haslemere in May 2006, having only walked it as far as Kingsnorth prior to this. The section from Sutton Valence to East Peckham was achieved by catching the train to Headcorn and then a bus to Sutton Valence. The first two thirds of this section feel similar to the section from Pluckley, with the path remaining resolutely at the top of the range of hills, with excellent views across the Weald of Kent.



Orchards abound and the path passes the gated driveway to Linton Hall. Eventually the route tumbles off of the hills to reach Yalding, a village that used to flood severely on a regular basis. The route then follows a short navigation channel which was built to cut a corner off of the meandering River Medway for commercial vessels. The hill range takes a while to get back into full flow after the path crosses the Medway Valley, but the next section westward includes the pretty village of Shipbourne (north of Tonbridge), with its grassy common land being a prominent feature. The moated manor house at Ightham (pronounced 'item') is well worth a short detour. Beyond this, the ridge reasserts itself and one is really quite high up when nearing Knole Park on the edge of Sevenoaks. You may spot a deer here and you will almost certainly pass the odd jogger! The path then falls off of the hills and becomes quite hard to follow, needing to tunnel beneath the A21 to reach the village of Sevenoaks Weald. After a bag of crisps and a pint of mild in the pub here I set about walking to the nearest bus stop to get to Tonbridge Station.



The section beyond Sevenoaks Weald takes the walker all the way to Surrey, climbing back onto the ridge again to pass the village of Ide Hill, with its conveniently placed shop / cafe, and the wooded summit of Toy's Hill, one of the highest points in Kent. The true highest point is actually Betsom's Hill on the North Downs above Westerham, which musters over 820 feet in height. The path then passes Chartwell, which was Winston Churchill's home for over forty years, and Crockhamhill Common becomes Limpsfield Common as the walker passes into Surrey and sees the marker-stone showing Hamstreet and Haslemere as each being 55 miles away in opposite directions. The walk beyond into Oxted is typically 'Surrey' with lots of common land around leafy suburban roads.

Having documented the sections between Oxted and Dorking in my last article, there is just the last 35 miles to report on. I decided to work backwards, catching trains to Haslemere to begin my walk eastwards. Haslemere is a pretty town, similar to Tenterden in feel, and the Greensand Way climbs steeply to the Devil's Punchbowl at Hindhead, a village that used to endure a near-permanent stream of traffic on the A3. The road tunnels beneath it today and there is not really any evidence that it used to run right through the village, with tasteful landscaping removing all vestiges of this arterial road. After some magnificent northward views the path descends to Thursley village, from where it begins its long bumpy journey eastward to Dorking. The name 'Thursley' is a reference to the Norse god, Thor, and the Devil's Punchbowl was so named because the legend is that Thor and the Devil had a battle here and the punchbowl was created when the dark one scooped out a load of earth from the hills to throw at Thor. A great way to settle a dispute, hey?

I was somewhat gutted to find a 'To Let' sign outside the Dog and Pheasant pub in Brook. Facilities are few and far between in this area. After passing through Sandhills (the clue is in the name) and Wormley I had an evening meal in the Merry Harriers pub in Hambledon. A few miles beyond this, I camped in the Hurtwood. The name has nothing to do with pain, as 'hurts' was a local dialect word for bilberries. The next day was searing hot. Hascombe was very pretty, and when I reached the village of Shamley Green, where the ridge has another break to let a river through, I was seriously considering throwing in the towel. However, the next section was mercifully shady as the ridge is heavily wooded here. There are some great viewpoints and the path descends to pass by the Duke of Edinburgh School and again to pass through the village of Holmbury St Mary. Beyond is Leith Hill, the highest point in Surrey. It is crowned with a tower and seems to be quite a tourist hotspot. There was just the long slow descent to Dorking to go after this. Time was limited before the train I needed to catch, so a 'meal deal' in an Esso garage had to make do.

All in all, it's been fascinating to re-walk this long distance path, and I've made a few tweaks to my book, 'Mud, Sweat and Beers' which documents the route and our continuation westward to the other 'Ham Street' in Somerset. It is perhaps inevitable that I will eventually re-walk those paths too.

Adam Colton

P.S. Apologies for the weird symbols that have appeared in some of my recent articles. I use a free word processing program and some of the punctuation and formatting seems to transfer poorly into the more mainstream programs like MS Word. Fingers crossed for this time.



## Katie Lam MP

One of my favourite things to do in the summer is to visit many of our fantastic local vineyards herein the Weald.



Kent has a long history of growing vines, stretching back centuries, but in recent years our corner of the county has become home to some of the finest vineyards and wineries in the country. From family-run producers to internationally recognised names, they're helping put the Weald on the map while supporting local jobs, tourism, and our rural economy.

But just like many of our farms, pubs and independent shops, our vineyards are being squeezed by red tape, high taxes and rising production costs. All of this pushes up prices, making it harder for our producers to compete and harder for people to support them.

I recently went to a friend's wedding in France. Driving around Provence the following day, I popped in to a little vineyard with a tasting room – not unlike one of our own small family producers here (though of course, none could truly compare with those we have here at home!). I bought a nice bottle of white for €18, roughly what you might spend on, say, a bottle of Biddenden Ortega (£15.95, about €18.50). But these two vineyards are not competing on even playing fields. Because whilst the French wine producer and the Kentish one are both paying sales tax (VAT in the UK) of 20%, in England, our vineyards are also paying another 18% – nearly £3 on a £16 bottle – in alcohol duty. The equivalent tax in France? Just three euro cents, €0.03. That means the Kentish producer is paying nearly twice as much tax per bottle as the French, and that means the vineyard needs to charge its customers almost a third more per bottle to make the same amount of money. And that's before business rates, corporation tax, national insurance or packaging duty, and before you factor in the huge subsidies the French government pays to their winemakers!

Over the last few months, I've written to every vineyard across the Weald and taken their concerns directly to HM Treasury. The new duty system is far too complicated, and it's often smaller vineyards that are hit hardest. The Government must do more to help English wine producers grow and succeed. It can't be right that English vineyards face higher costs and tighter margins, imposed upon them by the Government, than many of their French competitors.

But the future of English wine remains incredibly bright. The quality of British sparkling wine is now recognised around the world, and many local producers are telling me that this season's grapes are looking particularly promising.

So, if you're looking for something to do this summer, why not spend an afternoon exploring one of our local vineyards? Enjoy the countryside, learn about the winemaking process, and perhaps treat yourself to a bottle of British wine and support local.

On a related note, nominations are now open for my Weald of Kent Awards 2026. If there's a local hero, independent shop, business, farmer, grower, producer (including of wine!), pub, café or restaurant that deserves recognition, I'd love to hear from you. You can find out more and submit a nomination here: [www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards](http://www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards)

## SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR JULY 2026

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Trinity 5</b> Proper 9 (Green)	9.00am CW Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion BCP 9.45 for 10.00am Family Fun Service 10.30am Parish Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Matthew, Warehorne Village Hall, Aldington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Trinity 6</b> Proper 10 (Green)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 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> July</b> <b>Trinity 7</b> Proper 11  (Green)	9.00am CW Holy Communion 9.00 am Worship/HC Service 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Prayer, Praise and Coffee 10.45am Worship Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Orlestone Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge St. Martin, Aldington
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	7.00 pm Patronal Festival/Evensong	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Trinity 8</b> Proper 12 (Green)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne

Midweek Benefice Holy Communion Service at 12 noon every Wednesday at St. Mary Orlestone ALL WELCOME

### Key Events:

Coffee mornings at St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge every Saturday from 10am to 11.30 am all welcome.

St. Rumwold, Bonnington Monday mornings 10 am – 12 midday, Dog Walkers, cyclists, Ramblers, coffee stop.

St. Rumwold, Bonnington, Consultation Evening in church (The future Governance of the Saxon Shoreline Benefice) Thursday 2nd July at 7.00 pm

St. Rumwold, Lectures in Church, Friday 3rd July 7.00 pm; Friday 10th July 7.00 pm; Friday 17th July 7.00 pm.

Tuesdays Together July 14th and 28th 10.00am – 11.30 am St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

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