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About Us

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Marvellous May



Although it occurs every year once again I'm taken by surprise at the speed with which the trees go from the stage of 'promising bud' to "nearly full leaf" and, in the case of the horse chestnut, to full flower. Those candles, as I believe the flower heads are called, are always so impressive. The hawthorn, or may tree, has suddenly burst into bloom and we're quite safe to put off our vests. No doubt we all heed the warning to 'Ne'er cast a clout till may be out.' Unless, of course you believe it refers to the month of May, in which case keep your underpinnings to hand!



Those old sayings have a grain of truth in them, despite harking back to older days, and the origins of which came from very different days, different ways of life and even a different climate.



I hear that Ruckinge Church is going to explore British folk traditions at their Flower Festival in October this year, so it will be interesting to see what is done to represent May Day, Bonfire Night, annual sheep shearing and the great British pint of ale.



Now a word from this months quest editor...

Hello readers of the parish magazine. I thought it was about time to introduce myself, seeing as though I have now been helping out with the magazine for just under a year.

When I saw the advert for a guest editor on a local Facebook page I thought "why not give it a go, I love being creative and helping out, what do I have to lose" After meeting Margaret for a quick interview, she gave me the chance to let my creative juices flow and I have never looked back. I really enjoy working on the magazine and it has also given me the chance to learn new computer program skills, which is another interest of mine, learning new things and expanding my knowledge, not that any of it retains these days.

As previously mentioned I love being creative, so on a Wednesday you can normally find me at the Cozy Kettle craft evening, always bringing a new craft to try or my laptop doing the parish magazine puzzle page.

My family live in our motorhome and have done for the past 4 years. We have travelled to France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg and through Austria so the parish magazine might be coming to you from afar in future issues.

Well thats a little bit about me, I won't bore you with my life story. If you see me about don't be afraid to say hello.

I wish you all a marvellous May.



Myself with one of our travel cats at a campsite in York.

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
	Beginner Pilates 10.10-11.10	Yoga 1 - 2.15	Dog Training 5.30-7.30 (Times vary)	
WI 7.30-9.30 2 nd Mon of Month	Bowls 7.30-10pm			Bowls 7.30-10pm

BOOTFAIR April - Oct
1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WAREHORNE- Bell Ringers

As many reading this will know I have been attempting to establish a home band of ringers for Saint Matthew's Church, Warehorne. After nearly four years of continuous efforts no one has put their head over the parapet and come along to give ringing a go. In order to ring for services I presently rely on ringers from other churches giving of their time and energy and coming to the church. I am lucky that there is a special WhatsApp group devoted to just this. I am incredibly grateful to those that make the effort to come as many make the journey from New Romney, Lydd and, on occasion, Hythe.

There are times when it has proved to be impossible to gather sufficient ringers due to attending family outings, holidays, sickness and ringing elsewhere. There is a real shortage of ringers and this presents challenges in itself. If, however, ringing is to continue here in Warehorne the establishing of a home band is essential. New Ringers in our village can walk to/from the church and congregate after ringing in the Woolpack with no fear of driving home after a few well deserved pints or glasses of wine. Recruits from wider afield, Kennardington, Ham Street, and Ruckinge are most welcome.

Of course once a ringer is proficient they might want to add their name to the WhatsApp group, become a volunteer, and then experience ringing at other churches in our area and possibly beyond.

Ringling is a very sociable activity and keeps you fit and active in mind and body. It is one activity which does not call for any special clothing. Come as you are, jeans and T-shirt are fine, but please no leotards, shell suits or, worst of all, dreadful Lycra.

It takes about three months to master handling a bell. There are two strokes, hand and back; both must be learnt to control the bell. Once handling skills are mastered you can go on to learn better control, varying speeds, slow tolls, the whole nine yards. The more skills you develop the more you want to get under your belt, it is addictive and great fun.

The tragedy is no one these days can be bothered. The TV and binge watching, consoles and war games simulations, online bingo and betting, or just watching streaming services like Netflix have polluted our homes. Gogglebox has created a nation of couch potatoes. Getting off the sofa and venturing out is something deemed alien these days.

Churches are viewed, by many, as foreign countries and seem irrelevant in our society, bell ringing is part of and integral to churches and thus just as irrelevant. I do not subscribe to this view. You do not need to be religious to go bell ringing it is an activity for all faiths and none.

Ringling is a tradition dating back many hundreds of years and one that we should be proud of, one that we should maintain for generations to come and experience. I have made my case and reasons known many times and am sure they resonate, even if they are ignored in favor of things demanding no more effort than sitting down with a game controller and slaughtering a shed load of bad guys, or endlessly scrolling on your mobile telephone frittering time away day in and day out.

If you are an adventurous spirit and already get out and about to a club or special interest group, have you ever considered adding another interest to your life? I have been an amateur photographer for over fifty years and still enjoy getting in the car and setting out on a set task. I still find time for ringing and as mainly this is during the evening, it is something to consider after the end of the working day.

Please have a look at our Facebook Page - [Warehorne Bell Ringer Circle](#). Details of visiting bands activities and my own trips out to other church towers are featured. Please think about giving ringing a go. You need not come every week, come when you can. If we can build up a group large enough it will ensure that sufficient do attend weekly to make a joyful noise.

If you would like to do some research first have a look at the websites for the CCCBR (Central Council Church Bell Ringers) or KCACR (Kent County Association of Change Ringers).

I am arranging a day of ringing demonstrations in the summer enabling anyone interested to come along and have a look, maybe even have a go. Details of this to be advised in my next submission to the Online Parish Magazine.



For one to one tuition I can be contacted on 01233 733460. If out please leave a message. Practice evenings are every Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. I am able to open at 6.30pm for half an hour of one to one tuition by prior arrangement.

Graham Epps.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH
WAREHORNE
needs
YOU

Come along any Wednesday
evening between
7.00pm and 8.30pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

April has passed with Easter celebrated in our own church for the first time in 2 years! We had a lovely service, led by Canon John Saunders. Due to the Archdeacon telling us to rest we haven't done any fundraising but we have hosted the St George's Day service and are beginning a new venture on Tuesday 28th April called 'Tuesday Together'. We plan to meet in the church for a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit, just to chat in a relaxed atmosphere and have a friendly social time. Maybe there will be a board game or jigsaw to enjoy, maybe bring your knitting or find a book; why not meet a friend and let us make you a drink.

Children and dogs welcome. We'll be there 10am - 12 noon, come along and stay as long as you like. We plan to be holding this on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly.

Our weekly Coffee Mornings begin in the church on Saturday 9th May 10am - 11.30am; all are welcome, hot drinks, home baking, pay by donation. The week before we have a wedding and a floral archway will be built at the door, so we invite all married couples to come on Sunday 3rd May and have their photo taken under the arch, what a lovely memory that will make! Don't forget to bring your camera. There will also be a service of Thanksgiving for Marriage and a Renewal of Vows at 3pm with wine, coffee and nibbles afterwards and a certificate too, if you would like. All couples are welcome, no matter where or when you were married. And there's one future date for your diary - on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October we'll be holding our very special 'Flower Folk Festival'. On Friday 2nd, in the evening, we'll hold a folk music social and there will be music throughout the weekend as well as much more to enjoy.

ORGANS and SERVICES

Much has been written in the National Press in the last few weeks about the state of Church organ music. It's predicted that by 2040 there will be a sharp decrease in the number of working organs in Parish churches, the reason being the cost of service and repairing them, which affects all but those belonging to Cathedrals and wealthy establishments.

We are fortunate in our Benefice that all but one church has a pipe organ. Ruckinge spends about £200 pa having our organ serviced and normally this is all that is needed but repairs are sometimes required if we haven't been able to keep the mice at bay. The other problem, of course, is the lack of people willing and able to play them. This is due to the reduced number of people playing the piano. That skill can be transferred to organ playing, at least sufficient for normal church service. If anyone who plays the piano would like to have a go at the organ, Marion Hanbury is willing to sit with you and guide you round the stops. She classes herself as a pianist, not an organist, but plays for us and others on Sundays and for weddings and funerals. If you would like to have a go please contact me on the number below, and I'll arrange it. The other thing that has been in the papers in recent months is the demise of services like Matins and Evensong. We, occasionally, have Matins at Ruckinge and Warehorne has Evensong every month. I think modern life has rather killed Evensong, which is a great shame as both Matins and Evensong are beautiful services.

Mary Sillibourne Churchwarden 01233 732615



Ready to start on 28th April ...

TUESDAY TOGETHER

at St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

POP ALONG and enjoy ...

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Bring your knitting, share a board game, finish a jigsaw,
find a book, colour some pages ...

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Tuesday 28th April

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Hi my name is Kevin Burton and I have lived, along with my wife, in the village now for 9 years. We moved here after living in Willesborough for 24 years and can't believe we didn't do it sooner. We love Hamstreet, although it would be nice if they didn't keep building houses!!!

I own a local based aerial and satellite Installation Company which we started back in 1986. I've been repairing and installing aerials and satellites along with Integrated Reception Systems for 40 years this year. Times have changed since we began back in 1986, I can still remember installing black and white TV's if you can remember back that far. Now we are installing flat screen smart TV's. How times have changed.

May is National Small Business Month

Here are a few ways you can support local businesses:

- 1, **Instead of using the supermarkets go to an independant bakery, butchers or farm shop.**

A few that are around the local area are:

Aldington Butchers

The Egg Machine

The Old Tractor Shed, Brenzett

- Can't drive?** Get local produced delivered straight to your door with companies like:

Kent Veg Box

Stour Valley Game and Butchers

Kent Food Hub

- 2, **Treat yourself** to a cheeky local takeaway or stop in at a local cafe after that long dog walk or dropping the kids off for school.

- 3, **Buy vouchers or giftcards.** Why not help friends and family to discover local businesses by treating them to a voucher.

- 4, **Offer your own services.**

Got a skill that could help the small business like web design, copy writing, editing, marketing etc. contact them to offer your services at a discounted rate or as part of a skill swap.

- 5, **Talk to your neighbours.**

Ask them where they would recommend to buy certain products, you might find yourself missing out on a hidden gem in the local community.

Spending money is not the only way to support local small business.

- 6, You could **leave positive reviews** on a companies website or on their social media page, **word-of-mouth** is still a very valid way to recommend a company or business, it only takes a few minutes - but the benefit to the business could be huge and could help them to attract more custom.

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Royal British Legion

Fortunately the rain held off for the service at Johnson's Corner on 13th April where wreaths were laid by our Chairman and the OPC Vice Chairman to commemorate Lt William Johnson's heroic act 82 years ago.

We were joined by villagers, friends and enthusiasts from Hastings and one lady from New York.

Canon John Saunders, who conducted the service, commented that he was four years old living in Hythe where the crew of the Flying Fortress bomber had bailed out, which obviously he was unaware of.



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 (location TBA)

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



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Contact Elisa...
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 (26907) and in Scotland (SC038661).



Open Day

Saturday, 16th May

11am - 3pm

Your chance to try an exciting Summer sport in a fun environment
 Come along to the club at Millbank Farm, TN26 2QB any time between 11am and 3pm
 Please wear flat-soled shoes

Croquet is fun, social & easy to learn
 No experience necessary
 Equipment provided for beginners
 Friendly & welcoming

No need to book, just turn up on the day
 Tea, coffee and light refreshment provided
 New for the 2026 season: Friday evening and Saturday sessions throughout the summer

Millbank Farm, Marsh Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2QB
 (Phone Andrew on 07814 292027 for details)

Handbags, hats....

and all pretty things!

Highbury Hall, Tenterden

Saturday 9th May

10am - 1pm

Refresh your wardrobe
 Pre-loved and new
 Handbags, hats, accessories, jewellery
REFRESHMENTS - RAFFLE - FREE ADMISSION

Friends of COT
 Raising funds for social and wellbeing activities for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Autism.



*You are invited
to a*
**Service of Thanksgiving
for Marriage
and the Renewal of Vows**

**Sunday 3rd May
3.00pm**

St Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

Have your photo taken under the floral arch, bring your memories, enjoy coffee, wine and nibbles

**Please let us know if you
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HAM STREET WINES IS OPENING UP!

Spring and Summer are when the vineyard comes into its own and we love it; the cover crop blooms, insects and birds fill the day with their gentle song, all with the back drop of our vines stretching out over this little corner of Kent. So this year we are finally opening up! For those coming from further afield you can even walk to us from Ham Street station and we are less than an hour away from London!

Ham Street Open Day Sunday 24th May

On Sunday 24th May we are celebrating the bank holiday with a bbq, vinyls, games/activities for all family, accompanied by our wine; current, past and future for you to try. We will be running guided and self-guided tours with tastings too so you can learn more about us and experience the vineyard in its glory. We will be opening up from 12 noon and running till 5.30pm, with tickets at only £7 (this includes tasters of our wines), and kids free (as long as they are accompanied).

The perfect spring day out and a first for us (opening on this scale), so we'd love to see you as many of you there as possible.

Book your tickets on our website - www.hamstreetwines.co.uk

Regular Summer openings

Excitingly, we are also going to be opening up our doors for one Saturday a month, for walk-in visitors, alongside full tours and tastings. This will include; a bar with our full range of current releases, seasonal, local food to enjoy and a place to relax on those long Saturday afternoons. Pop by if you just wanted a lazy glass and to try our latest releases.

We will be opening up each Saturday from 11.30am and running till 5.30pm on the following dates:

9th May
6th June
4th July
15th August

To reserve a table, send us an email or Instagram DM. We can't wait to welcome you to the vineyard.
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For enquiries or to book a table contact us on:
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jacqui@cosykettle.com
[facebook.com/TheCosyKettle](https://www.facebook.com/TheCosyKettle)



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



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

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

Orlestone WI

At our April meeting we learnt the story of the Pilgrims Hospices, a much loved and greatly appreciated organisation in our area. It was sad to hear that some hospices have been closing because they simply haven't the money to carry on their work. We all vowed that it won't happen here.

At the end of March we made an outing into the countryside to see King John's Nursery in Etchingam and our April outing takes us to the coast, visiting Littlestone Lifeboat Station, followed by lunch at The Pilot, Dungeness.

We were visiting the Lifeboat Station as it has been chosen as our second 'good cause' of our 60th Anniversary year.

On 2nd May we're holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds for that cause, so please everyone, please come along - home baking, raffle, children's drawing competition, all to support the brave crew of the Littlestone Lifeboat.



Several members went to the East Kent Federation's Annual Meeting in Canterbury and heard inspiring talks from Kejo Moses, Lord Mayor of Canterbury, the Deputy Lieutenant of Kent and Miss Cherry Bombe, burlesque artiste. The latter kept us laughing for 45 minutes, taught us to bump, grind and shimmy, and received a standing ovation.

Other activities to come include a Group Meeting, when 10 WIs meet together, a Summer Garden Day and an Auditions evening.

Two Resolutions will be discussed at our May meeting, which will go forward for a vote at the National Federation of WIs Annual meeting in June. Both extremely important issues - Accessible public toilet facilities and Action on Women's homelessness.

We next meet on Monday 11th May when we'll hear about the work of the Dog's Trust; our competition is a Dog (no live animals permitted).



**Miss
Cherry
Bombe**

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.

**Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249,
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orlestone.wi@outlook.com**

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CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Create a picture of
a SHIP at SEA

Bring to the Coffee Morning
Saturday 2nd May 11am-12.30pm
Victory Hall, Hamstreet

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

We're raising funds
for Littlestone
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Saving lives at sea

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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



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2nd 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



Hamstreet Woods National Nature Reserve

Update March-May

What's has been going on?

The volunteers were joined by Kent Wildlife Trust and Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership throughout February to coppice and dead hedge a block up at the end of Gill Lane. This is an easy win for us, the area had been coppiced 10 years ago and the regrowth was thin, meaning we could use hand tools to cut it, and it made a fantastic dead hedge with the brush. This area had nightingales in it up until a few years ago, so now it will be back to the ideal habitat in the near future.

The Foresters had to abort their clear up of the chestnut coppice and the oaks, due to the wet weather, they have been waiting for the ground to dry out enough for their large forwarder and excavator to work in the compartment without damaging the ground. This could be by the end of May.



April – The special month in the woods.

April really is the one of the most exciting months in the woods. After the hard work of managing the habitat, the sun starts to come out, the weather warms up, the ground flora starts to poke its head up through the leaf litter and the flowers begin to show. The wood is well known for Bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), with the amazing purple scented carpets throughout. **Fun fact:** their sticky sap was once used to bind pages in books and glue the feathers to arrows. We also have many more plants in flower at the moment. Why not have a wander in the woods and see if you can spot them.



Bluebells
(*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

Wood Anemone
(*Anemoides nemorosa*)

Dogs Mercury
(*Mercurialis perennis*)

Ramsons Garlic
(*Allium ursinum*)



Ferns – These wonderful plants are starting to unfurl their leaves. I had a wander last week looking for a rare species which could be found in the woods. I didn't find the species I was looking for, but I was amazed by how many types there are when I was really looking. They are tricky to tell apart, but one that is unlike any other is the Hard Fern (*Blechnum Spicant*). I found it around the stream banks; it doesn't have the feathery appearance of the other ferns so is easily distinguished.

On the same day as my Fern wanderings, I spent some time listening for the arrival of the spring migrant birds. I heard several Blackcaps (*Sylvia atricapilla*) singing from the bramble patches, they have a wonderful almost waterfall type of call. As I made my way to the back end of the woods, I was treated to the song of a newly arrived Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*). Their punchy, varied and otherworldly song is unmistakable, and is a real joy to hear them return each year.

May - What is going on this month?

Hopefully the ground will have dried out enough for the foresters to clear up the chestnut coppice. There will be little other management happening. However, you will see us about doing surveys on Bats, Moths, Butterflies and birds.

Would you like to help us?

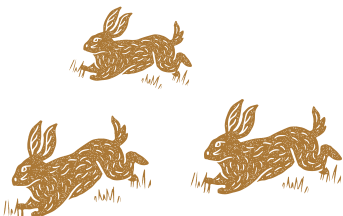
We are looking for new volunteers to join our practical group. We work on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. No experience necessary, we provide all the PPE and biscuits for tea break. Our group works on 3 sites around the Ashford area. The tasks include coppicing, dead hedging, scrub control, fence and gate repairs, step construction, and much more.

How to keep in touch.

If you have any questions about the woods or would like us to cover anything specific in this newsletter, then please get in touch with me.

Piers.griffin@naturalengland.org.uk

You can also follow us on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/wyehamstreetnnr>



The Begging Bowl is still in action ...

Many will have seen my regular appeals on the local Facebook pages for all sorts of things for all sorts of good causes.

No apology but a reminder of what I'm happy to receive and pass on :

Used stamps: please leave at least 5mm around them for the Pilgrims Hospice.

Old foreign and British coins & bank notes: I'm continuing to collect these and the next collection will raise funds for the Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides group, helping to build a useful, thoughtful and caring new generation.

Medical supplies & mobility equipment: these will be sent to the hospitals and care organisations in Ukraine.

Scrap metal: brass, copper, aluminium, electric cable for Ruckinge & Hamstreet Scouts & Guides.

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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.

Marathon season is underway and at the time of writing, we're just days away from the London Marathon 2026. There are (or was depending on when you read this) a whole host of Ashford residents participating this year, including 26 year old **Charlie Dalby** from **Hamstreet**, he's raising money for Alzheimer's Society, good luck Charlie!

Shoutout to **Hamstreet** sisters **Leona** and **Gracie** who recently played in the Kent Badminton Junior Futures tournament, earning silver medals in the Under 14 Girls Doubles. Leona also picked up a silver medal in the Under 12 Girls singles, and Gracie (in her very first Badminton England competition) reached the semi-finals of the Under 14 Girls singles and came away with a bronze medal. Great work by both of you!

There was a huge result at Cage Warriors 203 (MMA) as **Stefano Catacoli** pulled off a huge upset on the main card whilst representing Ashford based club **Kent Combat Academy**. He went into the fight as a massive underdog and came away mostly unscathed. Congratulations Stefano!

Towers School student **Olivia Stimpson** won the British Kyokushinkai Karate (BKK) English Open! In a field of 230 athletes, she was the smallest in her category by 10kg so it took a real show of her skills to get the wins at this event. She was joined by Highworth student Lara Clarke, and their friend Bridgette Cuthbert from Folkestone, with Lara taking second place in her category and Bridgette winning hers too. Congratulations girls!

Congratulations to the young Ashford sisters **Tallulah** and **Kiki Tandy** who both qualified for the National Schools Snowsports Association Ski finals whilst representing **The John Wallis Church of England Academy**. They will now be racing against each other in the Under 8s age group in Gloucester on 1st May, with Kiki being the youngest ever entry, as she is only in reception but as a team they still managed to grab second place.

Park Yoga returns to Ashford! Returning on 3rd May, sessions are an hour and start at 9.30am and run every Sunday morning for 20 weeks at **Victoria Park**. If you have not experienced Park Yoga, it is a great way to try yoga for the first time. You don't have to take part in the whole session, many people take moments of rest and enjoy the fresh air while watching the clouds go by. There's no need to book, and it's absolutely FREE! Take a yoga mat if you have one, but if you don't, a towel or blanket is perfect.

Marshall Smith of **Ashford Athletic Club** won the Folkestone 10 mile with an incredible time of 55 minutes and 2 seconds. Out of 781 runners, he finished 58 seconds ahead of second place, not too shabby!

A great milestone for **Kennington FC** captain **Tom Scorer** as he recently made his 300th appearance for the club. The experienced midfielder has notched up an impressive 102 goals, having scored his 100th goal during their 5-0 victory over Corinthian FC, earlier in the season.

Ashford United Football Club have announced the appointment of Josh Oatham in a dual role as Head of Women's Football and Women's First Team Manager. Josh has agreed to join Ashford United and will work closely with Women's Chairman Mark Mason and Head of Football Development Barry Fuller to establish a new structure. This will support the development of a clear strategy and long-term vision for the club's women's and girls' pathway. Josh will focus fully on the Women's First Team for the remainder of the current season, with the aim of finishing as strongly as possible. He will continue in charge of the First Team into the 2026/27 season.

A huge congratulations to **AC Ashford FC** who earned themselves promotion on Easter Monday after a very successful season. A fantastic crowd of 132 (superb for the 12th tier of the English football pyramid) witnessed this achievement as they will be playing Kent County Football League Premier Division football next season.

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

Alex Perseval
Founder of Ashford Sport CIC



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Update from our Local MP

Katie Lam

In January, after thousands of people across the Weald were left without running water for days, I wrote to every home asking people to share their thoughts on South East Water.

The response was over whelming.

More than half of you said you've been without running water three or more times over the last decade. Eighty-five per cent of people rate the service as poor or appalling, and over ninety per cent feel the chief executive shouldn't remain in post. Thousands of replies described experiences that completely contradict what South East Water has been saying. Again and again, people told me they couldn't get through on the phone, didn't receive promised callbacks, and were left without clear information about what was happening.



What was most worrying was the total failure to support those who were most vulnerable. People on the priority services register, including families with newborn children and those with serious health conditions, reported receiving no water deliveries and, in many cases, no communication at all. I've passed all these findings on to the regulators now investigating South East Water, and I'll keep pushing for proper accountability, a change of CEO, and a service we can actually rely on.

Now to a different survey – my crime questionnaire, in which almost everyone said they would like to see a much more active police presence. Kent Police have implemented a new neighbourhood policing model that allocates a dedicated Beat Officer to every ward. It's their job to build up a picture of the area, understand where and when crime happens, and disrupt crime and antisocial behaviour based on the information they gather and what you tell them. They won't necessarily be the first on the scene when there's a crime, because another officer might be able to get to you faster, but they will gather intelligence, hold surgeries, and can come and meet people who live locally at parish meetings or at dedicated events.

The local ward officer for Orlestone is: Stuart Picton. If you want to tell them about anything you're seeing or worried about in your area, or you'd like to invite them to an event, you can do so by via the Kent Police website.

Visit the '[Contact Us](#)' section, select 'Contact an officer directly', and complete the form. You'll just need your own contact info and your ward officer's name (there are other questions, but ignore them, they're optional).

If you're just passing on information, they may not respond, but if you're asking them a question, they'll get back to you within 72 hours. Remember, though, if you need to report a crime, call 999 if it's happening now, or otherwise 101. And if you're having trouble getting in touch with the Police, you can always reach out to me, and I'd be happy to help!





Dear Readers

As I have not contributed for a time, I thought I would start again by introducing myself.

My name is Peter New, I am a Kent Police Volunteer in Neighbourhood Watch across the Ashford District. My background is in a long successful career in the Kent Fire Service. When I retired, I was Assistant Chief Officer Head of Operations for all of Kent and its then 66 fire stations. Yes, everyone knows what the fire service does but they are also fantastic at prevention, and I now bring that skill into this work with NHW.

The role of Neighbourhood Watch is to try to keep you crime free but just as importantly free from the fear of being a victim of crime too. Most of the crimes are the same in all areas. Thefts from cars, vans, thefts of motorbikes cycles, thefts from garages, sheds, barns, stables and any out- buildings. To be alert to Scams, Bogus Callers and Rogue Traders. Thefts of internet shopping parcels from doorsteps especially as the delivery vans are followed.

It is about addressing crime trends like catapults, e-scooters, Anti Social behaviour and criminal damage. The Middle East crisis may lead to fuel being stolen by syphoning from parked cars. Number plates being stolen to facilitate drive off thefts from garage forecourts. Theft of domestic heating oil from residential tanks.

The role is also about getting people alerted before these crimes happen if we can. Most important is reacting quickly to crimes to see if warnings and alerts can prevent further similar crimes especially in the area of the initial crime. Following that, can we in NHW assist the police with any information, witnesses, CCTV or dashcam footage. Can we then issue better crime prevention from any lessons learnt from investigations?

Can we gather any intelligence to help the police plan proactive patrols and intervention?

I write in many magazines and also on many community Facebook groups to help spread the word. I hope in future issues to write specifically about certain crimes.

That gives a very quick picture of my work but above all I need you. The more we are the stronger we are!

PLEASE JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH my email is below, remember is completely free.

Please don't put it off email me on peternew1@aol.com or ring me on 07768437422.

“CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES AND IS ALERT AND VIGILANT”

Take care, stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant

Thank you for your support I am so grateful.

Peter.



Over 60s Meet



Chicory Tip had us all up and dancing to their No.1 Hit Son of my Father

Due to Easter, the Over 60s only met up once in April. Chicory Tip, who in their heyday in the 70s had a hit with Son of my Father, the remaining members, Rick Foster and Peter Giles came along to Cotton Hill House to entertain us. They were excellent and we all joined in with our singing and dancing.

The dates for your diary for upcoming attractions:-

1st May - we have singer, Clayton.

15th May - A talk by the Air Ambulance Service. They give a really worthwhile charitable service to the Kent and Sussex area to those in need of urgent medical care. They are struggling at the moment with the rising cost of fuel in these uncertain times.

29th May - A talk by Age Concern which is made up of independent charities all working together to provide crucial support for older people.



Pride of New Romney Award

We would like to mention that the independent living officer for Cotton Hill House, David Harris, and his family have been given The Pride of New Romney Award for their services to the town. We all send our congratulations to them and also thank them for all the time they give to us "oldies" too.



The Harris Family

Please come and join us at the Over 60s.
For further information contact June McKay on 0799984110.

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"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

— Emily Brontë

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Find all the National Holidays and words with MAY.

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

Villages' Bargain Oil Network

No report this month but a reminder of what the Village Oil Network is and how you can join and get the lowest price for your fuel. April saw the return of once a month ordering till October, on the 2nd of the month or next working day.

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.

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Susan Hanlon ordermeoil@hotmail.co.uk (preferred contact route)

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SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026

1st Sunday: 3rd May Easter 5 fourth after Easter <i>(White)</i>	9.00am CW Holy Communion	St. Rumwold, Bonnington
	9.00 am Holy Communion BCP	St. Matthew, Warehorne
	10.00am Family Fun Service	Village Hall, Aldington
	10.30am Parish Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
	10.30am Holy Communion	Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
	3.00 pm Marriage Vows Renewal Service	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
2nd Sunday: 10th May Easter 6 Fifth after Easter Rogation Sunday <i>(White)</i>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington
	10.30am Morning Worship	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
	10.30am Morning Worship	Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
	10.45am Holy Communion	St. Martin, Aldington
Thursday 14th May Ascension Day	7.00 pm Holy Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
3rd Sunday: 17th May Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day <i>(White)</i>	9.00am CW Holy Communion	St. Rumwold, Bonnington
	9.00 am Holy Communion	St. Mary, Orlestone
	9.30am Family Service	St. Mary, Kenardington
	10.30am Holy Communion	Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
	10.30am Matins	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
	10.45am Worship Service	St. Martin, Aldington
4th Sunday: 24th May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) <i>(Red)</i>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington
	10.30am BCP Holy Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
	10.30am "Café church"	Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
	10.45am Holy Communion	St. Martin, Aldington
	6.30pm Evensong	St. Matthew, Warehorne
5th Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday <i>(Gold/White)</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

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 starting Saturday 9th May from 10am to 11.30am all welcome.

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

Ruckinge Church 'Tuesday Together' a chance to meet and make friends 10am – 12noon. To be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly.

Begins on 28 th April. All welcome, including dogs.

Harp Recital. Ruckinge Church, 5pm Sunday 24th May. A short performance of beautiful music by a young musician.

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