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# ORLESTONE PARISH MAGAZINE

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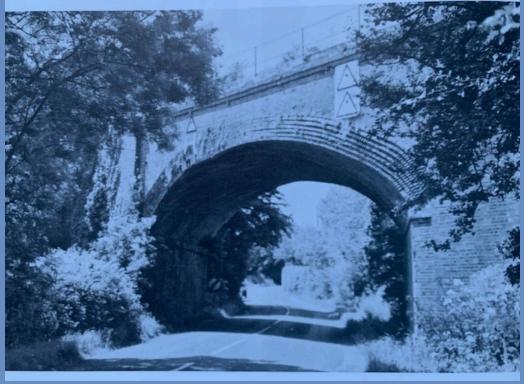
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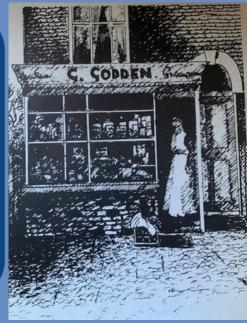
Photo By Lucy Baldwin

Autumn has arrived with the weather changing day by day and at last some real rain. I read that the Ardingly reservoir is only a quarter full, others are probably the same so much more rain needed - time to find the wellies.



Plenty of events advertised in the magazine this month so there's much to look forward to whether you want to get 'crafty' yourself or enjoy the efforts of others. If you're part of a group or if you're raising funds for a good cause don't forget to send your news to me for the next magazine.

Deadline 21st monthly but send earlier than that at any time.



Contribute your updates and photos at <a href="mailto:editorparmag@gmail.com">editorparmag@gmail.com</a>
by the 21st of the month

### Village Halls - Weekly Timetables

WAREHORNE VILLAGE HALL- Annual General Meeting
11th November
7.00pm







## St. Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

Sad to say it's likely to be the end of the November before we are back in our church. There have been a number of delays, very frustrating for all concerned but we'll soon be 'home' again. It has been lovely to be able to use the hall and keep our worship within the village and we're also grateful for St Mary's Orlestone for offering us their church for our communion services; we've been well cared for. Much has been completed in the church – a kitchen, a new pathway, electricity, water and the toilet is nearly ready as are the footings in the tower ready for the stairs and ringing floor. Heating still to come but we can begin services without that, what else are jumpers, scarves and gloves for!

This month we're holding one more COFFEE
MORNING in the village hall, that's on Saturday 8 th
November 10am – 11.30am. There may well be a few
crafts on sale, I hear that lavender bags and
knitted hedgehogs are likely to be ready as well as
some aprons. Pop in and see!

Our Annual WARM UP takes place on Saturday 6 th
December 11am – 2pm and we really really hope
to be in the church for that. Lunches are served of
homemade soups and puddings and there are
plenty of cakes and hot drinks - don't forget that we
have tables of gifts, crafts, books, bric a brac
and angels (always some angels) for sale as well. All
raising funds for the church – we still have to
find money to pay for the church improvements come along and enjoy the day.

Enquiries to Mary Sillibourne, Churchwarden 01233 732615





St Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

## Warm Up for Christmas

#### Gift Market

Crafts, gifts, decorations, accessories, bric-a-brac Home cooking Soups, Puddings,

Cakes.

Savouries

## Saturday 6th December



## IN HONOUR OF THOSE OF THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM

In the run up to the Festival of Remembrance, when the nation reflects on the sacrifices made by the military and their families, we are publishing the details of those named on the Hamstreet War Memorial as researched by Mr Sid Gittens.

The Great War

1914

1919

#### BUTCHER Harold Percy - Private 19259, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

Died: Tuesday 27 November 1917, aged 19.

Born: Orlestone, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted: Reading, Berkshire. Resided:

Ashford Kent

Son of George William Butcher and of Mrs Harriett Butcher (nee Stickells) of Ham Lees Farm,

Marsh Road, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Military Cemetery, Louverval,

Nord, France.

Panel 2.

## **CAFFYN Joseph Mannington** - Corporal 130293, 2nd/1st Essex Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died: Sunday 15 July 1918, aged 37.

Born: Northiam, Sussex. Enlisted: Canterbury, Kent. Resided: Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

Son of Joseph Caffyn and of Mrs Clara Caffyn (nee Ballard) of The Post Office, Hamstreet,

Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Florence Mabel Caffyn (nee Minchin) of "Brynteg", Clifton Park, Caversham,

Berkshire.

Buried: Caversham Cemetery, All Hallows Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire. Grave Ref: Plot 2, Row Church of England. Grave 1051.

#### **CROFT John Frederick Manners** - Lance Corporal G/917, 8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs

(East Kent Regiment).

Died: Wednesday 13 October 1915, aged 20.

Born: Wilburton, Isle-of-Ely, Cambridgeshire. Enlisted: Canterbury, Kent. Resided: Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Only son of Robert Manners Croft and Mrs Augusta Croft (nee Vaughan) of Coldblow

Farm, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent. Formerly of Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner, Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais,

France. Panel 15.

**DORMAN Leonard** - Corporal L/9765, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died: Friday 2 July 1915, aged 21.

Born and resided Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted: Ashford, Kent.

Son of George Dorman and of Mrs Laura Elizabeth Dorman of Orchard Place, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Buried: Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: Z22.

**DRAY Albert John** - Private G/4862, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died: Tuesday 25 May 1915, aged 28.

Born: Ruckinge, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided in Ashford, Kent.

Son of the late Edward John Dray and of the late Mrs Elizabeth Dray (nee Barling) of Ruckinge, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 13.

GARNER Robert Arnold - Private 26157, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Died: Tuesday 31 July 1917, aged 36.

Born: Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Hastings, Sussex.

Third son of Mrs Mercie Ellen Garner (nee Parsons) of Ayrdale, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent and of the late Clarence Edward Garner. Husband of Mrs Rosa Garner (nee Bowtell) of 1, Grosvenor Mansions, Milward Road, Hastings,

Sussex.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 9.

**GODDEN Albert Edward** - Lance Corporal G/9036, 7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died: Friday, 27 December 1918, aged 22.

Born: Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided in Ashford, Kent.

Son of James Godden and of Mrs Alice Emily Godden of Marsh Cottages, Marsh Road,

Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Buried: Niederzwehren Cemetery, Kassel Hesse, Germany. Grave Ref ICS.

**HARDEN Herbert John** - Corporal L/9767, 1st Battalion The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died: Wednesday 19 April 1916.

Born: Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted: Ashford Kent. Resided: Hamstreet, Kent.

Son of John Harden of 2, Viaduct Terrace, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent and of the late Emma Grace Harden (nee Tolhurst).

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

HARDEN John - Private 260149, 6th (Service) Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Died: Monday 22 August 1917, aged 36.

Born: Bromley Green, Kent. Enlisted and resided: Southampton, Hampshire.

Fourth son of Thomas Harden of Bromley Green, Ashford, Kent and of the late Mrs Mahala Harden (nee Barling).

Husband of Mrs Harriet Harden (nee Good) of "Birchett Cottage", Orlestone, Kent.

Buried: Oxford Road Cemetery, Sint Jan, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref 11.C4.

HARDEN Percy - Private 28849, 51st (Graduated) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died: Saturday 6 December 1919, aged 20.

Born: Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Resided: Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Youngest son of John Harden of 2, Viaduct Terrace, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent and of the late Mrs Emma Grace Harden (nee Tolhurst).

Buried: St Matthew's Churchyard, Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Grave near West Boundary.

HILLS Stephen Harry - Private PW/2925, 18th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, (1st

Public Works Pioneers).

Died: Sunday 15 October 1916.

Born: Newington, London. Enlisted: Birmingham. Resided: Hornsey, Middlesex.

Son of Mrs Sarah Spain (nee Hills) and stepson of William Henry Spain of 8, Viaduct Terrace,

Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs Mabel Hills (nee Chittock) of 15 St Mary's Road, Hornsey, Middlesex.

Buried: Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref V11.F.OA

#### JENNER Reginald Victor - Private G/2872, 8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent

Regiment)

Died: Sunday 26 September 1915, aged 23.

Born: Chiddingstone, Kent. Enlisted: Penshurst, Kent. Resided: Goudhurst, Kent.

Son of Henry Jenner and of Mrs Eliza Jenner (nee Coomber) of Mae Ende Cottage, Broadham Green, Oxted, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais,

France. Panel 15.

LAWRENCE Alfred - Gunner 125580, 108th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died: Thursday 25 October 1917.

Born: New Romney, Kent. Enlisted: Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent. Resided: Hamstreet, Ashford,

Kent.

Adopted son of Alfred Lawrence and of Mrs Sarah Jane Lawrence (nee Griffin).

Buried: Canada Farm Cemetery, leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref 111.E.34.

MANKLOW Robert - Private G/9629, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died: Friday 1 September 1916.

Born: Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted: Ashford, Kent. Resided: Orlestone, Kent.

Son of Frances Harden (formerly Manklow), (nee Evenden) of 3, Orchard Cottages, Hamstreet,

Ashford, Kent, and of the late James Manklow.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5D.

#### **MEPHAM James Henry** - Private 20879, 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Died: Monday 18 September1916, aged 21.

Born: Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted: Ashford, Kent. Resided: Hamstreet, Kent.

Son of James Mepham and Mrs Ellen Mepham (nee Ticehurst) of Skinners Cottage, Hamstreet,

Ashford, Kent.

Buried: Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref: 1.B.9.

#### OLIVER Guy Gifford - Captain, 102nd (King Edward's Own) Grenadiers, Indian Army.

Died: Friday 21 January 1916, aged 32.

Youngest son of Edmund Ward Oliver of 'New Place', Station Road, Lingfield, Surrey and of 'Burnt

Oak', Orlestone, Ashford, Kent, and of the late Mrs Elizabeth Dunliere Oliver (nee Giffard).

Buried: Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref 1V.B.19.

**OLIVER Roderic Magrath** - Lieutenant, 2nd Batallion, Grenadier Guards.

Died: Tuesday 27th August 1918, aged 36.

Only son of Rodrick Oliver and Mrs Emily Mary Oliver (nee Giffard) of 'Burnt Oak', Orlestone, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs Emily Mary Oliver of 26, Connaught Square, London.

Buried: Mary Abbey Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref V.C.16.

PAINE Charles - Private 204240, 6th (Service) Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Died: Wednesday 23 May 1917.

Born: Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided in Folkestone, Kent.

Second son of Hills Paine and of Mrs Mary Paine (nee Martin).

Husband of Mrs Elizabeth Worthington Paine (nee Stutely) of 43, Athelstan Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Buried and commemorated at Tank Cemetery, Guemappa, Pas de Calais, France. Ref Special Memorial A 46.

PELLETT Charles James - Private 16135. 4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

Died: Tuesday 20 March 1918.

Born and enlisted: Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Resided: Southwark, London SE1.

Only son of Albert Pellett of 2, Rose Cottages, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent and of the late Mrs Martha Pellett (nee Holyer).

Husband of Mrs Agnes Maud Pellett (nee Dorian) of 8, West Square, St George's Place, Kensington, London SE11.

Buried: Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref 1C 30.

#### The Second World War 1939 - 1945

BENSTEAD Charles Edward - Sergeant (Air Gunner) 1383049, Royal Air Force Volunteer

Reserve. 103 SquadronRoyal Air Force.

Died: Monday 7 September1942, aged 28.

Son of Horace Victor Benstead and of Mrs Alice Benstead (nee Mills) of 17, Fairfield Terrace, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs Edna Violet Benstead (nee Moore) of Ben-Moor, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent.Buried: Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands. Grave Ref 12.1.6.

**BUTTON Henry George** - Lance Sergeant 6289065, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Died: Monday 2 November 1942, aged 31.

Born and resided in Kent.

Son of Harry Button and of Mrs Elizabeth Button (nee Clifton).

Husband of Nellie K Button (nee Butcher) of Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Matruh, Egypt. Column 55.

JONES Reginald Sydney - Driver 2017259, 573 Army Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Died Monday 14 July 1941, aged 21.

Born and resided in Kent.

Son of William George Jones and of Mrs Elizabeth Hilda Jones # (nee Hodgman) of Warehorne,

Ashford, Kent.

Buried: El Alamein War Cemetery, Matruh, Egypt. Grave Ref XXX.H.24.

NEWTON Emmanuel - Leading Stoker D/KX82345, Royal Navy -

HMS Neptune. Died Friday 19 December 1941, aged 31.

Second son of Mrs Ethel Annie Newton (nee Browditch) of 1, Council Houses, Higher Sea Lane,

Charmouth, Bridport, Dorset and of the late Emmanuel Newton.

Husband of Mrs Violet Amy Newton (nee Bevis) of Orlestone, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Hoe Promenade, Plymouth,

Devon. Panel 52.



## Royal British Legion

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

#### POPPY APPEAL

23rd October sees the launch of this years Poppy Appeal. Ever November, the nation unites to recognise the contribution of all who have served and sacrificed, from those in Britain and across the Commonwealth who fought in the World Wars, to the men and women who keep us safe today. The Royal British Legion leads the way in honouring our Armed Forces family, holding commemorative events that bring the communities together and raising vital funds via its annual Poppy Appeal.

Poppies are for sale in all supermarkets  $\mathcal{E}$  the local village shops & businesses.

(Our local poppy coordinator is Cherrie Harris. nr.ceh4@yahoo.com. 01797361807. 07877845247. Please feel free cause, to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, a cake, to contact her with any poppy appeal related enquires)



#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday the 9th November, we will hold our ACT of REMEMBRANCE in St Matthew's Church Warehorne at 10.45."

REMEMBRANCE DIZ Lest We Forget



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

#### ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 1st November between 10am & noon in the Victory Hall Hamstreet, we are holding our ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING.

Please come along to support this noble a chat and to buy poppies and RBL promotional items. There will be a small raffle - any donations of raffle prizes/cakes would be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

#### ALDINGTON CHURCH

At 4pm on Sunday 2nd November, we will be supporting Revd Geoff at Aldington Church in dedicating a home made Poppy Cascade.

#### ARMISTICE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November at 11am we will lay a wreath, with a short 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 or our Secretary, Caitie Gould, 07388553512.

Thank you.

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## WE ARE HOLDING A CHRISTMAS WELCOME RING WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 28 th NOVEMBER FROM 12 NOON AT HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL



ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY'S CHURCH, ORLESTONE (HAMSREET)

WE WILL SUPPLY RINGS, WIRE AND EMBELLISHMENTS PLUS SOME FOLIAGE BUT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING SOME SMALL LEAVED FOLIAGE SUCH AS IVY, SPRUCE, HOLLY, HYDRANGEA HEADS, LARCH, CONES, YEW ETC., IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. £20 PER PERSON. TEA/COFFEE/CAKES WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE ALLOW 2-3 HOURS TO COMPLETE YOUR RING. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. TO SECURE YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT: ANN PREBBLE (ann.prebble@yahoo.com) OR ANGELA BROMFIELD (01233 732833).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL ... can you please help us? We are now looking at replenishing our items to sell and raise funds to make further improvements to the Victory Hall and purchase more new chairs. Please remember us when you are Spring Cleaning and throwing out any unwanted items, we are looking for any of the following items: Copper and brass China and glass Small furniture Side tables & chairs Rugs & pictures Old clocks & watches Weathervanes Walking sticks Pelham Puppets Toys & board games Old postcards Stamps & Coins Candlesticks Table lamps Military items Badges/buttons/caps/hats Clothes/shoes Handbags & scarves Please contact lucy.bromfield@btinternet.com or phone Angela 01233 732833 for collection or leave at my house Marsh View, Cock Lane, opposite the Victory Hall, Hamstreet We thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated Lucy Bromfield (Chairman, Victory Hall Committee)



AT
HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL
10-12

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FULL
ENGLISH BREAKFAST
£7
WITH UNLIMITED TEA/COFFE/TOAST

## St Martin's Church, Aldington







## St. Martin's Church Christmas Tree Festival is back!

This three-day festival will take place from **Friday 12th December to Sunday 14th December**. It is an opportunity for members of the community to sponsor a tree and promote their organisation or business, and for the community to come together and enjoy the spectacle! This year's theme for decorating your tree is **Christmas Songs**.







#### Poppy Cascade

St. Martin's Church is working with the local community to make a Poppy Cascade which will be permanently displayed in Aldington Church as a memorial to those who have given their lives in service to the country, both during the world wars and in other conflicts.

The plan is that it will be ready for Sunday 2nd November and we will be having a Service of dedication for the Cascade at 4pm on the 2nd November in St. Martin's Church to which we invite the local community, all relevant local organisations such as the British Legion, and representatives from the local council.

We would love you to attend, and if you have any relevant contacts that we should be inviting please let us know.

If weather permits the Poppy Cascade will be available for the Poppy Poppy Cascade will be available for the Poppy Poppy Sunday.

be available for the Remembrance Sunday service on the 9th November at the War

Memorial.

Please contact Geoff or Chrisy if you need any further information.



If you would like to decorate and display a tree to promote your organisation or business, please contact <a href="mailto:christina.harry@icloud.com">christina.harry@icloud.com</a> for further information. Trees will need to be decorated on **Thursday 11th December** in preparation for the festival.

There will be **Family Fun on Saturday 13th December** in the church, all activities are free, and free refreshments will be available

We will join together at the end of the festival to celebrate Christmas with a Christingle service at 4pm on Sunday 14th December.

Come and enjoy this magical service which finishes in candlelight.

- Filly Bill ment - Carlotte - Carlotte

#### How do you ring a Church bell?

At this juncture I must get out the way the misconception largely put out there by
Jeremy Clarkson "How hard can it be? ". When we had a recruitment drive for Ring
for the King a lot of non ringers rang up and said for us to put their name down and they would turn up on the day.

No sir to have allowed this would have been a disaster.

One to one training to learn how to ring and to develop the skills to ring takes time. How much time varies from person to person but even the most promising learner takes a very minimum of three months just to cover the basics upon which to build. Rome was not built in a day and neither can bell ringing be picked up in a day.

To ring from scratch is impossible and a lot of keen volunteers thinking it was that easy were disappointed. The new ringer must master the "hand stroke" and the "backstroke". They must learn each individually then learn to put them together in order to ring independently. For the hand stroke the ringer pulls the sally (the coloured fluffy bit of the rope) downwards causing the bell to start moving and turn through 360 degrees. At this point the rope snakes upwards through a small hole in the ceiling of the ringing room and the ringer is left arms upstretched upwards holding onto the very end of the rope, known as the tail end. For the back stroke the ringer pulls the tail end back down which causes the bell to move in the opposite direction and it finisheds up back where it started with the ringer holding the sally. The bell sounds as each stroke is made so that one full cycle of hand and back strokes causes the bell to ring out twice.

The speed of ringing can be made to vary by letting out the rope at the tail end (this slows things down) or taking in the rope (this speeds things up). Mastering the pace the bell rings is key and has to be learned by each ringer. It is an essential skill in change ringing. It can take years to fully master but becoming reasonably adept can be accomplished and you can ring to an acceptable level in a couple of years, faster if you have a natural aptitude. What methods or patters are used in ringing bells? Having initially mastered how to ring a bell the beginner will learn to ring in "rounds". Rounds are comparable to a scale - the bells ring in order from lightness to heaviest (the highest to lowest note). If like Saint Matthews Warehorne which has six bells the rounds would be 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 where 1 is the lightest bell and 6 the heaviest. Once the beginner learns rounds they move on to call changes. This is where the bells change their sequence. Here is just one example, see if you can spot the moves or calls to change.

#### click here to continue rerading







#### 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



We're a family-run vineyard situated along Warehorne Road, just half a mile outside of Hamstreet.

Harvest time is on the horizon! The grapes are almost ready to pick. We run volunteer harvest days where everyone is welcome. It's a fun-filled day and it's a great way to meet new people and learn more about the winemaking process. If you'd like to get involved this year then email

harvest@warehornevineyard.co.uk to sign up or ask us further questions.

Our Cellar Door is open at weekends 10am to 5pm so come visit us to pick up your favourite award winning wine or stop off for a glass.

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





We heard a very interesting talk in October, all about the work done by Cats Protection. It seems that it isn't true that most cats reach them as a result of cruelty, neglect or abandonment; most are handed over with sorrow from their owners because of house moves, age or illness and, sadly, when their owner dies. The charity takes a lot of trouble to match a cat to a new owner, taking age, lifestyle and family into consideration and they will never put down a healthy animal. We heard that some cats have a wanderlust and will travel many miles before returning home or having their owners identified – that's where the now compulsory chip is important. Maybe the record is held by one cat from Sussex who hopped aboard a long distance coach and ended up in Newcastle. Birthday bouquets and cards are given to several members each month and in October we marked the 95 th birthday of Lucy, who said 'no fuss, please' and told us that the secret of a long life was to 'just keep breathing'. Good advice, which we all vowed to follow.

A few of us enjoyed Afternoon Tea in the Granary at the Rare Breeds Centre, excellent value and all made and served by the students in the training kitchen. The Centre is run by Canterbury Oast Trust, a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. The day we went to Great Dixter the sky threatened rain but never delivered. September in that world-famous garden means narrow paths made even narrower due to plants growing to such heights and size as you can only marvel at. Our late October outing takes us to Solley's Ice Cream parlour in Ripple, Deal which will be in the December report.

Our November meeting will take place on Monday 10 th when we'll make some decorative baubles for the Christmas tree. The competitions are Flower of the Month and something Mauve. We meet in the Victory Hall, Hamstreet on the second Monday of each month, except August, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome, guests pay just £1.00 and can come for 3 meetings before deciding to join at which point a subscription is due. Members enjoy 11 meetings annually, including many activities and opportunities, and receive a monthly newsletter from East Kent Federation and WI Life, a national magazine, as well as our own newsletters. Come and see what it's all about!







Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 or hanlon1@btinternet.com orlestone.wi@outlook.com 1ST Ruckinge & Hamstreet Cub Pack

Cubs have been enjoying a varied programme this term. We've been getting out and about while the weather is mild, although, to be fair, Cubs get their coats on and get out no matter the weather. We have been in the woods identifying trees by leaf, hiking and also having fires to cook over. Hiking allowed for revision of trees, not least as Tim Brisley kindly came along with us and helped Cubs understand woods as functional places that provided different wood from different trees for different purposes. Cubs enjoyed pretending to be trees fighting to grow through brambles in a managed woodland with sky above. Having open areas like this let trees grow straight so long lengths could be cut for industries such as ship building and construction of homes. The Cub version of brambles were quite vicious and persistent!

Now there are so many of us, our hike took longer than expected as getting 19 Cubs and 7 adults over stiles took quite some time.

It is lovely that parents enjoy hiking often come to support those meetings.

Cubs voted to be adventurous with their outdoor cooking over fire (backwoods cooking). They steamed sweetcorn, heated bananas with chocolate buttons poked in them in embers and produced moules mariniere. All were tried by most. Cubs were great at cleaning mussels, chopping shallots, garlic and parsley but less good at reading the recipe so everything got chucked in at once. Still it was edible. Frankly, the biggest disappointment was the mussels themselves. I'd bought them in net bags from the Waitrose fish counter but there was hardly any eating on them. Some of the sweetcorn wasn't as good as hoped either so we had to chop up the cobs smaller than we'd hoped. Still chopping cobs was a favoured activity as we used an enormous butcher's cleaver to thwack through in a single blow rather than damage kernels by sawing away with knives. Sounds dangerous but Cubs listened carefully, took turns with close supervision and were probably safe than if using knives.

The scarecrow trail gave Cubs the change to work in teams for planning, preparation and construction over two weeks. They did a good job making four scarecrows, one with a ball, whom they imagined were playing Cubs' favourite game, dodgeball. Thank you very much to all of you who came to the scarecrow trail. Running our Group is expensive and there are always developments and improvements we'd like to fund. This year's wonderful total of £3009 will be a great help! Welcome to Richard our new Shere Khan! Another leader at last; please stay! Richard threw himself in to his first week engaging with Cubs on their hike. Next term there'll be more hiking and looking at changes in the woods. We'll also go climbing and get crafty as we make bunting using natural dyes and indulge in Christmas craft activities.

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. Despite Richard's volunteering, we are still very much in need of additional leaders. There may now be three of us but we can't all make it each week so need a supportive team. Cubs getting the most out of activities demands adult attention to be on hand quickly and for there to be enough adults to spot Cubs needing support before they feel bad about the experience.

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 then Cub Awards.

We concentrate on earning the Challenge Awards but would be happy to work with you

on an Activity Badge. Susan Hanlon

Akela

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## The Begging Bowl is still in action ...

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** for Friends of Canterbury Oast Trust to fund outings and holidays for adults with learning disabilities. COT runs the Rare Breeds Centre at Woodchurch.

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





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#### Saturday 8th November 2025 7pm

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## Sunday 30th November 2025 3pm Please note change of date and time!

Kieran White haut-contre
David Wright harpsichord & organ
The English Orpheus
Henry Purcell & His Contemporaries

#### Sunday 7th December 2025 1230pm & 3pm

Fundraising Luncheon & Fortepiano Recital Charlotte Tang

Franz Schubert ~ Robert & Clara Schumann

#### Sunday 14th December 2025 3pm

The Lacock Scholars

Greg Skidmore director

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A Great Mystery: Palestrina & Gibbons at Christmastime

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### Over 60s Meet

October Over 60's enjoyed an afternoon with singer, Jenny, a trip to Jempsons in Peasmarsh and an afternoon of pottery with Fiona. We made a Christmas wreath out of clay and Fiona took them to be fired and at our next meeting on 31st October we will get creative and paint them.

Forthcoming attractions:

14th November - singer, Nick.

28th November - singer,

Geoff.

Our last meeting in December is on 5th when we will have our Christmas meal accompanied by singer, Rikki when the club will break for Christmas. (Sorry to mention the "C" word so early).

We always welcome new members so please come along to Cotton Hill House, it starts at 2pm.

For further information contact June McKay on 07799984110.



Singer Jenny



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





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#### An update from Katie Lam MP

Autumn is always a beautiful time in the Weald: orchards full of apples, and our vineyards and farms busy finishing the harvest. Just the other week, I managed to pick my own pears in Marden and to sample some lovely wine produced in Ham Street. It's a busy time of year, especially with Parliament returning, so I wanted to share a short update on what I've been doing, as well as what's coming up locally.

I recently met with Kent County Council's Transport Cabinet Member to share findings of my transport survey. I pressed for fairer funding for Kent's roads, better resurfacing and pothole repairs, stronger enforcement on speeding and HGV routes, and protection for local bus services.

I want to update you all fully on what I found out, so over the next few weeks, every household in the Weald of Kent will receive a letter from me in the post. Inside, you'll find the results of the transport survey that so many of you completed earlier this year and a new survey

As the nights draw in, many people worry more about safety: at home, on our high streets, on our roads – and even online. At a local business earlier this month, I heard about trailers and stock being stolen; sadly, it's a common problem, especially for many of our farmers. Rural areas like ours face different challenges to cities, and I want to make sure the voices of our small villages and towns are properly heard, and to see how I can best help.

on crime and policing.

This is your chance to tell me what's happening where you live. So, please do take a few minutes to fill in the survey when it arrives. Your answers will directly shape the questions I ask in Parliament and the work I do with Kent Police.

I hope everyone's wrapping up warm as winter approaches. It's a season that can bring its own challenges as well as moments of quiet reflection. It's a good time to take stock and think about how we can support one another and keep our communities connected. As ever, if there's anything you'd like to talk to me about, please don't hesitate to get in touch at katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk

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All Souls Day

**Fireworks** 

Guy Fawkes

Marshmallow

Poppy

Silence

Armistice

Freedom

Hero

Medal

Remembrance

Soldier

Bonfire

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#### **MORE CASH IN THAT PIGGY BANK!**

#### **SO FAR SO GOOD!**

The total raised in 2025 has now reached £760.90 - 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.

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.





### <u> Iamstreet Woods National Nature Reserve</u> November25 Update

What's has been going on in October? The Forestry Contractors have been felling the chestnut coppice.

The Ride Mowing has started. I have been doing the difficult bits with the off-set mower and waiting for a good dry spell to start with the Cut-and-Collect machine.

The Contractors have re-aligned one of the culverts on Main Ride. This particular culvert was very tricky to drive the tractor and trailer over; it involved getting one wheel up on the side wall which was quite precarious. So, they have widened and straightened out the crossing making it much safer.





Fun Run 20th September. Hamstreet and District Sports and Leisure Association organised a fun run in the woods in September. £700 pounds was raised for the new walking and running track in the Pound Lees planned upgrades and expansions.

It was a fantastic event; 56 people took part in the rain and drizzle. Probably for the best keeping the runners cool. Hopefully we can do it all again next year!



November - What is going on this month?

The Foresters will still be coppicing the chestnut with the large machine and cutting the numbered oaks.

If the ride mowing wasn't completed in Late October, then the Natural England staff will be doing this throughout November.

As always please be careful around machinery, do not approach unless the operator says it is safe to do so, and follow all safety signage.

Ride Mowing - Why do we do it?

We keep the rides and glades open to allow for the light loving species in the woodland. These include, butterflies, dragonflies and the flora. It also allows for good hunting areas for birds and bats. These species evolved in a different landscape in prehistoric times. Before humans had such a big impact, large herbivores (Bison, Aurochs (Wild Cattle), Elks, Mammoths, Wild Horse and Giant Deer) would have roamed the countryside, eating the grassy areas and at times knocking over some of the trees. This would have meant the landscape would have been a mosaic of habitats known now as Wood Pasture. Essentially a bit of everything mixed together. In recent times Humans have compartmentalised the countryside into different uses, meaning that woodland is no longer a dynamic system without people's intervention. So, to keep the right habitat for our woodland species we need to act like herbivore's and cut the rides with machinery.

Wild Service Tree - Sorbus torminalis.

When walking in the woods see if you can spot the leave of this tree. We think there maybe around 15 of these over the whole site, but I keep finding them so there could be more. Also know as Chequers Tree - you will have seen many pubs named after this, and that is due to it being historically used to flavour beer, before Hops were more widely used.

#### 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



**NOVEMBER 2025** 

## **Benefice Worship Calendar**

SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2025				
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> November Trinity 20 4 before Advent Kingdom 1 (Green)	9.00 am Holy Communion (CW) & Patronal Festival. 9.45 for 10am Family Fun Service 10.30am Holy Communion 4.00 pm Poppy Cascade Dedication	St. Rumwold, Bonnington  Aldington Village Hall  Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet  St. Martin, Aldington		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 9 <sup>th</sup> November Trinity 21 3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday (Red/Green)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion and Remembrance Sunday Ceremony 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday 10.45 am Remembrance Service with the Royal British Legion and Scouts and Guides Parade	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington  Aldington War Memorial St. Matthew, Warehorne		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 16 <sup>th</sup> November Trinity 22 2 before Advent Kingdom 3 (Red/Green)	9.00am Morning Worship 9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30 am Prayer, Praise and Coffee 10.45am Worship Service	St. Mary, Orlestone St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Kenardington Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet Ruckinge Village Hall St. Martin, Aldington		
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Christ the King Next before Advent Kingdom 4 (Red/White/Green)	9.00am Holy Com (BCP) 10.30am BCP Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Com & Baptism 6.30pm Evensong	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Orlestone (inc Ruckinge) Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne		
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: 30 <sup>th</sup> November Advent 1 St. Andrews Day (purple)	10.30 am Café Church and Toy Service. 10.30 am Benefice Service	The Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet.  St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge NB. this is subject to building works being complete.		

#### **KEY EVENTS**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November Coffee Morning 10.00 to 11.30am Ruckinge Village Hall
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November Coffee Morning with Craft and Table Top sale, 10.00 am to 12.30pm Aldington Village Hall
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10 am – 12 noon St. Rumwolds Church, Bonnington.
Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of "Crisis" and St. Rumwolds

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