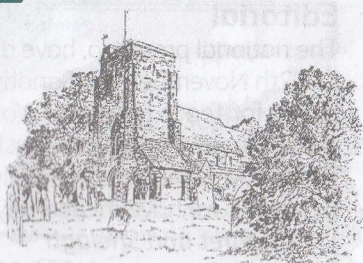


# SANDHURST Village. Magazine



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**The Winner!** Stunning Sandhurst Snaps Competition



## Editorial

The national press too, have discovered the attractions of Sandhurst. In The Times of 12th November, the Sandhurst Tea Rooms was listed as one of the 30 Best Places for Tea in England. "Wonderful cakes cooked on site and a pretty garden for the summer". Congratulations! We hope you will enjoy this edition of the magazine, which covers many of the activities that are taking place in our village. However, let us know if we have missed any out.

*Margaret and Shelagh*

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Dear Friends

*"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy, for all the people.' (Luke 2.10)"*

A few weeks ago, according to the United Nations, the world's population reached seven billion. That's an awful lot of people! Some of them are born into prosperity and comfort, and will be able to develop their talents, others are born into poverty and oppression.

Luke's Gospel tells how it was to the poor, the shepherds of Bethlehem, that the Good News of the birth of Jesus was announced. Now there are two ways of looking at this: either the Good News is just nice sentiment, or it is actually going to make a difference. Make a difference in our world, potentially to seven billion people.

The Good News becomes real in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ and in the lives of those who follow as his disciples, whether those pioneers who were to become the first century apostles, or the women and men who have lived truly according to Christ's teaching in all ages and all places since. We in our generation hope to do so also, and join with all people of good will in this calling.

To love, to support each other, to heal division and bring forgiveness and hope – these are the core values, as we would say nowadays, of the Christian gospel. We are desperately in need of them in our own age, as we have been shown again and again in the news throughout 2011. To know more: read, mark and inwardly digest Luke 4.14-22, and Matthew chapters

-5 and 6. This seriously good news, if we put it into practice in our lives, our communities, nation and world would be the greatest Christmas present for humankind. It's neither nice sentiment nor wishful thinking, but a life-affirming gift and challenge from a God who came amongst us.

The shepherds were pretty excited at what they heard and saw (Luke 2.20). I pray that this Christmas we may also be excited by the prospect that much of what is wrong in this world can be changed for the good – it takes courage and sacrifice, but there are seven billion reasons why we must not shirk from the task which Christ has entrusted to us.

Joanne joins me in wishing you all a happy and peaceful Advent and Christmas, and a blessed 2012

*Charles Hill*

## DIARY DATES



### Every Monday 9.15 -10.30am

Zumba- Old School

Jason Broome Jason@fitness1066.com

### Every Monday 7-9pm

Line Dancing-Old School

Ruth Young 01580 850637

### Every Tuesday 9.30-10.30am

Senior Exercise Class-Old School

Julia Wakefield 01580 850232

littlesponden@btinternet.com

### Every Thursday 12.30-3.05pm

Mobile Library- Sandhurst Close,

Tanyard, Old School, Lomas Lane

See Contacts page for exact times

### Every Wednesday 9.30-11.00am

Tai Chi Fundamentals - Old School

Brian Saxton 01892 5456730

energyworks-uk.com

### Every Thursday 1.30-2.30pm

Citizens Advice Bus- Back Lane

### Every Thursday 4.15-6.45pm

(term time) Children's Dance-Old School

Jane Coleman School of Dance

01435 882687 Terri Hill 07716 252878

### Every Friday 9.30-10.30am

Adult Ballet Class-Old School

Gillian Davis 01580 850384

Jane Coleman (winter) 01435 882687

### Every Saturday 9.30-11.30am

(term time) 6-16yrs Football-

Playing Fields Ken Slater 01580 850446

### Every Saturday 9.30am

(term time) 13+ netball-Primary School

Ken Slater 01580 850446

### Tuesday evening

Parish Council-Old School

Clerk Wendy Grayburn 01580 850295

### Thursday 1st December 10.45am

Coffee Morning-Baptist Church

Ken Slater 01580 850446

### Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm

Choral: The Marsh Warblers 'Going the Rounds'- St George's Benenden

Tickets £10 (Family £25) to include punch and mince pies 01580 240658

### Wednesday 7th December 8pm

Horticultural Society-Old School

Valerie Lamprey 01580 850336

### Thursday 8th December 12-2pm

Purpose Plate Christmas Lunch - Baptist Church

Terry Pickford 01580 850446

### Friday 9th December 5-7.00pm

Mulled wine and mince pies ♦Festival of Christmas Trees ♦Stunning Sandhurst Snaps-St Nicholas Church

### Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2-5pm

♦Festival of Christmas Trees ♦Stunning Sandhurst Snaps-St Nicholas Church

### Wednesday 14th December 7pm

WI-Old School

Mary Golding 01580 850755

### Friday 16th December 12.15pm

Friendship Club-The Great House

Rosie Broadbent 01580 850433

Rosiebroadbent@btinternet.com

### Tuesday 20th December 8pm

Book Club-Member's House

Valerie Lamprey 01580 850336

*Please let us know if you want a Sandhurst diary date included- see back page for contact details other weald music.com*

*Musical events not in Sandhurst, but nearby, can be found on:  
www.rotherfieldmusic.com*

*Full details of Baptist Church Services:  
www.sandhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk*



## Further Diary Dates

**St Nicholas Church - A Festival of Christmas Trees**

**Friday 9th December 5-7pm with mulled wine and mince pies.**

**Saturday & Sunday afternoon**

**10th & 11th December 2-5pm.**

Come and see a wonderful display of trees decorated by local people and organisations. - there is a prize for the best tree chosen by popular vote. The trees look at their best at twilight. Teas, silver crafted jewellery, raffle, bric a brac etc. Come and see - we think you will love it. Entry is free, but we hope you will make generous donations.

There will be a traditional St Nicholas Service on Sunday at 11.15 St Nicholas will arrive on his grey horse at the lower car park just before 11.15 am where he can be welcomed and go on up to the church.

Please use the field for parking.

**Friday 16th December 2.30pm**

The Rye And District National Trust have their Christmas party at Playden WI Hall. Geoff Hutchinson will entertain us with 'A History of Comic Verse'. A light hearted look at the history from 1066 to the present day in the words of the great and not so great poets. Seasonal refreshments will follow the entertainment. There will be a charge of £6.50 pp Please call Ros Adkins on 01797 253763 to book your place

**Saturday 4th February 'Sandhurst Memories'**

Film show and memorabilia of the village in the past - now being organized by the Jubilee Committee in the primary school.

*Finally a reminder to all organizations, the village diary is held in Ashley Goodhew's farm shop please could all events be entered.*



## BBC Gardeners' Question Time



The Donald Sinden Theatre, Homewood School, Tenterden, Kent  
December 12th - 5.30pm to enable questions to be put in (area on ticket is filled in) starts 6.30pm, ends 7.30pm (approx)

Cost £2.50. If you are interested please forward cheque payable to The Sinden Theatre and a SAE to: Mrs Jan Page,  
The Old School House, Smallhythe Road, Tenterden TN30 7NB

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

**6th November** Joshua Raithby Lucas

### Funerals

**21st October** Mary Bicker



## Stunning Sandhurst Snaps



We hope you have spotted this month's front cover showing the winning photo.

Our judges, Rosemary Palmes and Natalie Bicat, spent many hours poring over the anonymous entries, before emerging to announce that a photo taken by Bob Houlden on the 10th January last year, was the winner.

The photo is taken from St Nicholas churchyard, looking south towards Bodiam.

Photos taken by Carole Close and William Wood were superb runners-up. Entries will be on display at the Festival of Christmas Trees at St Nicholas Church (9th -11th December) Please come and admire the photos! And because we have so many wonderful photos taken round the village, we are actively investigating the possibility of producing a 2013 Sandhurst calendar using the entries.

*In the words of the judges: "The winning photo is a good depiction of a very cold winters' day, showing a dramatic sky formation. Composition is good with footprints creating a diagonal in the foreground and bright sunshine drawing the eye to the distant horizon. A typical view of the countryside surrounding Sandhurst"*

Thank you Rosemary and Natalie for your time and expertise and many, many congratulations and thanks to everyone who took part.

*Margaret and Shelagh*

## Jubilee Celebrations

Next year the village is planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a range of events including a road race, a special church service, a procession of floats, a fete and an evening entertainment over the weekend of 1-4th June 2012.

We have already started our fundraising campaign with a disco held at the village club in October which raised £120.70 and our next event will be the "Sandhurst Memories" evening on Saturday 4th February 2012. A full list of events will be published in the January edition of the Village Magazine.

We would very much like to hear from anyone who wishes to be involved in the organisation or running of these events along with any other ideas that you may have to make the celebrations go with a swing.

You may be able to run a stall or an event on the day or provide a float for the procession. You may want to help with one of the fundraising events leading up to the day or would just like to come along and take part.

*We are aiming to make the Queen's Diamond Jubilee one to remember, so if you would like to be part of it please let us know by calling Lyn & Martin Hayes on 01580 850201 or e-mail Lyn on Lynhayes22@aol.com*





## Local Farmers' Markets

### Nearest Markets:

**Cranbrook** - On the 4th Saturday of the month in the Vestry Hall 9-12 noon

**Rolvenden** - Every Thursday in the church and village hall 10-12noon

**Sissinghurst** - 2nd and 4th Monday in Sissinghurst Gardens 12-3pm

**Tenterden** - Every Friday

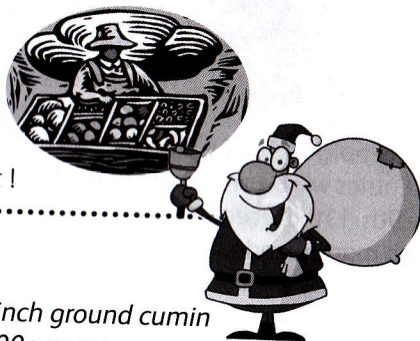
### Christmas Late Opening Nights

**Cranbrook** - Friday 16th December

**Tenterden** - Friday 2nd December

**Hawkhurst** - Saturday 3rd December 1-5pm

fireworks and theme Boys Toys – lots to look at !



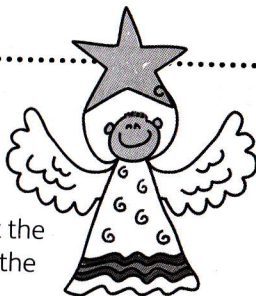
## Parmesan Biscuits

Lovely with soup- or on their own

100g butter	pinch cayenne pepper	pinch ground cumin
100g SR flour	15g fennel seeds	100g parmesan

### Method

- 1 Blend everything except the fennel seeds in a processor until it comes together.
- 2 Form into a sausage shape and roll in the seeds to coat.
- 3 Wrap in clingfilm and chill 30 mins
- 4 Slice in 1cm slices (about 15) and put on a baking tray
- 5 Bake at 180, Gas 4 for 10-12mins



## Sandhurst Primary School News.

As the festive season approaches the children and staff get very busy preparing for it in school. Decorations are being made, Christmas cards designed, the Nativity is being rehearsed and the singing of carols can be heard throughout the school. We look forward to the Christmas dinner, the parties, the visiting theatre group and the Children's Christmas shopping organised by our Parents and Friends. It is a busy time combined with fun and laughter.

*Some of our infant children have been asked what Christmas means to them.*

*Bonnie, Year R, "you get to do Christmas plays,"*

*Isaac, Year R, "it is my brother's first Christmas,"*

*Ethan, Year 1, "you get Christmas trees with lights,"*

*Jasmine Year 1, "a couple of my Aunties and cousins come round,"*

*Jack, Year 2, "putting the wooden reindeers out and the decorations on the tree,"*

*Archie, Year 2, "we sometimes get the presents we want."*

From the children, staff and governors of Sandhurst Primary School, we wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Peter Edgesmith



Now available at £4 per pack of ten cards

Contact: Anne Tylden-Wright- 01580 850281  
or Bob Houlden- 01580 850278

## Parish Council News

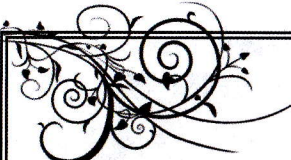
**Old School Hall:** Work on the kitchen refurbishment is now scheduled to begin on 21st November. As this involves the stripping out of the old kitchen and re-plastering, there will be some disruption to users. The kitchen will not be available for use from 21st November. The work is planned to be completed by Christmas and it is anticipated that the hall (apart from the kitchen) will be available for use as normal during this period. We are sure that you will consider the inconvenience well worth it as you will see if you join us for mulled wine and mince pies after Carols on the Green on 20th December.

**Playing Fields:** The contractors laying the new water main along the Rye Road are using the car park as a depot for their equipment. Once they have completed the project they will leave us with a much nicer car park – with no potholes!! Incidentally, the polythene barrier by the side of the road is for the protection of the Greater Crested Newts who would, otherwise, fall into the trenches.

**Remembrance Sunday:** There were about 150 people at the Cenotaph for the moving service of Remembrance. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, the Social Club and the Baptist Church. Many personal poppies and crosses were also added.

**Allotments:** The allotments will be handed over to the Parish Council on December 19th. Anyone interested in having an allotment should contact the Clerk. *Finally, don't forget that if you want to get in touch with us you can contact our Clerk, Wendy Grayburn either by telephone: 01580 850295 or by email via our website <http://www.sandhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>*





## Mary Bicker 1933-2011

Mary was born in Folkestone in 1933. Her mother was sometimes in poor health, so her grandmother played an important part in Mary's upbringing. Later Mary moved to Cheam, in Surrey, to stay with her Auntie Ann. After leaving school she began employment as house-keeper and nanny for the local doctor. Later, when her mother was recovering from an operation, Mary moved back home to help out with the other children. After the war she met Albert, who lived nearby at Elham. Mary and Albert had met when he was on leave from the army.

They were married in Folkestone in 1953. Albert was almost 20 years older than Mary. They moved to East Peckham for a while when they were offered a cottage and work on a farm. Ted and Bob were born there.


In 1959 they moved into a cottage at Downgate in Sandhurst, where Kathy, Christine, David and Audrey were added to their family.

When Albert retired, around 1977, they moved to No.9, Linkhill, where he continued to practice his love of gardening, a task happily shared in by Mary. Mary was delighted when the family bought her a moped in 1981. She took a course at Angleley, learning to ride, and very soon became a '50cc mobile feature' of the village, sometimes venturing as far as Headcorn station and even to Crowborough. Sadly, Albert died in June 1992. Quite amazingly at that time Mary continued to participate as a member of the adult Confirmation discussion group which we were holding at the Rectory. It had quite an illustrious membership, each of them contributing hugely to the interesting spiritual development which we shared in together. The Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover took place at St. Nicholas on Advent Sunday, November 29th 1992. Mary was 59 at the time.

Mary was always a keen supporter of Church activities, helping out at every event, and particularly enjoying the monthly Family Services. She would usually be found working behind the scenes at most village events as well, especially with the Friendship Club, lunches at the Baptist Church, and as an enthusiastic member of the Horticultural Society. Her little garden was surprisingly impressive when she opened it for the public from time to time, with others around the village. Somehow she did not discover for many years that she was almost completely blind in one eye.

She greatly deserved the day-trips and coach holidays which she took most years, most recently visiting the Olympic Stadium this September. She is among just a few people who could generate the reflection of so much cheerfulness and love. Mary was laid to rest in the churchyard in a grave shared with Albert, having lived as a widow for almost 20 years. We give thanks to God for all that she meant to so many people in the community.

*Taken from an address given by Dick Dengate  
at her funeral on 21st October 2011*



## Three brave young men receive awards

About 50 villagers, local politicians and senior police officers gathered on Tuesday 8 November in the Old School Hall to honour three brave young men whose prompt and selfless actions at the scene of a head-on crash at Linkhill last April saved the lives of four people. David Smith of the Linkhill Road Group, and first on the scene to countless collisions outside his and his wife Jeanne's house over the years, described how his neighbour Mike Jacques and Wayne Thistleton extinguished the fires which broke out in the two vehicles and how Mike and PC Lionel Kelly got into the car of the trapped driver, Amanda Maidment, and helped prevent further injury. Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, Mayor of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, then presented Mike and Wayne with awards from the Royal Humane Society in recognition of their bravery. Amanda's daughter Emma, who along with her sister Charlotte was able to escape from the car, was at the ceremony with her mother and sister, and accepted PC Kelly's award on his behalf.

Robert Dunnett, husband of Amanda and father of Charlotte and Emma, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the three men, and his gratitude to Councillor Roger Manning, Mr John Burr, Director of Highways at KCC, and the Linkhill Road "gang" for their efforts to make the road safe, which it seemed were now about to bear fruit.

According to the latest information from Kent Highways, resurfacing of the road at Linkhill is due to start in December, when the new interactive sign will also arrive. After the water mains works are completed along the whole stretch of the Rye Road (along which a 30mph limit will operate), expected to be next March, the 40mph limit will be introduced.

A very big Thank You to John Goodman and the parish council for supporting the Linkhill Road Group's campaign and for hosting the awards ceremony, including providing the drinks; and to Jeanne Smith for the table full of delicious savoury treats.

*Shirley Wiggs, Linkhill Road Group*

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## Sandhurst Friendship Club

On the 4th of November we welcomed John Fryer from Smarden who as a Canterbury Cathedral boy chorister was chosen to sing in the choir at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation in 1953. He entertained us with amusing stories of life as a chorister and about his training for the big day. He finished his talk with a recording of the choir music of the day. Our member Alan Clark as a boy was a chorister from St Albans Cathedral who also sang in the Coronation choir so the two spent a happy tea time together!

**Next Meeting: We return to The Great House on December 16th for our Christmas Lunch. Please arrive at 12.15 for lunch at 12.30pm**

*Rosie Broadbent*



## Fascinating Facts about Sandhurst

### The Late Miss Halifax's Tour around Sandhurst as retraced by Bob Houlden

**Meagrim's Hill** The West Way now comes out to the main road and degenerates into a footpath. Before climbing the stile let us cast our eyes up Meagrim's Hill. I always understood that the hill got its name from somebody's horse having an attack of meagrim or staggers while going up it; but on old maps it is marked as Meagram's Hill so I am afraid that is just a tale. Another story, for which I cannot find any proof, concerns the posts and chains on either side of the road. Apparently a sailor from Rye was travelling up the hill on a dark night, perhaps a bit the worse for having celebrated his return to port, and fell into the ditch first on one side and then the other. These accidents affected him so strongly that he is said to have left a sum of money to erect and keep in order the post and chains that now guard the road. (Miss Halifax's story is correct. There was a trust for this purpose, I recall when going through old files in the Parish office when I was a councillor, which from memory was initially administered by Northiam Parish Council and subsequently transferred to KCC.- BH) At the top of the hill is the old horse trough. I can just remember the driver of the old 'bus from Tenterden to Hawkhurst stopping here to let his old black horses drink. But now, of course, it is dry and filled up with rubbish.

**West Way** Retracing our steps down the hill we get back on to the Roman Road by taking the footpath at the back of Bayford House. This runs in a truly Roman fashion straight to Sandhurst Cross. When I was working on Mr Baker's farm during the war I can remember them trying to plough across part of the old road and how the plough kept jumping in the air because it was still too hard. Miss Baker and I used to look hopefully for coins or bits of pottery but all we ever found were lumps of iron set in the bubbles as it had come from smelting. Then we thought these lumps were from iron foundries that flourished here in later times. There was a furnace only two miles away at Gun Green (Miss Halifax added a signed margin note: "Furnace Farm near Park Farm, where we lived 1939-45). But recently I have discovered that the whole of this Roman road was metalled with cinders and dross from the smelting heaps. Our finds were very much more ancient than we thought. The West Way leads us straight across that big flat field known as School Field, because there was once a school here. After touching the modern road it is not so easy to trace except on old maps, but the line passes north of the church, (I think she means west and not north – BH) down the hill again to cross the Kent Ditch, anciently known as the Kennet. Where it passes into Bodiam Parish we leave it.

**Old Sandhurst** Now at Sandhurst Cross we come to the real old Sandhurst. On old maps as late as 1796 the Cross is marked as Sandhurst proper and this part where we are now (Sandhurst today) is Cowbeech Green. It almost seems as if then there was little connection between the two places, at least socially. I dare say the inhabitants of Sandhurst (Cross) looked with deepest suspicion on those foreigners down at Cowbeech Green.

*To be continued next month... Bob Houlden*

## Rev Charles Hill highlights the report:

### Perceptions of Ethics in the City Today - by St Paul's Institute

Professionals in the Financial Services sector believe that City bond traders, FTSE Chief Executives and stock brokers are paid too much, teachers are paid too little and that there is too great a gap between rich and poor in the UK, according to a survey carried out by ComRes on behalf of St Paul's Institute.

Marking the 25th anniversary of the financial 'Big Bang', the survey also indicates that the majority of Financial Services professionals do not know that the London Stock Exchange's motto is 'My Word is My Bond' and many think that deregulation of financial markets results in less ethical behaviour.

*The survey of 515 professionals working in the Financial Services sector in London carried out online by ComRes between 30th August and 12th September 2011 also found that:*

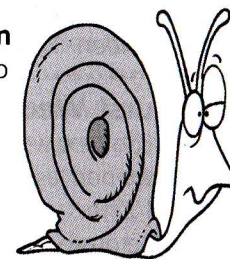
- ✧ The majority of FS professional think that bankers, stock brokers, FTSE 100 chief executives, lawyers and city bond traders are paid too much.
- ✧ Salary and bonuses' are the most important motivation for professionals working in the FS sector in London for 2 in 3 (64 %) participants. 'Enjoyment of the work' comes a distant second.
- ✧ 75 % agree that there is too great a gap between rich and poor.
- Only 14 % of respondents correctly indicated the motto of the London Stock Exchange ("My Word is My Bond").
- ✧ Many are not familiar with what happened after the financial 'Big Bang':  
1 in 3 disagree that the financial markets were deregulated
- ✧ More than two-thirds (69 %) did not know that the financial Big Bang was in 1986.
- ✧ The majority of respondents feel that their companies maintain high ethical standards that are broadly in line with their personal moral standards.

## Snail Cough Mixture

### Barbara Simmons has sent in the following suggestion

Just in case you hear coughing in the garden, it's supposed to cure a human cough if you are brave enough to try! Place 20 snails in a basin with 3 handfuls of green fennel, leave them overnight to cleanse themselves. Next day place them in a muslin bag with half a pound of brown sugar. Leave to drip for 24 hours. Bottle liquid and take tablespoons when necessary.

*PS. She hasn't tried it herself, and would not recommend it either!*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL OUR READERS!**



## Sandhurst Netball Team News

Sandhurst Baptist Church netball team played an exciting match against Iden Green Congregational Church on Saturday 5th November, eventually winning the match 47-33. Sandhurst is gaining new players regularly and hope to put 2 teams into the league next season, starting in January.

*For information on joining Sandhurst for netball training, please contact Vicki Ramsden on 07976 979053.*

Vicki Ramsden



## Sandhurst Book Group

October's book was Ryszard Kapusinski's "The Emperor: Downfall of an Autocrat" which charted the last few years of Haile Selassie's seventy year rule over Ethiopia, told by members of his court to the author, a journalist. The extraordinary character of the emperor, how he kept his medieval style court and his subjects loyal to him throughout his reign made fascinating reading.

On December 20th we shall be with Shirley and Terry (850108) having read 'A Bloomsbury Childhood' by Angelica Garnett.

Valerie Lamprey

## Sandhurst and Newenden WI

There is so much talent in Sandhurst. For our November meeting we were delightfully entertained by Les Shaw who told us all about Silversmithing. Les did an apprenticeship in copper smithing in the Navy but found he enjoyed working with silver - He brought with him some lovely pieces he had made and talked us through the process. We all had a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable time. Thank you Les. December's meeting is the Christmas party don't forget to dust off your party frocks and come laden with a plate of goodies!

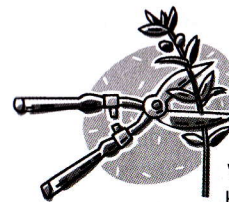
Anne Tylden-Wright

## Sandhurst Weather Report

October can be a wet month with 4 inches or more rain; but this October we had less than 2 inches and that mainly between the 25th and 27th.

The temperature was unseasonably high for most of the month with plenty of golden autumn sunshine, no fog, little wind and only a touch of ground frost in places on the 20th and 21st. Altogether a very welcome spell of warmth and sunshine after a cool and generally disappointing summer. It looks as if the main autumn colour will be in November as up until the last week of the month the leaves have stayed green on the trees.

Valerie Lamprey



## Sandhurst Horticultural Society

Ken Turner enthusiastically demonstrated the pruning of many popular shrubs to our Society at our November meeting. Members fired questions at him on their particular plants which had overgrown their space. Ken reminded us that the harder we prune the stronger the subsequent growth, however, pruning out old growth from the base maintains a healthy and youthful shrub.

*Competition winners this month: Well done to Jenny Rummery, Brian Puxty, Alan Fagg and Tom Hicks.*

Members were invited to purchase tulip bulbs "Olympic Flame" at this meeting in preparation for exhibiting May 2012. In addition there will be an extra class, a pot of tulips, any variety (5 bulbs in 7" pot).

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th December The Annual General Meeting, when trophies will be presented to this year's successful exhibitors. Members are asked to bring plated refreshments to accompany wine provided by the Society.**

*The Thompson and Morgan Seed catalogue is still available at 50% discount to Members. NB. Seeds only this year. Orders must be in by December meeting.*

*Terry (Treasurer) is taking deposits of £30 per head to secure a coach booking to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a trip to France June 2012. The outing will include two gardens and lunch. Have you booked your seat?*

John Everett

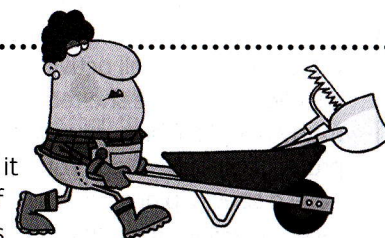
## Tips from the Garden Shed

### ❁ DECEMBER

Winter pruning of fruit trees is a satisfying job and it is a good time to carry out any major pruning of ornamental deciduous trees and shrubs, the plants are dormant, and with no leaves it is much easier to see what needs to be pruned out. Start by removing any dead and diseased wood, moving on to any crossing branches that are rubbing together, cutting out whole shoots to a joint whenever possible. If the plant is taking up too much space it can be trimmed but try to open up the centre of the plant to allow air to circulate, take your time, stand back and consider the effect that removing a branch will have on the overall appearance before making the cut. Has your garden room for some winter shrubs? December is an excellent time to buy a plant. If the ground is wet and cold, pop them in along a path to avoid compacting the soil and position them in your chosen spot in the Spring. They will hold over very well if their roots are covered in soil, a practice known as 'heeling in'.

Suggested winter shrubs: Mahonia (Charity), Viburnum (Bodnantense), Ilex Holly (Landsworth New Silver), Cotoneaster Frigidus (Fructu Lutea), Eleagnus (Gilt Edge), Aucuba Japonica (Variegata).

John Everett





## Travel Report

I finally caught the Tuesday Countryliner No 24 from Sandhurst (9.30) to Maidstone Market. (10.55) It was one of THREE buses passing Sandhurst Swan at that time! The No 24 goes via Iden Green to Benenden Village Hall. It turns and retraces its way down the Street and then proceeds to Benenden Hospital then on via Biddenden, Smarden, Sutton Valance, and passes some lovely buildings and countryside. Even the names of the streets are interesting as they tell of bygone industries in our area. The No 24 appears to park and wait until 13.20 return, arriving Sandhurst 14.45. However, there is a frequent free service into Maidstone (No 505). The Arriva No 5 goes at 15 mins. past the hour from King Street, stop L2. – Kitty Corner (Chequers Centre) – reaching Sandhurst at 20 past the next hour, WHEN it is running to time. The No5 is a far quicker route and one could easily walk or get the free bus to Maidstone Market.

Since this will be my final report before Christmas, I would like to bring you greetings from the Church Road Bus Shelter and explain how it appeared 2 years ago. It is a memorial to my late husband and I put up the seed money. Bob Houlden, on behalf of the Parish Council, found two KCC grants for rural bus shelters and Tony Relf kindly drew up the plans, without charge. The Parish Council paid for the planning application. I paid for the bench and the carving and I have recently purchased a notice board to keep our end of the village abreast of all activities and Parish Council News. Les Shaw very kindly installed this in the shelter, which was built by Steve Barrett. It is used by many people, which is just what Richard envisioned when we discussed the project before he died. It is a wonderful way to remember someone, if you have a special place on a bus route!

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from your travel reporter,

*Gillian Davis*

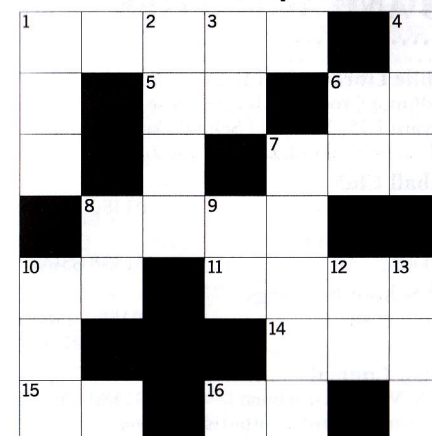
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## A Christmas Competition submitted by Tony Farrington



### Across

1. Area of Dog's Mead in square yards
5. Age of Farmer Dunk's daughter, Martha
6. Difference, in yards, between length and breadth of Dog's Mead
7. Number of roods in Dog's Mead multiplied by 9 down
8. Year that Little Pigley came into occupation by the Dunks
10. Farmer Dunk's age
11. Year when Farmer Dunk's youngest child, Mary, was born
14. Perimeter of Dog's Mead in yards
15. Cube of Farmer Dunk's walking speed in miles per hour
16. 15 across minus 9 down

## Little Pigley Farm 1935

### Want a change from Sudoku?

Try this cross-number puzzle. Use some logic and simple maths to solve the questions.

There is a prize for the winner, picked at random. Entries to one of the editors (page 2) by December 31st.

One thing you need to know is that Dog's Mead is a rectangular plot of land.

*PS If you're too young to know what yards, roods and acres are, then you're young enough to google it!*

### Down

1. Value of Dog's Mead in shillings per acre
2. Square of Farmer Dunk's mother-in-law's age
3. Mary's age
4. Value of Dog's Mead in £ sterling
6. Age of Farmer Dunk's son, Ed, who will be twice as old as Mary next year
7. Width of Dog's Mead in yards, squared
8. Length, in minutes, Farmer Dunk needs to walk one-and-one-third times around Dog's Mead
9. See 10 down
10. 10 across multiplied by 9 down
12. One more than the sum of the digits in puzzle column 2
13. Length of tenure, in years, of Little Pigley Farm, by the Dunk family

## From our roving correspondent

As many villagers already know, Sandhurst has once again got a pub, and a very good pub too! No longer The New Swan but THE Swan as the handsome sign clearly declares. On entering, to a warm welcome, one is struck by the handsome interior, very well designed, admirably decorated and invitingly comfortable. The whole thing is a bit of a delight. Then of course to the important business: good draught beer and cider at the right temperature. As a man of Kent I should not say it but the best beer (in my opinion) comes from over the Sussex border and The Swan has it. Perfect! As for solid nourishment, the bar menu is pretty inviting and the smoked haddock and leek gratin is to be recommended. How fortunate we are to have such a welcoming and attractive village pub.

Just one small suggestion: the image of the swan on the sign would be enhanced if it's bill were to have a touch of colour, a nice bright orange.

*Peregrinus*



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**TW/11/03205/FUL Retrospective:** Change of use of buildings and yard from agriculture to mixed agriculture and workshop and storage. Risden Farm, Risden Lane.

**TW/11/03257/HOUSE Single-storey front extension.** 5 Poundfield.

**TW/11/03341/FUL Temporary stationing of a mobile home for a period of five years.** Oaklands Farm, Bodiam Road

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