

SANDHURST Village Magazine



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PEACE ON EARTH



Dear Friends

*'Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'
(Isaiah 60.1)*

Have you noticed how the Christmas story is full of shock announcements and 'get up and go' moments? Announcements to Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, shepherds, wise men, and snap decisions which have to be taken – where to go, what to do?

Luke's Gospel, which we begin to read again in church this Advent, is full of immediacy. Things are happening now, today, the shepherds are told. And they decide to go straightaway to find out more. For centuries, people across the world have been gathering at this time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ – everyone has their own way of celebrating the great event. But what does it really mean for us?

Well - to begin with, this isn't just some ancient tale around which we wrap a midwinter celebration. It's about now, our own age and our real world. At Christmas we tell of God's great love for humankind and the hope which is promised through the birth of Jesus. In the person and teaching of Jesus we find insight and healing for our own lives and for the world.

But we are not to sit back and do nothing ourselves. God calls us to take part ourselves in making life better for all people. By example and by teaching, and finally through his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus shows us the way. The way starts in Bethlehem, and takes us to Jerusalem, but it doesn't end there. It leads on into eternity - but it doesn't leave us behind. We are called, like the shepherds, to get up and go, and put the love of God into practice in our own lives and communities. Christmas offers each of us a chance to share the light which promises new life, a new start. Glory Hallelujah!

Joanne joins me in wishing a peaceful Christmas and New Year to you all

Yours in Christ
Charles Hill,
Priest in Charge

From the Registers

Confirmation

7th November Nicole Banister (at Canterbury Cathedral)

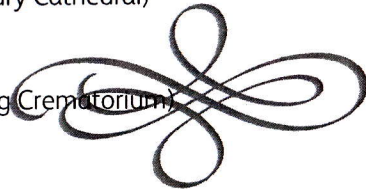
Funerals

19th October David Price

29th October Florence Mynard (at Charing Crematorium)

Burial of Ashes

26th October Norman Small



DIARY DATES

For regular society meetings and activities please see listing on p16

1st December Arts and Crafts Fair at Homewood School, Tenterden.

2nd December 11.15am
St Nicholas is Coming. Also the presentation of the Gods Acre Award at the family Service.

8th December 7.30pm
Choral at St Dunstons Cranbrook.

Saturday 15th December 9.00am
Sandhurst Parish Council are putting up the Christmas Tree on Upper Green Saturday. If you would like to help with this please come along.

20th December 7.00pm
Carols on the Green led by the Salvation Army.

23rd December 6.30pm
Village Carol Service at St Nicholas.

Monday 24th December 3.00pm
Crib Service at St Nicholas.

February
Wine tasting Sandhurst - Old School Hall.

Saturday May 18th
to raise funds for floor refurbishment at the Old School Hall. We are planning an evening of Spanish food, wine and an authentic Spanish dance performance.

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From the Editor

About 150 people attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph. Thanks to Rosemary and to Ken Slater for leading the Service and to Adam Kerry for making the green so tidy.

As Les reminded us last month, 47 men gave their lives in the two World Wars. It would be interesting and a fitting tribute to them if we could get some information about them from descendants to publish in the Magazine. If you have any information which would help – or even a photograph. Let me know.

Have a merry Christmas.

Shelagh Farrington

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Brickwall Music & Arts Society

The next concert will be given on the
14th December at Beckley Village Hall



The Primavera Chamber Ensemble will play a beguiling mix of violin, 'cello and piano pieces ranging from Schumann to Faure.

Mince pies, wine and coffee will be served!

Further concerts include performances by the prize-winning Piatti String Quartet and the very distinguished British pianist James Kirby.

For more information about the full series of concerts, membership and tickets please call Terri Westerdale on 01797 253673 or email terri@woodbury.co.uk

Change of venue for Brickwall Music Society

I am sorry to send another notification so soon after my last two, but there is a change in venue for the Brickwall Music Society. They are moving to St. Ronan's School, Hawkhurst and will have a far larger area. This means that they will be inviting new members to join and they will be able to offer single tickets as well.

Somehow they have managed to avoid any clashes with Vinehall and myself! They have events on the following dates.....

19th. October 14th. December 12th. April 21st. June 23rd. August

It is interesting to note that the piano performance on April 12th. is by James Kirby who plays with the Barbican Trio. Those of you who attended the string trio in September will have heard Robert Max (cello) who is part of the same excellent group.

Further details are available from

Terri Westerdale on 01797 253673 or email terri@woodbury.co.uk



Carols on the Green around the Christmas Tree.

Led by the Salvation Army band
Starting at 7pm on Thursday 20th December
with Mulled Wine and Mince pies to follow,
(A torch will be helpful)

Sandhurst Horticultural Society

Apology and correction to last month's entry re. the October meeting, it was of course Sue Buckingham who gave a comprehensive illustrated talk 'Flowers and Scenery in Switzerland', many of which we recognised as growing in our own gardens. The amazing photography of the mountains and plants were breathtakingly beautiful, well worth the effort of climbing the slopes of The Eiger, although when becoming just too much, a light railway or ski lift served to help move one from place to place.

At our November gathering members learned of the 'Restoration of the Salutation Garden' also known as The Secret Garden, within the town of Sandwich. Head gardener Steve Edney described how he with his young team have reclaimed this three and half acre garden to its original glory, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and possibly assisted by Gertude Jekyll in 1911. Now open to the public throughout the year. The entrance to the grounds through a roofed gateway is similar to that at Great Maytham Hall, Rolvenden, also by Lutyens and erected around the same time.

All proceeds of the evening (approx. £100) were donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. A further charitable donation from surplus funds of the society has been made to 'Spadework' a local charity supporting those with learning disabilities through horticulture and amenity gardening.

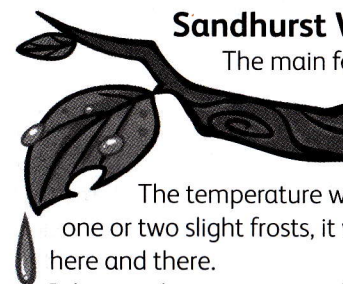
Competition winners this month: *Maureen Sadler with her mysterious pot plant; Brian Woodcock and Tom Hicks.*

Next Month: December, we have our AGM where competition winners will receive their trophies to hold and polish for twelve months. Refreshments supplied by members will be available after the business of the evening.

New Year Resolution- *must join the Sandhurst Horticultural Society.*

John Everett

Sandhurst Weather Report for October



The main feature of the weather was the almost daily rainfall up to the 20th of the month, giving a total of 132mm (over five inches) but by no means a record as we had more in 2000, 2001 and 2006.

The temperature was decidedly cool for the whole month but we only had one or two slight frosts, it was mostly cloudy and damp with a few sunny days here and there.

It has not been a very windy autumn and the leaves have fallen slowly which is a nuisance as one rakes up one lot and in two days more have come down. I was raking up hornbeam, then beech and I am still waiting for most of the maple and magnolia. It has been difficult to keep the grass mown because it has been too wet to mow.

Valerie Lamprey

Sandhurst Friendship Club

Fifty members of the Friendship Club thoroughly enjoyed an absorbing and inspiring talk by Fiona Castle of her own life in show business as a dancer and of her life with her late husband Roy. Eric Morecambe who introduced her to Roy featured in many of the funniest stories. She also reflected briefly and movingly on a period of her life when she suffered from depression and of her Christian faith. We were enthralled and you could have heard a pin drop!! I am sure the members will discuss this talk for weeks to come.



Next Month: Christmas Lunch at Merriments Garden Centre on Friday December 14th Please arrive in time for Lunch at 12.30 pm.

Rosie Broadbent

Sandhurst Primary School News

One of the most thrilling months at school is this month as we prepare for Christmas. The children become excited as soon as the Christmas tree arrives!!!! Preparations are well under way for the festive season. The Infants are rehearsing for their Nativity "Prickly Hay" and the Juniors are getting in the singing spirit for their Carol service at St Nicholas Church.

The Parents and Friend Committee are organising a Christmas shopping day for the pupils when children can buy a present for someone in the family which will be secret from Mum and Dad!

Last month we held an Open Day and it was great that over 20 prospective families came to visit us. Our visitors were treated to a tour by our Year 6 pupils who were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Admissions for our Reception Class are now open and parents/carers should apply via the admissions website at kent.gov.uk. Once again the dedication of our staff and the collaboration and team work which they show has been recognised by Investors in People. Sandhurst Primary School has been awarded the Gold Standard which is a result we are all very proud of.

*On behalf of the children, staff and Governors,
have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Arthur Stanley Clarke

I have had a letter from Mr J. Stanley-Clarke who lives in East Sussex, who tells me that his brother, Arthur, who emigrated to Canada (British Columbia) died there this year on his birthday (2nd March) at the age of 81. He has been buried in his village, and his parents were buried in Sandhurst churchyard. Mr Stanley-Clarke would be very interested to know if any Sandhurst folk remember Arthur and the family, who lived at Aldenden Manor. If you have any recollections which you would like me to pass on, please send an email or note to me at the Vicarage.

Charles Hill

David John Price

July 30th 1927- September 28th 2012

(An edited version of the address given at his funeral by Pastor Ken Slater)

David was born in Wadhurst on the 30th July 1927. He spent his childhood in Wadhurst, attending the local primary school. He sang in the choir earning 2/6d a month and attended Sea Cadets in Tunbridge Wells managing to fit in a paper round - a sign of things to come!

On leaving school he went to work for Stonegate Farmers, until at the age of 17 years + 1 day he joined the Royal Navy. After training at H.M.S. Gangees and aboard H.M.S. Arethusa he also did a six week radar course, later serving on H.M.S. Liverpool.

Now de-mobbed David met Mary at a dance in Wadhurst and two years later they were married in August 1950 at Wadhurst Church. For the first two years of married life they lived with David's mother in Wadhurst, where their son Graham was born in 1951, and in 1952 they moved to Churchsettle, their first family home, where Janet was born in 1954.

In 1964 David and Mary bought a new home in Wadhurst, where Beverley was born in 1967. By this time David had moved to Four Elms at Edenbridge, as an accountant. He became disillusioned with working for others and in 1972 decided on a career change moving to Sandhurst buying the newsagents'. Long hours and hard work were to follow, but also funny and memorable times too! Over the years he had many cars, especially liking the Austin Maxi, owning at least 3 of them! He found they pulled his dry cleaning trailer really well, often leaving in such a hurry that he would forget to shut the trailer door properly, being pulled over by the police on more than one occasion.

Nothing was ever too much for his customers; the shop was often open after hours and became fondly known as "Arkwrights" by many locals. In 1994 David finally retired; tending his plants in his vegetable patch, mowing the grass or picking apples in the orchard - he was still climbing ladders at 81!!

As an avid supporter he went on his first trip to Highbury to watch Arsenal play with his granddaughter Holly and tried his first hamburger!

As a decline in health and mobility made life less busy, he said "goodbye" to his Nova; the vegetable patch began to grow over and the whittling stopped. In spite of all of this David retained a deep interest in all his children, grandchildren and great grand children's welfare continuing to enjoy their visits.

He enjoyed watching life on the bird table and the owls flying over the orchard from the comfort of his much loved armchair!

He counted himself very lucky to have had such a wonderful, caring and loving wife in Mary during their 62 years of marriage and found great comfort in knowing that "My Mary" was there for him, during the last difficult months of his life.

He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

Village Interview

Name: Richard Cutchley

Role: Captain of Bell-ringers, St. Nicholas Church

How long have you lived/worked in Sandhurst?

I moved into my cottage in 1977 when I was a Kent Police Detective, stationed at Tunbridge Wells.

What is your favourite time of the year and why?

Without doubt the Autumn. The light is beautiful as the Sun is lower in the sky and everything seems to be painted in high golden contrast. There is a chill in the air which makes one hanker for a welcoming log fire. All of nature slows down and I find it very comforting.

What are your interests?

Apart from bell-ringing, I enjoy daily Yoga practice and meditation. I also have five saxophones which keep me occupied. I do not travel far as I prefer to stay where my favourite things are all around me.

What type of music do you like?

My favourite is classical music and modern jazz. I simply love a soul-wrenching "torch ballad" either sung with feeling or played on an instrument (preferably on a tenor saxophone or piano).

Favourite book?

Nowadays I mostly read non-fiction. I like to learn something new, as almost everything that I have ever studied has been self-taught. I have read many classics and once read the whole Bible in a study course. Dickens is a favourite author especially Pickwick Papers and I read A Christmas Carol every December, just to get me in the festive mood.

Favourite pub within a 10 miles radius?

The White Hart at Newenden has always felt like my local. I also now enjoy the Bull at Benenden, which I neglected for too many years. The Swan, in the village, is most welcoming and the food is delicious. I do try to frequent most of the local pubs for lunches. The atmosphere in a good country pub is a delight.

What is the best thing about living here?

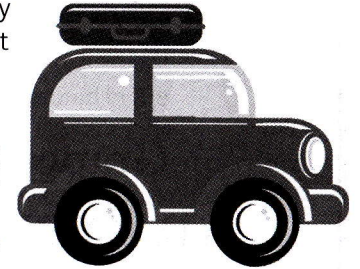
I find Sandhurst folk to be the friendliest, politest and most helpful. Good friends are what life is all about. I love the scenery and without exception, every time that I stand on the hill at St. Nicholas church and survey the magnificent views, I cannot take for granted how fortunate we are to live in such an extremely beautiful place.

Is there anything you would like to change about Sandhurst?

I find the heavy flow of traffic very tiresome but there is little that can be done to alter that.

Community Car Service

I came across these Volunteer Drivers collecting money and selling raffle tickets outside B&Q and was told that this service is a Charity run by volunteers based in Tunbridge Wells but covers the Sandhurst area with local drivers. New volunteer drivers are always needed. Drivers are paid 60p per mile to cover their expenses. I am assured that with their experience in dealing with insurance companies there will be no added insurance expense for any volunteer.



To use the service or to apply to be a driver Contact:

Lorraine Ash, Community Car Service, Wood house, Wood Street.

Tunbridge Wells TN1 2QS Tel No. 01892 540131

Rosie Broadbent

Transport Accessibility Group

This Group was started four years ago with the aim of getting Parish, Borough and County Councils involved with public transport to get the Buses to have better connections in the area.

This year, with the help of Roger Manning (KCC) who provided the finance, the Sunday Arriva 5 service operated between Hawkhurst and Maidstone instead of Staplehurst to Maidstone. Initially for six month as a trial, this has been extended for a further six months. Our meetings are attended by representatives from Bodiam, Staplehurst Cranbrook and Hawkhurst Parish Councils also KCC, Arriva and Sandhurst attend our meetings.

Chairman

Tony Staines 01580 752825

Sandhurst Planning Applications

TW/12/02824/HOUSE Replacement garage with new annex building and glazed link. September Cottage, Rye Road.

TW/12/02825/LBC Listed Building Consent: Replacement garage with new annex building and glazed link. September Cottage, Rye Road.

The Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry

Saturday December 1st and December 15th

Sandhurst:	09.05 - 09.35 am	Back Road	
08.00 - 8.25 am	Lomas Lane	09.40 - 10.20 am	Tanyard
08.30 - 09.00 am	Ringle Green	10.25 - 11.00 am	Sandhurst Close



Grape varieties of the World An Evening Wine Tasting

With Tracy Claridge,
Director Maison Sichel.

Saturday 9th February 2013

The Old School, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JS

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

Tickets £20 to incl light refreshments

QUIZ

RAFFLE

A Big Thank You!

To all those who supported the Hospice Annual Coffee Morning in October. Despite the bad weather our many loyal supporters turned out and we raised £850 for the Hospice. Struggling to find an original Christmas gift for a special someone? Why not purchase tickets for the Wine Tasting Evening on behalf of Hospice in the Weald. Tickets are available from Kay Martin 01580 240566 and Barbara Simmons 01580 850314 Ruth Pringle, Coordinator Benenden and Sandhurst Friends Group.

Sandhurst Ballet Exam Results

Many children enjoy the Thursday dancing classes held in the Old School Hall. They are organized by Jane Coleman School of Dancing. This term some of the students received their exam results for Primary Ballet..... Leah Hallett - `honours` - Amelia Laker and Ellis Curtis - `highly commended`. Everyone is to be congratulated on these outstanding results. There is a new `tiny tots` class that has just started and little ones are most welcome to attend. Just call 01435-882687 to register. We are fortunate to have ballet, tap and jazz classes right here in our own village hall, so do check the time for a class that will be suitable for your child.

Another exam award went to 9 year old Isabella Gard who studies ballet at Marlborough House School where she received her grade I certificate with merit. This has been an exciting time for Isabella who received the school dance prize in July. She is also a member of the Creative Dance programme which meets at Dulwich Prep.



The Oil Club - an invitation to Join Hawkhurst, Benenden & Sandhurst Heating Oil C



A little about The Oil-Club: The Oil-Club, which recently featured in the Sunday Times Money Section and ITV's Tonight program Power to the People, is the largest oil club in the UK and ensures members get the best price and service by negotiating the bulk purchase of heating oil, saving our members £100's. To find out more about or to join The Oil-Club and visit the web site please :

Kind Regards.

Chris, Web Support Team

www.oil-club.co.uk



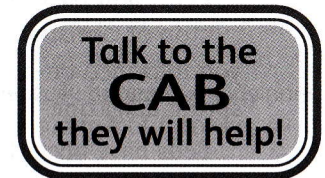
Flamenco for the floor

To raise funds for floor refurbishment at the Old School Hall.

We are planning an evening of Spanish food, wine and an authentic Spanish dance performance. Tentative date is Saturday evening May 18th. *If you know of any conflicts please notify Barbara Simmons 850314 or Gillian Davis 850384.*

If you are worried about:

- Getting into debt at Christmas.
- Being asked to move by the Housing Association because of your house size.
- Having your Benefits capped.



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Visit the TWCAB 'Advice Bus'
Sandhurst Thursdays
1.30-2.30
**Appointments available:
01892 617256**



The allotment proved to have a high yield of pumpkins, making Halloween fun for the children and pumpkin soup on the families' menus. We had 1 plot with a very impressive sized pumpkin and it took 3 people and a blanket for its removal.

Summer rains and winters fall have amply filled water butts and such water saving measures. It is still a busy time until hard frost, spring bulbs being planted in to have a burst of spring colour after the winter months.

Some still have winter cabbage and Kale and a crop of Christmas salad potatoes on a plot, I will keep you informed on how successful they have been in the spring magazine.

Beds have been dug, turned and topped with manure waiting for hard frost to break the soil down ready for next year.

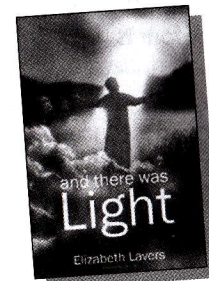
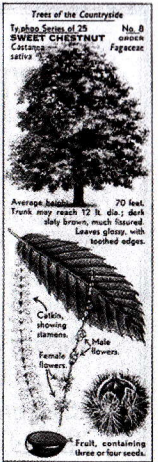
Our next newsletter will be in the spring magazine. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From our roving correspondent

Walking through woodland I reflected, as one does at this season, on the past year. It is difficult to avoid dwelling on the "driest" this or the "wettest" that, when remembering that early drought and then the unrelenting deluge throughout the summer. The resultant lack of sun has affected many crops: cereals, fruit, hops and others; and the sodden ground has made autumn sowing difficult or impossible. Some fields already sown are ruined and will have to be ploughed in. For those of us who glean from hedgerow and field things are no better. Our harvest is pretty miserable. Where there were usually sloes there were none. A damson tree normally laden was bare, the blackberries have been small and mean so no blackberry and apple jam or in the freezer. And mushrooms were few and far between. Two years ago we made damson vodka, good but not as good as sloe gin. Alas, this winter we shall have neither and will have to warm ourselves with something else. And where are the conkers? Two great trees normally have a carpet of conkers below. This year not even one. Sweet chestnut husks contain only very small nuts. And almost no acorns either. What a year! But before wallowing in gloom let us remember that wonderful break in the clouds when the glorious Olympics and Paralympics lifted our spirits and made us forget everything else. And before the rain clouds returned, England had beaten India 4-0 so all was happiness. But as I walked the consolation of autumn colours overcame my gloom. The Wealden golds and oranges have been superb and on a sunless early morning I was surprised to see a red glow. As I sought a better view it turned into a brilliant red like a traffic light. It was an Acer adding its own special glory amongst the autumnal shades. Another scarlet brush stroke of a different sort was the meet of the Ashford valley Hunt at Woodchurch. Hunt meets outside village pubs have always been part of the countryside and there was a fine show of horses beautifully turned out, lady riders, equally beautiful, fine red coats, eager hounds and us muddy foot-followers, all enjoying a glass before the horn called the field to move off. Finally, I asked a friend for his review of the past year. He replied: "SLUGS"

Peregrinus



'and there was Light' by Elizabeth Lavers

Those of you who have enjoyed the poems of Elizabeth Lavers, which have been used several times in church as part of our worship (particularly the Good Friday sequence, and Christmas poems) may be interested that they have recently been published in paperback, under the title *And there was light*. Copies can be obtained from Rosemary van Wengen.

Price £10 (or ordered from Waterstones at £9.99!).

November Transport Report (Sandhurst)

A change in the weather and a change of the clock will mean that I won't be quite so adventurous for the next few months. I have, however, been checking the buses and I am happy to note that things seem to have settled down from the 'Countryliner' debacle. Autocar have stepped in for some of the routes and I have been highly amused by their website timetable which states - *'Direction of stops (where shown)... This is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops'*

Another bus schedule item is complaints about the #5 Arriva schedule which only lists what time the bus leaves the stop and not what time it reaches any other points on its route. How can a person, much less a stranger, plan a journey with that scant information?

One way to reach another side of London is to take the Arriva #5 to Maidstone and the train to Victoria. A friend told me that this was very convenient if you are going to the 'Victoria Coach Station' for a connection.

I took the 304/305 on a very pleasant trip from Hawkhurst via Robertsbridge to Battle. I even encountered a Guy Fawkes parade and a re-enactment of blowing up the Abbey – you never know what you will find when you take a bus ride! 'Stagecoach' currently runs this route and if you want to avoid the walk up the hill, just wait until the bus goes around the corner to the British Legion stop.

When I do take my car, instead of the bus, I tend I use Robertsbridge instead of Etchingam – the road crossings are far easier and it is not so isolated. The difference is only 4 minutes. What really annoys me is that it now takes 1hr.18-25 mins, when a few years ago it was at least 10 minutes quicker. The problem was that they started fining the companies for being late, so they just added on extra time at each station to avoid the fine – most unfair.

I have yet to try the fast speed train from Ashford to St.Pancras (37 minutes) because I generally need to be on the other side of London. Trains leave every half hour but it appears to be rather expensive with most fares being over £30. However someone told me that a group ticket for four is available for £60.

*Happy travelling from your reporter,
Gillian Davis*

Bus schedules and some route maps are available on Sandhurst Village website: www.sandhurstpc.kent.gov.uk



News from Sandhurst Parish Council

Good News!

Over the past few months Rosie Broadbent and Wendy Grayburn have been working hard trying to secure grants for improvement work on the Old School. Well, all this hard work has paid off! We have just learnt that we have been awarded KCC and Heritage grants. The final details have still to be confirmed but the awards are of significant value.

The grants are to be focused on repairing the external structure of the hall, which has been somewhat neglected over many years. At either end of the hall, in the gables, are gothic style windows. These are both in need of replacement and, indeed, the west window has had to be boarded up to prevent the glass falling out and injuring people below. Replacement of these windows will be high on the list of priorities for the grant funding. Maintenance of the lower windows, rotten wood and paintwork will also be addressed.

Clock Tower

We decided to tidy up the hedging and rubbish around the clock tower in time for the Remembrance Day commemoration. Thanks to Adam Kerry for his hard work in achieving this in a short time scale. I'm sure that everyone there on Armistice Day noticed the improvement to the clock tower back drop to the War Memorial and garden.

Christmas Tree

As usual, we will be putting up a Christmas tree on the Upper Green. It is due there at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday 15th December. Anyone who feels strong and would like to help us lift it into place would be very welcome on the day! Just come along!

Christmas Carols on the Upper Green

The starting time for this has been set for 7.00 pm on Thursday 20th December when the Salvation Army will lead the village carol singing on the Upper Green. We will provide mulled wine and mince pies. Please remember to bring a torch so that you can see the printed carol sheets that will be handed out.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Would you be prepared to put in a few hours each month to ensure that our village is well looked after and remains a lovely place in which to live? We have a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would be interested in this joining the Parish Council please let Wendy Grayburn (the Clerk) know. You can contact her by phone 850295 or email at clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk The closing date for applications is Friday 7th December.

Terry Hannocks

Chairman – Sandhurst Parish Council

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

Every Monday 9-11am Zumba
Old School-Jason Broome Jason@fitness1066.com
Dionne 07990 737924

Every Monday 7-9pm Line Dancing
Old School-Ruth Young 01580 850637

3rd Tuesday of month 8pm Book Group
Members' Houses Valerie Lamprey 01580 850336

4th Tuesday of month 2pm Ladies Meeting
Sandhurst Baptist Church-
Liz Slater 01580 850446

4th Tuesday of month 6.30pm Parish Council
Old School-Clerk: Wendy Grayburn
(Tues 2-4pm) 01580 850295
www.sandhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Every Tuesday 9.30-10.30am
Senior Exercise Class Old School-
Julia Wakefield 01580 850232
littlesponden@btinternet.com

1st Wednesday of month 8pm
Horticultural Society Old School-
Valerie Lamprey 01580 850336

2nd Wednesday of month 7pm WI
Old School-Mary Golding 01580 850755

Every Wednesday 9.30-10.30am
Tai Chi Fundamentals Old School-
Brian Saxton 01892 545673 Energyworks-uk.com
Please phone before attending

1st Thursday of month 10.45am
Coffee Morning Sandhurst Baptist Church-
Ken Salter 01580 850466

2nd Thursday of month 12 noon
Purpose Plate Lunch

Weald Beekeeping Group
Nick Mengem 01233 840660

Borough Councillors
(Hawkhurst & Sandhurst Ward)
Cllr JM Cunningham 01580 850929
John.cunningham@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

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Beverley.palmer@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
Cllr RJ Weeden 01580 753458
Ronald.weeden@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

County Cllr Roger Manning 01580 240644
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Brownies Jackie Powell 01580 753202

Cricket Club Brian Feaver 01580 752448

Football Club Sandra Kerry 01580 850377

Footpaths Philip Godliman 01580 850235

Home Library Service
Cranbrook Library 01580 712463

Sandhurst Baptist Church-Booking needed
Ken or Liz Slater 01580 850466

Every Thursday 9.30am (Ladies) 7.30pm (All)
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