

SANDHURST Village Magazine



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Letter from the Rector

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
(Galatians 5:22&23)*

The prose, which speaks of universal virtues - whether you have a faith or not - was written by the apostle Paul nearly two thousand years ago, and is described as the Fruits of the Spirit; I hope that everyone will think, "yes, they're good; they're worth striving for; life would be better if we all had more of these".

As we are entering the season of Advent and are rapidly approaching Christmas, considering the virtue or characteristic of Joy does seem very appropriate timing. In the NIV translation of the Bible, the word joy occurs 218 times in 210 verses; it is mentioned 53 times just in the Psalms; and you could add another 16 counts if you included the word joyful. Joy does seem to be a pretty important part in the Christian message of the scriptures.

There are many Advent carols and Christmas carols that speak of joy. I'm sure some will be able to think of many more, but how about the lovely Advent carol of expectation, "Come, thou long expected Jesus", which has the lines "dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart". Or Oakeley's Christmas carol, "O come, all ye faithful... joyful and triumphant"; or Charles Wesley's "Hark, the herald-angels sing" which speaks of all the nations joyfully rising at the news of Christ being born. There is a lot of joy expressed in the Bible, and in our hymns, and in our poetry of course.

But plucking another piece of scripture from the Bible that mentions joy, skeptics can come back quoting, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess 5:16-18) 'Really; after what we've seen recently from the images from the Philippines?' for example; 'how can we be joyful always?'

The God that we worship and celebrate this coming Advent and Christmas time knows our joys, but he has also experienced the pain that we feel. He's experienced the anguish, as a parent, of seeing a child (you and I) doing something wrong - again and again. He's known the pain of seeing a loved one suffer; and the pain of losing a child. He has experienced our emotions: the good ones and the horrible ones. And because he's experienced them, we should know that we can trust him. He has promised that things will be so much better if we follow how he wants us to live life; and I trust him when he says that.

There is a song entitled "Into your hands"; and one line says, "I'll walk with You wherever You go; through tears and joy I'll trust in You." I pray that this coming Advent and Christmas you will truly know this Fruit of the Spirit. Whatever this year and this season holds for you, may you know the joy of Jesus Christ in your life and come to trust him.

May God bless you this Christmas time.

Rev. David Commander Rector, Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst

DIARY DATES



December

Thursday December 5th 10.45am

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses Sandhurst Baptist Church

Saturday December 7th 11am-2pm

Christmas Fayre at Sandhurst Primary School

Sunday December 8th 11.15am

Patronal Service at St Nicholas

Thursday December 12th 12 noon

Christmas Lunch at the Baptist Church

Monday December 16th 6.30pm

Sandhurst Primary School Carol Service at St Nicholas

Thursday December 19th 7pm

Carols on the Green

Saturday December 21st 6.30pm

Cranbrook Choral Concert at St Dunstons

Sunday December 22nd 6.30pm

Carol Service at St Nicholas

Tuesday December 24th 3pm

Crib Service at St Nicholas



**No Police
Clinic Surgery
during
December**

Musical events, including Sandhurst, can be found on:

www.rotherwealdmusic.com

Please let us know if you want a Sandhurst diary date included - see Back Page

Editorial

We wish a Merry Christmas to all our readers. Please support all our local events - everyone loves singing carols even if they do not have the best voice in the world. The tree on the Green will look fantastic and we hope the weather is better than last year for the Salvation Army.

On a more serious note, next year it will be 100 years since the beginning of World War 1. We would like to include any information or stories of the men commemorated on our War Memorial. If any descendants are still living in Sandhurst, or if anyone knows any stories about them, please let us know.

Shelagh and Elizabeth

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

At different moments in time a trinity of individuals, two Englishmen and a German, collaborated to compose the spirited Christmas carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. The Rev. Charles Wesley, co-founder of the Methodist Church, wrote the carol lyrics originally titled Hark! How All the Welkin Rings and it was included in the 1739 publication Hymns and Sacred Poems. One hundred and one years later the genesis of the carol melody was a cantata Felix Mendelssohn wrote as part of his commission to compose music for the 1840 Leipzig Gutenberg Festival commemorating the 400th anniversary of the invention of printing by Johann Gutenberg. But it was William Hayman Cummings, born in Sidbury, England in 1831, who wedded the music of Mendelssohn's cantata to Wesley's hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. It is even possible Cummings, a notable tenor and organist, may have known Mendelssohn when he was a teenage chorister for Mendelssohn's first London performance of Elijah, the second of three oratorios composed by the German master. Perhaps it was also during that performance when Cummings developed an admiration for Mendelssohn. Some years later the intrepid musician decided to link Mendelssohn's music with Charles Wesley's hymn. Thus, on Christmas Day of 1855, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing was first sung at Waltham Abbey with the proud William Hayman Cummings at the organ.

Ron Clancy

Christmas Lunch Invitation

You are warmly invited to the Baptist Church on Thursday 12th December at 12 noon to enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch with popular Christmas carols.

Suggested donation of £3.50. For more information,

Contact Yuri Knott on 01580 850 251"

**HOSPICE
IN THE WEALD**

Wanted

**HOSPICE
IN THE WEALD**

After 10 years at the helm of the Benenden, Sandhurst and Newenden Hospice in the Weald Friends Group I am looking for a volunteer to continue this important and rewarding fundraising work.

If you would like to know more about the role of Friends Coordinator

Please contact: Ruth Pringle on 01580 240600

or email ruth.pringle@talktalk.net

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding Thursday 14th November 2013

Florence Jarvis and Samuel Gorsuch

Sandhurst Nursery School

We are very pleased to be joining forces for our fundraising events with Sandhurst Primary School Parents and Friends committee. If you would like to help us fundraise while you are shopping online please would you register with easyfundraising.org.uk. You can either insert Sandhurst Nursery School for the cause or Sandhurst Primary School. There are over 2,700 retailers who are involved in this venture so if you can help in this way we would all be very grateful.

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 7th December at Sandhurst Primary School 11a.m. to 2 p.m. An amazing raffle is being organised, there will be lots of stalls available to buy Christmas presents and some hot food to enjoy. Father Christmas will be paying us a visit and the children will be able to make some Christmas craft to take home. A choir is busy practising Christmas songs and other music is being planned. We hope you all have a good day.

We are closed from Monday 23rd December and return to nursery on Tuesday 7th January 2014. Have a lovely Christmas everyone!

Angela Writer on behalf of Sandhurst Nursery School

Sandhurst Primary School News December 2013.

Following our school journey to France earlier in the term, our Parents and Families of the children who went were treated to a French Evening in the school hall. During the evening, photos of the trip were shown and the children re-told their adventures and memories. Food was provided consisting of French cheeses, baguettes and wine for the adults!

Once again our Year 6 children have taken part in the Cars Maths in Motion project. The project is basically a math based challenge where the children have to set up a virtual racing car to race against others in the class and other schools. The program develops maths and ICT skills. Our children were highly successful this year in the National fun race; they were 6th in the country and 1st overall in the primary school section. Well done!

Congratulations also to our School Equestrian Team who won the 40cm NSEA show jumping class at Duckhurst Show Centre. What an achievement.

From all the children, staff AND Governors, we wish you all a festive time.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas

December at last and the excitement grows
The sack of letters to Santa overflows.
But let's not forget why we celebrate at all
And think of the Christmas story, most beautiful of all.
And then with our circle of family and friends
We can enjoy Christmas Day from beginning to end.

Midge



Sandhurst & Newenden WI

For the November meeting members enjoyed a very creative and relaxing evening making cards, under the guidance of Lesley Gillett. Thank you Lesley for your patience, we all had a lovely time cutting and sticking and chatting. I think I can say we were all very proud of the three cards we created.

December's meeting will, of course, be our Christmas party, so look out your party gear and bring a plate of your favourite party food. The WI Carol service will be at St Lawrence Church, Hawkhurst on Monday 2nd December at 7pm.

Anne Tylden - Wright



Sandhurst Friendship Club

Over 50 members had a quiet and restful afternoon watching photographs set to music by Dave Brooker which was a wonderful way to spend a wet and blustery November afternoon.

He had returned by popular demand and his subjects this year were the Lake District, Canada and India. This gave us a varied programme of places which enthralled all of us and evoked memories for several of our members who had visited these places in the past. Once again we marvelled at his standard of photography and his ability to choose just the right music to give us a magic time.

Next Month's Meeting: Christmas Lunch on Friday 20th December at 12.30 pm at Merriments Garden Centre.

Rosie Broadbent (850433)

Sandhurst Weather Report for October

We had nearly 7 ½ inches of rain in October, the most since October 2000 when we had 10 ½ inches. I recorded 2 ½ inches on the 11th but this was a guess because my rain gauge had overflowed and it only holds that amount!

From my diary I see that a lot of the rain must have come at night as on most days there was some sun and temperatures were generally quite mild with warm nights and no frosts and the occasional lovely, sunny autumn day.

So far we have had rain every day in November so we must hope we are not in for a very wet winter like 2000/2001 when we also had the misery of the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

Val Lamprey



The CAB publish many leaflets and if there is something about which you need further more information –

do please get in touch either at the bus or by contacting:
Pi Townsend, Head of Bureaux, Tunbridge Wells & District
Citizens Advice Bureaux, 5th Floor Vale House Clarence Road
Tunbridge Wells TN1 1HE Phone: 01892 534328

Sandhurst Horticultural Society

History of the countryside was the topic for November by Martin Newcombe, who made the subject very interesting and amusing. He had infinite knowledge of how man and animals have altered and sculpted the land. Badgers with a sett at a Roman burial site have brought bones and jewellery to the surface. Animals also affect the vegetation - in some places the area was bare in others there was more vegetation because the land had not been grazed. The position of yew trees in church yards and particular flowers only found at certain sites again due to wild animals.

November for Competition

Class 1: Pot plant in bloom. Marcia Kerr. *Class 2:* One pot plant for foliage: Maureen Relf. *Class 3:* Three onions. Jenny Rummery. *Class 4:* Three parsnips. Brian Woodcock.

December: Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Competition Trophies.

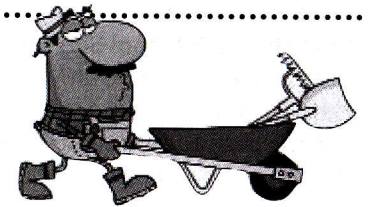
Bill Elsdon

From the Garden Shed

❁ DECEMBER MY FAVOURITE SEASON

The key to an all-season garden is to commence planning and planting during the winter. It is fatal to start with spring, to do so you will have filled all available space and this is exactly why there are too few all-season gardens. Start with winter and imagine the bed to be completely empty, add coral red stems for winter, there is nothing better than Acer Palmatum 'Senkaki', and this small tree can be placed to one end and about half way back into the border. Towards the other end, about one third of the way along, the red bark theme can be continued with Cornus alba 'Sibirica' which will make bushes three feet high of brilliant red stems. As a complete contrast plant a Betula jacquemontii (white trunk) at the back of the border somewhere near the mid-point. Include some evergreens to create a background against which the colours will glow e.g. Chamaecyparis lawsonia 'Pembury Blue', which will reach a height of 10 feet or so. If space allows add Thuja occidentalis 'Rheingold', another conical conifer and a complete contrast to the 'Pembury Blue'. Horizontal branches of Viburnum plicatum 'Marisii' will add further interest and balance the verticals. These plants will form the permanent structure of a border under which perennials and annuals may be planted to provide year round interest and year to year variation.

John Everett



Come for coffee and support the Macmillan Nurses at Sandhurst Baptist Church
Thursday 5th December at 10-45am

Church floodlighting.

12th November the Church was flood lit for Debbie Ham in memory of Sylvia Jarman on her birthday.

19th November the Church was flood lit for Gillian Davis to mark 17 years living in St Nicholas Cottage.

Friday 29th November the Church was flood lit for Sue Hawkins to celebrate her late father's 100th birthday.

St Nicholas will be flood lit over the Christmas Festivities from Sunday 22nd December- Wednesday 1st January 2014 inclusive. If anyone would like to sponsor one or more evenings to mark something special please contact either Bob Houlden 850278 or Anne Tylden-Wright 850281

The Remembrance Day Service

The collection at St Nicholas was £118 which will be sent to the British Legion. Thank you to all those who gave so generously.

St Nicholas Patronal Service

Bishop Nicholas will be arriving at the 11.15am Children and Family Service on Sunday 8th December. We have a new Bishop Nicholas this year and a new grey pony. Sophie and Casper have retired. So please be sure to come the lower church car park (triangle) at 11.10 am and welcome our new Bishop. Follow him up Church Road to St Nicholas and then into Church for a child friendly service, after which, as is traditional, Bishop Nicholas will give out sweets before riding away.

Crime Report for October

There were three incidents, none of any significance, in October.

The clocks have gone back and the evenings getting longer by the day. As we approach the Festive Season, remember that the accumulation of festive goodies can be an attraction to a thief.

Be wary with your wallet and purse when out shopping. The extra cash contained in them and credit cards are targets for pick pockets or 'bag dippers'.

Put shopping into the boot of your car. Never leave anything on open display if the vehicle is left unattended. Check the vehicle is locked and windows fully closed.

Be safe.

PCSO Rob Spicer.

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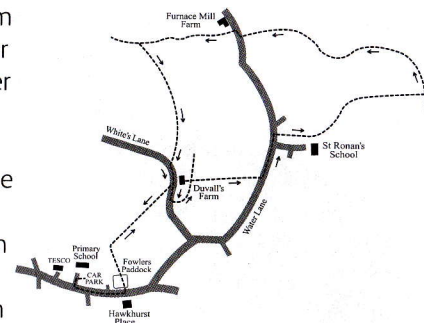
Visit the TW CAB 'Advice Bus'
Sandhurst Thursdays
1.30 - 2.30pm
Appointments available:
01892 617256

Walk 11- A short walk from Fowlers Park

As promised last time, here is another walk from Hawkhurst, this time starting at Fowlers Park car park by the Primary School. This walk is just over three miles, is mostly on footpaths and offers lovely views early on. It skirts St. Ronan's School, crosses fields and rambles through some fine woodland. Some paths can be muddy.

Walk out of the car park going L then L again at the main road. Go along the pavement a good way before entering **Fowlers Paddock** on the L through the green gate opposite the black & white Tudor house, **Hawkhurst Place**. Go along the fence at the edge of the wood before emerging into a field through a gate. Keep to the L of the field with extensive views ahead, then go through a gate into the next field & walk slightly diagonally R to a gate in the hedge to arrive at **White's Lane**. Turn R along the lane & just after **Duval's Farm** go L over a stile. Keep to the L of this field to another stile then go R along the R edge of the next field with a wood enclosing a pond on your R, to another stile. Climb the stile then go straight up the field ahead, with a line of poplars on your L, to arrive at **Water Lane** over a stile. Turn L & just after the entrance to **St. Ronan's School** on the R, go R through a metal kissing gate. Go through the next metal kissing gate & with a tall redwood tree on the L, keep to the R of the field to a third metal kissing gate. With the school on the R and **Orchard House** on the L, follow the track ahead. Go between some buildings & past the school farm on the L to the next kissing gate. Go through the avenue of oaks & note the two clumps of evergreen holm oaks in the field on the L. Go through a wooden kissing gate & follow the path along the R edge of the wood with a fence on the R to a junction of paths. Turn L & follow the path through the wood with the stream on the R. Do not cross the bridge on the R, but follow the path around to the L keeping to the L of a ditch. Go through a metal gate into a field & follow the route of the power lines with the stream to the R, then go through a gate into the next field. Soon cross another stile into another field & go straight ahead & through a wooden gate. Follow the stream to emerge over a stile back onto **Water Lane**. Go R, then almost immediately L over a stile & skirt the gardens of **Furnace Mill Farm** on the R, then go past some oak trees to a stile slightly R by a single oak. Continue straight ahead to where the stream comes in from the R & follow this almost to the field corner. Do not go down the bank to the stile into the wood, but go L uphill & around the R side of the field with the wood on your R. Go through a metal gate into another field & continue along the R of this field to cross a stile back onto **White's Lane**. Turn L then soon R through a gate into the field. Head up slightly diagonally R to retrace your steps back through **Fowlers Paddock** turning R at the main road & back to the car park. Of course you could reward your effort with refreshments in the village – cafes, fish and chips or a pub!

Philip Godliman



From our (Occasional) Roving Reporter

Readers of last month's report may reasonably suppose that your correspondent has got frogs on the brain. This may well be true because more tiny frogs have been seen



in the grass near the house. Tadpoles turn into frogs in the spring and they would be well grown by autumn so what is the origin of these small creatures, and so far from water? They reminded me of the little tree frogs of tropical Africa and the

Mediterranean. Someone must know the answer! We can see six churches from our house. The farthest is Fairlight and as that was the only one we had

not visited we set out to do so, getting lost on the way and encountering twisting narrow sunken steep lanes more reminiscent of Cornwall than Sussex. The church dates from 1180 but by 1845 it was in such a dangerous state that it was demolished. The building of a new church started immediately and was completed the following year – not bad going. The main feature is of course the tower. It is open at weekends in the summer. The view must be superb. We shall make the climb next year.

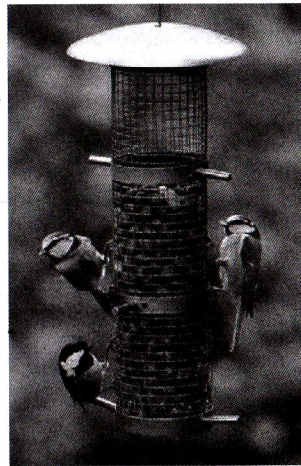
I mentioned last month the heavy crop of conkers and other fruits both cultivated and wild. Now we have seen the full extent of the latter. The woods are carpeted with beechmast, acorns and chestnuts. The volume of the chestnuts is phenomenal, quite amazing. The nuts are on the small side but we collected a good number of larger ones and after heating and peeling we now have a nice quantity to add to the Christmas stuffing.

It's a bit of a shock when walking suddenly to find a dead stag in the way. But it is a sad fact that many fallow deer suffer a painful and lingering death after leaping across the road from one bit of woodland to another and are hit by a car. Some are killed instantly while others, seriously wounded, continue for some distance until collapse. And of course it is a most alarming for drivers.

A number of friends who have bird feeders have reported that during October their usual visitors almost completely deserted them. That was our experience too. No doubt the hedgerows offered more varied fare. Now, as I write in mid-November, they are returning in healthy numbers and seem pleased to find that there is still food on offer. As winter advances, such offerings will be important.

Summer and winter seemed to collide in late October. The first fieldfares appeared on the 20th and we waved goodbye to the last swallows on the 24th. The first woodcock of the season here was flushed on 9th November not in the woods but from the vegetable garden of all places.

Peregrinus



Celebrate Christmas in Sandhurst

Saturday 7th 11am-2pm

Come and support the Nursery School Fayre at the Primary School
Sunday 8th 11.15am Come and meet 'St Nicholas', and his pony
at St Nicholas' Patronal Service

Thursday 12th at 12 noon Enjoy a Christmas Lunch at the Baptist Church
Thursday 19th 7pm Carols on the Upper Green with the Salvation Army Band
Sunday 22nd 6.30pm Carol Service at St Nicholas
Tuesday 24th 3pm Crib Service at St Nicholas

Mini Market and Grand Draw 16th November

We had a most successful and enjoyable morning. A big thank you to all those who helped organise the Mini Market, helped on the day and who came and supported it. We mustn't leave out the energetic men who moved furniture and carted tables about in a very good humoured way, thank you. The Grand Draw was a huge success and raised £1,242.00. Thanks must go to Nicole Banister who not only managed to get so many lovely prizes but also sold vast quantities of tickets. The first prize for a 4 Ball at Dale Hill was won by Oliver aged 4! His ticket was bought by his grandparents who live in Sandhurst. The £100 cash was won by Maxine Anderson a Sandhurst resident. Thanks to those organisations and individuals who so generously gave prizes. A big thank you to all those who sold tickets not an easy task! Before expenses, the Mini Market and Grand Draw and Flower Fund table combined raised £1,894.92 for the St Nicholas General Fund.

Well done and thank you all for your support and generosity. Anne Tylden-Wright



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Thursday December 5th:

The final walk of the year starts from the car park at Appledore. 4.5 miles to the Six Bells at Woodchurch, 3.5 miles return. Please note that we meet at the earlier time of 10.00 am. Please contact Phil Maynard on 01797 260637 or email phil@phil.maynard.co.uk for more details and to register your interest in this walk.

Friday December 13th:

A Christmas Extravaganza with Geoff Hutchinson at 2.00 pm in Brede Village Hall. Geoff will give us a joyful start to the Xmas celebrations with his wit and charm – Just For Us. The charge for this occasion will be £6.50 pp including a spot of Christmas spirit with savouries, mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to join us please book with Ros Adkins on 01797 253763; rosinaadkins@aol.com

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Thursday January 16th:

Our first Talk of the new year is 'Dante Gabriel Rossetti - his Art and Poetry' presented by Nick Shaddick a local art and design historian. All Talks will be at Brede Village Hall commencing at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee of £2 (members) and £3 (non-members) includes refreshments after the talk.

Sandhurst Planning Applications

TW/13/02960/HOUSE Demolition of redundant 19th/20th century boiler room and chimney. Erection of single storey extension. Ringle Crouch, Crouch Lane.

TW/13/02961/LBC Listed Building Consent: Erection of single storey extension. Demolition of redundant 19th/20th century boiler room and chimney. Ringle Crouch Crouch Lane.

TW/13/03007/HOUSE Demolition of covered storage area and erection of single storey side/rear extension. 2 Betherinden Cottages, Bodiam Road.

TW/13/03211/FULL Amendment to the garage design granted approval under TW/13/01868/FUL for a replacement dwelling and detached garage. Cowbeech Farm, Back Road.



The Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry

Saturday December 14th

NOTE: Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays this is the only visit for December. The next visit will be on Saturday January 11, 2014

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

Mind Media Awards 2013

At a star studded ceremony held in London on the 18th November, the Anna Sargent Student Journalist of the Year Award was won by Holly McCormack from Paisley. Since Anna died last year, David and I have been involved with Mind, the national charity (who work to improve mental health) and decided that by sponsoring this award we could help to raise awareness and challenge the stigma associated with mental ill health. After all one in four of us will suffer at some stage of our lives. Holly has set up a web based magazine called Mental Matters (<http://mentalmattersmagazine.wordpress.com/> if you are interested) whilst studying for her degree. The articles are incredibly impressive and informative. Going up on the stage with Sally Brampton (Sunday Times columnist amongst other roles) for her to introduce the shortlist was the easy bit – opening the envelope, by me, was not!

Ruby Wax, Frank Bruno and lots of soap stars (we didn't recognise!) were in the audience of nearly 500 people and it was hosted by Stuart Mills and Olivia Coleman (who we did recognise). The main award went to the BBC1 drama The Village for its portrayal of the psychological impact of war.

There will always be a huge hole in our lives, but hearing inspirational stories at an event such as this has given David and I a very positive experience. To read a little more about Anna:

<http://memoryspace.mind.org.uk/MemorySpace/Anna-Sargent.>

Margaret Sargent

FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS EGG NOG PLEASE READ THIS WAY UP



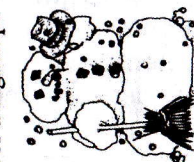
OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON EGG NOG

For those impatient, "frugal" Yankees who wish to keep the cost down, we offer a fast and delicious rendition. It is low in calories, low fat, and probably fast acting:

POUR INTO YOUR BLENDER

- 1 cup organic milk (low fat if you prefer)
- 1 Country Hen Certified Organic Egg
- 1 tbsp. of Vermont Maple Syrup
- 1 tsp. of vanilla flavoring
- 1 jigger of brandy (or Kahlua, Irish Whiskey, etc.)

Turn the blender on high for about 20 seconds. Pour and sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves one. If you wish to eliminate the alcohol, please do so. Without the alcohol, it makes a very refreshing and nutritious drink, good at any time. I use it for a jiffy breakfast and/or a nightcap.



WISHING YOU ALL THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS!

FROM ALL OF US AT THE COUNTRY HEN,

George S. Bass
Founder

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

News from the Sandhurst Parish Council

Looking forward

We have been looking at possible grant funding available for next year. The areas that we are considering are i) Improvements to the Sports Pavilion on the Playing Field; ii) Cleaning the War Memorial; iii) Structural repairs to the Clock Tower and iv) Improvements to the courtyard of the Old School. It looks like it may be possible to qualify for external funding in support of these works. I'll let you know how successful we are!

Old School

The final phase of the improvements to the Old School has all but been completed. The improved roof insulation and installation of LED lighting (at no cost to the Council as we obtained grant funding from KCC) should make the building far more energy efficient. This should, consequently, lead to a reduction in our energy costs. The most noticeable recent improvement is the newly sanded and re-surfaced wooden floor in the main hall. Apart from looking so much better, the floor now has an anti-slip surface that will make it much safer for activity classes and clubs using the Old School. The cost of the floor improvement was funded by the very successful Flamenco evening arranged by Gillian Davies and Barbara Simmons earlier this year. Many thanks to Gillian, Barbara and everyone who supported the event.

Remembering the First World War - Then and Now

Councillor David Leggett has been looking at an offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund projects related to remembering the beginning of the First World War 100 years ago next year. Grants of up to £10,000 are available without a need to match the funding. This scheme was discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council and David has been asked to progress this on behalf of the Council.

Under this funding programme project applications must be made and headed up by organizations such as the Parish Council. Projects should make a difference to people, heritage and communities and funding is for projects which have not yet started and which will be less than two years in duration. The object is to encourage communities to learn more about the heritage of the First World War. Any project which benefits a wide range of people, including young persons aged between 11 and 25, is to be encouraged. Grants are available for projects which may include overseas travel or, in certain circumstances, the bringing of individuals from overseas to the UK. David has already spoken to two or three Sandhurst villagers who have expressed willingness to be involved but further offers of help from those who may have some particular skills or interests will be very welcome. If you are interested please get in touch with the Parish Council or David directly on 850994 or E: Davidleg@btinternet.com.

Faster Payments

We have amended our financial regulations to speed up the process of paying our suppliers. In the past, where cheques were only signed at the Parish Council meetings, a supplier could wait up to seven or eight weeks to receive a cheque against a properly submitted invoice. In future, we will sign cheques every two weeks which means suppliers should receive their payment in less than three weeks following the

submission of an invoice. Current regulations stipulate that we must have at least two signatures to authorise a Parish Council cheque. However, it is likely that legislation being formulated now will mean that we can dispense with the two signatures requirement and, after making sure that a robust approval process is adopted, we will be able to move to electronic bank payments. This will mean even quicker supplier payments.

Terry Hannocks, Chairman – Sandhurst Parish Council

Sandhurst Travel Report

What a great job Shelagh and Elizabeth have done with the pull out directory. They even provided a spare page for items which may have been over looked. So please add the Tenterden Market which meets every Friday approx. 9am -12.30pm. This is held along the street and also in the lovely custom built courtyard by the side of "Sayer's Lane". Best of all, there is even a bus to take you there!



With regards to the buses in the directory, please add the thrice weekly No.255 from Sandhurst @ 9.40 to Tunbridge Wells and the Thursday No.293 10.22 going down Sponden Lane to Tenterden and Rye. The BACT bus is also available on certain Fridays, but you have to call Lyn @ 01424-772001 to book a place. The next one is December 13th. Lyn says that I am the only person from Sandhurst who has ever used this service and only once because I am always busy teaching ballet on Friday mornings. Another bus to note down, if you are disabled, is the Kent Karrier/Compaid dial a ride service for people with disabilities. Call 01622 605349 for a form to be sent to you. This has to be signed by your doctor and submitted to the KCC. You become a member for £5 and pay something for each trip. Unfortunately this is not being well used in Sandhurst, and it prevents other services from being funded by KCC who have put their resources towards this route. So, if you are eligible, please register and use this fantastic amenity.

If you want good train time table information throughout the country, go to: <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search>

For local trains go to:

Train timetables for Etchingham and Staplehurst are now on the parish website.<http://www.sandhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=9315>

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PLEASE NOTE: *Bus time tables are next to the cash register, by the Parish magazines in Johnson's.*

I hope to see you on my travels! Gillian Davis

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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-
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1st Wednesday of month 8pm

Horticultural Society Old School-
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2nd Wednesday of month 7pm WI

Old School-Mary Golding 01580 850755

Every Wednesday 9.30-10.30am

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1st Thursday of month 10.45am

Coffee Morning Sandhurst Baptist Church-
Ken Slater 01580 850446

2nd Thursday of month 12 noon

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Every Saturday 9.30am (term time)

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Vicki Young 07976 979053

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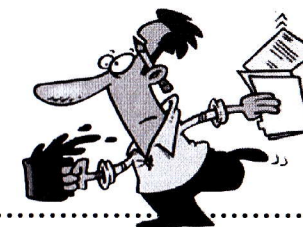
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