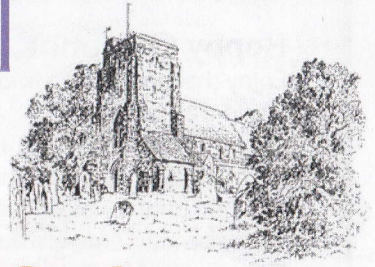


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Happy Christmas...

Enjoy the greatest gift that anyone could give or receive: the gift of new life, in the form of God's Son Jesus – the little baby whose birth we celebrate on the 25th – Christ's-mas. Why did God do that? Very simple: because he loves us. But he also said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Not just, "love one another" – that would be hard enough; but "as I have loved you." This is not God's "do this if you feel like it / when you feel like it". This is God's commandment – "Love one another". If you believe in God, there is no easy answer to this; there is no ducking this commandment.

There are two things that I know for certain about this: the first is that this is really, really tough to do; but the second is that the world would be a much better place if everyone lived life loving one another.

How we get from where humanity is at the moment, to where God wants us to be and how he wants us to live, is the tricky thing that we've not worked out yet. I know in my heart that this is the scenario that I want to get to; I honestly know that life will be better. But I also know and see so many issues in life: how am I meant to love someone whose abused someone else; or someone who may have murdered – particularly if they've murdered a loved-one of mine; or someone from ISIS intent of brutal, irrational killing of anyone different to them; or the killers of the RC priest, Fr. Jacques? I honestly, even as a priest, do not know how to start to do that.

What I do know though is that this is what God has commanded; and if we can do that - life will be better. But I cannot wait until others stop killing, or destroying other people's lives, before I try to start loving them. It is up to me to make the first move. I have to try and find a way in my heart to reach out and offer that love. If I don't as a Christian, why should others? If we are not prepared to take the first step as Christians, then the world will never get to that point of everyone loving each other.

God has promised that his love will ultimately be shared by all people. So I know it will happen; I trust God in that long term vision. But I cannot wait for it simply to happen. I have to be part of making it happen. Perhaps remembering the birth of the baby Jesus – the Son of God for all people – will be a starting point this Christmas for sharing that love.

Revd. David Commander

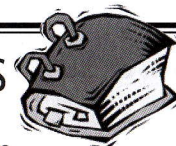
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DIARY DATES



December

Saturday 3rd 7.30 pm

The Swan Sandhurst & District Twinning Race Night

Sunday 4th – 9.55 am

St Nicholas' visit to St Nicholas Church

Sunday 4th - 11am-4pm

Art & Craft Christmas Market in the Village Hall in Newenden

Wednesday 7th - 7.45 pm

The Old School - Horticultural Society AGM, and Presentation of Trophies and wine and nibbles.

Sunday 11th - 7:30pm.

St Nicholas Church in aid of The Tower Fund the "Marsh Warblers" will perform their programme called "Going the Rounds" and is a gallery of carols and readings from Thomas Hardy's "Under the Greenwood Tree"

Saturday 17th - 6.30pm

St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook
Cranbrook Choral Society - A
CHRISTMAS CONCERT for all the family.

Monday 19th 5 pm

St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst Primary School Carol Service

Thursday 22nd 7pm

Carols on the Green

Saturday 24th 3pm St Nicholas

Church Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th 10 am St Nicholas Church Morning Worship

2017

January

Saturday 28th 7.30pm

Conservative Association Quiz in the Old School Hall.

February

Saturday 4th

Concert, the Choristers of Canterbury Cathedral sing at St. Nicholas Church.

Pcso Surgery Hour

Old School Hall, Back Road

11.00am to 12.00

Tuesday 20th December



From the Editors

A note for your diary next year. "The Big Knit" During Lent 2017 Smeeth Church hopes to knit 12,276 squares to make 28 blankets for a Homeless Hostel and 12 cot blankets for a "Church Housing scheme for mothers and babies. That's 40 blankets knitted and sewn together in 40 days. They need large quantities of wool and help to knit the squares. If you wish to help, or donate wool, please contact us. Meanwhile Merry Christmas to our readers from your Editors.

Shelagh and Elizabeth

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Please send copy for the January magazine by THURSDAY 15th December

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The link is www.facebook.com/StNicholasSandhurst**

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Calling all Children

St Nicholas will be coming to the Church on Sunday 4th December

As is the custom at our Patronal Festival, St Nicholas will be coming to the 10am Morning Service at St Nicholas. Sadly David and Helen are away but the Rev Dick Dengate will be a wonderful substitute. We have a new St Nicholas and horse this year, St Nicholas will stay for the service and in the traditional way will give out sweets and candies to all the children who attend before riding away on his white horse. All those wishing to walk up the road with St Nicholas on his horse should be at the Church Road lower car park by 9.55am. Please park your cars either in the upper car park or if full in the field. Please drive carefully as there may well be some small excited children on the road. We look forward to seeing you.

ATW

Crib service: St Nicholas Church

Everyone is invited to come and join us at The Crib Service in St. Nicholas Church on Christmas Eve at 3pm.

It would be lovely if everyone - young and not so young - could come along dressed as a character from the Nativity story: Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Inn Keeper, Wise-men, Angel, Star, Cow, Sheep, Donkey....anything appropriate you can think of! This will enable us to bring to life the story of the nativity in a way that will be meaningful and fun for all.

We look forward to seeing you as we create the nativity tableau together.



Crocus bulbs for St Nicholas

Tenterden Rotary Club have given St. Nicholas Church 100 crocus corms to plant in memory of polio victims around the world where there are still outbreaks. They have given crocuses to other public areas as well in order to raise awareness that polio is still a crippling disease in many countries not as fortunate as ours. The corms will be planted near the entrance to St. Nicholas as soon as the ground becomes soft enough. We are grateful to Tenterden Rotary for presenting us with these corms and hope that they will enhance the churchyard in spring next year.

Sarah Williams of Tenterden Rotary presented the crocuses to Bob Houlden at the end of October in St. Nicholas churchyard.

From the Registers

Burials

24th October Raymond Trevor Farley, Internment of Ashes

30th October Jennifer Ann Ellwood, Internment of Ashes

Baptisms

23rd October Marianne Bellman



Come and Meet Each Other for some fun and friendship

Steak Pie, Ham and Eggs and Great Sweets and the menu goes on. This month we enjoyed a lunch together at The Swan. It was appreciated so much we are having a return visit next month on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm. Come and join us.

Ruth Elsdon

Sandhurst Weather Report for October

The good weather through the summer and September continued into late October with the day and night temperatures cooling from the twenties to the teens and still plenty of warm sunshine, particularly in the afternoons. I see I often recorded the wind was a bit chilly, sometimes from the east and at other times from the north west and in the mornings but it seemed to die away towards the end of the month when we had a nice warm spell.

The rainfall, such as it was, occurred in the middle of the month and only amounted to just under an inch.

Because of the dry weather the ground has become very hard and difficult to dig, but the roses have had a lovely late flowering and the autumn borders have looked good. The autumn colours of the trees have been developing rather slowly but are beautiful.

V.L.

Sandhurst Crime Report

Christmas is looming and the purchase of presents has begun, or being thought about? So, though it may be an expensive time of year, the "Yule Tide" spirit will soon be upon us all! It is during the coming weeks that there will be an accumulation of presents and other necessary items into the home. It is without doubt a period when this may provide the opportunist thief the temptation to relieve people of such property. During the coming days be aware of the amount of extra cash that might be kept at home. Pay by debit card, where possible, to keep this to a minimum. Store the gifts safely and out of view until the latest time as possible. Then pay a little thought to the post-Christmas period. Dustbin day! How long would you have advertised what presents have been received, or purchased. The large amount of packaging may not fit properly into the re-cycling bin. So flat fold as much as possible and store any other until the bin man cometh. Have a very happy and safe Christmas.

Pcso Rob Spicer M:07989 992430.



The Mobile Library will be at Tanyard on Thursday 1st and Wednesday 14th December



ART & CRAFT CHRISTMAS MARKET



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VILLAGE HALL

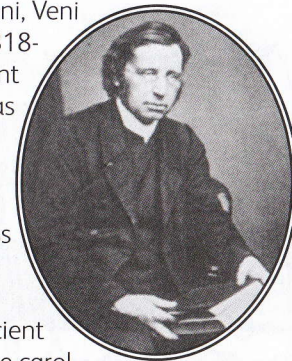
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Rev. John Mason Neale and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The English translation of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni, Veni Emmanuel) was the creation of Rev. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), a frail and humble Anglican priest. Noted as a brilliant scholar and one of England's great hymn translators, he was known to have lamented the Reformation's neglect of the rich history of hymnody, despite the movement's praiseworthy restoration of worship and song to the language of the common people. As a result of his ceaseless efforts working with ancient hymn texts, Neale resurrected the much beloved Veni, Veni Emmanuel from obscurity.



The task probably came easily to him since he was proficient in twenty-one different languages. His first translation of the carol-hymn was produced in 1851 for Medieval Hymns, but it contained only five verses. Three years later Neale produced another one with altered text, and together with the help of another scholarly Anglican minister, the Rev. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890) who contributed the haunting adaptation of a 15th century French plainsong melody, the exceptional O Come, O Come, Emmanuel was published in Hymnal Noted, Part II.

Emmanuel, meaning "God with Us," was a splendid title for the carol-hymn. The title reaffirmed the concept of Christ's birth as God Incarnate dwelling among men and announcing to them his mission here on earth. In the world of the ancient Hebrew, the choice of name was made judiciously, as the name "Emmanuel" must have held special significance for Neale as he labored feverishly, despite his frail condition, among the poor and the lowliest on society's scale.

Although never having been adequately appreciated during his lifetime by his superiors in the Anglican Church, Neale's dedication to serving the poor and indigent was on a level with that of his work with sacred texts and hymns such as O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Each pursuit was performed tirelessly, with dignity, and for the higher good.

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Next year I'll continue with his carols

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE and GOOD KING WENCESLAS

*To all my readers - Best wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year,
from your transport reporter, Gillian Davis*

Mission Church

Recently refurbished, it offers a light and airy space for group meetings.

For details of hiring contact either:

Anne Tylden Wright: 01580 85028 or Bob Houlden: 01580 850278

Renovation of the Sandhurst Sports Ground Pavilion



After years of neglect the Sandhurst Sports Ground Pavilion has finally been renovated with the help of a Sport England Grant and an important contribution from Parish Council funds. Local builder Terry Hazelwood did the work and the result is excellent. The Pavilion now has internal toilets which include facilities for disabled users, a referee's changing room with shower and a refurbished kitchen. It looks fantastic, as you will see in the photographs.

The car park has been extended to include two designated parking spaces for disabled users.

Apart from wider use of the Sports Ground, it is the Parish Council's hope is that the provision of this updated facility will result in an increase in the membership of both the Football and Cricket Club teams as well as the Saturday morning children's football run by the Baptist Church. There are two benches on the veranda for spectators or for walkers to rest their weary limbs!

The Pavilion is available for hire for small parties or events

Contacts:

Pavilion Hire: Parish Clerk Lisa Hale on 850295 or clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk

Football Club: Membership Sandra Kerry 850377

Captain: James Chambers 07843729309 or jameschambers2009@hotmail.com

Cricket Club: Brian Fever 01580 752448

Terry Hannoicks

Chairman - Sandhurst Parish Council

Note: At the beginning of this project the council learnt that the Recreation Ground was originally called Sandhurst Sports Ground when the Parish acquired the ground (from Miss Harwood?) in 1946. The Parish Council has decided to revert to the original name.

Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry New Collection Schedule

The Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry will be in Sandhurst at the following places and times on Saturday mornings:

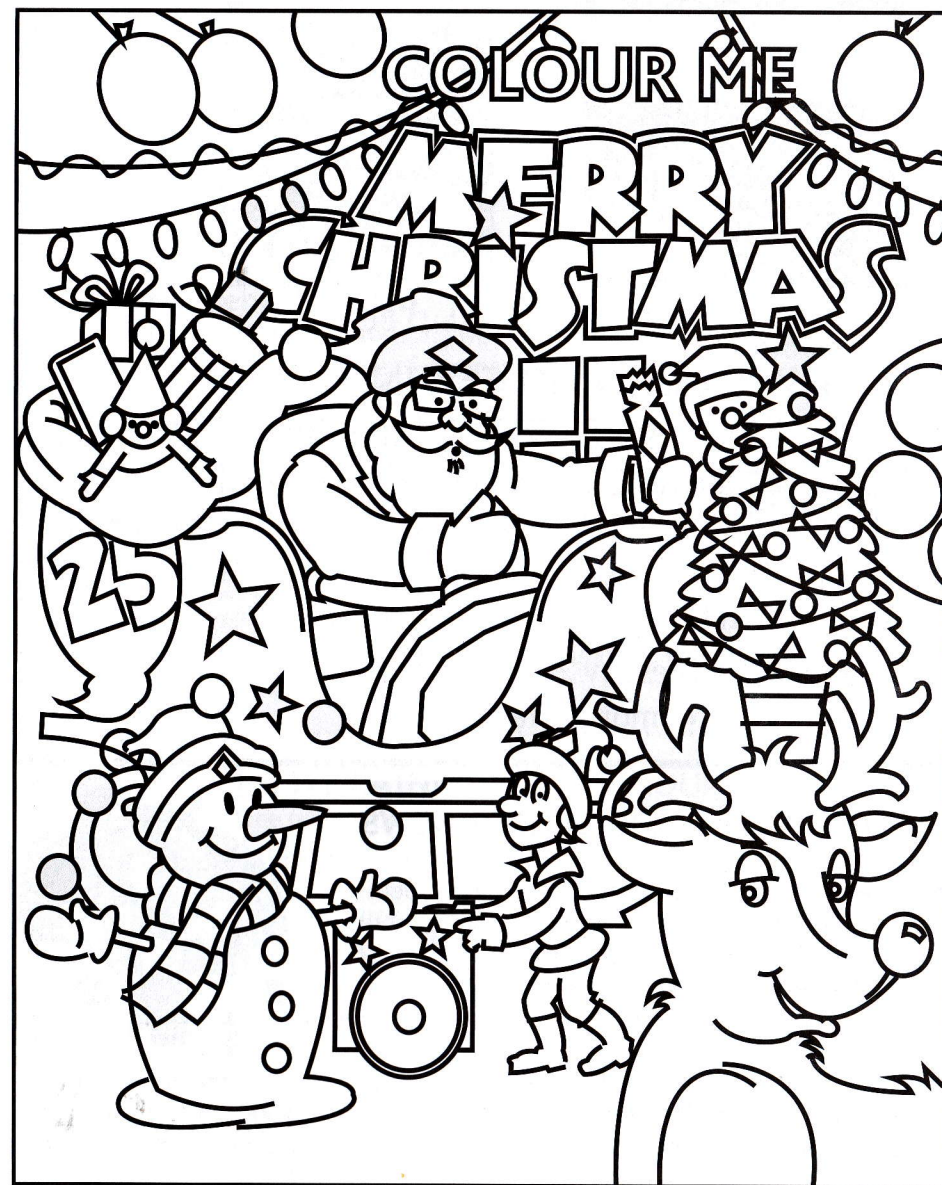
▼ DECEMBER 10TH FOR DOMESTIC WASTE ONLY

▼ THIS IS THE ONLY COLLECTION IN DECEMBER

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| 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 |

Have a Colourful Christmas!

From the Sandhurst Village Magazine team





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LED BY REVD ROSEMARY
KOBUS VAN WENGEN

FROM THE CRADLE ...



TO THE GRAVE ...



AND BEYOND ...

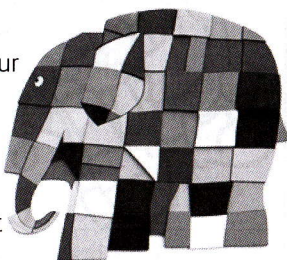
**BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS -
AND WHAT LIES IN-BETWEEN**

As we look forward to Christmas - and Beyond - we reflect on the Advent Message of Hope, and its meaning for us, with the help of Scripture, Art and Poetry, and our own thoughts and experiences.

Do join us on Tuesday 29 November at 8pm in the Memorial Hall

SANDHURST NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS.

The children continue to enjoy our topic this term which is our favourite stories and recently they have learned about patterns and colours through our story about "Elmer the Elephant". The children all made a poppy for Remembrance Sunday and many thanks to one of the children for bravely placing our Poppy Posy on the Sandhurst Memorial. Well done.



We have a new member of staff, Louise, who is settling well into the nursery but we are still advertising for another member of staff so if anyone is interested in the position please get in touch with Jan Little, the Nursery Manager - Home Page or manager@sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk



CRANBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY

St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook TN17 3HA
Saturday 17th December 6.30 pm

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
For all the family

*FREE entry, *FREE wine or soft drink and mince pies!
*Donations gratefully received.



Sandhurst Friendship Club

For our speaker at November's meeting we welcomed Seren Welch who is the daughter of one of our members, Elvina Welch. Seren works to promote tourism to the U.K. using successful T.V. series such as Downton Abbey, Poldark and recently Victoria. Her work takes her to the film locations and she had lots of amusing and fascinating stories of the casts and the owners of the Stately Homes involved in the shows. As part of her job she organises competitions for fans from abroad where the prize is to visit these locations which provided her with yet more funny tales. We were spellbound, an excellent, informative and very interesting talk.



Next Meeting: Friday 9th December Christmas Lunch at The Brickwall Hotel, Sedlescombe. Please arrive at 12.30.



LITTLE RAINBOWS PLAYGROUP

Free parent, baby and toddler group at Sandhurst Baptist Church. Every Friday (term time only) 10.30am-12pm. We have story corner, song time, crafts, snacks and play. There is also a toy and book library available. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to make new friends.



If you do need further information please call Sue 07789 900891 or email suepett72@gmail.com



Sandhurst Parish Council News

This can now be found on their website which is:
www.sandhurst-kent-pc.gov.uk





“Going the Rounds”

Gallery Carols and Readings

from Thomas Hardy's “Under the Greenwood Tree”



St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

7:30pm Sunday 11th December 2016

Mulled wine and mince pies

Tickets £10 from 01580 850281 or 850278

In Aid of the Church Tower Fund



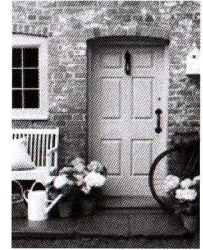
Drop-in Café with Toddler Group

Every Wednesday (in term time)

Want any more information? Contact Revd David Commander
(Rector, St. Nicholas Church) T: 01580 240658 E: david@dc-uk.co.uk

Sandhurst Horticultural Society

Our speaker Melanie Gibson-Barton gave us a very interesting talk on the Parks and Gardens of Flanders. How the doors of houses were decorated with wreaths of many designs, windows with floral displays and window boxes to add to the flower show. The florist's and market's sold plants in pots ready to display in their gardens. You never see people working in their gardens as they buy bush hedges in pots and stand them in their gardens.



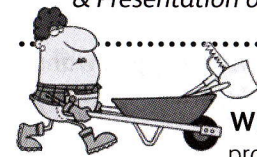
The Royal greenhouse of Laeken, Brussels, with domed glass ceiling that has palm tree's reaching up to the ceiling. In the winter garden greenhouse there is a tropical plant with fig-like leaves, brought over from Mexico in 1876. There are pink fairy-like Fuschias, with frilly rose skirts and stamens hanging from the ceiling. The Botanique in Brussels was the main botanic garden of Meise, which has about 18,000 plants, which half are in greenhouses and the other half, including cultivated and indigenous plants are outdoors. Unknown to many people the tulip was first known in Belgium and not Holland as many people think. The Japanese garden of Hasselt, with a large Koi carp pond, is the largest Japanese garden in Europe. At De Panna there is a tramway that travels through about a third of the of the dunes of Flanders to Kamiel Topweg which is about 3.3km and the journey takes about 42 minutes.

November Competition winners:

Chairman's challenge: Jam or Jelly: Tom Hicks. **Chutney or Pickle:** Brian Woodcock.

Class 1: Brian Woodcock. **Class 2:** Barbara Nunn. **Class 3:** Tom Hicks.

Class 4: Brian Woodcock. **Next meeting:** 7th of December. **Annual General Meeting & Presentation of Competition Trophies.** Bill Elsdon



From the Garden Shed

WET, THEN DRY? – Gardening on clay soil has always caused problems; the golden rule being to work towards improving the soil structure by adding organic matter at every opportunity, and in breaking the surface to assist aeration. If the soil is improved in this way rewards will follow. Water-logged in winter followed by baked clay in summer – sound familiar? Few plants will flourish in such conditions but all can be helped by digging the bare ground to allow water to be absorbed or by pricking a lawn to speed the rain or flood-water into the ground.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has offered some suggestions eg. tough trees, shrubs and flower varieties that will cope better than most in such conditions. Amelachier lamarckii, an outstanding small tree with spring flowers, summer fruits and autumn colour. Consider also mountain ash (Sorbus aucuparia) or the deciduous conifer Taxodium distichum. Shrubs could be dogwoods (Cornus alba, C. florida or C. sericea). The elder (Sambucus) is also recommended. Where nothing else thrives consider snowberry (Symphoricarpus) and Kerria japonica.

Of the herbaceous perennials, astrantia, hardy geraniums, geum, hosta, Iris siberica, Ligularia przewalskii, Monarda and Verbena bonariensis.

Solve your difficult areas and be successful. JRE

Reader's Letters

Dear Editor,

There is a struggle going on to save one of the last quiet and unspoiled places in the village. A disastrous proposal is before the TWBC planning committee to turn part of the Hexden Channel valley in to a near holiday camp. At the bottom of Stone Pit Lane there are still a few beautiful low lying fields and ponds left in a natural state. This small corner of our village heritage really lives up to the AONB title. Let's not allow its exploitation and degradation. Everyone in Sandhurst should see the alarming TWBC planning application 16/05933/FULL and add to the universal objections.

Yours, sincerely,

Jolyon Carpenter.

Puy House, Crouch Lane TN18 5PA

Luxury camping site, "Stone Pit Meadows"

A group of residents at the Eastern end of the village (Crouch Lane, Stone Pit Lane and Linkhill) have raised objections to a planning application which, if successful, will in their opinion increase the risk of road accidents at the junctions of the lanes with the Rye road and in the two lanes, lead to increased noise and other nuisances from traffic, campers and their activities, and open the door to more development of the site in the future. Furthermore, while the spraying of adjacent crops is in line with Health and Safety Executive regulations, the group is aware that the extent to which this can be considered safe near public areas is disputed by many and therefore believes the site to be totally inappropriate for camping. Sandhurst Parish Council has opposed the application but the matter is now under consideration by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Please go to their website using reference number 16/05933/FULL if you want to find out more or make a comment: <http://twbcpa.midkent.gov.uk>.

Shirley Wiggs

Churchyard Maintenance

Dear Shelagh and Elizabeth

Perhaps the members of the parish community who complain about the condition of St Nicholas churchyard would either like to offer their services to help Bob Houlden with the upkeep of the graveyard or keep their relatives' graves weed free themselves from time to time. I am sure the incumbents of the graves, rather than being horrified at the weeds and grasses would say 'Get on and do it yourself then'!

Rosemary Palmes

Hall Rental

If you wish to rent the Old School Hall for a special function or a regular class, please contact Lisa Hale clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk or call 01580 850295

Sporting events to raise funds for Kent Association for the Blind



The first is called 'The Virtual Cycle Ride' and is a 24-mile cycle ride (on a route of your choosing over as many days as you want). You can take part as an individual or as a team, on a static bike at the gym, or outside in the park. The second is for The London Marathon; we have several bond places that we can offer to interested runners for Team KAB.

MARATHON RUNNERS WANTED TO RAISE MONEY FOR KENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Kent Association for the Blind are looking for people to take part in the 2017 London Marathon and raise vital funds for the charity.

By taking part in this event you are doing something amazing for our charity; not only raising awareness of sight loss but also raising much needed funds for us to be able to continue our work supporting visually impaired people in the local area. The fundraising team is here to support you meet your pledge amount and can offer you fundraising ideas, personalised materials and resources. In the new year we will be organising a runners' night at our Sight Centre in Maidstone which is a great opportunity to learn more about our work and meet the other runners on Team KAB.

Kent Association for the Blind supports visually impaired people to live independent lives. We work with people of all ages from toddlers and teenagers right through to people in their nineties and beyond. KAB offers a range of services including mobility training, a digital Talking News service, advice and guidance and courses in Assistive Technology. We provide an entirely bespoke service which is tailored to the individual's needs. We support over 11,000 people across the region and last year we received 2,450 new referrals to our service.

So if there are any budding runners or cyclists out there, please visit the website or contact Amy: amy.vdw@kab.org.uk 01622 691357

Your LOCAL Citizens Advice service

An 'Adviser with Wheels' is now available by appointment at the Sandhurst Tea Rooms.

Just phone 01892 617256 to make a time that suits you.

Or you could use the SKYPE service (cabtwells - 10am to 12 noon - week days) Or phone the Cranbrook Advice Line 01580 714936.

Finally, problems can be posted via email:

advice@cranbrook.cabnet.org.uk

Remember - local advice is free. The Advice Bus no longer visits rural villages.

citizens
advice

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

Every Monday 9-11am Zumba
Old School Jason Broome jason@1066fitness.com
Dionne 07990 737924

Every Monday 2-5pm Friendly Bridge Club
Mission Church.
Eve Willard 01797 253431

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

2nd Tuesday of month
Purpose Plate Lunch 12 noon - 2pm
Sandhurst Baptist Church- Booking needed
(Voluntary Donation)
Terry Pickford 01580 762200

2nd Tuesday of month 2pm
Mission Church CAMEO
Lesley Gillett 01580 850649

2nd Tuesday of month
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm - Old School Hall
Clerk: Lisa Hale
(Tues 1-3pm Thurs 9.30 - 11.30am) 01580 850295
www.sandhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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

Every Tuesday 9.30-10.30am
50+ Keep Fit Class Old School.
Kim Wheeler 01892 782623
Kimwheelerpft@gmail.com

Every Wednesday (in term time)
Drop - in Cafe Mission Church 9 - 11am

1st Wednesday of month 8pm
Horticultural Society Old School -
Margaret Woodcock 01580851006

Borough Councillors
(Hawkhurst & Sandhurst Ward)
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godfrey.bland@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
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Brownies Jackie Powell 01580 753202

Cricknet Club Brian Feaver 01580 752448

Football Club Sandra Kerry 01580 850377

KCC Footpaths Faultline 0845 3450210

Home Library Service
Cranbrook Library 03000 413131

Museums & Local Archives
Cranbrook Museum www.cranbrookmuseum.org

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

Every Thursday Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am
Old School Hall Sarah Lush 07769 651899
or lushfitness@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 3.30 - 7.30 Children's Ballet
During Term time
Jane Coleman School of Dance 01435 882687

1st Thursday of month 10.45am
Coffee Morning Sandhurst Baptist Church.
Ken Slater 01580 850446
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
Sandhurst Baptist Church
Ken Slater 01580 850446

1st Friday 2.30pm Friendship Club
Old School Rosie Broadbent 01580 850433
rosiebroadbent@btinternet.com

Every Friday 9.30-10.30am Adult Ballet Class
Old School Gillian Davis 01580 850384
Jane Coleman (winter) 01435 882687

Every Friday 8.30pm Prayer Meeting
Sandhurst Baptist Church -
Ken Slater 01580 850446

Friday Fortnightly 10.20-10.50am
Mobile Library at Tanyard

Every Saturday 9.30-11.30am (term time)
6 -16yrs Football Playing Fields -
Ken Slater 01580 850446

Nursery School Jan Little 01580 850969

Papercraft Classes Lesley Gillett 01580 850649

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Head Teacher 01580 850288

Sandhurst Stitches Ruth Elsdon 01580 850419

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Twinning Association
John Cunningham 01580 850929

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| | 8am Holy Communion | Rev Dick Dengate |
| | 10am Morning Worship (Patronal Service) | Rev Dick Dengate /Lyn Hayes |
| Tue 6th December | Mission Church | |
| | 10am Holy Communion (BCP) | Rev Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Sun 11th December | 3rd Sunday of Advent | |
| | 10am Eucharist | Rev David Commander |
| | 5pm Mission Church Eve Prayer | Rev David Commander |
| Tue 13th December | Mission Church | |
| | 10am Holy Communion (BCP) | Rev David Commander |
| Sun 18th December | 4TH Sunday of Advent | |
| | 8am Holy Communion (BCP) | Rev David Commander |
| | 10am Morning Worship | Lyn Hayes |
| | 6:30pm Parish Carol Service | Rev David Commander |
| Mon 19th December | 5pm Sandhurst Primary School Carol Service | |
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| Thu 22nd December | 7pm Carols on the Green | Lyn Hayes |
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