

# SANDHURST Village Magazine



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## Another year draws to a close

With December, the year draws to a close; and another year goes by. A year with, I trust, many happy things to look back on; things that bring a smile to your face as they come to mind. Mixed, I have no doubt, with some hard things that you've had to deal with this year, and perhaps some events that are painful to think back on. I hope that the balance has been towards the happier things of life for you this year.

On this yearly cycle of life, the Church now moves into Advent and then on to Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for us; preparing ourselves for the celebrations of Christmas, hopefully as we remember - amongst all the wrapping paper, presents, food, drink, and family time - the reason that many are having time off work... we are celebrating the birth of an incredibly special baby about 2000 years ago; a baby who Christians believe, as a man (and as God) came to help us and save us. Advent is also, for the Church, a time of preparing ourselves, more deeply, for the return of Jesus again - whenever that may be. Perhaps it will be in thousands of years, or maybe hundreds of years; or perhaps it will be in your lifetime; or tomorrow. None of us know; but we should be prepared - that is what Advent is about.

The years also move on; this year we are celebrating five Christmases together. I cannot believe where that time has gone. There are plenty of things to share together in the run up to Christmas and over Christmas; I hope we'll meet up at some of them. It all begins with an Advent concert with the Tongswood Choir at the Mission Church on Sunday 3rd December; then an Advent evening together with Revd Rosemary again at the Mission Church on Monday 4th. The Parish Carol Service is on Sunday 17th December, and the Primary School carol service on Monday 18th, both at St. Nicholas Church. And Carols of the Green on Thursday 21st. We've then got a choice of three services on offer on Christmas Eve: Communion at 10am Morning Worship, the Crib Service at 3pm (come dressed as a nativity character - whatever your age!) and 11:30pm for the first Communion of Christmas. On Christmas Day you can then join us for Communion at 8:30am at the Mission Church, or 10am for Family Worship. However, it doesn't end there! If you'd prefer not to be on your own for the rest of Christmas Day, you're welcome to come and have Christmas lunch at the Memorial Hall in Benenden (but please sign up for this in advance by giving me a call or emailing); or drop into the Hall for a drink in the afternoon if you're out and about.

Parts of this year have been very tough for some people, but there is a great community spirit in Sandhurst and the village has come through it together. Now we celebrate Christmas together; happy Christmas.

*Revd. David Commander, Rector  
Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst  
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## DIARY DATES



### December

#### Saturday 2nd 10am-3pm

Old School Hall - Open Day by artist Maggie McCormack

#### Sunday 3rd 10am

Visit by St Nicholas to St Nicholas Church

#### Sunday 3rd 6.30pm

Advent Carol Service by Tongswood Chamber Choir in aid of St Nicholas Church

#### Monday 4th 7.30pm

The Mission Church Rev. Rosemary Kobus van Wengen "On the Way" reflections for Advent in word and image.

#### Wednesday 13th 9-11am

St Nicholas Church - Toddlers Nativity

#### Monday 18th at 6.30 pm

Sandhurst Primary School Carol Service

#### Thursday 21st 7pm

Carols on the Green or in the Swan

#### Sunday 24th 3pm

St Nicholas Church - Crib Service

#### The Sandhurst Village Diary

Cathy Baker has revived the Village Diary and this is in the Mission Church. To make an entry either call in or email Cathy at cathybaker155@yahoo.com.

### January 2018

#### Saturday 20th 7 pm

The Swan Sandhurst Twinning Association "Good Old Days" Sandhurst.



Help is always on hand from Mind  
www.mind.org.uk or their info line  
0300 123 3393 or locally  
www.westkentmind.org.uk

*Please let us know if you want  
a Diary Date included.*

## From the Editors

Christmas is nearly here and we are sure you are all much better organised than we are, since as we are writing this, neither of us has done any Christmas shopping nor made our cakes.

On an entirely different subject, it was lovely to see so many people at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War so please bear this in mind next November.

A local artist, Maggie McCormack is holding an art sale in the Old School Hall. (See inside magazine for future details)

*Shelagh and Elizabeth*

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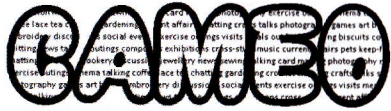
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## Come and Meet Each Other for some fun and friendship

Delicious food, sparkling company and wine, hilarious discussions, we put the world to rights, whilst enjoying out lovely lunch. Next month, we are having a Christmas lunch at The Swan on Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm

Ruth Elsdon

## Crib service at 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.*

## Toddler Group "Nativity"

Wednesday 13th and 20th December, the Toddler Group will be held in St Nicholas Church rather than the Mission Church - the latter is being decorated.



On the morning of Wednesday 13th we will put together a simple nativity with the toddlers. (Bring sheets, cord, and tea towels!) You are very welcome to come and join us: have tea, coffee, cake (or mince pies maybe?), and enjoy singing a few carols with the children as we tell the nativity story. For some of the toddlers this will be the first time they have heard it, of course. Exciting!  
Wednesday 13th December, St. Nicholas Church, from 9-11am: a toddlers Nativity; come and join us.

## Sandhurst Friendship Club

Our November speaker was Jack Deans, a Scotsman living in Kent who was for many years at the top of Scotland Yard Finger Print Team. He told a very good tale with many amusing anecdotes and so his recollections of criminal cases was both informative and entertaining. There was much laughter even though this was a pretty grim subject, Murder and Fingerprints'. An excellent talk for a November afternoon followed by our usual delicious tea.

**NEXT MONTH:** Friday 15th December Christmas Lunch at Brickwall Hotel, Sedlescombe. Please arrive at 12.30 pm for lunch at 1 pm.

Rosie Broadbent 01580 850433



## Maggie McCormack will be having an Open Day during her Art Sale



at The Old School Hall on 2nd December Refreshments will be provided

## Hospice in the Weald

Thank you very much to all those who have supported Hospice in the Weald this year. Our local group has raised an amazing £13,221 since March, which is incredible and we couldn't have done it without a great deal of support.



The most recent event was the concert in the Village Hall in Benenden on Saturday October 21st. We had three different types of music; the Maidstone Rock Band, a classical trio with Sarah Andrew, her husband Tim and friend Diana, concluding with Blue Jasmine jazz group. A hot meal was served during the interval and the whole evening was thoroughly enjoyable. On this one evening we raised over £3500. Grateful thanks too, are due to Tracy Claridge who generously donated £150 of superb wine for the raffle, for which we made £575.

Everyone knows someone who has benefitted from the marvellous care that the hospice provides and we are delighted to have been able to support them in this way. I would like to thank my hard-working, devoted committee for their dedication and support over this year. We have faced some challenges, but none of us is any doubt that it is all totally worthwhile.

*There is just one event remaining: Christmas wreath making in Benenden Memorial Hall on 7th December with Sheila Hume, to include a light lunch for £35. Please contact Kay Martin on 01580 240566 if you would like a place.*

Jenny Stevens

## We are sorry to report...

That our Country Diarist passed away in October. We ran her charming and informative series on local fauna and flora in 2015.

### From the Registers

- 13th October Thanksgiving Service for the life of Hugo Christopher Nesfield
- 17th October Funeral for Roy Little
- 18th October Interment of Jean Peters ashes
- 30th October Funeral and Burial of Chelsea - Rose Betts





## SAVE OUR SANDHURST ► LOOS - UPDATE YOU CAN KEEP GOING!

I am delighted to report that at their meeting on 14 November the Parish Council voted to keep the loos open on the sportsground. They will remain open for a year but during that time the P.C. will examine the various options and costs. In the meantime some essential repair and maintenance will be carried out and one side of the toilet block will be open as a unisex facility. It may not be ideal, but it is better than nothing.

You may also be interested to know that every effort is being made to get the play equipment on the sportsground repaired as soon as possible. There have been a number of delays as the original contractor went out of business and contractors have to be approved by ROSPA to undertake this work. Some of the equipment was vandalised and this brings me to the next point in asking villagers to keep an eye open for people damaging sites in our lovely village – a few people spoiling things for everyone else - and we have to pick up the cost. Now that we have lost our Community Police Officer the only option is to ring 101 to report suspicious activity.

Thank you everyone who has supported the SOS campaign. Common sense and perseverance paid off. A true village effort. Brilliant!

Ros Maggs



## CRANBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY

St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, TN17 3HA

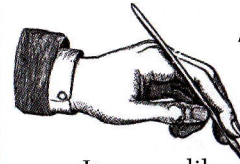
Saturday 16th September, 6.30pm

# A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Magnificent brass accompaniment,  
entertaining Christmas readings,

Christmas carols and lots of audience participation.

Retiring collection



## Thoughts on Gnomes

It seems like miracles sometimes still appear  
As the hops were watered by the sun this year!!  
The "Time Flies" poem should have read  
Not "watered" but "warmed" by the sun instead  
Sorry if the error was possibly mine  
And its time to call it a day and draw a line!

*Midge*



### Gnomes

So - the gnomes at Sandhurst Cross  
Have received a little care  
The largest one who had lost a leg  
Has undergone repair  
He now stands straight with his little mate  
And shines in his new gold suit  
Their scarves are back and they both have a hat  
I think they look rather cute.

*Midge*

Apology to Midge from the Editors!

Oh Midge I feel the fault was mine  
To cause the sun to rain not shine  
So glad you are smiling and not a bit cross  
For if you stopped writing it would be our loss





## My Son Roy

### (Taken from Service of Celebration of the life of Roy Little)

Roy was born on the 24th April 1973 at Pembury Hospital, a brother for George and another son for Ken and myself. He was a happy child and full of mischief. At four years old he went to playschool then at five years old went on to the primary school in Sandhurst. When seven years old Roy attended Ramsleigh School in Tunbridge Wells then finished his final school years at Angley School, Cranbrook.

After leaving school he went to work at the abattoir in Lamberhurst, which he loved. He worked there until the foot and mouth disease closed it down. From there he went to work with his brother George at East West Ales in Paddock Wood. When that closed Roy found work at Hoads Farm in Sandhurst and that is where he stayed. He liked the work and, also the Nicholas family. When it comes "Hopping" he looked forward to seeing his friends from Wales.

At weekends he enjoyed being with all his friends. On Sunday at lunchtime he'd say he was "Going to church to lift my left arm". That "church" was the social club in Sandhurst.

Growing up he loved most animals, (not cats). However, Patch a black and white cat walked into his life and he loved her as much as she loved him! Roy also liked gardening with his Dad, helping to mow the lawns at different places Ken worked. Another interest was Steam Engines, Roy and a friend would go to Steam Rallies to show them. Karate was another thing he got into, and he enjoyed doing it, passing grading and taking part in competitions.

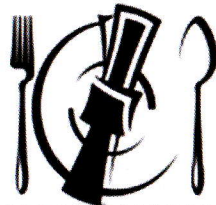
Music was also a passion, eclectic taste from Country and Western, Rock and Roll, Rock bands and up to the music of today. He would come home from work or wherever he'd been and say "you don't want to listen to that rubbish" and put on the Quireboys or The Levellers and we'd dance around the room.

On September 25th the house where we lived became his, he would have been the proud owner of a house but did not have time to enjoy.

*I will miss as I know many of you will. Sleep tight my son (string bean).  
Love Mum xx*

## Purpose plate Christmas dinner

It will be on 13th December at 12:00 with donation. Sadly this will be the last purpose plate.



## TRAIN DISRUPTIONS - PLEASE NOTE:

There will be delays and closures between December 23rd. and January 1st. Please be sure to check at <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search> before setting out on a trip.

*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from your transport reporter,  
Gillian Davis*

## Sandhurst Horticultural Society

I now appreciate that photography is an art, even when taking pictures of a landscape, is not just snapping a lovely scene. Our speaker this month was Glynn Bareham who demonstrated with many incredible landscape scenes, the angles, the weather, the sun position and sun beans all make such a difference. He waits almost an hour in some situations, including wet weather for the sunbeans to rotate to give just the exact position to produce fascinating results. The photographs were shown individually and all put on a stand together. After the talk members went up to the front to look at the photographs.

### November 2017 Competition winners:

**Class 1: One pot plant in bloom:** Brian Woodcock.

**Class 2: One pot plant for foliage:** Ros Maggs.

**Class 3: Three onions:** Barbara Nunn.

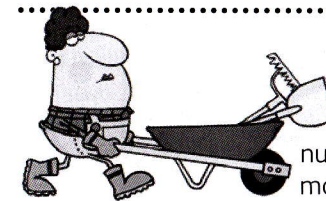
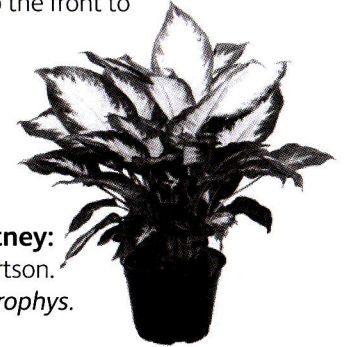
**Class 4: Three parsnips:** Brian Woodcock.

### Chairman's Challenge a jar of any Jam and/or Chutney:

**Jar of jam:** Ros Maggs. **Jar of Chutney:** Jill Oliphant-Robertson.

*December meeting is our AGM with the presentation of trophies.*

*Bill Elsdon*



## From the Garden Shed

**BUDDLEIAS:** Did you know the John Lewis Partnership owns the largest buddleia collection in England, the nursery, Longstock Park, Stockbridge in Hampshire, selling more than a thousand pot-grown specimens each year.

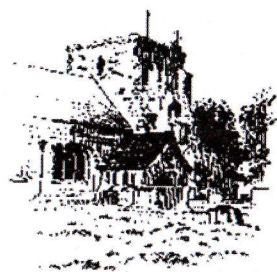
Mainstream buddleias, as we know, are trouble free but can quickly outgrow their allotted space. The remedy is to cut the bush down to one foot from ground level in March. Be brave, the new shoots will already be growing strongly, but the plant will survive to be covered in flowers by august when dead-heading of blooms will maintain the flowering season well into september.

There are many new varieties, of differing growth habit eg. silver leaf, variegated and weeping forms, and a choice of white, yellow, pink or blue (light or dark) flowers. Do not dismiss as 'railway embankment shrubs', these modern buddleias are very rewarding.

*JRE*



# The Tongswood Chamber Choir



*invite you to an*  
**Advent Carol Concert**  
*at 6:30pm in*  
**St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst**  
*on*  
**Sunday 3rd December 2017**  
**Tickets, £12 .50 each including refreshments**  
**available from 01580 850133**  
*In aid of St. Nicholas Church*



## The Bakers down under

Next week we will have been in Australia for 3 years It is hard to believe. Some things we seem to have become accustomed to:- I have no problem wearing a fleece at 16 degrees, but other things still catch me out. I know that I am now in spring, as we have just had winter, but tell me it is November, and my mind says winter is coming! Today I picked up a brochure in Aldi which proclaimed, "It is BBQ season", and it totally threw me. I had to look twice in case I had got an out-of-date publication. Like so much of the world our weather seems to be unreliable. Is this climate change do you suppose? So many floods, bad storms and earthquakes it is hard to decide. In one week we have had 30+ one day and 15 the next, but there is a gradual warming happening.

We are looking forward to the rose and garden show in a few days' time, which is only a short drive from us. It is always held at the State Rose Garden of Victoria. Strange that in a seemingly hostile climate roses thrive. Every roundabout on our estate is planted with white roses and they bloom all year. At the moment they are putting on such a beautiful display. Perhaps we should try some in the garden. Our olive tree is in full flower and we have tiny passion fruit on the vine. With the lemons fruiting and the lime tree blossoming it is quite a tropical oasis.

I have been busy making mango chutney, lemon curd and marmalade for our local Christmas market at the end of the month. There are so many British migrants here that home-made cakes, puddings and mince pies (which have to be called fruit mince pies here, in case people think they are savoury) are in great demand, and we expect to sell out quickly. I have already had orders for jams and pies, so it looks like I will be busy. I only wish I could be baking in a cool kitchen, but no doubt come Christmas day I will also be roasting a turkey and wiping the sweat out of my eyes! "Let it snow" is now being played in the stores, so it's all good.

*Merry Christmas to everyone and a very happy 2018*  
*Linda Baker*



## 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



## Good Christian MEN, Rejoice and Good King Wenceslas

The Reverend John Mason Neale (1818-1866), the scholarly Anglican priest and noted hymn translator responsible for Veni, Emanuel (O Come, O Come Emanuel), also wrote the lyrics for two familiar English carols: Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Good King Wenceslas. The words for both appeared in his 1853 publication Carols for Christmas-tide.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice, is a loose interpretation of In Dulci Jubilo (meaning "a sweet rejoicing"), a late medieval Latin-German carol that first appeared in Klug's 1533 Geistliche Lieder, a Lutheran hymnal, and later published in Piae Cantiones, a 1582 Finish songbook. The lyrics may have come from Heinrich Seuse (c.1295-1366), a German mystic and Dominican monk. According to legend, the Blessed Heinrich Seuse (or Henry Suso) was visited by heavenly angels in a dream, danced and sang with them, and then when he awoke immediately wrote the words.

Piae Cantiones, a renowned compilation of carols, also contained the music for a Swedish spring carol titled Tempest Adest Floridum, an anonymous 13th-century tune which the redoubtable Rev. Neale coupled to his lyrics for Good King Wenceslas. His textual substitution seemed entirely fanciful, and it was even scorned by critics from both the literary-music class and the Anglican hierarchy, the latter who felt Rev. Neale's religious instincts aligned too closely with the Roman Catholic Church.

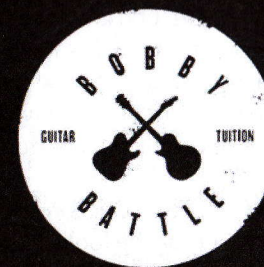
In search of a good role model for children, the Rev. Neale found inspiration for his Good King Wenceslas from a story about the nobleman Wenceslas (c. 907-929), the Duke of Bohemia, a kind man raised by a devoted grandmother. Wenceslas later became king, and during his reign he converted his country to Christianity, providing his people with a period of great serenity. For Christmas, he decreed that it should be celebrated in every cottage and church throughout the land. Known to be a just and merciful king with considerable compassion for the poor and sick, his reign as king was short-lived. In 929, he was assassinated by an evil younger brother who conspired with other family members and the pagan nobility against him. Because of the young monarch's exemplary life, Good King Wenceslas was born, and despite its confounding lyrics, it has since become a Christmas favorite for children and adults alike.

Lastly, the tremendous contributions of Rev. Neale to hymnody and carols, and to the least advantaged in life, were finally recognized one hundred years later by the Anglican Church. On July 24, 1966, the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated a memorial in Rev. Neale's honor at his grave in St. Swithun churchyard in East Grinstead, England.

*Amen. Amen.*



**The Mobile Library will be at Tanyard  
on October 6th, October 20th**



For more info on  
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07729 106037

## Sandhurst Planning Applications

**TW/17/03348/FULL** Change of use of disused agricultural building to form 2 No. dwellings OS Plot 6675 And 6070 Sponden Lane

**TW/17/03760/TCA** Tree in a Conservation Area Notification: Sycamore Fell; 3 No. Pine - Fell Pine Cottage Rye Road



## 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 23rd FOR GARDEN WASTE ONLY**

▼ **DECEMBER 9th FOR DOMESTIC WASTE ONLY**

Dates could be subject to change as not shown on Tunbridge Wells web site

<b>Sandhurst:</b>	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



## Christmas in the Twenties

We came to Sandhurst shortly before Christmas 1920, just in time to order a goose from the nearby farm. On Christmas Eve it was handed in feathers and innards intact. My father, with spade and knife, performed a gruesome operation in the garden, then all five of us got down to plucking. It was not a white Christmas, but our house contained a blizzard with flakes lingering into Spring.

Subsequent Christmases went better. Our conveniently agnostic father guarded the dinner while we four took the footpath to church which we had previously decorated leaving holly leaves on certain pews. Undeterred by the smell of mothballs from the furs of the upper crust, we joined zealously in with the carols, my brother employing schoolboy versions such as "shepherds washing their socks by night".

A week before this, we combined with friends to hire a trap and a chestnut mare from Mr Rummery of Malthouse Farm and drove to Hawkhurst to do our Christmas shopping. A few years later, perhaps due to the mare's demise, we walked to the junction at Newenden and caught a bus to the great town of Tenterden; walking back in the gloaming with bulging bags.

A big seasonal feature was the Nativity play in the Old School. Usually a lesser shepherd, I was once promoted to Joseph, complete with a very prickly beard. My elder sister was the Angel Gabriel, an exacting part in many ways for her magnificent wings were inadequately fixed and threatened to capsize at her most dramatic utterance.

Several mothers combined to give a fancy-dress party at the same venue. We danced Sir Roger, played musical chairs and oranges and lemons, dived into a bran tub and took part in a curious team game consisting of passing the outer case of a matchbox from nose to nose.

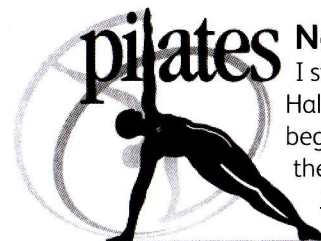
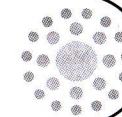
I think I most enjoyed the parties in houses, for this meant walking back in the dark by the bobbing light of a storm lantern. No tame electrics lit the Christmas trees but real candles. There was that lovely smell of singeing pine needles and often a dash to save the whole tree from catching fire. Then there was the Christmas concert with an all star cast which hardly varied: Mr Hardy's female impersonations, Mr Jempson reciting a poem on why his house was called "The Cloisters" – it was closer to the church and closer to the pub and closer to the workhouse too!. Mr Booth gave a song about his Old Leather Breeches, which raised adult eyebrows but passed us. With no television, telephone and, at least for some years, no radio, how remote from the big commercial world we were! For us Sandhurst was the best of places, for me it still is.

Primrose Cummings

## The Church was illuminated on...

Saturday 19th November

to celebrate Gillian Davis living at St Nicholas Cottage for 21 years

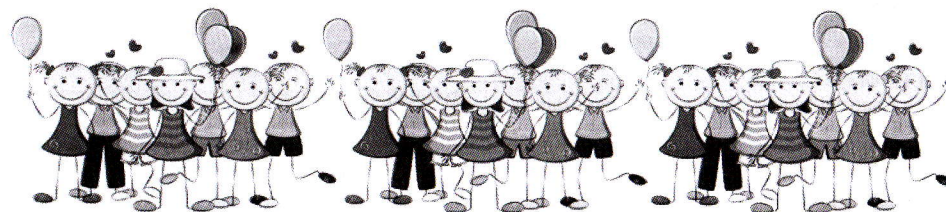


## New Pilates Class

I started a new class on the 21st November at the Old School Hall. The class is on a Tuesday from 11am - 12pm for beginners, it's running for 4 weeks with the view to carry on in the New Year.

*If you are interested, please contact me.*

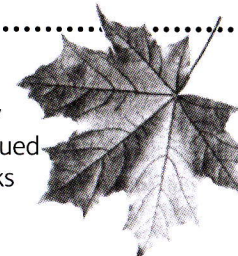
*Sarah Lush T: 07769651899*



*Sandhurst Nursery School would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and hope to bring you our news in January*

## Sandhurst Weather Report for October

Once again October proved to be a very quiet month with fairly warm days, light winds and no night frosts, so the leaves continued to fall slowly from the trees of hornbeam and ash, while the oaks held theirs with little sign of autumn colour, but maples and cherries began to put on a show.



Rainfall was low, only 41 mm or one and a half inches, which mainly fell on three wet nights on 19th, 20th and 21st when there were 10 mm on each one.

In other parts of the country, winds were quite strong and Storm Brian caused some damage in the West. People remembered how we suffered back in 1987, but no damaging winds came inland here for which we should be thankful.

## 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](mailto:clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk) or call 01580 850295**



## REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

- Every Monday morning:**  
 Jitterbugz - Old School Hall  
 Toddlers 9.30 - 10.15am Babies 10.25am - 11.10am  
 Children 11.25am - 12.10am  
 info@jitterbugz.co.uk www.jitterbugz.co.uk
- 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
- Every Wednesday 2.00-3.00 pm**  
 Old School Hall - Power Yoga Contact Ruth:  
 Ruth@wealdpoweryoga.com 07943388807
- 1st Wednesday of month 8pm**  
 Horticultural Society Old School -  
 Margaret Woodcock 01580851006
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 Old School Brian Saxton 01892 545673  
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- Every Thursday Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am**  
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- 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
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- 1st Friday 2.30pm Friendship Club**  
 Old School Rosie Broadbent 01580 850433  
 rosiebroadbent@btinternet.com
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 Jane Coleman (winter) 01435 882687
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- Friday Fortnightly 10.20-10.50am**  
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## ST NICHOLAS SERVICES

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### Sunday 3rd December Advent 1

8am Holy Communion

Rev Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10am Patronal Service

Rev David Commander

6:30pm Advent Carol Concert by The Tongswood Chamber Choir

Tuesday 5th Dec Mission Church

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev David Commander

### Sunday 10th December Advent 2

10am Eucharist

Rev David Commander

Mission Church

5pm Evening Prayer

Rev David Commander

Tuesday 12th Dec St. Nicholas - Mission Church closed for decoration work

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

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### Sunday 17th December Advent 3

8am Holy Communion

Rev David Commander

10am Morning Worship

David Harmsworth

6:30pm Parish Carol Service

Rev David Commander

Monday 18th Dec 5pm Sandhurst Primary School Carol Service Rev David Commander

Tuesday 19th Dec St. Nicholas - Mission Church closed for decoration work

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

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Thursday 21st December 7pm Carols on the Green

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### Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

10am All Age Communion

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11:30pm Midnight Communion

Rev David Commander

### Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Mission Church

8:30am Holy Communion

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St. Nicholas Church

10am Morning Worship

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### Sunday 31st December Christmas 1

8am Benefice

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Holy Communion (BCP)

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