

SANDHURST Village Magazine



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Uncertainties in Life

We all know what are said to be the only two certainties in life! Jesus mentioned the first quite often, the dreaded taxes, and spoke about the second quite a bit too before experiencing a painful death himself. But what about the uncertainties?! It strikes me that at the moment, every time we switch on the News, we are confronted with an absolutely huge uncertainty.....dare I mention the B-word? Brexit! I have absolutely no idea what the situation is going to be with Brexit or Parliament or Europe in these intervening two weeks between me writing this piece and you reading it! The uncertainties of life generally have a habit of making us worry: "What if I get passed over for that promotion, what am I going to do?", or "What if I get sick, what am I going to do?"

As human beings we seem to need a healthy balance between certainty in our life – the normal, routine stuff – and a bit of uncertainty to make life interesting and slightly unpredictable, so that we don't get bored by a constant routine! If everything in our lives is predictable we often feel like we're stuck in a rut; but if everything is uncertain then we are anxious about the future.

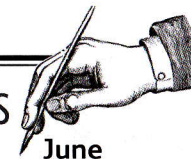
So, with this huge political and economic uncertainty hanging over us, how about I try and balance it with a bit of certainty? Here's three certainties: on Palm Sunday we will be celebrating and remembering once again Jesus' entry into Jerusalem the week before he was finally arrested; on Good Friday we will gather and remember his death on the cross; and on Easter Sunday we will be gathering once again but this time to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! For me - as a Christian, as a priest – the resurrection, though I may not fully understand it, is up there in terms of its certainty along with "death and taxes" that we always mention! It is at the heart of my faith. I hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate once again this incredible event.

You will see from the calendar of services on the back page that there is a lot going on between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. (Plus a similar number of services in Benenden!) If you can't make any other services, please come and join us for the biggest celebration of the Church-year: Easter Sunday. If you can't wait until the 10 o'clock, there is always the Sunrise Service – 5:30am at St. Nicholas! Speaking of the Sunrise service reminds me of another certainty: there will be bacon sarnies served immediately after it. Come along and enjoy one. Oh, and there's one more certainty I can tell you about: the week after Easter I'll be metaphorically "lying down in a darkened room" having a rest after all those services!

I wish you all a joyful Easter.

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DIARY DATES



April

Saturday 13th 7.30pm

St Dunstan's Church Cranbrook
Cranbrook Choral Society, Mozart,
Hayden and Humme

May

Saturday 11th 9 am

The Old School Hall -Sandhurst
Horticultural Society Plant Sale

Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th

Christain Aid Week

Tuesday 14th

Hunger Lunch midday in the
Mission Church

Saturday and Sunday 18/19th

Sandhurst Twinning visit to twinned
village, Huringhem.

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

June

Saturday 8th

Novelty Dog Show and Boot Fair
in Church Field.

July

Wednesday 17th -7.30 pm

Sandhurst Playing Field – Rude
Mechanicals – Icarus Inc

Saturday 27th 3pm

Piano recital/garden party in
Sandhurst in aid of Hospice in the
Weald. Daniel Grimwood will be
performing music by Dvorak as well
as a variety of Russian works.



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

From the Editors

Winter has returned with a vengeance, quite a shock after our wonderful week of weather. March goes out like a lion, let's hope it improves for Easter.

Congratulations to Sandhurst Primary School on their recent Ofsted Report and to Adam Kerry on being awarded the Chestnut Tree House Business Award for an outstanding voluntary project. Well done both.

We were also very sorry to learn of the death of Michael Alley, he will be greatly missed. A true gentleman.

Shelagh and Elizabeth

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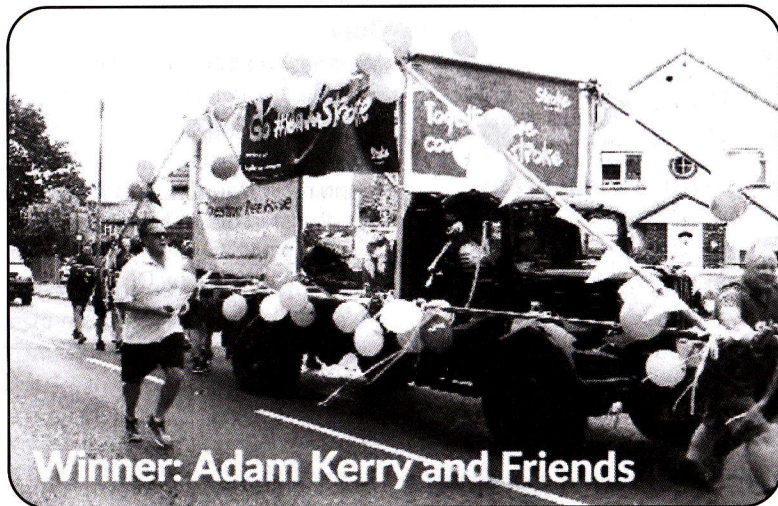
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Easter Lilies

Easter is late this year 21st April, donations for Easter Lillies in memory of a loved ones would be most welcome. Please see Anne Tylden-Wright, thank you.



Winner: Adam Kerry and Friends

Award to Adam Kerry & Friends

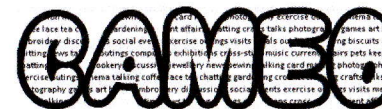
Adam Kerry, together with a group of friends and family, pushed a "Darling Buds of May" type lorry for 20 miles from Cranbrook to Sandhurst, raising money for charity in memory of Adam's father Tony Kerry.

This is the fourth time they have taken on a "push" challenge and have raised over £102,000 in total for charity. They always raise money for The Stroke Association and chose another charity to share the money with. In 2018 they chose their local Children's Hospice Chestnut Tree House. The 20 mile lorry push raised an incredible £34,380. Apart from raising the money, the team wanted to increase awareness for the Charity and wore branded tee-shirts, caps and displayed Chestnut Tree House banners on the lorry.

We say "Well done Adam"

Piano Recital advanced notice

Saturday July 27th. 3pm. Piano recital/garden party in Sandhurst in aid of Hospice in the Weald. Daniel Grimwood will be performing music by Dvorak as well as a variety of Russian works. Tickets from Gillian Davis 01580-850384.



Come and Meet Each Other for some fun and friendship

Another hilarious lunch was enjoyed at The Swan. The company, conversation and food were top class. We voted to lunch at The Swan again next month on 9th April, but earlier at 1pm. Please join us.

Ruth Elsdon 850419

Hospice in the Weald March 2019

I would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' to those who supported the Cranbrook Choral Society Concert on Saturday 23rd February. So many people selflessly gave their time and talents to make this evening such a success. Nearly £1200 was raised for St George's Church, Benenden and Hospice in the Weald. The hospice committee surpassed themselves with delicious nibbles; Tracy Claridge provided wine at reasonable cost; Clive Turner worked tirelessly designing, printing, distributing poster, flyers, tickets; musicians either gave their services free or at much reduced rates.



THANK YOU.

We have had extremely positive feedback regarding the singing and music overall. The choir enjoyed it so much that we hope to give another concert after our next tour.

Our events for this year are:

- Saturday 30th March, 7.30pm– Wine Tasting in St Mildred's Church Hall, led by Tracy Claridge. Entry by ticket only at £25 to include a two course meal.
- Saturday 27th April – concert by Invicta Wind Orchestra at Tenterden Methodist Church. More details to follow.
- Saturday 18th May, 7.30pm – Canterbury Choristers Concert in St. George's Church, Benenden. Tickets are £15, to include light refreshments.
- Saturday 1st /Sunday 2nd June and Saturday 8th /Sunday 9th June 11.00-5.00 – Open Studios and Gardens at Charlotte Molesworth's house on the Green in Benenden.
- Friday 16th August – Open Gardens and music in Biddenden. More details to follow.
- Saturday 2nd November – Christmas card sale and coffee morning in St George's Church, Benenden. 10.00-12.00.

We do hope to see you at some of these events. We shall provide more information nearer the time. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on Jenny.tenterden@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Jenny Stevens

Hospice in the Weald Friends Co-ordinator for Benenden and Sandhurst.

From the Registers

Tuesday 19th March Judith Took Cremation at Charing Crematorium
Wednesday 20th March Michael Alley Funeral and Burial at St Nicholas.

Sandhurst Friendship Club

Sandhurst Friendship Club meeting in March started with it's AGM. The Chairman and Treasurers reports were read and approved and all the officers and Chairman were re-elected for another year.



Melanie Gibson-Barton returned for the third time to talk about Eva Braun, Hitler's mistress. As always a very professionally presented talk. Melanie related fascinating details of Eva's younger life and how she came to be an important member of Hitler's inner circle. Her life ended in 1945 in the Berlin Bunker. The question remains Was she a Victim or a Conspirator? Our members were quietly thoughtful as they absorbed this chilling history lesson.

Next Meeting . History of St Nicholas Church , a talk by John Bailey, Church Architect. Please meet at St Nicholas Church ready for the talk at 2.30 pm. We shall then return to the Old School for tea.

Names will be collected for the Coach trip to Penshurst on Friday 3rd May Cost is £25 per head and includes coach, coffee, private tour and lunch plus entrance to the gardens.

*2019 subscriptions of £12 are also due .
Rosie Broadbent 01580 850433*



Saturday 8th June Novelty Dog Show and Boot Fair in Church Field

Advanced Notice Saturday 8th June. We are in the early stages of planning a Boot Fair and a Novelty Dog Show in Church Field depending on the interest this is likely to be an all day event. Please save anything that might go well in a boot. As well as a dog show we hope to have a Dog Agility demonstration and other things of interest.

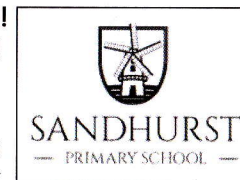
This event will be in aid of St Nicholas Church and also some of the funds raised will go to the local Driving for the Disabled based at Woodchurch.

Missing Big Advertising Board

Does anyone know where the Church's big notice board has gone, it disappeared from the junction of Rye road with Bodiam Road on Friday morning 15th February. Any information please to Anne Tylden-Wright 850281 or Bob Houlden 850278

It is official 'Sandhurst Primary is a 'good' school!

Thank you so much to everyone who has congratulated us on our recent 'Good' Ofsted and subsequent report. We are all extremely proud of all that the school has achieved and are already planning the next steps along our journey to be outstanding! We plan to celebrate our achievements with staff and children later this term. Look out for our banner advertising our news too.



Please do take the time to read the Ofsted report and share the good news with family, friends and everyone from the local community. The full report is now available on our website and on the main Ofsted website – meanwhile here is a snapshot of the very best bits!

- Leaders and governors, led by a strong headteacher, have high aspirations for pupils to thrive.
- The strong leadership of the headteacher and other senior leaders has ensured that the school is improving rapidly.
- Leaders know the school well and have ensured that good teaching is leading to strong progress.
- Governors are becoming increasingly systematic when reviewing the effectiveness of the school.
- Leaders provide a broad curriculum with a range of exciting first-hand experiences.
- This is a nurturing school. Pupils are safe and cared for well.
- Teachers track pupils' progress regularly, and pupils are known individually to them.
- Additional adults play a significant role in the classroom, providing individuals with well targeted and appropriate extra support when needed, whether in small groups or individually.
- Pupils speak happily and confidently about their school.
- Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare are good.
- Pupils make strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Pupils welcome the additional physical activities organised in lessons and the wide range of extra-curricular sporting activities provided for them.

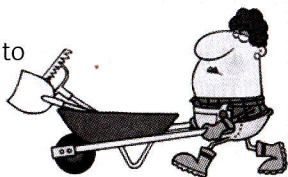


- Pupils are prepared well for life in modern Britain.
- Children have a good start in early years, with a wide selection of stimulating activities.
- Parents are kept well informed and consequently are able to help their children successfully with learning at home.

Please do access our website for more news, our weekly newsletter and photos. www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk

From the Garden Shed

TIRED PERENNIALS: The time will come when they begin to lose their charm. Flowering less freely whilst producing growth around the central crown, eventually lifting themselves from the ground. This occurs some five – seven years after planting, it's not all bad news as 'the remedy' produces multiple new rooted plants. After lifting the original perennial, using a fork or spade, divide into 3-5 sections, disposing of the central crown; this is best done with a sharp spade, no need to fiddle about with two forks and fingers!



Now is the best time to act, refresh the patch with compost and a light digging prior to setting out sections of the rooted fresh growth. Three plus new plants in exchange for one, what could be better than that?

Candidates for such action include michaelmas daisy, aster, helianthemums, day-lily, red-hot poker, salvias and hostas.

JRE

Sandhurst Horticultural Society.

Our March talk and presentation by Chloe Anthony had a different theme 'Sustainable Gardening- Green Gardening & Permaculture.

Chloe, a permaculture designer and teacher lives near East Grinstead. She has been working with Brighton Permaculture Trust since 2011 and completed a diploma in Applied Permaculture Design in 2014.

Permaculture draws on the observation of nature and traditional wisdom. It is a way of designing our environments-gardens, homes, work places, organisations and communities. It does this by acknowledging the intelligence of natural systems and working with them. There are three key ethics, earth care, people care and fair shares.

Although quite complex, I felt a majority of us were already following these principles in our gardening today.

Competition results March 2019

Class 1: 5 stems of garden flowers not shrubs. *Ros Maggs.*

Class 2: 1 stem of flowering shrub. *Pam Barker.*

Class 3: 4 sprouted seed potatoes. *Jenny Rummery.*

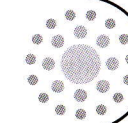
Class 4: Dish of any vegetable. *Brian Woodcock.*

Chairman's challenge: A jar of any homemade marmalade. *Barbara Nunn.*

Our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd April is a presentation by Peter Oostenbrink Canterbury Cathedral - gardens and grounds. *Liz Duffy*

The Church was illuminated on...

13th March to celebrate the joint birthdays of Anne Tylden-Wright, Richard Cutchey and Les Anderson



Sandhurst Weather Report for February 2019

The month began with a sprinkling of snow and a little more fell on the next night but was washed away by rain. The frost returned until the 4th when the temperature rose a little until the 10th. However, frosty nights then returned and continued until the end of the month. Day temperatures ranged from 8 to 14 degrees then rose briefly to 16 degrees on the 24th and 18 on the 28th.

Almost all the rainfall was during the first half of the month and totalled 81mm (a little over 3 inches) so nearly twice the January total.

It usually seemed to be sunny for at least half of most days and there was a certain amount of early morning mist or fog. We had a couple of wet days but the rain came mostly at night.

When the sun was out, it seemed quite warm for the time of year as there was little wind and daffodils and primroses were coming out as the snowdrops and camellias were dying back. *V. L.*

Sandhurst Nursery School News

I am very happy to announce the opening of our Sunshine Room for children aged 12 months and our younger 2 year olds. We have an Open Morning on Monday 15th April 2019 which is our first session and our first two children arrive for their first day on Tuesday 16th April! The Open Morning is from 9.30 to 11.30 if you would like to come and see the nursery room and talk to practitioners about the nursery sessions and how they will be run. Thursday mornings are already full but there are sessions available for the rest of the week. There will be updated news on the nursery website as well as soon as possible www.sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk We are all very excited about this new addition to the nursery school and we are looking forward to caring for the very young children in our community and surrounding villages.

Our Mothers' Day Tea was very successful this year and we managed to double the amount raised last year which will benefit the children in the nursery. The fundraising team are doing a brilliant job of raising lots of money for the nursery and we have just bought two new pieces of IT equipment for the children to enjoy as well as learn new skills. *For more information regarding the nursery school please telephone 01580 850407 or email admissions@sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk.* Thank you, *Angela Writer, Manager*

Gardeners Take Note

Horticultural Society Plant Sale on Saturday 11th May 2019 at The Old School Hall. The official start is 9am, but get there early if you want to get the best buys.



Mobile Library will be at the Primary School
April 5th and April 19th



Stephen Michael Alley

How did you know him? Was he Michael, Mick, Dear Mick as my mother always called him, was he Daddy, Grandpa or did you have a special nickname for him? I am sure that he had one for you. Some of us knew him as "Doom Alley" because of his gloomy attitude to politics. This is in total contrast to his normal cheerful disposition. No-one knew him as Stephen, which of course is his first name. I shall refer to him as Mick as that is how I knew him.

Mick was born in Blackheath on March 15th 1932. This meant that he was at school age during the war. Sons in those days were sent off to boarding school at the age of 8 and Mick was sent to Seafeld School in Bexhill. Unfortunately, Seafeld had been moved for the duration of the war from Bexhill to Dartmoor. He says that he enjoyed his time there in the shadow of the famous prison.

Oundle followed but Mick says that he did not excel at school but always did just enough to get by. His parents' opinions were divided about his future, one wanted university and the other wanted practical engineering. The compromise was that he was sent to a Swiss chateau to be "finished off". I guess that was his mother's choice! His father had an engineering background so with his influence he then joined Ransomes, Simms and Jeffries as an apprentice. This company made lawnmowers, fork-lift trucks and cultivators. He thoroughly enjoyed this, and it gave him an insight into a way of life that he would not otherwise have seen at first hand. This experience helped him to get on with people from all walks of life.

After his parents' divorce in 1945 his mother moved to Kent to be near my mother, Mick's Aunt Peg. Some years later his mother married Sir Ralph Millais and the family moved to Downgate. This was a very happy time for Mick and Janie as Ralph was very good to the family and there was much activity in and around the house. Mick's mother loved parties and guests at the weekend, so the house was always full of people. Ralph decided to start a market garden business growing a million tulips for Christmas and cucumbers and tomatoes in the summer. Sadly, the business would not support their lifestyle and they sold Downgate.

Mick loved motorbikes and cars. This unfortunately led him to burn down his landlady's garage in Ipswich while working on one of his bikes. Undeterred he went on to own a Sunbeam 250, then a 350 Douglas, then a 500 Vincent and was about to purchase a 1000cc Black Shadow which did over 100mph. Mother put her foot down and he bought a car. This was old and slow and caught fire at Hyde Park corner as he was taking a girl friend to the theatre. The fire stopped when he turned off the ignition, so he abandoned it and they got to the theatre by taxi. I am told that he always took his many girlfriends to the same show 'Salad Days'.

In 1953 he was entertained by his grandfather, first with dinner and a night at the Savoy and then in a stand at the Oval to watch England beat Australia and win the Ashes. The match was over at about 3pm and Mick was put on a train to the West Country to start his National Service. Quite a contrast. He did the square-bashing bit but managed to pass the War Office Selection Board exam and was sent to Eaton Hall for officer training. He passed out in March 1954 having much enjoyed the experience and he says he had never felt fitter in his life after all the training. His platoon officer said that he nearly made him platoon under officer but detected a rebellious streak in his character; how right he was.

He was commissioned into REME and was sent to fight in the Korean war which widened his view of the world considerably. When he returned, he was now 22 and I was an impressionable teenager of 16. I greatly enjoyed his stories of hand to hand fighting with the North Koreans. It came as a surprise when I heard that peace had been declared while he was on the troopship going out.

He spent most of his time in the far East in Japan and Hong Kong. On his return journey he

had special permission to leave the ship as soon as it docked as he had a very important engagement The Benenden Ball.

At a bit of a loss as to what to do after National Service. He worked in the city for about 9 months. Can you imagine Mick with a bowler hat and rolled umbrella as a city gent? The best thing about this time was that he met Sue. They married in 1958 and bought a house in Benenden. Mick gave up the city to work for a local farmer. This is the start of his farming career and has been his love ever since. He worked for Ralph for a while looking after the Cox and Bramley trees but when Ralph decided to sell Downgate Mick was left with a young family and no job.

With family help Mick was persuaded to purchase the 17 acres around Downgate and he was now his own boss. In the farming sense that is. In 1961 he had a great piece of good fortune. There was a severe frost at the wrong time of year and the fruit crop throughout Kent was devastated. Mick's orchards somehow managed to survive and produce a bumper crop which sold at top prices.

In 1967 he managed the 600 acre farm for John Colegrave but admitted that he had little experience in management. They bought 50 heifers and 27 in calf heifers and built a dairy unit. Mick says that he was not sure where the milk came from, but he soon found out when it was his turn in the milking pit.

He purchased Bodiām Farm in 1972 and moved to the area with Sue and their two daughters, Lucy and Clare. He says that he bought the farm for £200 per acre and when he sold it the price was £2000 per acre. So much for making out that he was the poor member of the family!

Mick was passionate about fruit growing and was a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers. He was a hands-on farmer and a fair employer. Of course, all the labour at that time was local. (none of these foreigners). He enjoyed the trips to collect them and the banter that went with it. At one time he ran his own packhouse at Downgate but as market conditions changed it was too small to be properly viable.

Mick was bored with only 110 acres of top fruit so another cousin of mine, Simon Brice, encouraged him to take an interest in the marketing of fruit and he became Chairman of Checkers the apple cooperative. He went on to be the Chairman of the Summer Fruit Association. He was also vice chairman of the Home-Grown Fruit Cooperative. He says he sat next to the same person at every meeting and disagreed with everything he said. They must have been interesting meetings! He says that he preferred to be chairman as then he could stop people waffling and get the meetings finished on time.

I won't say much about Mick's politics. I always said that he was to the right of Genghis Khan, but his views were not as extreme as we tended to paint them. He was a strong believer in Brexit, and anything printed in the Daily Telegraph. It is possible that he voted for UKIP. He will be very sad to miss Brexit day, whenever that might be. His views were not shared by Sue or his sister, Janie, so they kept politics out of the conversation as much as possible.

Mick was very much a family man. His early family life was a little disjointed when his father left but he and his sister Janie were very close, even if at times Mick's teasing brought on family squabbles. He never lost the ability to tease as I am sure many of you will have discovered. He had a very close family life with Sue and their daughters. He loved his grandchildren and was immensely proud of becoming a great grandfather. He believed that the family unit was the backbone of society.

Mick was a man of firm opinion. He held strong Christian beliefs and was a sidesman at this church for 43 years.

His bravery shone out over the last few years as he refused to give in to the terrible disease from which he was suffering. He never lost his sense of humour even through all the pain and distress. What most of us will remember of him is his straight talking, his big booming laugh and his great sense of humour.

Wealden Choral Evensong

April 7th 2019

At St George's Parish Church, Benenden

Service starts 5pm

Evensong dates back to the time of the Reformation, and combines the old monastic Offices of Vespers and Compline. The liturgy (a fixed set of words and ceremonial features) that the Church uses to this day was laid out in Archbishop Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer, first published in 1549. Cranmer created the liturgy of Evensong with the general public in mind, motivated by the fact that it would condense more services than people could be expected to attend into one short service.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, great composers like William Byrd and Thomas Tallis began to develop exquisite choral music specifically for this new service, since then composers have continued to add great music to the repertoire of Evensong.

Cranmer's Evensong starts with the chanting of the Old Testament Psalms. Their mantra-like repetition often helps create a peaceful atmosphere, but one that is soon interrupted by the exuberant burst of the 'Magnificat' - the song of a young woman, Mary, rejoicing at the prospect of the birth of her child, Jesus - and then made solemn by the New Testament's 'Nunc Dimittis' - the song of an old man, Simeon, gently facing his death, eye-to-eye, now his life has been fulfilled by meeting Jesus. A major aspect of the genius of the service is the balance between female and male, young and old, and Old and New Testament in these 'Canticles'.

An anthem follows that fits the mood of the day, and the service finishes after a second hymn. Afterwards the church resonates with the playing of the organ, sending us out into the night.

St George's Church, Benenden sings Choral Evensong on the first Sunday of each month. On April 7th 2019 singers from many local parish churches will combine for a Wealden Choral Evensong, starting at 5pm.

*For more information about attending or singing please contact:
Charlotte O'Neill on 01580 753817 or charlotteoneill@me.com*

Weather

February's warm sunshine was a lovely surprise
It prompted spring flowers to open their eyes
March weather bitterly cold again
With the dreaded gales and heavy rain
The Gnomes jumped down from the Letter Box
The cold winds gave them some nasty shocks
Look forward to April - Easter eggs to enthral
And warm summer sunshine to be enjoyed by all.

Midge

Ed. Welcome back Midge, we missed you.



Other Church Contacts:

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PCC Treasurer: Tony Farrington, The Old Tavern, Bodiam Road Tel: 01580 850133

Gift Aid Secretary: Catherine Elliott, The Old Rectory, Church Road Tel: 01580 850300

Captain of Bellringers: Richard Cutchey, Downgate Cott., Rye Road Tel: 01580 850607

Sandhurst Baptist Church: Pastor: Mr Ken Slater, 1 Brookfield. Tel. 01580 850446

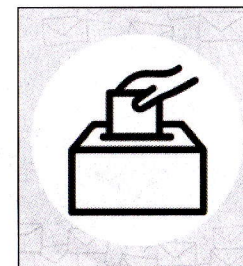
Catholic Church: Fr. Barry Grant, St Theodore's, Cranbrook. Tel: 01580 71336

Local Elections May 2

There will be Borough Council elections held on Thursday May 2 for many Tunbridge Wells wards including Hawkhurst & Sandhurst Ward. If you are not registered to vote and would like to register in time to vote on May 2 the last day to register in time is Friday April 12. You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or on the Tunbridge Wells website www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk You will need to provide your date of birth and National Insurance Number. *The last date for receiving new postal vote applications is 5pm on Monday April 15. The last date for receiving new proxy vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday*

April 24. Postal and proxy vote application forms can be downloaded from the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website.

Note: All elections are important so make sure YOU VOTE



Sandhurst Planning Applications

TW/19/00106/Full Erection of eight dwellings including access parking and landscaping, OS Plots 2430 3828 3943 & Part 3118, Bodiam Road.

Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry

▼ WILL BE IN SANDHURST AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES AND TIMES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS: ▼ 13TH APRIL (FOR GARDEN WASTE).

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

**Magical outdoor show at Sandhurst Playing Fields,
7.30pm Wednesday 17 July 2019**



We're in Dreamville, Indiana, in the 1950's and Daedalus Gildersleeves comes into town selling dreams, banging on doors and calling, "Yo' dreams are just a place! We'll take you there at Ikarus Inc, purveyors of fine dreams." The workers at Costello's Automobile Corporation, who spend all day on the assembly line, come flooding out to see what all the fuss is about. With Daedalus is his pasty-faced son, Ikarus who sings that they should stop chasing crows, but rather fly like the birds to their dreams. Ikarus begins to meet the kids of the town; he is 'real strange' they think, but they are drawn to him and he takes them to his and his father's apartment and they see the wings. Sandra, the mayor's daughter, thinks Ikarus may have taken a little blue pill, but he insists he can fly... Those of us who have seen The Rude Mechanical

Theatre Company's previous visits to Sandhurst will recognise themes recurring in these magical productions: mysterious out of town visitors, flying, birds – the stuff our dreams are made of!

So don't miss Icarus Inc, coming to Sandhurst Playing Fields on Wednesday 17 July. Bring your own seats, gates open at 6pm for picnics and the play begins at 7.30pm. Tickets at £17 (and concessions) are on sale now from the Company's website: www.therudemecanicaltheatre.co.uk and from May from Shirley Wiggs (shirleywiggs60@gmail.com or 01580-850108).



**Drop-in Café
with Toddler Group
Every Wednesday during Term Time**

Want any more information? Contact Revd David Commander
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Letter from Florida

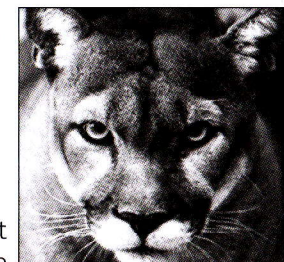
I have been asked to highlight the differences between life in the USA and that in the UK. However my frame of reference is really between Florida and Kent since those are the two places that I inhabit.

Here are a few things that I notice about driving ...

License plates (called tags) remain for several years and you just change a sticker in the right hand corner to show that you have paid. – It runs about £40 a year or £15 extra to have one of a number of charity license plates. These picture a turtle or Florida panther or logos of other charities. Alas, very



few of these gorgeous animals are now remaining due to habitat loss and accidents with motor vehicles. My annual car license is only £20, because mine is over 30 years old and designated as a 'Classic Car'. It is a 1986 Dodge convertible that is very special, but is only used for local trips. The roads are getting very crowded, especially with SUVs - in fact, some manufacturers will no longer be producing regular sized cars in the future. Fortunately petrol is still cheap over here at approx. 76p per litre! I hardly venture out during rush hours or at night. I always remind myself that the driver is to the inside line, whether I am in the US or the UK. Here, you are allowed to go right on red after stop – unless it states otherwise. The top speed is meant to be 70m.p.h. on some motor ways, but it is often exceeded. If you are on a toll road they will catch you when you pay at the exit!



Medical Marijuana is now available in Florida for which you need a doctor's prescription which costs between £60 - £120, but I think that it is good for an extended amount of time. There is talk of marijuana-infused edibles – the mind boggles! I had a funny exchange when I asked my friend whether the flower shop sold pot plants (instead of potted plants) and she thought that I meant marijuana plants. She certainly gave me a very strange look!

*Happy journeys from your transport reporter,
Gillian Davis*



REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

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2nd Tuesday of month 2pm
CAMEO
Ruth Elsdon 01580 850419

2nd Tuesday of month
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Kim Wheeler 01892 782623
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Every Wednesday (in term time)
Drop - in Cafe Mission Church 9 - 11am

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Every Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00 pm
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1st Wednesday of month 8pm
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Old School Brian Saxton 01892 545673
Brian@Briansaxton.co.uk Phone before attending

Wednesday fortnightly 730pm-9.00pm
Teens Group age 13+ (term time)
Sandhurst Baptist Church 07810088151

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Sandhurst Baptist Church
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Thursday 3.30 - 7.30 Children's Ballet
During Term time
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APRIL SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS AND THE MISSION CHURCH

Tue 2nd April	Mission Church 10am Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd David Commander
Sunday 7th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide Begins 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship	Revd David Commander Lyn Hayes
Tue 9th April	Mission Church 10am Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Sunday 14th April	HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday 10am Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Vicki Young
	Mission Church 5pm Evening Prayer	David Harmsworth
Mon 15th April	Mission Church 5pm Reflective Service	Revd David Commander
Tue 16th April	Mission Church 10am Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd David Commander
	Mission Church 5pm Reflective Service	Revd David Commander
Wed 17th April	Mission Church 5pm Reflective Service	Revd David Commander
Thu 18th April	Maudy Thursday St George's Benenden 7.30pm Communion	Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Fri 19th April	Good Friday 10am An Hour at the Cross	Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Sat 20th April	Easter Eve St George's Benenden 7.30pm Reflective Service	Revd David Commander
Sun 21st April	Easter Sunday 5.30am Sunrise Service followed at 6.30am by breakfast at the Mission Church 10am Eucharist	Lyn Hayes Revd David Commander
Tue 23rd April	Mission Church 10am Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Sunday 28th April	Second Sunday of Easter 10am All Age Communion	Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
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