THE LINK







November 2018

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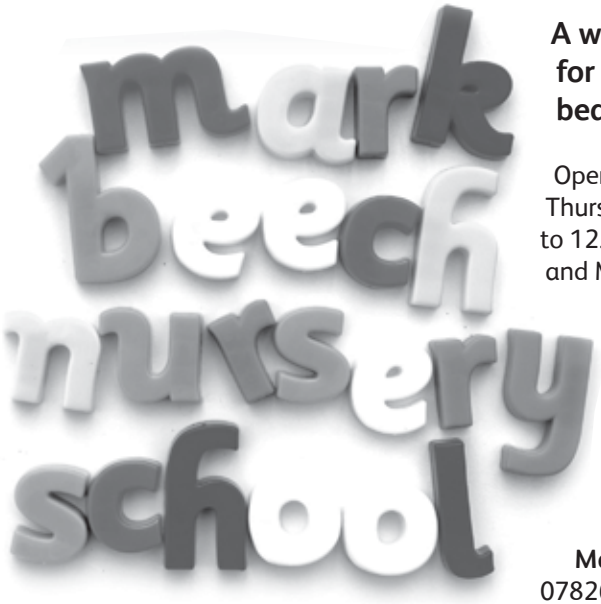
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Welcome to our first edition of The Link. We hope you enjoy it.

November marks the centenary of the end of the First World War and also of women getting the vote for the first time. Hever parish played a full part and this month's content reflects that - have a look at the exhibitions in the churches or come to the concert on 10 November if you can. All the performers are local and much of the material has a local connection.

There is also much else going on in November and up to Christmas: the fireworks at Hever, the film show at the golf club and the Christmas fair..... read on for more. We hope you will like our new colour centrepiece and enjoy a sample of the fantastic scarecrows which brought so much surprise and amusement to the parish in September. Our aim is to include a wide range of content whilst very much respecting the Link's traditions. Wendy will regularly contribute to the "News from the Pews" column and will also be writing the editorial from time to time.

Meanwhile please do let us know if you have events you would like us to publicise or ideas you would like us to print. We are open to all suggestions.

Finally, we are grateful to Ana and Daryl Roxburgh for all their hard work over their five years.

Bridget Harris, Paul Houlton, Joanna Wade



News from the pews

Remembrance can never just be a time for looking backwards, it is also a time for looking forwards and thinking about the world of today. We must all learn lessons from the past and be committed to putting what we learn into practice today. Remembrance presents an opportunity to remember the price paid by those who died in war, and to pray for peace and reconciliation in our increasingly fragile world.

Locally, much effort has been made to mark the centenary of the end of WWI, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed something extra to this year's commemoration.

Inevitably, there is added poignancy to our Remembrance this year, and I invite all to join the act of Remembrance on 11th November, and to pause in silence at the 11th hour. This year, our main Benefice service of Remembrance will take place at St Peter's, Hever. Please join us at the War Memorial 10:45am for the traditional service of Remembrance, followed by hymns, readings and prayers in church. At the same time there will be a short service around the War Memorial at Four Elms. Through our services of remembrance, we thank God for the peace that is his will.

The Archbishop has commended this prayer to us all at this important time –
Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.

A warm welcome for the new Link editorial team. They look forward to hearing your feedback on this, their first edition. Our outgoing editorial team deserves an enormous vote of thanks. Ana and Daryl Roxburgh have done a fantastic job these last 6 years or so. In that time, the Link has changed and developed in many ways, and we have much for which to thank them. The readership has grown steadily, the finances are sound, and our readers have enjoyed both regular contributions and a rich variety of special articles. In thanking them on behalf of all readers, I hope they enjoy the new things for which they will now have time – and we look forward to reading their contributions from time to time!

Wendy Izod
Priest in Charge

Hever news from the pews

Congratulations to John and Laura who were married on Friday 5th October in St Peter's on a gloriously sunny day. John is a fairly new bell ringer - his first public performance was at his own wedding! - and inspired by him Laura is now starting to learn too. We were delighted to welcome them to bell practice whilst on their honeymoon and grateful for the delicious wedding cake which they shared with us.

The tower is always pleased to welcome anyone who is interested in learning to ring. We practice for an hour every Thursday at 8pm with a drink and chips in the Henry VIII afterwards! Jane Rosam, Tower Captain and Church Warden 07766 763124.

We will be printing News from Four Elms and Markbeech pews in December and January.

THREE SPIRES

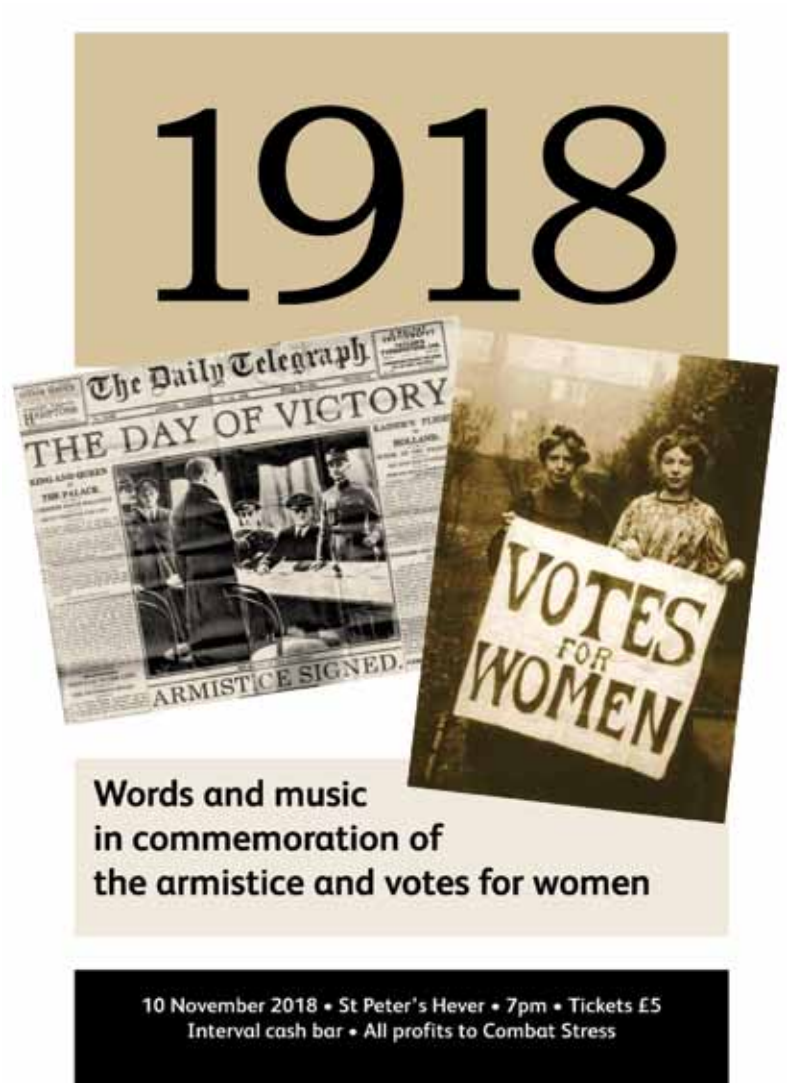
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Remembrance Sunday

Do come to the Remembrance Sunday commemorations at St Peter's Hever and St Paul's Four Elms on Sunday 11 November, round the war memorials, at 10.45am. The war dead will be remembered followed by a minute's silence at 11am.

A service follows on at Hever and all are welcome.



The parish in the Great War

– a personal journey of discovery

Whenever I sat in beautiful Four Elms Church I kept seeing the name "General Sir Henry Crichton Sclater" on the wall. I had never heard of him but I wondered whether he had a connection to World War 1. And did he! Through him I came to realise what a strong bond our area has with the Great War.

General Sclater lived at Holmwood and was given a full military funeral at Four Elms church in 1923. He was a right hand man of Kitchener, whom he had served in the Boer War. Unfortunately these old school generals failed to grasp the realities of modern warfare and were arguably responsible for the carnage at the start of the war. His wife, Dame Edith, has a less controversial story tirelessly working as she did running nursing homes for the wounded and consequently being made a Dame in her own right.



And she is not the only Dame in the Parish. Meriel Talbot from Markbeech was the first director of the women's land army, an important new force set up to rescue Britain from impending famine. She had a notable public career and was made a Dame for her war work.

Meanwhile, in Hever, Lord Astor's Eldest son John Jacob lost a leg at the battle of Cambrai and was awarded the Legion d'Honneur. When he inherited he worked to create jobs at the Castle for ex-servicemen. A good number of castle staff had gone to war and the payroll (one of the few documents which survived the floods in 1958 and 68) records, for example "Oddman" Henry Perham "taken out of the mud on the Somme" suffering from bronchial pneumonia". I don't know if he survived, I think he did.

One plaque in Hever church makes me especially sad when I think of him so far from home. Edward Divall died a prisoner of war in April 1916 aged 26 after being captured by the Ottoman Turks after the fall of Kut-El-Amara, 100 miles south of Baghdad. The siege lasted for five months and 30,000 British and Indian troops died in defending the garrison. The 13,000 who were captured were marched to a prison camp in Aleppo and many, including Edward, died along the way. His name is on the Basra memorial in the desert.

Details of all the more than 40 fallen of Hever and Four Elms can be found on the website www.kentfallen.com and they are remembered on the war memorials. In fact more have been found as research continues. We remember them especially, but I also think about the men who were badly wounded, the families left behind who could no longer pay the rent (the Astors had a big problem about what to do with the families left behind in tied cottages) - and of course the less glorious victims of the 1918 flu epidemic which killed more people globally than the war itself.

There is so much to learn and write about and I know I have just scratched the surface, but I hope you will find this and also the exhibitions and concert interesting.

Joanna Wade

Ankles at dawn - suffrage and work

When researching the role of women in 1918 I realised that there was one uniting theme - ankles. A woman's ankles had been holding her back for years because a respectable woman should never, ever show them ....

Edwardian women wore long skirts. This severely curtailed activity and created a lot of work for their servants - in the days when even middle class households had at least one maid. Hems got dirty as the streets were muddy so skirts constantly needed to be cleaned. It is no exaggeration to say that the sartorial demands of middle and upper class women made servants indispensable and entrenched the pre war structure of society.

Their ankles also held women back in the legal profession - the press speculated that a judge would have his head turned by the sight of a pretty ankle and so it just wasn't safe, or fair on male lawyers to let a woman practice.

Vera Brittain, famous for her book "Testament of Youth" wrote that:
"At bridge drives and other forms of social diversion Mrs. Pankhurst and her "screaming sisterhood" formed suitable subjects for that vocal variety of witch-burning in which tea-parties so very often indulge.
I remember being taken to those tea-parties, my feet clad in the stout low-heeled walking shoes of pre-war scholastic convention and my youthful ankles decorously concealed by the tight folds of a skirt just twice the length of the one I wear now. I listened to the sweeping indictments of "those awful suffragettes" - in a critical silence, which became more silent and more critical as the time approached for a battle royal with a recalcitrant family for permission to go to college."

But then in 1914 came war and a sudden need for women to take over the jobs of men. Vera Brittain, who had made it to Oxford, left university to become a nurse and our own Dame Meriel Talbot was appointed by the government to be the first director of the newly formed Women's land army. Its objective was to help Britain grow more food given the drastic cuts in American wheat and New Zealand lamb supplies.

The land army did not become effective until the end of the war and probably made little difference agriculturally but a by-product was the liberation of women from the constraints of long skirts with their new uniform of twill breeches and gaiters. At last they were physically free to take on a wide range of tasks outside the home - and their maids were free to join up too. One, Annie Edwards, approached the wife of the village priest for a reference only to be told "Do you know what it involves? You'll be dressed as a man, and I object to that - it's a disgrace to show your ankles!"

Dame Meriel herself does not seem to have been much of a feminist (unlike her neighbour Lucy Streatfeild, the first female factory inspector) and was much occupied with advising that women should continue to behave decorously even when dressed as a man in smock and breeches but nonetheless she was a living example of a new "career woman".

By the end the war, women over 28 had the vote and the first women solicitors were allowed to practice (although it took another 91 years for Lady Hale to be appointed as the first female judge in the Supreme Court) ..... and hemlines went up! The famous flappers of the 1920s had it all before them.

Joanna Wade

Markbeech Christmas Bazaar 2018

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Commando Series returns to Hever Castle for the weekend of 10th and 11th November 2018.

The 6km obstacle challenge gives 'recruits' of all ages (minimum 8 years) and abilities the chance to experience the mud, sweat and pain of Commando training at one of the most authentic obstacle courses in the country manned by actual Royal Marine Commando instructors and endorsed by national charity partner, The Royal Marines Charity. Use promotional code LINK20 when entering online and you will get 20% off the price of entry. See www.commandoseries.co.uk

Benefice monthly rainfall in millimeters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Four Elms												
	67	50	22.5	9	59.5	71	74					
2018					62.7	1.2	44.7	67.2	17.1			
Hever												
2017	73	53	19.5	10	60.5	67	70	37	42	36	56.5	
2018	79	36	81	65.5	79	0	36	63	32			
Markbeech												
2017	73	50	26	6	63	72	76	41	43.5	34.5	55	
2018	83	40	82	77.25	70.05	1.5	51	68.5	33			

World War 1 Exhibitions

The Link villages are busy planning events to mark the end of the Great War. These exhibitions are some of them….

There But Not There

In 2014 Penshurst had a brilliant idea for commemorating their war dead. Visitors to the church walked in to find silent silhouettes sitting in the pews of the church, each named for a fallen soldier. The "There but not there" project has now been rolled out nationally under the leadership of Penshurst's Martin Barraud.

"The poppies at the Tower of London captured the start of the national WWI commemoration –There But Not There will be the abiding concluding image." Patron of There But Not There, General the Lord Dannatt GCB, CBE, MC, DL.

Ten silhouettes have come to Hever to mark our war dead, thanks to funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. Six have come to Markbeech as well. The fund makes awards to communities to enable them to come together to remember and to think about the Armed Forces Community today. The concert on 10 November will hopefully be an opportunity to do just that.

"Each one of the hundreds of thousands of white headstones in Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries around the world reflect a gap left in a community or family somewhere else in the world. Those names that we pass daily, on local war memorials, or on rolls of honour on the walls of churches, railway stations and schools, were all someone's son, husband or father. This project is a brilliant reminder of the lives that were sacrificed for their countries, and the loss that was felt then, in places which are familiar to us all today. It is a great way to keep their stories alive." Victoria Wallace, Director General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

We Will Remember Them

Exhibition at the Eden Valley Museum, 72 High Street, Edenbridge

The exhibition: Armistice, Peace, Remembrance runs until 30 June 2019 and records the war and its end in the villages of the valley in words, pictures and artefacts. Do not miss it!

The museum is full of local interest including the Chiddingstone Hoard of gold coins recently discovered and now on show. It also has a massive archive of local information. It is well worth a visit and if you can spare some time they are always looking for volunteers to help to keep it open. For more information see the website www.evmt.org.uk

Eden Valley Museum In The Villages

Thanks to funding from the Hever Parish Trust the exhibition panels relevant to Four Elms, Hever and Markbeech are on show in the three churches, together with some moving excerpts from the Castle payroll recording the fates of some of the staff. Hever and Four Elms churches are open daily and Markbeech on Sundays just before and after services (see page 22 for times).

Village screen film club at Hever Castle Golf Club

The 2018/19 film season begins in November. The films will now be shown on the ground floor so no more stairs!

Our films will be:

Friday 16 November
Best in show
A very well received 2001 comedy directed by Christopher Guest: The tension is palpable, the excitement is mounting and the heady scent of competition is in the air as hundreds of eager contestants from across America prepare to take part in what is undoubtedly one of the greatest events of their lives – the Mayflower Dog Show. The canine contestants and their owners are as wondrously diverse as the country that has bred them.

Friday 18 January
Breathe
Starring Claire Foy and Andrew Garfield this uplifting film is based on the true story of a newly married couple and their struggles to overcome adversity after he contracts polio.

Friday 15 February
The Post
Second only to the Watergate scandal was the discovery of the Pentagon papers. Set in 1971, The Post depicts the true story of attempts by journalists at The Washington Post to publish classified documents regarding the 30-year involvement of the United States government in the Vietnam War. Starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks.

Friday 15 March
Paddington 2
This film needs no introduction really. It scores 100% on one film review website and is loved by the immature and the mature alike. It features the voices of Hugh Grant and Bonneville with Ben Whishaw as that bear.

The films (all less than two hours long) start at 8pm and doors open at 7pm for the pre-show meal and bar - with ice cream and popcorn in the interval.

Tickets are a suggested donation of £5 for the film or £13 to include the meal. You can book with Bridget Harris on 01732 700986 or bcharris@btinternet.com or buy tickets at the door. However PLEASE pre-book your meal by the Wednesday morning before the show if you would like to eat.

MEMORIES OF HOP-PICKING IN THE EDEN VALLEY IN KENT

The Eden Valley Museum in Edenbridge, Kent is hosting a hop-picking exhibition in 2019 and would be very pleased to hear from any readers who have memories to share about travelling down to Kent to pick hops in any of the villages of the Eden Valley including Edenbridge, Chiddingstone, Cowden, Crockham Hill, Toys Hill, Four Elms and Penshurst. Please call the museum on 01732 868102 and leave your name and contact details, or email curator@evmt.org.uk putting Hop-picking memories as the subject of your email. Alternatively write to Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5AR.

Hever Parish Council

by Charlotte Cole, parish clerk

What is a Parish Council and what does it do?
A parish council is an English civil local authority and the first tier of local government. There are 9,000 parish and town councils in England.

Hever Parish Council (Four Elms, Hever and Markbeech) is made up of 10 Councillors who live locally. They are voted into their posts by the electorate of the Parish, or co-opted, to form a Council which endeavours to make decisions in the interests of the local community. Councillors are not paid but volunteer their time to serve our villages.

The role of Clerk is to ensure that the Council as a whole conducts its business properly and to provide independent, objective and professional advice and support. The Clerk is employed (part time) and can be contacted on clerk@hever.org

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and the 'minutes' which record the business and decisions can be found on the Council's website. You can also read them on Facebook, www.hever.org or on the 4 noticeboards.

The Parish Council receives a 'Precept' (a calculation of money) from Sevenoaks District Council which SDC collects as part of your Council Tax and then transfers it to the parish / town council. With this money the Parish Council pays for many of the facilities that we enjoy as a community and for which it has responsibility. It may also choose to support local community groups / schemes with grants, so please apply if you are working with a good cause!

The Parish and Town councils in the county are often viewed as the part of government closest to the people. They are the only local government tier that represents residents at parish level. Similarly they advise the County and District authorities on the views of residents, and especially priorities for local investment.

District councils are responsible for local services including housing, local planning and refuse collection.

The County Council is responsible for strategic services such as highways, pathways, education, libraries, social services, strategic planning and refuse disposal. Landowners are responsible for maintaining Public Rights of Way that pass through their land.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. They are led by the Council's Chair and advised by a Clerk who is there to see that business is conducted within the law

You are always welcome to attend meetings – the next one is Wednesday 21st November 7.30pm Four Elms village hall.

Next month more about what the PC does for you!



Scarecrows everywhere

Over 60 scarecrows took part in the Hever Residents Association's first scarecrow competition and the winners of the vote were Susanne, Holly and Torin Cahill for 'Doug and Phil'. Jane Higgs won the Committee prize with 'Nature Lover'. Many congratulations to everyone. Here are photographs of most of the scarecrows. HRA Chair John Adkins is keeping us guessing about next year. All he will say is "We will let you know!"



Nature Lover

Doug and Phil

























































Joe





Parish lunch Thursday 8 November

Hever church is hosting a parish lunch in Hever Village Hall on Thursday 8 November, 12 for 12.30 pm. This will be a regular fixture so watch this space!

All are very welcome to come along to enjoy a simple lunch and good company. There is such a thing as a free lunch and this is it (unless you'd like to make a donation!!)

The 10th Hever Castle Triathlon took place on 22/23 September. Six thousand triathletes, runners and swimmers battled with the elements in 14 different race distances. The weekend festival was about more than sport and featured the Royal Navy Parachute Display team landing with a special anniversary flag and an illuminated night swim accompanied by jazz musicians.

Sporting events included:

- Triathlons – The Gauntlet; Half Iron Distance, Olympic, Sprint-Plus, Super-Sprint, Starter Tri and three different junior races;
- Castle Runs – Half Marathon and 10k run;
- Castle Swims – 1 mile, 5k and 2.5k swims

Junior triathletes competed hard in the World's largest junior event of its kind as 1,500 children aged 8-15 years old took part in various distances.

Over 100 people from the TN8 postcodes took part. Locally-based organiser Brian Adcock and his team told the Link that he had worked hard to keep disruption to locals to a minimum.

We know of no significant problems but if you experienced any please do let Charlotte Cole, Parish Clerk, clerk@hever.org, know so that she can feed them back.

schooltime

news from Hever

The darker and misty mornings are a reminder that winter is around the corner…
Our children had a whizz-popping time celebrating Roald Dahl Day and classrooms were transformed to host Dahl-inspired activities. We encouraged them all to enter a poetry competition to win a golden ticket to the Roald Dahl museum.

Year 6 has been busy:

- it held its first debating club. Parents were invited to come to the presentations and we were all very impressed.
- The children are preparing for their trip to Seville and looking forward to experiencing this captivating city that conjures images of fanning senoritas, flamenco and sunny afternoons, helping to create enthusiastic learners and to develop positive attitudes to language learning
- They recently 'endured' a realistic day of Victorian lessons, dressed up in Victorian clothes with their classroom arranged in the old way in traditional rows! Lessons included handwriting using blackboard and chalk, arithmetic and parlour games with their super-strict teachers constantly reminding them that **CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN, NOT HEARD!**

Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed marking the work of their peers and are using the strategy called '2 stars and a wish'. This promotes positive engagement and identifies constructive next steps towards improvement and reflective and independent thinking. They are enjoying Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman's new book celebrating the poppy's history. The children have produced poppy art to honour the past.

Our year 3 children learned about the rock and roll era including the history and dancing and showcased their new dancing skills to parents in the playground. Their performance of Rock Around the Clock and Jailhouse Rock was enormously enjoyed.

Year 2 had a special visitor and morphed into television journalists to find out more about a 'shady' character: The Dark. They used questions and statements and focussed on their punctuation to interview their visitor. For their Harvest celebration they created a play focussed on giving and thankfulness. They worked collaboratively to create their own harvest masterpiece.

Year 1 have been creating poetry based on the poem The Jellyfish by Michael Rosen and can now explain personification, metaphor and simile brilliantly. They have also been showcasing their sporting talents and are forming mini hockey teams. Who knows, maybe we will find the new Sean Kerly or Maddie Hinch in the class?!

Reception class have been very engaged in their learning by joining in retelling the story of The Little Red Hen. They received a letter from The Little Red Hen herself who asked if they could help her go shopping, so they were busy writing shopping lists for her. Acorn class have loved using conker clamps - they look

much like a cep mushroom, and are made of wood with a wooden screw that holds the conker in place for the child to safely drill into it (great for fine motor skills!).

Lastly, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 11+ STUDENTS!!! Our students have consistently worked hard and the results have been excellent.

Joanna Stratton

news from 4Elms

Term 1 is already drawing to a close at Four Elms Primary School as we approach half term. But what a busy term it has been!

Putting learning in a real life context
Following our update last time on the new learning experiences, each class has been putting into practice the new approach which focuses on putting learning in a real-life context.

Class 4 (years 5 and 6) held a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon to support their learning experience entitled 'Cake Tastes Better Together' where they sold homemade cakes and our Rights Respecting Team organised fun games to play. The children learnt maths in a real life context, looking at profit and loss, direct proportion, percentages and consolidating addition and subtraction, to help them raise the maximum funds for this important charity.

Class 3 (years 3 and 4) are creating travel brochures as part of 'Are we there yet?' where they are being taught locational knowledge from around the world, utilising experience gained from places they have visited on holiday. The children are developing their writing skills to create a travel brochure for a real-life travel company. The travel brochure will be used by genuine clients wishing to book a holiday.

Class 2 (years 1 and 2) are writing letters to Nasa as part of '5,4,3,2,1….BLAST OFF!'. In this 'out of this world' experience, the children are exploring design within the exciting context of space travel. The children are inventing rockets for NASA accompanied with a persuasive, scientific letter detailing their ideas. It is rocket science for Class 2!

Harvest festival
Just before half term, we will be holding our annual harvest festival at St. Paul's Church. Class Three will lead the celebration this year with the rest of the school joining in with the singing. All children are asked to decorate a box and fill it with harvest goodies which are donated to the Edenbridge Food Bank and the elderly of Four Elms. Boxes will be judged by the School Council and prizes awarded during the weekly celebration assembly.

Sports news
Finally, our football team has kicked off the season with their first match against Leigh Primary.

The **cross country** team is up and running after the summer break and is so popular it has doubled in size and now has two parent coaches. Their first race was hosted by The Schools at Somerhill and the team got off to a roaring start with a silver medal and top 20 places from 7 of the children. The team are now in training for the next big race: the Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships 2018 at the Kent Showground, Detling.

Nicole Holt

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Step by Step	foot health practice	07786 038149
Home services		
Andy Sayers Electrical Services	maintenance and repairs	01892 740631
Pegrum	fuels, boilers, plumbing, solar panels, water/oil tanks	01732 463256
SAS air conditioning services	Installations, service, maintenance. domestic and commercial	07717 318 075
Sure Kill	pest control services	01732 863206
IT		
IT Wizard	Computer problems	01732 361234
Local Produce		
Falconhurst Estate	home-reared free-range pedigree pork & lamb	01342 850526
Allman Butchers	meat & groceries	01732 863214 or 700288
Printing services		
Newgraphic	leaflets, business cards, orders of service, invitations	01732 862 222
Taxis and Travel		
The Elegant Voyager	chauffeured classic car hire	07787 612 229
Stuart Rieman	luxury passenger car service	01883 715 037
Relyon Cars	local taxi company	01732 863 800
Venue Hire and Weddings		
Falconhurst Weddings		01342 850526
Markbeech Village Hall		01342 850328

Clubs and useful numbers

Eden Valley Artists	Jane Wharrad	01732 700216
Edenbridge Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society	Lorraine Harrington	01732 700209
Edenbridge Historical Society	Chrissie Minahan	01732 865634
Edenbridge Strollers	Ian Falkener	01732 864762
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service		01732 865353
Falconhurst Cricket Club	Glen Smith	07917 540393
Four Elms Fete Committee	Louise Nightingale	07729 497552
Four Elms Modern Sequence and Old Tyme Dance Club	Judy Cutler	01732 700533
Four Elms PTA	via School	01732 700274
Four Elms Short Mat Bowls	Gill Lambert	01732 862976
Four Elms Stool Ball Club	M Steer	01732 700560
Friends of Hever School	Debbie Condon	01732 867170
Friends of St Peters Hever	Amber Dane	01732 865064
Hever Bell Ringers	Jane Rosam	01732 868085
Hever Horticultural Society	Doug Bowern	01342 851307
Hever Residents Association	Laura Palmer	07976 588789
Neighbourhood Watch	Jane Burke	01342 850570
Rail Users Club	Geoff Brown	01732 862604
RNLI Edenbridge Branch	Andrew Varney	01732 863826
Royal British Legion		01732 863628
Edenbridge Town Band	Lucy Gibb	01732 354432
WKHA coffee at Four Elms Village Hall	Audrey Batchelor	01732 700602
Edenbridge & District Twinning Association	Jean Cust	01342 850249

Hall bookings

Four Elms		
Village Hall	Mr Leigh	01732 700514
Parish Rooms	FE School	01732 700274
Hever	Mrs Ryan	01732 864168
Markbeech	Mrs Paige	01342 850328

Councils

Kent County Councillor	
Peter Lake	07740 701695
Sevenoaks District	
Matthew Dickins	07910 328110
Hever Parish	
Charlotte Cole	01732 865547

Exciting times lie ahead: there is a lot going on in November, not least the preparations for Christmas, particularly our Christmas Fair!

The garden is quiet, so are the trees, sleeping naked. Harvest is also gone and yet your garden may still have brassicas standing proud; swiss chard is colourful, slightly sweet, versatile and can be harvested all year round, as long as it hasn't decided to sprout and set seed. If this happens keep breaking the main stalk, otherwise it will be game over.

In November if colour fails to come to your garden, in Hever it will not fail to reach the sky. The dark nights will be illuminated with fireworks, which is always very exciting. But once all that is done and all excitement has past, no doubt the reality of winter will set in and our minds will turn to the last big event of 2018 – Christmas!

Decorations will surely get started in November. Christmas decorations are all about bringing nature inside our homes. In times gone by, the "greenery" would be found in those plants that keep their leaves through winter-time, such as mistletoe. Mistletoe is a hemi-parasitic plant; one reason to regard it as mysterious and magical. It would appear that the tree was still producing green leaves when it should be without any - the belief of the "sacred oak" – although very rarely does oak play host to mistletoe.

Mistletoe is a different host-dependent plant, believed to be a miraculous "parasite" that would not kill its host. Mistletoe does not kill because it takes water from the tree host but still produces its own carbohydrate from photosynthesis, and that is why its foliage is evergreen; thus the host survives.

Traditionally mistletoe was one of the most popular plants to bring inside as a Christmas decoration, a tradition possibly originating in Celtic pagan beliefs, from thousands of years ago. Druids used to climb a sacred oak that "miraculously" would keep bringing forth green leaves even during winter. The collected leaves would brew a drink, drunk to bring prosperity and fertility in the belief that bringing greenery indoors, would protect family and livestock, during the difficult winter months. The mistletoe tradition is far older than the Greek empire. So, there we are!

When our November celebrations and commemorations come to an end, our gardening jobs can wait, and our eyes will turn to Christmas: the Hever Christmas Fair, shopping to be done, cards to send, decorations to put up. Modern decorations may have changed, but we still aim to express our hope and happiness in this blessed season.

Love to you and yours, **Ana Claudia.**

Services in November 2018

Services rota

Day	Date	Time	Church	Service	Sidesmen
All Saints	04 Nov	09.15	Markbeech	Sung Eucharist	Liz Kaberry
		11.00	Hever	Matins	Pat Evemy & Jan Tolfree
Remembrance Sunday	11 Nov	10.45	Hever	Service of Remembrance	Anne Simmonds & Ana Roxburgh
		10.45	Four Elms	Short Service of Remembrance	Christina & John Hodson
2nd before Advent	18 Nov	09.15	Markbeech	Sung Eucharist	Ann Bellamy
		11.00	Hever	Parish Communion	Elly Heard & Robin Rouse
		16.00	Four Elms	Evening Prayer	Richard Bennett
Christ the King	25 Nov	09.15	Hever	Parish Communion	Lisa & Will Cowell
		11.00	Four Elms	Parish Communion with Inspire Club	Mary & John Proctor
Advent Sunday	02 Dec	09.15	Markbeech	Sung Eucharist	Ricky Calvocoressi
		11.00	Four Elms	Parish Communion	
		16.00	Hever	Evensong	Pat Evemy & Andrew Izod

Date Lectionary readings November 2018

	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel	Sunday
02 Nov	Lamentations 3 17-26, 31-33	23	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 5: 19-25	All Souls
04 Nov	Isiah 25: 6-9	24:1-6	Revelation 21: 1-6a	John 11:32-44	All Saints
11 Nov	Isiah 9: 1-6	40:14-17	James 3: 13-18	Matthew 5: 14-end	Remembrance Sunday
18 Nov	Daniel 12: 1-3	162	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8	2nd Sunday before Advent
25 Nov	Daniel 7: 9,10 & 13,14	93	Revelation 1: 4b-8	John 18: 33-37	Christ the King
2 Dec	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	25:1-9	1 Thess 3:9-end	Luke 21:25-36	Advent 1

Readers	Intercessions	Chalice
Fiona Irens & Roger Hopkins	Nick Irens	Nick Irens
Robin Rouse & Andrew Izod		
Andrew Izod & Daryl Roxburgh	Elly Heard	Jane Rosam
Christina & John Hodson		
Janey Cooper & Nicki Talbot	Ann Bellamy	Liz Kaberry
Anne Simmonds & Robin Rouse	Marion Purrl	Cynthia Mead
Gill Lambert & Leslie Griggs		
Jane Rosam & Will Cowell	Ana Roxburgh	Elly Heard
Mary Proctor & Gill Lambert	Marion Purrl	Cynthia Mead
Vasile & Flora Nedelcu	Nick Irens	Vasile Nedelcu
Anne Simmonds & Jane Rosam		

Churchwardens

Hever	Jane Rosam	01732 868085
Four Elms	Leslie Griggs Gill Lambert	01732 700428 01732 862976
Markbeech	Nicki Talbot Marielou Linklater	01342 850526 01342 850579

From the register

Weddings

Sat September 1st Crowther & Daniels, Hever
Sat September 8th Gray & Twinam, Four Elms
Fri October 5th Nelson & Prior, Hever

Baptisms

9th September – Four Elms - Ellie Smith
30th September—Hever - David Kluszczynski

November events

3 November	Fireworks, Henry VIII car park, Hever	7.30pm
3 November	Royal British Legion recital Holy Trinity Parish Church, Forest Row	2pm
8 November	Parish lunch, Hever Village Hall	12 noon for 12.30pm
9 November	Markbeech Cabaret Evening, MB Village Hall	7.30pm
10 November	1918 Concert, St Peter's Hever	7pm
16 November	Film club "Best in Show", Hever Castle Golf Club	8pm
17 November	Markbeech Bazaar MB Village Hall	12-3pm
17 November	Armistice Concert, St Paul's church, Rusthall	7.30pm
18 November	Cowden Memorial Hall Christmas Fayre	12-3pm
21 November	Parish Council meeting FE Village Hall	7.30pm
22 November,	Hever Christmas fair, Guthrie Pavilion, Hever Castle	10.30 – 3.30pm
24 November,	Chiddingstone Castle Christmas fair	
28 November,	Hever Horticultural Society AGM, Hever Village Hall	8pm
15 December,	Hever Village Carols, St Peter's Hever	5pm
21 December,	Nine Lessons and Carols, St Peter's followed by the Carol Supper	

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