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Welcome to the April Link

from the Hever Rose and Horticultural Society.

Last November the Hever Hort held a committee meeting to finalise the schedule and programme of activities for 2019. One of our committee members brought a photograph, taken in her garden, of a daffodil in full bloom! This shows the dilemma we face every year, should we change the dates of our shows to reflect changes in climate, or stick to the same date, usually around the beginning of April? Looking back over recent years, we have tended to stick to the same date and trusted that there will still be enough daffodils and tulips to mount a good show. We seem to have done pretty well and will be keeping our fingers crossed for our show this year, which is on 6 April.

Of course, we are not solely reliant on daffodils, as there are classes covering other flowers and shrubs, flower arrangements, children's, and domestic exhibits, the latter including lemon and whisky marmalade. If you would like to enter, the closing date is Wednesday 3 April, you can find the full schedule in the Hort section of www.hever.org. Added to the exhibits are the refreshments of home made cakes and tea, so we have an irresistible combination and if you have a bit of spare time between 2 and 4pm, we would love to see you.

After the Spring Show the next event is the Plant Sale, on Saturday, 11th May. This is a combination of bought in plants and those grown and donated by members of the Society.

Doug Bowern
Chair



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news from the pews

Throughout the Easter season there will be so much happening in our parishes and I look forward to welcoming you whenever you can join us. There will be informal occasions, as well as normal services. Why not join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Eve, and be ready for an early start at 6am on Easter morning - quite an experience! This year we will welcome the sunrise at Four Elms before going on to enjoy breakfast together. As the sun's rays brighten the eastern sky, we shall greet the dawn with the words "Christ is Risen. Alleluia!" - surely a reminder that a new story is beginning – a story of love and transformation. More details in this issue of the Link.

After Easter, beginning in May, we shall be joined for 3 months by Rev'd Simon Braid. He will be researching what rural ministry means in our Benefice – in particular, how we work together and how we foster mission and growth. He will be immersing himself in the ministry and life of our three parishes, and will look forward to getting to know people here and hearing all they have to say. Please join me to offer him a warm welcome at services from 5th May onwards. I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter.

Rev'd Wendy Izod

Four Elms
Together with our traditional services of Evening Prayer and 8am communion, we celebrated Café Church (March 10th) and Inspire who joined in the later part of Parish Communion on 24th February.

It is good to see a vibrant band of boys (all boys in Inspire!). While telling the congregation of their activities and work during the morning, which concentrated on the disciples' fear of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, it was inspiring to hear the boys relate what may concern them. Not surprisingly some said moving to a new school. This is quite relevant since they had just heard which will be their new schools in September. We wish them all well and success.

We move into Lent which is a time of reflection. And what better way to assist us than the Benefice Lent Courses held at Elly's house on Saturday mornings. Looking forward to Easter, St. Paul's welcomes everyone to our Sunrise Service on Easter morning followed by breakfast. Our AGM will take place in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm where everyone is welcome.
The planned Family Quiz Evening for Inspire & Café Church on Saturday 6th April has, unfortunately, had to be postponed.

Christina Hodson

Hever
We welcomed the Rural Dean to St Peter's for choral evensong in March and she enjoyed meeting the congregation for tea and sherry afterwards. We are very grateful to the singers from throughout Benefice who came along to make up the choir (if you sing even a little bit and would be prepared to join the choir for the occasional service or wedding during the year please do let me know). The Pebble Dash was a great success and will be repeated next year.

Lent began with the Ash Wednesday service and the Lent discussion group, which Christina mentions in the Four Elms News, has its last meeting on 6 April. In addition to the usual services there is a Holy Week Compline on Tuesday 16th April and noon devotions on Good Friday. Hever will host a family Easter Egg hunt (plus more pebbles) at 10.30 on the Saturday before Easter and a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 11am. Everyone is very welcome.

Don't forget the Hever Parish lunch in the Hall from 12 onwards on Thursday 11 April.

Jane Rosam
Churchwarden

Markbeech

Despite our false summer in February, we are back to wild winds and heavy showers so that Spring is still not really with us. Nevertheless we are planning for Easter. This year it is Markbeech's turn to host the Palm Sunday service with donkey procession. We suggest you park as usual, near the church, and walk down the church walk towards Falconhurst. We will meet up with Claire Longley and her donkey, at the top of the drive at Falconhurst at 10.45 before we all walk up again together, following the donkey. You will need reasonably substantial shoes, but the path is not too muddy. In Holy week there will be 6.30pm service at Markbeech on Monday (Compline) and Thursday (Maundy Thursday Eucharist). Our Easter Day service is also a family service as it falls on the third Sunday of the month, but will have a bit more regular content than a usual family service.

The new initiative that we are working on at Holy Trinity is to set up a friends group. If you haven't been contacted by Clare Denison-Pender or anyone on the committee and would like to be involved please get in touch. We are planning parties and events through the year and hope people will be happy to make a donation in return.

The parish lunches in Markbeech village hall are now monthly and happening on the fourth Tuesday of each month. This time on April 23rd, 12.30 for 1.00pm. All are very welcome and we hope to greet young and old. If you can, please let us know that you are coming. Email marielou@me.com or ring or text 07860 436668.

Marielou Linklater
Churchwarden

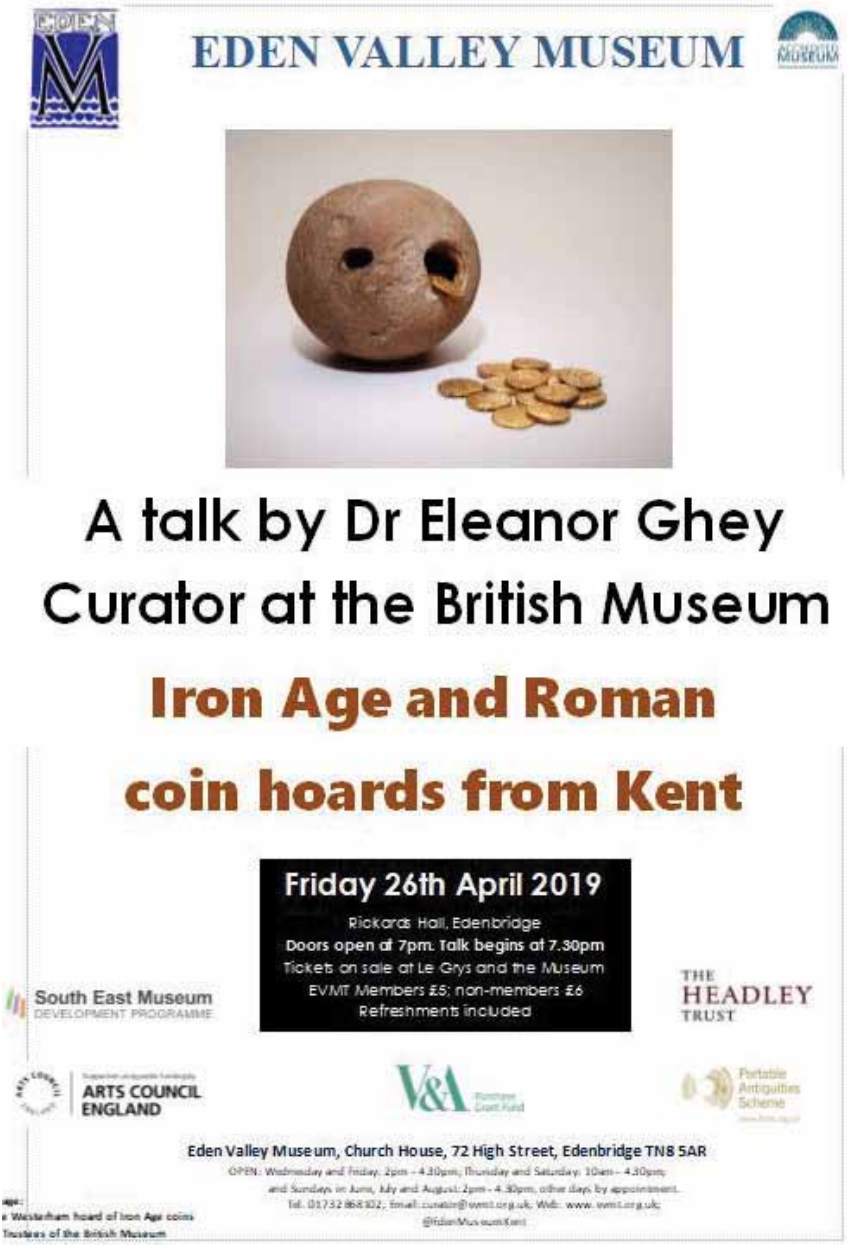
THREE SPIRES

United benefice of Hever, Four Elms & Markbeech
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Benefice website: Threespires. wordpress. com
Community website: www.hever.org

correction

Richard Maslen Fine Furniture
The mobile number given for Richard in last month's Link was incorrect. His mobile number is 07930 341415



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For more information about our forthcoming events please visit our website
www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk

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Four Elms Cricket Club

Following a hugely successful 150th season in 2018 which saw our first eleven narrowly miss out on the Kent County Village League Division One title and the second eleven on promotion to division five by a few points.

Four Elms Cricket Club are keenly looking forward to the new season, which commences on Saturday 13th April. Our winter nets are running on Saturday afternoons at Judd School, Tonbridge from 4.30 to 6.00pm until 6th April. Once the season arrives, practice and social evenings will be on Friday nights at the Four Elms ground from 6pm.

Our wicket and ground are the envy of many and the pavilion holds a special place in our hearts. However, it is reaching the end of its useful life and we are fundraising to erect a new one of a similar style. We hold many social events during the season and BBQ smoke can often be seen at the pavilion during the summer.

So if you are interested in cricket, as a player of any age or ability, or would like to join us as a social member, please come along, enjoy the evening sun with a cold drink, and appreciate the wonderful views and atmosphere.

For more details see our website www.fourelmscricketclub.co.uk.

April fixtures
Sat 13th April - Linden Park (Home)
Sat 20th April - Felbridge & Sunnyside (Home)
Sun 21st April - TBA (Home)
Sat 27th April - Penshurst Park (Home)
Sun 28th April - Waggoners CC (Home)

News from the Parish Council

The parish council is organizing litter picks in Markbeech and Four Elms on Saturday morning 20 April, details to be announced. The next Parish Council meetings are on Tuesday 7th May which is the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in Hever village hall and then the Annual Parish Assembly (doors open 6pm with speakers from 7.30pm) on Thursday 23rd May at Four Elms village hall. The Assembly will include a presentation from English Rural Housing Association on local affordable housing, everyone is very welcome to attend.

Finally, it is ELECTION YEAR – don't forget to check that you are registered to vote in the District and Parish council elections taking place in 2 May! https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/ And to vote!

Charlotte Cole
Clerk and Financial Officer
Hever Parish Council

FOUR ELMS VILLAGE HALL.

The League of Friends wish to establish a hall cleaning rota of say five people per fortnight to clean the hall. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you have to appear on the rota!!

The volunteers from the LOF have done a magnificent job of rescuing the rear garden from the jungle that it had become. It has now been levelled and cleared and will shortly be tilled. We will need further people who would be willing to join us one weekend early April to 'litter pick' large stones, broken crockery and glass ready for the ground to be grass seeded.

Over 90 people signed the petition to save the Village Hall…… we now need your help so please step forward !!

Please contact Mike Follows on 01732 700280 (answerphone), mobile 07887 950921 or email helen.follows@btinternet.com with your offers of help.



Tina Jobson

Tina, the much-loved landlady of the Kentish Horse died suddenly on 31 January at the early age of 63. Over 200 people attended her funeral at Markbeech on 1 March and her children and husband, Trevor, put together the following eulogy:
"Trevor and Tina met while in the same class at Holy Trinity School in Crawley, when they were 12 years old. When they were 15, and had both already left home to go to work, Trevor one day spotted Tina walking in the town wearing only one shoe, holding the other broken shoe in her hand and he persuaded his friend who was driving to stop and give her a lift home. They courted off and on for their teenage years until one day Tina said "we either get married or I'm off to Belgium", so in 1977 they married in Warnham Church, and lived in Horsham. Tina, working in Mr Doughnut – the start of her catering career!

They moved to Ashdown Forest in 1978 where Kerry and Gary were born. Tina ran her own outside catering company and ran a pub kitchen. They had 23 wonderful years on the forest, Tina insisting on having ponies, dogs, cats and various other animals!

In 2000, they took on The Old House at Home in Dormansland and had 11 busy, fun years and made many good friends. Turning the pub into a vibrant business, driven by Tina's fantastic, home-cooked pub menu and large portions! If Trevor ever put the food prices up, she would go out and buy bigger plates! Her creative flair didn't stop in the kitchen, every year Tina would create an amazing float for Dormansland carnival. One year painting Trevor's tractor the colour of a fairground ride – by hand!

Her hard work and traditional menu have once again turned the Kentish Horse into a thriving community pub. It presented different challenges to The Old House at Home due to the sheer scale of the building and all-day opening, but this did not deter Tina, she relished the challenge and, as we all know, was never one to shy from hard graft! The common thread between both pubs was Tina's caring approach to the staff, making them feel part of the family – there was always time for a chat and cup of tea and she even managed to find time and took pleasure in caring for animals or housesitting, to help others.

Trevor and the family would like to thank you for all of your support during this difficult time. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of cards, flowers and offers of help we have received."



good advice

What I do...Christine Thompson works as a volunteer advisor for one day a week at Citizens Advice.

Citizens Advice is an association of over 300 individually funded charitable organisations giving free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of subjects including benefits, work, debt, consumer issues, family and housing, law and court proceedings, immigration and health. Citizens Advice also campaigns on the issues affecting clients, eg Universal Credit, and the high cost of interest on credit cards.

The first 200 offices opened in 1939. They were set up to meet the need of the civilian population in wartime. In 1999 the website www.citizensadvice.org.uk was first launched providing 24 hour access to advice. It is worth having a look at the website, to access it use the above address and tap the 'England' part of the website. The website is updated on a regular basis.

Volunteering opportunities include giving advice to clients, fundraising, admin, media, trusteeship and more. It is not necessary to have specific experience or qualifications to volunteer. Training and information are provided to enable volunteers to carry out their roles. Through courses you are given a chance to develop skills in communication, problem solving and analysis.

Citizens Advice makes a positive difference to people's lives, both for the clients and the volunteers. You feel valued working as part of a team. It gives an awareness and knowledge of your local area, the issues affecting daily lives and community. The local Citizens Advice offices for Hever parish are at Edenbridge & Westerham Citizens Advice located in Edenbridge and Sevenoaks Bureau in Sevenoaks.

Advice can be accessed online via the website, by phoning 0300 422888 for Edenbridge or 03003309001 for Sevenoaks or by 'Drop- in'. Before dropping in it is best to check the website or phone for opening hours etc.

Christine Thompson

Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham – volunteering as an adviser
Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham, which is based at the Eden Centre in Edenbridge, has opportunities for volunteers to train as advisers. Advisers are at the heart of delivering our service, helping our clients with a wide range of problems, including benefits, debt, employment and housing issues, helping them to make informed decisions about how to deal with their problems or negotiating on their behalf, drafting letters, making phone calls or appropriate referrals.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering, please telephone Jill Eyre, our Chief Officer, on 03000 420773, or email edenbridge@cabnet.org.uk. You can also visit our local website www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/edenbridge-and-westerham or www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham actively welcomes disabled volunteers and volunteers with physical and mental health conditions.

Four Elms playground reopens

John Hodson, Chair of the Parish Council, cut the ribbon and declared the new playground open to all. The playground, in the parish field behind the school and long overdue for modernisation, now offers something for children from toddler to teens. There are 3D sensory mirrors, a role play area, benches and picnic tables (all made from 100% recycled materials), four swings (cradle and flat seat), climbing frame and a slide and also a football goal. Do visit with your children and grand children to enjoy this transformation. Much credit is due to Charlotte Cole our Parish Clerk who fundraised for and project managed it all, and to Willerbys who did the groundworks as a donation to the village.



CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE LITERARY FESTIVAL 2019

This increasingly popular event has expanded to four days – Saturday 4th May to Tuesday 7th May.

This is our most ambitious programme yet, spilling over with riches and diversity, with subjects ranging from powerful women's poetry, new light on Henry VIII, soldiers' stories from WW1, terrorism in Africa, cutting edge forensic science, 12 months of applied self-help books, cookery from home and abroad, adventures in wine, revealing memoirs, thrilling new fiction, the origins of humanity, letters between mothers and sons, television personalities and much, much more.

The talks, performances and workshops are set in the historic house and grounds and have been carefully curated to ensure that there is something for everyone. The programme this year includes Anna Pasternak, Sabrina Ghayour, Joanne Harris, Giles and Mary (Gogglebox), Oz Clarke, Giles Milton, Tracy Borman, Guy Parker Rees, Pericles Theatre Company, Aardman animations and many, many more. To see the full programme and the online box office please go to our website – www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literaryfestival. Tickets are available online from 1st March but you can pre-register by following the link.

'Bring me sunshine in your smile, bring me laughter all the while'. Spring is here! Well, not quite. Or is it?

I am back to write to you about spring. But what is spring? When does it start? The short answer would be: a season that starts with the summer equinox in March. And yet…

As a child I was told that spring was the flower's season. We still excitedly expect the spring flowers to arrive in our garden, although through gardening we stretch the blooming of flowers for as long as possible throughout the year. So, in one way I was told the right thing.

Yet, as I was growing up I understood that spring is not only about flowers. All forms of life, including flowers, have a distinct purpose: reproduction and, through it, eternity. In this regard a plant's success depends in many ways on insects, birds and mammals. Plants and animals both depend very much on light and temperature.

So, spring to me is the fantastic combination of warm days, a colourful garden, the noise of busy bees and the excited flights of birds preparing nests, singing to attract partners for the season. But to a farmer Spring is all about lambing and calving.

Well, if spring has so much to show and to give, when does it start? In March when the daffodils are already making space for the coming of tulips and primroses, or much earlier when snowdrops are in full bloom alongside crocuses and hellebores? What is certain is that the sun sets everything into motion. Establishing a particular date for the season is not really the point, but rather what to do to enjoy it while it lasts. And yet, at all seasons we should be aware of what the whole cycle of life involves.

We had a warm winter – getting warmer every year, fewer frosty nights, longer and drier summers. The climate is changing, and those changes are affecting nature directly; I can't help thinking how insects, birds and mammals will cope when the combination of light, temperature and water does not follow the usual spring pattern. Bees may be drawn to early activity due to rising temperatures, but will they survive a late frost? Where will migratory birds find delicious grubs to feed the next generation if insects are emerging much earlier in the season?

We must enjoy the coming season and delight ourselves with the colourful sight of our gardens, but we must keep a careful eye and helping hand out for others. On this little planet we are all linked, in one way or another.

Have a great time throughout this wonderful season.

Ana Claudia.



Markbeech Men's Breakfast Group



On 6 April at 8.30 am at Markbeech village hall Bryan Walters will give a talk on the Armada

If you would like to come along call Rudy Porter on 01342 851449





Experienced adult volunteers required to help re-decorate Hever Village Hall to tide us over until our major refurbishment.
18 & 19 May 10am onwards, any time you can spare will be appreciated.

Please call or text 07976 588 789 to let us know when you can help and for how long.

a potted history

The Hever Rose and Horticultural Society: On 6th August 1901, a small group of local inhabitants sat down to establish the 'Hever Cottage Gardening Society', and 118 years later, with a couple of name changes, it is still going. Its stated objective was to promote cottage gardening in Hever* and that 'a minimum annual subscription of sixpence be paid in advance by all members'. The first President was the Rev. Latham Browne, vicar of St. Peter's from 1890 to 1920. A flower show was held on the 29th August with each class winner receiving a prize of three shillings, worth about £13 today! The show was considered a great success with a total of 50 entries and for the 1902 show Mr Meade Waldo offered an additional prize of £1 shared between the best cultivated gardens. The Meade Waldos owned Hever Castle from 1750 to 1903, although they lived in Stonewall Park and let the property to a series of tenant farmers.

The schedule for the summer show of 1914 still exists, so we can conclude that the Society continued successfully until then. The show that year was held on Wednesday, August 12th, eight days after Britain declared war on Germany. There were a total of 51 separate classes, divided into vegetable, flowers, fruit, best cultivated gardens and an 'Industrial Section'. Many of the fruit, vegetable and flower classes would be recognisable in our own shows but some clearly belong to that earlier period. For example, the Industrial Section included a prize for 'Darning of stockings or socks' for women and girls over 14 years of age and 'Best washed, starched and ironed shirt, collar and cotton dress' for women over 20. Records after 1914 are sadly missing and there does not seem to have been any activity during the twenties and thirties, although there was a West Kent garden competition and an estate garden competition initiated by Lady Violet Astor.

Minute books from 1948 show that the Society had reformed to become the *Hever Horticultural Society* with Lady Astor as President. Committee meetings were held in the Henry VIII and in 1949 a large summer show was held in the grounds of Hever Castle with children's sports



and sideshows. There were 86 classes including one open only to local WI branches, including a prize of 2/6 for the best jam sandwich. Hever Castle continued to be the venue until 1955, when shows were held in the Hever School field. In 1974 Lord Astor sponsored a garden competition and in 1979 he suggested the Society hold a rose show in conjunction with the South East England Rose Society. This was held in the Castle Pavilion and the following year the Society held its own show in Hever Village Hall, where shows have been held since. From 1979 the Society became what it is today, the *Hever Rose and Horticultural Society.* The Society is always seeking new members so why not help it keep going for another 118 years.

Please contact me on 01342 851307 if you would like to join. The programme of events for 2019 is on www.hever.org. If anyone has information relating to the early years of the Society, please get in touch.

Doug Bowern
Chair

*Cottage gardens were in vogue in 1901 as exponents such as Gertrude Jekyll and the Arts and Crafts movement had rejected the more formal gardening of the Victorian era. The watercolourist Helen Allingham, painted many romantic cottage gardens in front of thatched cottages, full of hollyhocks, daisies, sweet william and also vegetables in the Eden Valley.



schooltime

news from Hever

Hever School has been enthusiastically and creatively delivering Buster's Book Club! The scheme is a fantastic way to generate excitement about reading with our pupils actively encouraging each other to read as much as possible. Oak Class won the Buster Book Club Sevenoaks District Spring Challenge and two students have been invited to Leeds Castle to a photo call to share their success stories and pick up prizes for our school!

For World Book Day this year, every year group enjoyed a visit from the acclaimed storyteller/author, Chris Connaughton. Chris is no stranger to Hever, having been invited back by popular demand! We were delighted to read his latest books, copies of which have been signed for all of the children. Chris mesmerised all with his dynamic performances.

The children have been busy writing their own short stories, inspired by BBC Radio 2's 500 words competition. Judges and authors Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce and author and illustrator Elys Dolan shared tips, answered questions and attempted to write a whole 500 Words story in a single Live Lesson to Hever students.

We have been inspiring our pupils to learn, pray and 'give it up' for the season of Lent. The children made a Lenten promise and are aiming to do at least one thing from the following areas: Pray – Fast – Give – Care for Creation. A group of pupils have been working extra hard to create Lentern artwork. The Cross Art was displayed during our Ash Wednesday service as a catalyst for prayer and reflection.

Joanna Stratton

news from Four Elms

A love of books

Rather than World Book Day, Four Elms celebrated World Book Fortnight! The focus was on exploring texts from other cultures and emphasising the World aspect of the event. The experience culminated in the pupils writing their own story based on a text from another culture, and becoming storytellers to share this with others.

The fortnight celebrating reading, writing and storytelling was kick-started with a visit by a published author. We welcomed Stephen Davies who has published a variety of books for children and young adults, many of which reflect his experiences of living in Burkina Faso. Stephen shared his most popular stories with the pupils and then set them on their writing journey with a workshop for each class.

We also held many exciting events from a reading flash mob (when the music plays, drop everything and get reading!), bargain book sale, book

fair, World Book Day character dress up and fashion show (complete with catwalk and Silly Billy as compere), book swap, and story swap where teachers shared their favourite stories with pupils.

Red Nose day
On Red Nose day, children wore red to raise money for Comic Relief and support children in poverty. The children learnt about the charity in class and our Rights Respecting Ambassadors ran a special assembly on what Comic Relief does. After school, there were games in the playground including *sponge the teacher*, red nose dunking and a hula hooping competition, as well as a cake sale.

Sports
To celebrate the recent successes of the Football, Netball and Cross Country teams, a disco was held at school on a Friday night with music, dancing, games, nibbles and mocktails. The teams are now back to training as usual, and we will be holding a netball tournament for parents and teachers to raise money for the PTA.

Nicole Holt

Hever Litter Pick

We are planning another Easter Hever community litter pick on the morning of Good Friday 19th April from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. Please come along to assist. We will meet at the Hever Village Hall from 9.00am for a briefing and to collect bags, long handled pickers and high viz vests. However if you can only offer an hour please turn up at the Hall any time during the morning or just pop in for a coffee!

We will have to work on the roads and lanes around the parish but if you have youngsters with you or would prefer not to pick on the roads then let us know and we can assign you to a footpath. Please bring your own thick gloves and strong footwear is recommended and the warning triangle from your car if you have one.

There is no need to register beforehand but to help give an idea of numbers please call John Roundhill on 07720 882356 or email john@ingenpartners.co.uk. Also let him know of any roads or footpaths of particular concern to you. If anyone has an open backed vehicle or trailer that they are willing to use to transport rubbish bags on the day then please let John know.

Speaker meetings of U3A

(University of the Third Age, though not academic) held on the last Tuesday every month 2-4pm at Crockham Hill Village Hall. Anyone retired is welcome.

30 April - The Wonderful Wildlife of Edenbridge - Mike Reed

28 May - A Lifetime in Aviation - Peter Griffiths

Services in April 2019

Services rota

Day	Date	Time	Church	Service	Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessions	Chalice
Lent 5 Passion Sunday	03 Apr 04 Apr 07 Apr	 16.30 9.15 11.00	Hever Hever Markbeech Hever	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Sung Eucharist Parish Communion & Baptism	 Ricky Calvocoressi Andrew Izod & Pat Evemy	Fiona Irens & Liz Kaberry	Jill Linden	Vaile Nedelcu Elly Heard
Palm Sunday	10 Apr 11 Apr 14 Apr 14 Apr	9.30 16.30 08.00 10.45 13.30	Hever Hever Four Elms Markbeech Four Elms	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Holy Communion (BCP) Procession& Benefice Service Baptism – Oscar Ord	 Gillian Lambert & Leslie Griggs Carol Bowern	Pennie Scott & Janey Cooper	Nick Irens	Nick Irens
Palm Sunday Holy Week Maundy Thurs. Good Friday Easter Day	15 Apr 16 Apr 17 Apr 17 Apr 18 Apr 18 Apr 19 Apr 20 Apr 21 Apr	18.30 18.30 9.30 18.30 16.30 18.30 12 noon 11.00 06.00 09.15 11.00	Markbeech Hever Hever Four Elms Hever Markbeech Hever Hever Four Elms Markbeech Hever	Compline Compline Morning Prayer Compline Evening Prayer Maundy Thurs. Eucharist Devotions Baptism – William Lawrence (Seely) Sunrise Service Easter Family Service Family Communion	Church wardens Church warden Gillian Lambert & Leslie Griggs John & Christina Hodson Liz Kaberry Lisa & Will Cowell	Flora Nedelcu & Henry Wilkinson Jane Rosam & Andrew Izod	Nicki Talbot Elly Heard	Liz Kaberry Jane Rosam
Easter 2	24 Apr 25 Apr 28 Apr	09.30 16.30 08.00 11.00	Hever Hever Hever Four Elms	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion	 Ian Yarnold John & Mary Proctor	Ian Yarnold Mary Proctor & Gillian Lambert	Marion Purll	Cynthia Mead

Date Lectionary readings April 2019

	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel	Sunday
07 Apr	Isiah 43: 16-21	126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8	Passion Sunday
14 Apr	Isiah 50: 4-9a	31: 9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49	Palm Sunday
21 Apr	Acts 10:34-43	118:14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12	Easter Day
28 Apr	Acts 5: 27-32	150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-end	Easter 2

Churchwardens

Hever	Jane Rosam	07766 763124
Four Elms	Leslie Griggs Gill Lambert	01732 700428 01732 862976
Markbeech	Nicki Talbot Marielou Linklater	01342 850526 01342 850579

From the register

Funeral

01 March Tina Jobson, Markbeech

Baptism

16 March Matthew Penn, Markbeech

Exotic visitors

When Una Higgs spotted a mob of parakeets on her bird feeders we feared a Hitchcockian invasion of the birds. The south London parks are already full of their tropical colour - is Hever next, with the worry that their rapidly expanding numbers deprive our native birds such as starlings and nuthatches of the best nest holes?

Well, according to the RSPB we should not fear - this area is not their ideal habitat and the charity do not support a cull although any expansion should be monitored. The government is obliged to ensure that non-native species do not adversely affect native wildlife and has developed a policy framework for addressing the possible risks associated with such species becoming established. Ring-necked parakeets, like all birds living in the wild in the UK, are protected by law. The species can be controlled under licence in England, but only in isolated cases where the birds pose a serious threat to conservation of a native species, are causing serious damage to crops, or for air safety purposes.

So we should appreciate the marvellous ability of these birds, native to a broad belt of arid tropical countryside stretching from west Africa across lowland India south of the Himalayas, to survive our cold winters and bring some winter colour to our trees. An immigrant worth tolerating, if not welcoming - for now(??!!)

Benefice monthly rainfall in millimeters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Four Elms												
2018					62.7	1.2	44.7	67.2	17.1	38	96	70
2019	28	33										
Hever												
2018	79	36	81	65.5	79	0	36	63	32	41	127.5	81
2019	23	56										
Markbeech												
2018	83	40	82	77.25	70.05	1.5	51	68.5	33	47.5	105.5	91.5
2019	39.5	41										

Hall Bookings

Four Elms:
Village Hall – Mr Leigh 01732 700514
Hever – Mrs Ryan 01732 864168
Markbeech – Mrs Paige 01342 850328

Councils

Kent County Councillor
Peter Lake 07740 701695
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Caption competition

This photo was taken in St Peter's Hever by Andrew Izod.

Let the Link have your caption by 15th April (by phone or thelink@hever.org) and we will publish it in May (plus a small prize to add to the glory.....!)

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April diary

26 March	**Markbeech Parish Lunch,** village hall,	12.30pm
26 March	**U3A talk**	
	Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies Crockham Village Hall	2pm
29 March	**Eden Valley Museum Talk**: Brass Instrument manufacture Rickards Hall	7.30pm
3 April	**closing date for Hever Hort entries**	
6 April	**Family Quiz Evening** Four Elms Village Hall **CANCELLED**	
6 April	**Hever Hort Spring Show**, Hever Village Hall,	2pm
11 April	**Hever parish lunch**, Hever Village Hall	12 noon
13 and 14 April	**How Green Nursery public open day**	9am - 5pm
14 April	**Palm Sunday service with donkey procession**, Falconhurst	10.45am.
19 April (Good Friday)	**Hever Litter Pick**	
20 April (Easter Saturday)	**Markbeech and Four Elms Litter Pick**	
20 April	**Easter Egg hunt**, St Peter's Hever,	3pm
21 April	**Easter Day sevices**	
	Four Elms Cricket Club match	
23 April	**Markbeech village lunch**, village hall	12.30pm
26 April	**EVM talk on Iron Age and Roman coin hoards**, Rickards Hall	7.30pm
30 April	**U3A talk on wildlife in Edenbridge**, Crockham Hall Village Hall	2pm
	Four Elms PCC AGM, Parish Rooms,	7pm
4 - 7 May	**Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival**	
7 May	**Parish Council meeting**, Hever Village Hall	7.30pm
11 May	**Hort plant sale**, Hever Village Hall	
23 May	**Hever Parish Assembly,** Four Elms Village Hall	7.30pm