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Parish magazine of Four Elms, Hever and Markbeech

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Welcome to the September Link

I have just been on holiday to a lovely rural area in the foothills of the South Downs north and slightly west of Chichester near the village of Compton. All the villages have parish magazines which I have enjoyed reading and learning from.



So came the idea for a regular pet of the month photograph ... and here is our donkey Mr Tumble photographed by co-editor Bridget Harris. Mr Tumble is sad because his friend Pingu has just died and we are looking for a new companion for him ...we are sure we will find one with the help of the RSPCA and local donkey networks who are out looking.

If you would like to feature your pet in future editions please send a photo and a caption explaining why your pet is “pet of the month” to thelink@hever.org

Finally, if you are a distributor of the Link (or a new volunteer) or would like to come along to give us your views and ideas please come to a tea party in Hever Church at 4pm in Sunday 13 October.

Best wishes
Joanna Wade

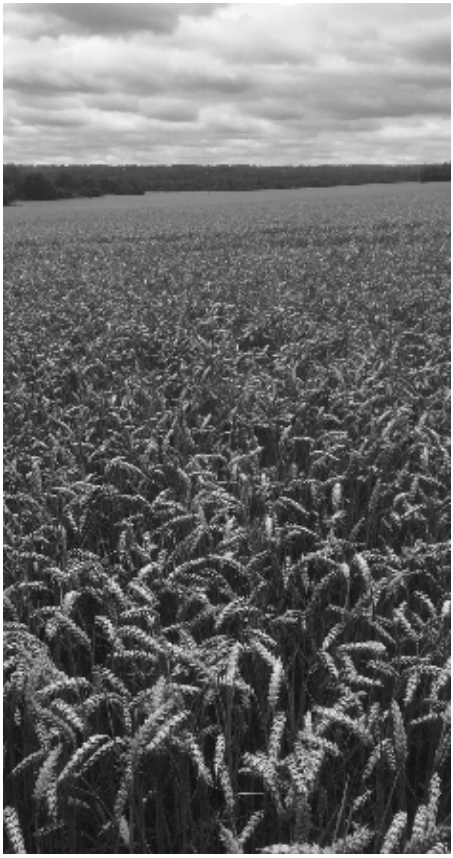
Alfresco dining...

As the glorious summer draws to a close I realise how very lucky we are to have so many good places to eat outdoors. In Four Elms the busy cafe in the Chartwell Barns has a terrace with a good outlook towards the North Downs and Markbeech's Kentish Horse has a splendid garden with a playground and spectacular views south.

Hever has several places: the Greyhound and Henry VIII both have excellent outdoor eating spaces and the Castle has a number of cafes to choose from plus liberal ice cream outlets.

The new kid on the block is the Castle Golf Club which has a lovely new outdoor area by the restaurant - when I was there the fountain was playing and baby moorhens were swimming around the large pond within feet of the table. Seize the moment!

Joanna Wade



The Hever Residents Association

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The closing date for Scarecrow entries has changed to

8th September

Voting starts on 12th September

Winners will be announced at the Scarecrow Party on Sunday 29th September at Hever Village Hall

See hever.org/hra for more information



Lucy Gibb of Relyon and Edenbridge Town Band

Relyon Cars has been in Edenbridge for over 50 years, starting at the home of an Edenbridge resident who realised the need for a taxi service in the area. Spencer and I bought Relyon six years ago and last year we celebrated it's 50th anniversary! Since then we have replaced all the vehicles on the fleet which now range from cars with extra legroom to eight seater minibuses with large boot space, ideal for airport transfers and group bookings.

With Relyon being the only taxi firm in Edenbridge and limited public transport, we realise the importance of taxis and pride ourselves on offering a great service. We currently have nine drivers who between them have over 30 years experience within the company. We can get very busy, especially at weekends so it is always a good idea to pre-book.

Locals may have noticed our new building on the corner of Station Approach. After a 6 month relocation whilst our old office was knocked down and re-built, we moved back in May and are delighted with our new home and receive many compliments from our customers.

Spencer and I are both from Edenbridge and still call it home, so having our business here is wonderful. I am also the secretary of the Edenbridge Town Band. I play the cornet and have been in the band since I was four! My father is the Musical Director and my mother, sister, brother and three nieces and two nephews are all members. I do hope that our eight year old triplets Callum, Oscar and Maisie may one day join me in the band! Or maybe they'll follow their Dad who played football and now plays cricket for Edenbridge Cricket Club.....

Lloyds Bank closure

LLOYDS BANK

Lloyds Bank has announced that the Edenbridge branch will be closed on 9 December this year. After that the nearest Lloyds' branches will be in Oxted and East Grinstead.

There will be a mobile bank in this area, details of which will come closer to the closure date. Typically these vehicles seem to visit once or twice a week for an hour or two at a time. It will also be possible to use the Post Office to deposit cash and cheques and to withdraw money using a debit card.



Friday 27th September in the Village Hall at 7.15 pm

£7 adults £3 children

Family tickets 2 adults & 3 children £20

Email leahlaunch@btinternet.com or call 01732 700247

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM



Photo: Copyright Martin Crowther

A talk by Martin Crowther

Hopping down in Kent

an illustrated history

Friday 20th September 2019
Rickards Hall, Edenbridge
Doors open at 7pm. Talk begins at 7.30pm
Tickets on sale at Le Grys and the Museum
EVMT Members £5; non-members £6

Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge TN8 5AR
OPEN: Wednesday and Friday: 2pm - 4.30pm; Thursday and Saturday: 10am - 4.30pm; and Sundays in June, July and August: 2pm - 4.30pm. Other days by appointment.
Tel. 01732 868102; Email: curator@evmt.org.uk; Web: www.evmt.org.uk; @EdenMuseumKent
Registered Charity No. 1065466

WARREN MEADERS CHARITABLE TRUST

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Hop picking at Larkins Farm

Once again there is an opportunity for everyone to join in the traditional hop picking at Chantlers Hop Garden at Larkins Farm on Tuesday 10 September from 11am to 1pm.These hand picked hops go into our Green Hop Best ale. Wear old clothes which you don't mind getting stained. Machine picking dates are 12th to 14th September 8.30 am to 3pm with lunch provided.

Call Larkins Brewery on 01892 870328 for more details or directions

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

HISTORIC HOUSE + COLLECTIONS + VENUE

COUNTRY AND FOOD FAIR – SEPTEMBER 8th

Join us in our beautiful grounds for a fun-filled day of traditional country activities and shopping from a wide range of stalls. New this year we have Joe's Bows Archery and Chicken Races for those of you with feathered friends that would like a family trip out. (Chickens must be in a handheld cage and owners are responsible for their birds at all times.)

Admission: £6 adults; £2 children (5-13); Under 5's FREE; £15 Family Ticket (2+2)

PROGRAMME 2019

Arena

11.15 Side saddle riding display by the Side Saddle Association
12.00 Working Dogs with Barry Blink
12.30 Display by The Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Hunt
1.15 Chicken race FREE entry
1.30 Dog show - £3 entry fee per class; Rosettes to 4th place
- Class 1: Puppy Appeal (6 months to 1 year old)
- Class 2: Waggiest Tail
- Class 3: Golden Oldie (veteran dogs 8 years +)
- Class 4: Young Handler (handler under 9 years old)
- Class 5: Best in Show – winners of all classes

3.30 Terrier Racing FREE entry – Large and small dogs class
4.15 Family Giant Wool Sack Race

Lake

Have a go at fishing with the Edenbridge Angling Society – all equipment provided

The Orangery

Archery with Joe's Bows Country Sports - £3 for 6 arrows

Marquee

There will be the following Cookery Pop-up Workshops in the marquee during the day

11.15 Veg Art – Farm to Fork
12.15 Rainbow Fruit Cups
1.15 Veggie Sugar Paste Craft
2.15 Veg Art – Farm to Fork
3.15 Rainbow Fruit Cups

See the website for details of "What's On" at the castle - www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk

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Year round availability for weddings, parties, corporate events, groups & school visits

Open 31st March to 30th October, Sundays to Wednesdays and
Bank Holidays (excluding Good Friday) 11am – 5pm, last entry 4.15pm

Chiddingstone, Kent TN8 7AD - 01892 870347 - hello@chiddingstonecastle.org.uk

profile: Ann Greig



Ann Grieg was brought up in a large house in Portman Square, a prestigious London address just behind Selfridges. They had eight servants, including a butler and footmen, and led the grand life that her father's career, as a successful property developer, had earned him. Queen Mary was a regular visitor, the hazard being that if she liked a particular piece of furniture the convention was that she had to be given it!

But then tragedy struck. When Ann was only 13 the Second World War broke out and both her naval brothers were killed and her mother died of cancer. Her father was to die soon after of a heart attack.

In 1944, aged 18 and alone in the world Ann decided she need a job as she did not want to lead the life of a lady who lunched and so she wandered down Baker Street and fell into a job with the Special Operations Executive, also known as the "Baker Street irregulars" or the "Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare".

It was top secret work and she cannot remember how she was recruited but she loved it and was part of an operation sending secret agents into occupied Norway via Scotland to help the Norwegian resistance and, as Ann puts it, "to sort out the Germans". Ann enabled a network of radio operators in Norway and by 1945 there were 64 operators spread throughout sending back vital information to the Allies. After the war Ann went to Norway to help clear up and was delighted to meet some of the agents who she had known so well on the airwaves. She still remembers quite a bit of Norwegian.

When staying at St Margaret's Bay near Dover where the family had a holiday home Ann met her future husband, Dennis Greig, who had been invalided out out of the Airforce with TB. They were married in 1948 and started life together farming above the white cliffs. However, family duty soon ended that way of life. Dennis came from the family which ran the David Greig supermarket chain (founded by Dennis's grandfather in 1870) and although he had chosen not to go into to the family business, he was forced to pack up farming and work there when his elder brother died unexpectedly.



Board. The Greigs hosted many fundraising events at the farm and even had a special swimming pool built to make it accessible to disabled people. Sadly Dennis had a skiing accident from which he never fully recovered and he died in 2004.

Ann had five children and now has countless grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loves Four Elms and has been a great benefactor of the Church and the Fete. At 92 Ann is still a force of nature, full of enthusiasm and energy, she says her role was always to support her husband and work behind the scenes to enable him and bring up the family. What a partnership it must have been.

The Greigs moved to a farm on Five Fields Lane in Four Elms in 1953 to be near London and Ann has been there ever since. When Greigs was sold to Key supermarkets which became Somerfield the Greigs started a chicken farm and ran that for many years. They were also heavily involved in the early years of the Cheshire Homes. They knew Leonard Cheshire well and Dennis was on the

aircraft noise

The campaigning group Gatwick Obviously Not (www.gatwickobviouslynot.org) has issued this report.....

Gatwick has just confirmed that they wish to:

- Use new technology to build capacity and resilience on the main runway;
- Bring the existing standby runway into routine use, for departure only, alongside the main runway by the mid-2020s;
- Recommend that planning policy continues to safeguard land for an additional runway.

(Source: https://www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans)

Taken together these proposals would increase flights using the airport by about 40% and passenger numbers by over 80% with inevitable consequences for noise, emissions and congestion, while retaining the possibility of a new third runway too. Given the environmental concerns for the Planet, so powerfully stated by Greta Thunberg, we think they're in Cloud-Cuckoo land. White elephant anyone?

"Sweden's departure lounges are looking less crowded as more

Swedes are deciding to take the train rather than fly. Passenger numbers at Swedish airports have dropped 8% so far this year. The fall-off coincides with the rise of Sweden's latest buzzword: "flygskam", or flight shame."
(Source: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/06/sweden-has-invented-a-word-to-encourage-people-not-to-fly-and-it-s-working/)

However, no one is complacent. Gatwick means business. GON recently met with the newish Independent Aircraft Noise Commission, ICCAN, in Penshurst. It's not the new Regulator which this spoilt industry so desperately needs but a group looking to 'take control of the noise agenda'. It was a constructive meeting and we look forward to their plans taking real effect.

MPs have formed a 'co-ordination group', Chaired by Tom Tugendhat MBE MP and this is an extract from their statement:
"Gatwick has grown significantly over the past decade. It has offered greater numbers of flights to more destinations and created jobs in the process. However, the benefits of growth have not been well distributed with the local community.

More people are impacted by Gatwick's noise operations than 10 years ago, both close to the airport and many miles away under flightpaths, creating health issues for local residents and congestion through inadequate infrastructure.

"Over the past few years Gatwick Airport has continually under invested in the local amenities and social infrastructure that would be required to support a project of this size and scale. We cannot support expansion of the Airport without a comprehensive investment in the local area which would ease pressure on the over-stretched road and rail systems serving the airport.

At a time of increasing concern about the environmental impact of global aviation growth, the proposed expansion plans would see a marked increase in carbon emissions, with clearer environmental consequences for us all. We should not be looking at unchecked expansion at our local airports but seeking managed growth that is proportionate to our other national priorities."

Sir Paul Beresford MP,
Member of Parliament for Mole Valley
Crispin Blunt MP,
Member of Parliament for Reigate
The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP,
Member of Parliament for Tunbridge Wells
Gillian Keegan MP,
Member of Parliament for Chichester
The Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Soames MP,
Member of Parliament for Mid Sussex
Tom Tugendhat MP,
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

Hever Parish Council

Please continue to tell us your concerns, we have been delighted to see more of you at the meetings, please keep coming. The dates are on the website hever.org, Facebook and the four noticeboards (at Hever station, Hever parish field, Markbeech centre and the Four Elms bus shelter).

LATEST NEWS:

- The Four Elms bus shelter that was damaged last year by a vehicle will be replaced in August with an improved version – complete with bench and community noticeboard.
- We have won grants from Kent County Council towards the total refurbishment of the eastbound bus shelter in Four Elms (with new bench and new noticeboard) and the one in Markbeech too.
- With Hever Residents Association, we have reported to GTR on how to spend the £30,000 allocated to Hever station (see the full report http://hever.org/hpc-hra-report-on-how-to-spend-30000-at-hever-station). Thanks to everyone for their ideas, we asked for the following (in order of preference);

1. Canopy over the ticket machine
2. Landscaping of the platforms (weed removal, native species planting and maintenance)
3. Refurbishment of the existing passenger shelters
4. Artwork on the platforms to reflect the historic nature of the village
5. Additional seating on London bound platform

Continuing with a transport theme the latest Gatwick plan set out on page 7 will be considered at the next Council meeting and also at the next HWCAAG meeting, of which the Council is a member.

We are happy to report that we have passed another year with a clean bill of health from the Govt. appointed external auditors (PKF Littlejohn) of our accounts and management. We start planning for the 2020 – 2021 (yes, really!) budget at the next meeting – do you have a view on what the Council should spend money on?

Bulk refuse freighter Saturday 21st September Four Elms VILLAGE HALL 8 – 9.15am, then Markbeech village hall 9.30 – 10.45am. It cannot take Electrical Appliances/ Metal / Hard Core / Large Amounts of Garden Waste / Large Panes of Glass / Oil or Paint. This includes items like fluorescent tubes, TVs & computer monitors, batteries, oil tins and filters, paint and paint tins and chemical containers. These items must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre. Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted either.

Please DO NOT arrive early or leave items on site, thank you.This is a service provided by Sevenoaks District Council and funded by Hever Parish Council.

Charlotte Cole
Parish Clerk
Clerk@hever.org

Sevenoaks council news

Change, particularly improvements, can sometimes pass one by. So from time to time it's worth reflecting on where things once were.

Cowden and Hever Stations are a good example. Both are witnessing record use – nearly a hundred thousand passengers each year. And over half a million in Edenbridge. It may not always feel like it but that growth has coincided with enhancements.

In recent years we've received additional carriages, gained trains, and secured the introduction of ticket machines and live departure boards.

We might be on the right track but there is further to go. Punctuality, reliability and capacity continue to top the list; replacement bus improvements, and that elusive electrification too. However there is no doubt our rail service is a draw for villagers as well as those further afield.

It was therefore welcome to see some new money come our way earlier this year, with passengers setting priorities on how to spend the £60k. Shelters and canopies at Hever took first place in the list of your requests, closely followed by visual improvements and seating. And it is no surprise the priority at Cowden was parking. These I have echoed and endorsed with Southern.

Covering Cowden's parking problems requires more attention than column inches allow but this funding is a rare chance to look again at this issue. So I have urged Southern to match the scale of this opportunity with a suitably ambitious proposal, and offered to lead a steering group to deliver a scheme. Let's hope they rise to this challenge.

In the meantime, as ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there's anything with which I might be able to assist.

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Markbeech Men's Breakfast Group

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 7 September at Markbeech Village Hall 8.30 am and the talk will be give by the Revd Simon Braid and titled 'Who do you think you are? A family search'.



Hever footpaths

Hever Parish Council have considered in recent years, in response to residents' and walkers' requests, how to promote and enhance the experience of walkers by having dog and user friendly pathways with clear access and signposting. This supports a positive, healthy, active lifestyle and local tourism. We have worked with local landowners, tourist attractions, walking groups and the Kent County Council public rights of way officer.

Landowners are responsible for maintaining stiles and gates in a safe condition and to the required standard of repair in accordance with Section 146 of the Highways Act 1980.

Kent County Council are obliged to contribute a minimum of 25% towards the reasonable cost of maintenance. This contribution has traditionally been through the provision of the materials necessary for repairs.

To assist in reducing the burden on landowners the County Council is willing to provide a self-closing gate (cost price £130.00) for the landowners' installation. Due to the additional costs KCC ask for a minimum contribution of £30.00 towards the cost of the gate and administration. The gates provided are of a very high quality, constructed from galvanised steel, and have an expected life of approximately three times longer than a stile. Responsibility for the maintenance of the gate will remain with the landowner.

Some Ramblers groups, for example, have given money to have gates installed to replace existing authorised stiles in memory of one of their members, and put a plaque up on the gate. The maintenance of the gate would still remain the responsibility of the landowner/tenant.

The installation costs vary between about £150 to £250 depending on the location, ease of access and the terrain.

Hever Parish Council wish to encourage landowners to consider replacing any unsuitable stiles with more durable, accessible ones and costs incurred could be requested via our grant application process. Please contact clerk@hever.org with any queries.

The next dates of full council meetings are as below, should you wish to attend. Please note that any grant applications or items for the agenda need to be submitted to the Clerk two weeks before a meeting for due consideration by the members.

Tuesday 17th September 7.30pm
Markbeech village hall
Thursday 21st November 7.30pm
Hever village hall

http://hever.org/parish-council/hever-parish-council-community-support-grants
https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way

Four Elms Fete

Since 1953 there has been a celebration in Four Elms, started by the Vicar originally for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.
Now, in 2019, here is a reflection on this year's Four Elms Village Fete after the 66th successful year.

The Committee (Fete) are responsible for the infrastructure and services that allow the Fete to continue year on year. We have a not-for-profit policy, our objective being to provide a fun, affordable community event..

There are essential annual costs such as insurance, first aid, toilets, entertainments and so forth and also we investment in marquees, tables and equipment for ongoing operations.
We have also, over the years, gratefully received gifts, for example from the Parish Council which supplied storage facilities for our equipment.

Since about 2003 the operation of the infrastructure is separate from the fete attractions (stalls and so forth). Typically the School and Church run their own stalls and retain any profit, for example the ever popular dog show is a Church attraction.

The Fete itself runs car parking, bar, Willerby maze, and groups such as, this year, pony and miniature train rides and welly wanging. We supply a free fete programme which carries paid advertising.

Other stalls are welcome but the Committee keeps it a traditional village fete with stalls or attractions that demonstrate local skills, support groups or Charities and games in the main ring which are all free. There is a small charge for external groups.

We have been fortunate, although hard work has helped, to run an excess of revenue over cost. Our Committee distributes this excess to support those that help us and deserving causes. Records show that we have helped Edenbridge hospital, local charitable and emergency services, the school and church and many other good causes. This year we are supporting:

- RAF Benevolent Fund (BBMF flypast)
- ReBuild (car parking squad)
- Edenbridge Bonfire (stage and sounds)
- Lewis Project (live music)
- Girl Guides
- Four Elms Village Hall

Over the years we have received so much hidden help that has gone unnoticed or unrecognised. This year we established an "Unsung Hero" award that recognises those individuals that support the fete year in year out, setting up, pulling down, putting away, fixing broken things, and generally making us ready for the best Fete in the area. This year the recipients of the award are John Pearce and Richard Bennett with a donation to the Charities of their choice, an Animal Rescue centre and the Kent Air Ambulance.

I hope you find this report useful and will be looking forward to the 2020 fete on Saturday the 11th July.

If you want to get involved, run a stall or to suggest something new, please just drop me a line or look us up on Facebook.

Stuart Young
Treasurer
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news from the pews

Let's hope the Summer is not quite over yet, even though for some, holidays will soon become just a memory! As Autumn approaches and new school term begins, the song Autumn Days springs to mind – it begins 'Autumn days, when the grass is jewelled' - are you ready for the slight evening chills, the colour changes, the different foods and most of all, the abundance of Autumn? It is the time of year when Harvest and Remembrance are not far away – and what's more there is plenty to fill our time as the days shorten, the annual Hever Barn Dance, the Scarecrow competition - and we have Harvest Suppers to look forward to! That song has a chorus –

So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget
To say a great big thank you
I mustn't forget.

I'm ready for Autumn, are you? Are you ready for that 'great big thank you' to God who in his providence provides for our every need – and even if there are fewer cauliflowers this year there is much else for which we must be thankful.

Rev'd Wendy Izod

Four Elms

The vagaries of the summer weather never fail to delight and surprise us! The Village Fete always concentrates our minds on the meteorological aspects of July and we all breathed a sigh of relief when the weather was perfect for the Fete. Thanks to many people's help and generosity the Church Stalls were able to see a profit of £4094. St. Paul's Church thanks The Four Elms Village Fete Committee for all its hard work enabling us to generate this magnificent sum.

What better way to follow the Fete than the Pet Service in the church garden? A large number attended bringing their pets along to be blessed by the Rev. Wendy and Simon. St Paul's continues to offer its different times services during the month although the most popular time remains our 11am Parish and Benefice Communions.

During the high summer it reminds us that harvest is never far away. In our rural communities we thank God for our abundance of good gifts and pray that our farmers have a productive harvest. Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 29 September at 11am. Please join us and bring harvest gifts. Four Elms Primary School have their Harvest Service during the week before and we can certainly say, "All Good Gifts Around Us". Whilst on Harvest, Four Elms Village Harvest Supper will be on Friday 27th September in the Village Hall at 7.15pm. If you are able to help on this evening it would be very much appreciated. See the notice on page 4.

Christina Hodson
Churchwarden

St. Paul's Church, Four Elms

Can you spare an hour or so on the first Saturday of each month to join our small team of volunteers to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy.
Please call 01732 700247

Hever

September begins with the annual barn dance at Hever Village Hall on Saturday 7th at 7pm. Tickets (no booking fee) are £16 and £8 for children over five from bookitbee.com/hever and this includes a bbq and homemade puddings (jellies for children), the dance complete with caller and good company. There will be a cash bar - Larkin's plus other guest beers, cider, lager, gin and Prosecco. The raffle has some great prizes - do come along.

As ever the Parish lunch is served on the second Thursday of the month, 12 September at 12 for 12.30 in the Hall. All welcome, if you would like a lift please ring me on 07766 763124.

The following Saturday, 14th, is the national Ride and Stride. A team of bell ringers will be riding round the local churches in aid of St Peter's and Kent Churches. If we haven't already asked you and you feel able to sponsor us, please email me (janerosam@gmail.com) - or join us for all or part of the ride - or walk! - I have some sponsor forms.

Then we look to the start of October and the harvest festival on 6th - please bring any non-perishable foods to donate at the service and join us for some very good harvest hymns supported by a choir from the school - and refreshments afterwards. This will be the last major festival at which Rev Wendy officiates - her final service will be Evensong on Sunday 30th November - all very welcome and please put the date in your diary.

Jane Rosam
Churchwarden

Markbeech

Summer has been whizzing by so fast. There's been all sort of lovely activities, the Village Summer Lunch in Clare Denison-Pender's beautiful garden, a blissful afternoon of jazz and picnics in the Irens' garden and some very well attended services at Holy Trinity. The family services on the third Sunday of the month, are going from strength to strength with the addition of a projector and screen brought by Simon Braid, so we are freed from looking down into our hymn books and can experiment with new music easily. Susie Braid has been leading us on the guitar as well as providing some fascinating projects for the children while adults drink coffee and chat.

And we are not neglecting traditional elements of the service and a traditional hymn so there really is something for everyone.

One less pleasant happening in July was an attempted break in of the church. Someone picked the big old lock which is apparently very easy to do, but fortunately our new Chubb lock foiled them although it did get out of alignment needing a locksmith. But no harm done.

Falconhurst garden will be open for the National Garden Scheme on September 1st and the proceeds from the teas will be going to Holy Trinity, so please come and support Nicki and Charles Talbot and see this lovely garden before autumn comes.

Schedules can go slightly awry in July and August with people away, but in

September we will be back on schedule with our monthly parish lunch on September 24th in the village hall 12.30 for 1.00pm. As ever do try and think of someone you could bring to the lunch who might like to get out for some good food and company. If you can, please let us know that you are coming, but if you just turn up you'll still be very welcome! Email marielou@me.com or ring or text 07860 436668.

And on October 4th we have our Harvest Supper again in the village hall. We're planning a delicious meal but also have a treat in store with the brilliant singing of Bryony Purdue. She will be giving us a programme of jazz classics between courses. Do book early as we expect this to be a very popular event. Again email or ring me as above.

Marielou Linklater
Churchwarden



The Friends of St Peter's Church Hever need you...

The Friends of St Peter's Church, Hever is in its infancy - unlike the Church itself which is now almost 900 years old. Our object is to raise funds for the upkeep and conservation of this Church which is part of our heritage.

The Friends are now looking for a new secretary to join the friendly, active committee and help us with this aim. There are two meetings per year and the AGM. Your role would include setting the agenda, taking minutes for the meeting, following up action points and being the point of contact for members of the Friends. Would you be able to help us? **Please contact Mandy Yarnold on 01342 850028 for more details**



Services September 2019

Services rota

Day	Date	Time	Church	Service	Sidesmen
Trinity 11	01 Sep 07 Sep	08.00 09.15 11.00 14.00	Four Elms Markbeech Hever Hever	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist PLUS Baptism Parish Communion Wedding Caroline Seely & James Faulkner	Richard Bennett Liz Kaberry Lisa & Will Cowell
Trinity 12	08 Sep	09.15 10.30 18.00	Markbeech Four Elms Hever	Sung Eucharist Cafe Church Evensong	Janey Cooper Church wardens Ellie Heard & Andrew Izod
Trinity 13	15 Sep 21Sep	09.15 11.00 14.00	Markbeech Hever Four Elms	Family Service Parish Communion Plus Baptisms x2 Wedding Karen Puxty & Matthew Braiden	Irens family Andrew Izod & Robin Rouse
Trinity 14	22 Sep	11.00	Four Elms	Parish Communion Plus Baptism	Christina & John Hodson
Trinity 15	29 Sep	11.00	Four Elms	Harvest Festival	Gill Lambert & Leslie Griggs

Readers	Intercessions	Chalice
Leslie Griggs Roger & Lynnie Hopkins Will Cowell & Jane Rosam	 Jill Linden Ana Roxburgh	 Liz Kaberry Ellie Heard
Flora Nedelcu & Liz Kaberry Children Andrew Izod & Jane Rosam	Ann Bellamy	Vasile Nedelcu
Kitty West Robin Rouse & Ellie Heard	Henry Wilkinson Ellie Heard	 Jane Rosam
Christina & John Hodson	Marion Purll	Gill Lambert
Gill Lambert & Pat Fletcher	Ellie Heard	Ellie Heard

Lectionary readings September 2019

Date	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel	Sunday
01 Sep	Proverb 25: 6-7	112	Hebrews13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Trinity 11
08 Sep	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end	1	Philemon 1: 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33	Trinity 12
15 Sep	Exodus 32: 7-14	51: 1-11	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10	Trinity 13
22 Sep	Amos 8: 4-7	113	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13	Trinity 14
29 Sep	Deuteronomy: 26 1-11	100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6: 25-35	Harvest Festival

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Gardening from How Green

My goodness how this year has flown! It only seems like yesterday when we were embroiled with the Chelsea Flower Show, working around the clock without enough hours in the day! We now find ourselves in September and worryingly spiralling towards Christmas!

September can be a fantastic month in the gardening calendar. If the weather behaves and we get an Indian Summer it can be a lovely and productive time. The sunshine can still have enough strength to allow us to sit and enjoy and it's also one of the best times to plant for the following season. There are also plenty of plants that give late season colour and interest that can go through until November and beyond. Here are some ideas for plants that will enhance a garden in September:

Rudbeckias – a broad genus that includes low growing, mid and tall flowering varieties. Our pick of the best at the nursery are deamii, 'Summerina Orange' & a fab tall variety called 'Prairie Glow'!

Salvias – again, a huge range with some stunning late flowering varieties. We love 'Amistad' a tall majestic plant brooding purple flowers with black calyx – also looking forward to a brand new variety of Amistad with magenta flowers called 'Amante'!

Asters (now reclassified as Symphiotrichon) – common name Michaelmas Daises give lasting colour from shades of pink, purple, blue & white. Our pick of the bunch are 'Little Carlow', 'Monch' and 'Beth Chatto'

Agastache – also known as giant Hyssop, a fabulous plant with aromatic foliage, long flowering season and attracts bees and insects. Be careful as a number of varieties are not hardy. We offer the following that are more reliable. 'Blue Fortune', 'After Eight', 'Black Adder' & a great new variety called 'Blue Boa'.

Anemone japonica – Japanese Anemone are great for late season colour. Our best sellers are 'Honorine Jobert', 'September Charm' and 'Dainty Swan'.

Ornamental Grasses – A huge range including front, mid and back of the border plants. Used in conjunction with flowering perennials they offer movement, height, transparency and add interest throughout the Winter months. We recommend Miscanthus 'Ferner Osten', Panicum 'Squaw', Pennisteum 'Karley Rose'.

September is a great month for planting perennials and shrubs. The ground is warm and hopefully some moisture in the ground after Autumn rain. This in turn leads to good root growth making the plant strong and sturdy ready for the Winter months. Come and see for yourself at our final public open weekend of 2019 – our last hoorah for the gardening season and the nursery will be rammed to the gunnels with lots of new & desirable plants! There will also be delicious home-made tea and cake served up the surrounds of the nursery garden. Open September 7th & 8th from 9am-5pm both days.

Simon Sutcliffe

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	54	12	29.5	111	55					
Hever												
2018	79	36	81	65.5	79	0	36	63	32	41	127.5	81
2019	23	56	45.5	12	24	90	63					
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	59.25	13.25	29	78.5	74.5					

Hall Bookings

Four Elms:
Village Hall
– Mr Leigh 01732 700514
Parish Rooms
John Southworth 01732 700670
Hever
– Mrs Ryan 01732 864168
Markbeech
– Mrs Paige 01342 850328

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September diary

1 Sept	**Falconhurst CC home match against Cowden**	1.30pm
7 Sept	**Men's Breakfast,** Markbeech Village Hall	8.30am
7 Sept	**Hever Barn Dance,** Hever Village Hall	
7 and 8 Sept	**How Green Nursery open day**	9am – 5pm
8 Sept	**Scarecrow Competition entry deadline**	
10 Sept	**Hop picking by hand, Larkins Brewery**	11 – 1pm
12 – 14 Sept	**Machine hop picking at Larkins Brewery**	8.30 am - 3pm
12 Sept	**Hever Parish lunch,** Village Hall,	12 for 12.30
14 Sept	**Ladies Breakfast,** MB Village Hall,	9am
14 Sept	**Eden Valley Museum guided walk of Edenbridge**	2.30 pm
15 Sept	**Falconhurst CC home match against Withyham**	1pm
17 Sept	**Hever Parish Council meeting,** Markbeech village hall	7.30pm
20 Sept	**Hopping in Kent talk** Eden Valley Museum	7.30 pm
21 Sept	**Bulk refuse freighter** 8am FE village hall then 9.30am Hever bottle bank	
21 Sept	**Falconhurst CC home match against Fordcombe**	1pm
24 Sept	**Markbeech Village Lunch,** MB village hall	12.30pm
27 Sept	**Four Elms Harvest Supper** Four Elms Village Hall	7.15 pm
29 Sept	**Falconhurst CC home match against Penshurst Park**	1pm
29 Sept	**Scarecrow Party,** Hever Village Hall	
28 and 29 Sept	**Hever Castle Triathlon**	
4 Oct	**Markbeech Harvest Cabaret Supper**	
10 Oct	**Hever Parish Lunch,** Village Hall,	12 for 12.30
22 Oct	**Markbeech Village Lunch** MB village hall	12.30pm
1 Nov	**Film Club, Paddington 2,** Hever Castle Golf Club, from	7pm
14 Nov	**Ladies Breakfast,** MB Village Hall,	9am
14 Nov	**Hever Christmas Fair,** Guthrie Pavilion Hever Castle	
14 Nov	**Hever Parish Lunch,** Village Hall,	12 for 12.30
21 Nov	**Hever Parish Council meeting,** Hever Village Hall	7.30pm
22 Nov	**Tom Tugendhat MP surgery** Eden Centre	3.15pm
23 Nov	**Markbeech Christmas Bazaar**	12 noon – 3pm
26 Nov	**Markbeech Village Lunch** MB village hall	12.30pm
30 Nov	**Rev Wendy Izod celebration and farewell service**	
20 Dec	**St Peter's Hever Carol Supper**	
25 Jan	**Grand Hever Quiz**	