# October 2019

# THE LINK

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# Welcome to the October Link

Welcome to the October Link. September was a busy month with Hever sprouting scarecrows everywhere (winners to be announced at the Residents Association's Scarecrow party on 29th) and the church Barn Dance stripping the willow late into the night. October sees the Halloween party and the Film Club begins on 1 November. Poppy is this month's pet of the month but Simon, our donkey Mr Tumble's new best friend, will be making an appearance soon.

The fruitfulness of the season brings out the apple recipe in me. This one is good for a pudding as well as a cake. For a 2lb loaf don't fill the cups and tablespoons more than about 3/4 full:

*Stir and set aside: 4 cups sliced apples (Bramley or similarly tart), 5 tablespoons demerara sugar, 3 tablespoons cinnamon. Make a batter by combining 4 eggs, one cup sunflower oil, 1/4 cup orange juice, 1 tablespoon vanilla extract. Then stir in 2 cups caster sugar, 3 cups SR flour and 3 teaspoons of baking powder.*

*Pour 1/3 batter into a greased tin, layer in 1/2 the apples, 1/3 batter, 1/2 apples and finish off with the remaining batter. Bake for about 1 hr 15 at about 180 degrees.*

Finally, don't forget the Link distributors' tea party in Hever Church on 13 October at 4pm. New supporters or interested subscribers are also very welcome.

Best wishes
**Joanna Wade**



**Pet of the month**

This is Poppy. Poppy came to live in Hever last November. She grew up in Romania but was abandoned and so, like Paddington, has come to live in England. She is slowly learning about the habits and manners expected of dogs in Hever and is trying to disprove the idiom that you can't teach an old dog new tricks.....

**Will and Lisa Cowell**

# Village Screen Film Club

The 2019/20 film season begins in November at the usual venue, Hever Castle Golf Club. Please note that the dates don't follow the usual pattern of the second Friday in the month. Our films will be:

**Friday 1 November**
**Paddington 2**
We thought we were showing it last March but ended up with Paddington 1 by mistake. This time it really, really will be Paddington 2. Much loved by all ages, it features the voices of Hughs Grant and Bonneville with Ben Whishaw as that bear.

**Friday 10 January**
**The Wife**
Glenn Close won a Golden Globe for her role as a supportive wife who begins to question her life choices when she travels to Stockholm with her narcissistic husband (Jonathan Pryce) who is about to receive the Nobel prize for literature.

**Friday 7 February**
**Letter to Brezhnev**
This is an excellent romantic comedy about two Liverpool girls in the late eighties who fall for two Russian sailors and try to contact them after they disappear back into the Soviet Union.

**Friday 6 March**
**Finding your feet**
When "Lady" Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in London with her estranged, older sister Bif. The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet. Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley star.

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 £3 for the film or £12 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.

## Eden Valley Museum Trust

**We need your help**

**Please join now and support your local Museum**

**Membership forms available at the Museum and online**

**www.evmt.org.uk**

**Annual membership: Adults £12, Family £24, Youth (under 18) £2.50**

**Also Museum Stewards are urgently required**

**A few hours once a month in the morning or afternoon and you could keep your Museum available for all**

**Please call 01732 868102 or email to curator@evmt.org.uk for further details**




# Toys Hill Archive Exhibition

**Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November**

Toys Hill Village Hall is pleased to open its history archive in November for a weekend intended to appeal both to local people and to those from further afield. Toys Hill and its historic Village Hall have strong links to Octavia Hill, the early days of the National Trust, Chartwell and other local estates. The archive of documents and photographs illustrates the changing character of village life and agriculture since the end of the 19th Century.

**The Toys Hill Village Hall will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm on both days. Free admission. Everyone welcome.**



CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

We had a wonderful day for our Country & Food Fair at the beginning of September, great weather and lots of lovely visitors. Thank you to all who came and supported us.

October is our last open month of the year so if you have been meaning to pop in and take a look around the museum or treat yourself in the tea room make sure you do so before the 30th October.

This half term we have Forest Jack's Forest School returning after a successful summer holiday club and Alive with Flavour are hosting a children's Halloween cookery event. Please see the website for more details and booking - www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**23rd November –** Christmas Fair. See the website for more details.

**Friday 8th to Monday 11th May 2020 –** Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival. Keep up to date with all the latest author line-up, activities and priority booking via Instagram @chiddlitfest or on Facebook 'chiddingstone castle literary festival' page.

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# All change at Chartwell Barns

After nine years the popular coffee shop has moved out to make way for the owners to develop their own business. They are planning to open up nearby shortly – for updates you can follow Elms Coffeeshop on Facebook and Instagram. The equine, garden and animal feed businesses carry on unchanged so our dogs and cats, horses, birds and sheep will not go hungry.....



## profile: Gustavus Meade-Waldo

**-the famous Hever ornithologist**

The Meade-Waldo family owned Hever Castle from 1841 until it was bought by the Astors at the end of the century. Edmund Wakefield Meade-Waldo inherited the Castle in 1841 but had no love for Hever. He lived in the north of England until buying and restoring Stonewall Park, three miles from the Castle. Hever became a working farm, being leased out to a series of tenant farmers. His grandson, Edmund Gustavus Bloomfield Meade-Waldo, who was born in 1855, became a famous ornithologist and conservationist.




Meade-Waldo was educated at Eton College (where his room was a menagerie of wild animals), and Magdalene College, Cambridge. He then spent his life managing the family's Stonewall Estate, as a Justice of the Peace for Kent and following his passion for ornithology (where would science be without rich self-funded men?).

He conducted fieldwork and collected birds in the Atlas Mountains of Moroc-co, the Canary Islands and Spain, the presumably-extinct Canary Islands oystercatcher Haematopus meadewaldoi being foremost among them. He was Vice-President of the British Ornithologists' Union in 1923 and was an active member of the Zoological Society of London, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Society for the Protection of the Fauna of the Empire and the Society for the Establishment of Nature Reserves.

He is credited with the successful introduction of little owls to Kent, introducing 40 breeding birds to Stonewall in 1879. They are now a common and unendangered species across the whole of Northern Europe. The British Ornithologists' Union comments that it was introduced from North Africa "by rich landowners who thought that the species would be a useful addition to our native avifauna". Fortunately they were right in that it seems to have filled a vacant niche and has not had a negative effect on native species.

Meade-Waldo's discovery of sandgrouse chick rearing behaviour in 1896 was for a long time discredited as fantasy. His acute observations noted male sandgrouse deliberately soaking their breast feathers in water and thus bringing water to his chicks in the nest. Sixty years later he was proved right.

and moved its head and neck from side to side in a peculiar manner". This sea serpent incident became famous and was not readily dismissed by sceptics because the observers were all prominent scientists.

Gustavus died in 1934 and is buried in Hever churchyard along with his wife Ada, a Commissioner in the Girl




In 1905 he accompanied the scientist James Lindsay, 26th Earl of Crawford and the naturalist Michael John Nicoll on their third voyage on Lindsay's yacht the Valhalla. Cruising off the Florida coast the men spotted a "large fin, or frill, sticking out of the water six feet in length" and then "A great neck rose out of the water in front of the frill

Guides Association. He is probably best known for his efforts to preserve the red kite in Wales – how proud he would be that once more there are red kites in the skies over Stonewall Park.

**Joanna Wade**

# Hever Rose And Horticultural Society Summer Show

The weather was in our favour on this Saturday which meant many visitors called during the afternoon to see the magnificent entries and the 'longed for' cup of tea and homemade cake.

Although the number of entries were just slightly less than previous years the standard, as usual, was excellent. How do the members manage to grow such lovely flowers with the 'up and down' weather we have experienced this summer? But they do and the result was seen at the show.

Some of Norman Greenaway's dahlias were fabulous – such a fascinating plant with intricate petal formation. Needless to say Norman won both the Dahlia cups, also the Master Gardener. Emma Scott won the Woollett Challenge Cup for the most points in the Domestic Classes and Joanna Wade won the Ridgewell Challenge cup for her jar of tomato chutney. She also entered some very interesting photographs and won the Tolfree Photographic cup .

Sue Eldridge won the best pot plant and Jean Mason won the David Woollett cup for the most points in the flower classes.



Jane Rosam (above) came up trumps with vegetables and salad produce and won the Penman cup. Sue Harvey and Carol Bowern each entered very artistic flower arrangements and won the Ryder Challenge cup. Last but not least – Tony Yates won the best exhibit in the Art and Craft classes entering a beautifully carved and detailed wooden jewellery box.

Well done to everyone who entered the different classes. Without your enthusiasm and support there would not be a show. Thank you all so much. Also to all who support HRHS in many different ways.

**Jan Tolfree**
Secretary
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Cleaner Wanted

For Hever Village Hall

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please call:
Lisa Cowell on 07917 307 452
to discuss. Thank you.



## what I do

**Paul Byrne and Jean Reader**
**Eden Valley Museum**
**House Manager and Deputy Manager**

The roles of House Manager and Deputy are largely administrative to ensure the Museum can function. They are varied and very interesting roles which is lucky because whilst the planned working hours are 16 per week we find many more hours are taken up by the 'unofficial' tasks.

As with most volunteer-based organisations the roles also, unofficially, involve filling gaps where there is no volunteer available to help. Most important is managing the volunteer rota to ensure that we stay open. With a minimum of two stewards per shift we need to cover between 72 and 90 hours per month. We have a solid base of regular volunteers, some providing up to 10 hours a month but we don't have enough to fill all the slots, so we are proud that we have only closed the Museum once in the last year. We hold an annual coffee and cake morning for volunteers to show our gratitude as without them the community would not have a Museum.

Membership administration is next highest on the list. The museum currently has 229 members made up of family, individual and corporate. The annual membership fees are an important stream of revenue and chasing payments and ensuring details are updated, gift aid claimed and membership data kept secure can take up significant time.

It is very busy behind the scenes at the Museum, with rare quiet moments. There are always projects underway for the next year's exhibitions, suppliers to handle, logistics to plan, posters and leaflets to distribute and DIY to do.

Although we are generously supported by local organisations, every year we have to find significant funds through our own fundraising. We do this via various events such as expert talks, out-reach sessions and approaching local and national organisations for donations and grants, without it we could not keep open, let alone run our wide ranging and varied exhibitions.

We produce the Museum newsletter for our members twice a year which during production provides a time of reflection on just what a busy year we have had.

By the time January comes around all in the Museum get a chance to relax as we close from around December 21st to the first Wednesday in February.

*The museum, which covers the whole of the Eden Valley and is well worth a visit, is at 72 High Street, Edenbridge (www.evmt.org.uk*)

# Hever Parish Council

**Hever Parish Council is in the process of setting its plans and budget for 2020 – 2021. We want to hear your views!**

**What is a parish council?**
A Parish Council will always attempt to make balanced, informed decisions, where it has statutory powers and duties to act, based on the differing needs of the whole community. Town and Parish Councils have a range of responsibilities including:

- representing local community interests, for example by commenting on planning applications
- supporting local organisations and activities, for example with grants
- providing amenities such as allotments, bus shelters
- control of litter, recreational grounds and playing fields and children's play areas
- looking after green spaces

Parish Councils have the power to raise money through taxation (the precept). The precept is the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax, which is collected by the District Council on their behalf. A Parish Council must hold at least four meetings a year, are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent.

In addition to our regular work and costs of parish life – emptying dog bins, looking after green spaces, considering and responding to planning and licensing applications (an increasing number of these), planning enforcement, flytipping – we also take much care in responding to consultations on everything from Gatwick to recycling, rural bus services to open spaces to medical centres, District and neighbouring Local Plans, all of which will impact on us as residents. We work with community and residents groups and continue to work with KCC Highways on any and every improvement that can realistically to made in the parish. We have been proud to also support local groups with grants and support the local film club, fund free family fun days over the Summer, bulk refuse collections, local litter picks (thanks to all the volunteers) and local Christmas events.

We depend on and appreciate local interest and input into the issues that the Council should be focusing on, we exist to serve the residents, that's you! Please continue to tell us what concerns you and what you think our priorites should be for 2020...email me, Charlotte Cole, the clerk (clerk@hever.org), come to a meeting or speak to your local councillor (see the website for a list of who we are). The dates of all our meetings are on the website hever.org, Facebook and the four noticeboards (at Hever station, the Hever parish field, Markbeech bus shelter and the Four Elms bus shelter). The next meeting is Thursday 21st November 7.30pm at Hever village hall. See www.hever.org for the Agenda.

**Charlotte Cole**
Parish Clerk

# schooltime

## news from Hever

We are now settled back into our new academic year at Hever and celebrating being a ONE FORM ENTRY SCHOOL! The children have come back to school with a renewed energy and readiness for learning and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

We welcomed our new Reception children and I know that all the older students remembered how they felt when they were that tiny and they did their utmost to make our newcomers and new parents feel very welcome and safe. In the mornings, Reception class, (Acorns) have been really engaged in their play both inside and outside. They have been collecting acorns that have fallen from the trees, building dens, riding the bikes, painting, drawing and creating small-world scenes with the animals and natural materials. The children have been making new friends and have joined the whole school for Worship and play times. Their Year 6 Buddies have been really kind to them at lunchtime and in the playground. The children are reading The Little Red Hen and enjoying acting out the story with their friends.

Year 2's topic in Elderberry Class is 'What Are Seasons?' and they are exploring how to recognise seasons, what changes occur and how seasons occur at different times depending on where you live in the world.

Hever Headboy and Headgirl accepted their first challenge by making a scarecrow to display at the front of our school. Our children are enjoying the adventure through Hever village to find all the scarecrows! The children have loved tracking down the straw stars and voting for their favourite.

**Joanna Stratton**

## news from Four Elms

The long summer holidays are over and the children are excited to be back at school with their friends in their new classes. Our new Reception class have settled in well to school life. Across the school, the children are already practising for our annual Harvest festival and appreciating our beautiful and bountiful countryside location.

**The Daily Mile**

The school has a new exciting daily event starting in September: The Daily Mile.

This is an initiative started in February 2012 by a Headteacher of a large Scottish primary school concerned about inactivity in her school. The project was so successful it was rolled out throughout Scotland and subsequently across the whole of the UK. The Daily Mile contributes towards the recommended hour that children should spend taking daily exercise in school.

Each class will go out every day in the fresh air to run or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes.

The Daily Mile is aimed at improving the children's wellbeing and physical, social, emotional and mental health. The physical activity will help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment, and, most importantly, the children really enjoy it!

**Please come to our charity coffee afternoon!**

For the past two years, Four Elms has hosted a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' initiative, and each year our fundraising efforts have increased. This year is no different. The children will be using mathematical knowledge, problem solving abilities and creativity to maximise profits and raise even more money for Macmillan.

The children wrote invitations to each other's parents, designed and administered questionnaires to determine interest in the event and the types of cakes people like, and created posters to be displayed locally.

The icing on the cake (quite literally) was a decorating masterclass held in school by a professional cake designer, teaching the children how to ice and decorate cakes.

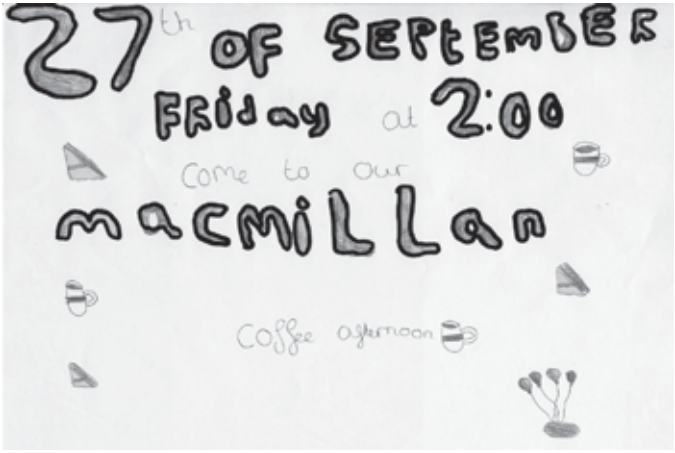
Please do come along to the school at 2pm on 27th September to support the children who have worked so hard to plan and host this event and raise money for Macmillan. In the words of one pupil: "If cakes and tea and coffee is your idea of heaven, then you had better make sure you come to our Macmillan coffee afternoon because the cake is the best in the whole world. Hope you can join us."

Who can say no to that?!

**Sporting news**

Our sports clubs have started back with new recruits and familiar faces and we hope to have another successful year of cross country running, football and netball.

**Nicole Holt**



## Sevenoaks council news

'Teach Yourself Farsi', a couple of Agatha Christies and a travelogue. What do they have in common? They've replaced the hitherto staple of my commute: The Today Programme. Stale tales of Brexit have been replaced with murder mysteries and thoughts of foreign climes. It's made the drive much more jolly!

Perhaps – unwilling as I am to subscribe to Audible, and not yet entirely sold on podcasts – audio books had just passed me by. Read on, though, if you have yet to give them a go.

This month's column had been going to be dedicated to something else entirely. That was until the other day when on the radio a lady spoke of free audio books from the library. Within minutes I'd downloaded my first whodunit!

Libraries undoubtedly present remarkable opportunities for learning. However there are downsides too: travel; opening hours; stock availability; and those plastic covers which merely reinforce one's fears about the two pages stuck together a third of the way through.

Public libraries both in the UK and abroad have been undergoing something of an identity crisis for a couple of decades. Various innovations have been tried to better meet the needs and expectations of their constituency. Incorporating coffee shops, community spaces and start-up hubs to name a few. But no one model has stood out.

What it transpires has taken off have been loans of works on e-readers, like a Kindle, and audio books. Both readily accessible from the comfort of one's home by downloading an app called Libby onto your Apple, Android or Windows device. Magazines and newspapers are also available for free with another app.

As you'll have seen, in this column I try to shy away from topics outside my remit. As your District Councillor, writing about libraries, a County Council function, is akin to a fireman holding forth about the ambulance service. Nonetheless, this free and convenient resource seemed worthy of promotion and praise.

As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything with which I might be able to assist.

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## news from the pews

Susie and I have enjoyed our time with you since May hugely and your welcome has been tremendous – thank you so much! We live in uncertain times. Politically, we watch and wonder at what is going on; locally, there is uncertainty surrounding the future of rural parishes in the Deanery – the report I have been writing will hopefully contribute positively to this.

I've interviewed about fifty people and had numerous ad hoc conversations. It's been wonderful how positively and kindly you've worked with me. Our time in the Three Spires is now coming to an end and by the time you read this I will have presented the results of my research to the United Benefice Council.

Personally, none of us knows what the future holds. St.Peter writes: Cast all your anxiety on (God) because he cares for you. Here's a prayer for the Nation from the Church of England we might use: God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

There are many good things where I believe God is working in the Three Spires. If you would like to see a summary of my research, please contact me by calling or texting 07802 809849 or email simonbraid@icloud.com. I also look forward to continuing to provide some support in the churches over the next few months. God bless you all

**Revd Simon Braid**

**Four Elms**

It was a great shock to enter St. Paul's Church on a sunny August morning and discover that we had been the victim of a robbery. The ornate brass pulpit rails were stolen from the stone stairs and a hanging candelabra in the sanctuary stolen. Fortunately one candelabra was left but two silver plate flower vases were stolen. The altar kneeling cushions were badly marked due to water damage from the flower vases.

You may query why the Church is left open each day. It is the policy of the PCC and Rochester Diocese that our Church is an open door to anyone and everyone. It was founded over 100 years ago as "The Little House of Goodwill" and it remains so to this day. Its interior decorations are considered, by academic Art Historians, to be a great example of the Arts and Crafts movement, founded by William Morris. All were gifts from generous residents of Four Elms Village and we are saddened that such a robbery has occurred, the first to our knowledge, at this time.

We continue to welcome all who wish to enter our beautiful Church and while "things" may have been stolen the heart of the Church is in good repair. We remain a place for all, for worship, for quiet private contemplation and to enjoy the craftsmanship of the late Victorian Arts and Crafts period.

On a happier note, a gentleman from Guernsey made a passing visit to St. Paul's Church telling us that as a boy of 10, in 1946, he pumped the organ. It was a delight to hear him reminisce on days past and a pleasure to welcome him back. As we enter October let us all enjoy "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" so beautifully penned, 200 years ago, by John Keats and not forgetting the conker month either.

**Christina Hodson**
Churchwarden

**Hever**

September was a busy month starting with the annual barn dance in aid of St Peter's. We were delighted to welcome over 100 people and even more delighted to raise £1,250 for church funds. Many thanks to all who helped with puddings, gazebos etc.

The weekend after saw the Hever bell ringers on the sponsored Ride and Stride bike ride in aid of Kent churches and St Peter's. We cycled from Cudham to Chiddingstone, over 20 miles and hope to have raised a good sum.

I hope you enjoyed "the Vicar is escaping" scarecrow hanging outside the tower and the lovely school crows, including the lollipop lady. And please come to the October Parish lunch on 10 October. You will be very welcome.

The harvest festival is on 6th October and we welcome donations of imperishable goods. Wendy's leaving service is on 30th November. It is a 4pm evensong and all are welcome.

**Jane Rosam**
Churchwarden

**Markbeech**

I have just returned from a magical holiday in Italy to hear the saddest news that Cecil Paynter has died. Cecil was the epitome of all that our community in Markbeech represents. He was a kind, gentle man who had Fiona and his family, the church and Falconhurst Cricket Club at the centre of his life. And he liked his food and wine. I am sure there will be a full obituary of Cecil's life in the Link. We will miss him terribly.

Another sad death in our community is that of David Skinner. David has lived in Hurst Green in a nursing home for the last few years but we remember him best when he was living with his dear wife Ellie at Buckhurst Farm. They were a delightful couple: David was an excellent farmer with a dry sense of humour, and Ellie the most perfect homemaker.

I was going to continue this with a comparison between the wonderful frescoes in Umbrian churches and our own beautiful chancel roof but I am afraid this piece of writing will continue to be sombre.

Along with our sister church in Four Elms we have been burgled. The church was open on Sunday after the family service and our two pretty brass chandeliers that hung above the aisle have been taken. As far as I can see nothing else has gone, thank goodness. It is a very sad fact that there is no respect for holy and spiritual spaces in this country. I do not think this would happen in Italy. The most remote churches are often open with their wonderful artefacts on display. It makes me wonder why this is so. I believe the church in this country has lost respect and we have a lot to do to try to regain

that. The Diocese is working hard to educate every level of church worker in good safeguarding practice and we, as a Benefice, need to promote this widely in order to regain trust. We must attempt to regain some optimism about our church. There are some good and positive events to look forward to in Markbeech which we very much hope you will be able to come and join in with, and encourage neighbours and friends too. We have our Village Harvest Supper on Friday 4th October at 7pm with a marvellous jazz singer and delicious supper; Harvest Festival in church on Sunday 6th October at 9.15am and our October Village Lunch will be on Tuesday 22nd October in Markbeech Village Hall at 12.30. All events are for all age groups - please come – we need you!

**Nicky Talbot**
Churchwarden

**Church House, Edenbridge**
The Eden Valley Museum, in the heart of Edenbridge, is housed in a medieval farm house once known as Doggett's Farm and now called Church House.

In 2020 the Eden Valley Museum will be launching an exhibition to celebrate its 20th birthday. We are looking for information about the past history of Church House.

**We are particularly interested in any personal memories from its various uses in the 20th century.**
We believe at one time it housed a dentist. Do you have any memories of going to that?
We believe a youth club was held here. Did you go to it?
It was also used as a private house. Do you know of anyone who lived here?
Do you know of any other uses it was put to?
If you have any memories, anecdotes or even photographs we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.
Please contact Claire Donithorn at curator@evmt.org.uk. Tel 01732 868102 address Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge, Kent. TN8 5AR



# Services October 2019

## Services rota

| Day | Date | Time | Church | Service | Sidesmen | Readers | Intercessions | Chalice |
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| Trinity 16 | 05 Oct<br>06 Oct | 17.30<br>09.15<br>11.00 | Hever<br>Markbeech<br>Hever | Wedding-David Wen & Sylvia Yen<br>Harvest Festival<br>Harvest Festival | Ricky Calvocoressi<br>Lisa & Will Cowell | Fiona Irens & Sophie Penn<br>Jane Rosam & Daryl Roxburgh | Nick Irens<br>Ana Roxburgh | Duncan West<br>Elly Heard |
| Trinity 17 | 13 Oct<br><br>19 Oct | 09.15<br>11.00<br><br>14.00 | Markbeech<br>Four Elms<br>Hever | Sung Eucharist<br>Parish Communion<br>Baptism-Ruu-Eden Parkin | Carol Bowern<br>Christina & John Hodson | Pennie Scott & Janey Cooper<br>Christina & John Hodson | Flora Nedelcu<br>Jill Linden | Vasile Nedelcu<br>Gill Lambert |
| Trinity 18 | 20 Oct | 08.00<br>09.15<br>10.30<br>16.00 | Four Elms<br>Markbeech<br>Hever<br>Four Elms | Holy Communion BCP<br>Family Service<br>Café St Peters<br>Evensong | Richard Bennett<br>Bain Family<br>Café team<br>Christina & John Hodson | Gill Lambert<br>Alexander Irens<br><br>Christina & John Hodson | Kitty West | |
| Last Sunday after Trinity<br>All Souls | 27 Oct<br><br>02 Nov | 08.00<br>11.00<br>16.00 | Hever<br>Four Elms<br>Hever | Holy Communion BCP<br>Parish Communion<br>Service of Prayer & Reflection | Ian Yarnold<br>Mary & John Proctor<br>Elly Heard & Andrew Izod | Ian Yarnold<br>Mary Procter & Steven Short<br>Jane Rosam & Robin Rouse | Marion Purll | Gill Lambert |
| 4th before Advent | 03 Nov | 09.15<br>11.00 | Markbeech<br>Hever | Sung Eucharist<br>Parish Communion | Ricky Calvocoressi<br>Pat Evemy & Robin Rouse | James Calvocoressi & Carol Bowern<br>Robin Rouse & Andrew Izod | Duncan West<br>Elly Heard | Liz Kaberry<br>Jane Rosam |

## Lectionary readings October 2019

| Date | OT | Psalm | NT | Gospel | Sunday |
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| 06 Oct | Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 | 100 | Philippians 4: 4-9 | John 6: 25-35 | Trinity 16 |
| 13 Oct | 2 Kings 5:1-3 & 7-15c | 111 | 2 Timothy 2: 6-15 | Luke 17: 11-19 | Trinity 17 |
| 20 Oct | Genesis 32: 22-31 | 121 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Luke 18: 1-8 | Trinity 18 |
| 27 Oct | Isaiah 45: 22-end | 119: 129-136 | Romans 15: 1-6 | Luke 4: 16-24 | Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity) |

## From the register

**Baptisms**

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| 11-Aug | Archie Wadham | Markbeech |
| 17-Aug | Aria and Elsa Huffington-Shinn | Hever |
| 18-Aug | Lily Honey Briggs | Hever |
| 01-Sep | Ralph Rowan | Markbeech |
| 15-Sep | Lily and Daisy Johnson | Hever |
| 22-Sep | The Francis Family | Four Elms |

**Weddings**

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| 20-Jul | Zita Moniz & Dave Andrews | Hever |
| 31-Aug | Will Southgate & Natasha Gibson | Markbeech |
| 07-Sep | Caroline Seely & James Faulkner | Hever |
| 21-Sep | Karen Puxty & Matthew Braiden | Four Elms |

**Funerals**

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|---|---|---|
| 07-Aug | Lucy Adams | Markbeech |
| 09-Aug | Graham Clapp | T Wells |

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## It's all in the preparation

As autumn sets in sometimes we feel like putting the garden to bed and heading indoors, but maybe you could be tempted otherwise.

October is upon us, the warmth of the sun is fading, it's a wonderful time to reflect but also to prepare. There is much to do to be ready for next year and a little work now will get you ahead and lead to well performing plants.

It is time to take stock of what has done well this year and what has not and to consider the plant combinations in your borders, this month is good for moving plants and adding any new plants.

Divide herbaceous perennials that have grown happily for a few years and have now filled their space. By dividing into new plants you can pot them up or plant straight away into a new area, the soil is warm and the roots will establish over winter providing good healthy plants for next year. Free plants are always welcome!

Autumn sowing is suitable for annuals that tolerate frost. Some of these annuals can be sown directly in the ground, and will withstand most frosts. Others are not quite so robust – they can be direct sown, but covered with cloches or horticultural fleece when frost is forecast.

Alternatively, they can be sown in pots and kept frost-free over winter. I love to sow forget-me-nots, sweet peas and other hardy annuals to give an early show in spring.

Tidying the garden by clearing some leaves and pruning out dead wood is well worth the effort and a final trim on hedging to keep a crisp edge helps give definition to the garden.

Keep the late flowering plants such as dahlias and roses going by continuing to dead head, as soon as the plants set seed they will stop flowering.

Weed and tidy through your beds and leave everything to die slowly allowing wildlife to enjoy your garden as much as you do whilst finding shelter and food.

Planning for the next season is the fun part and we now have to look forward to Winter, thinking of bulbs from January with winter aconites to tulips and alliums for the Spring border. Adding other winter flowering plants such as Hellebores and Christmas box will give your garden a seasonal boost. The best bit about this, is that it can be done indoors, so do enjoy browsing through those catalogues!

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## Benefice monthly rainfall in millimeters

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| **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 | 27 | | | | |
| **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 | 28.5 | | | | |
| **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 | 38.5 | | | | |

## 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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# October diary

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| 27 Sept | **Hever School's Macmillan coffee morning** Hever golf club | 9am - 1pm |
| 27 Sept | **Four Elms School's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** Four Elms School | 2pm |
| 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 | 3-5pm |
| 28 and 29 Sept | **Hever Castle Triathlon** | |
| 4 Oct | **Markbeech Harvest Cabaret Supper** | |
| 5 Oct | **Men's breakfast** Markbeech village hall | 8.30am |
| 10 Oct | **Hever Parish Lunch,** Village Hall, | 12 for 12.30 |
| 13 Oct | **Link distributors tea party,** St Peter's | 4pm |
| 16 Oct | **HRHS talk, More Garden Interest for Less Effort** | 8pm |
| 19 Oct | **Artisan bread making course** at Bore Place | 10am- 4pm |
| 22 Oct | **Apple Fun Morning for children** at Bore Place | 9.30 - 12.30pm |
| 22 Oct | **Markbeech Village Lunch** MB village hall | 12.30pm |
| 31 Oct | **Halloween Party,** Hever Village Hall | 3.30- 6pm |
| 1 Nov | **Film Club, Paddington 2,** Hever Castle Golf Club, from | 7pm |
| 2 Nov | **Poppy Appeal recital** Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row | 2pm |
| 9 Nov | **Ladies Breakfast,** MB Village Hall, | 9am |
| 9 Nov | **Glass Fusing workshop** at Bore Place | 10am - 4pm |
| 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 |
| 16 Nov | **Artisan Sourdough course** at Bore Place | 10am - 4pm |
| 16 and 17 Nov | **Toys Hill Archive exhibition** Toys Hill village hall | 11am- 4pm |
| 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 |
| 23 Nov | **Chiddingstone Castle Christmas Fair** | 10 - 4pm |
| 26 Nov | **Markbeech Village Lunch** MB village hall | 12.30pm |
| 27 Nov | **Hever Hort AGM,** Hever Village Hall | 8pm |
| 28 Nov | **Christmas Wreath Making** at Bore Place | 10am - 2pm |
| 30 Nov | **Rev Wendy Izod celebration and farewell Evensong** | |
| 1 Dec | **Cowden Christmas Fayre,** Cowden Memorial Hall | 12-3pm |
| 14 Dec | **Christmas Artisan Chocolate making** at Bore Place | 10am - 4pm |
| 12 Dec | **Hever Parish Lunch,** Hever Village Hall, | 12 for 12.30 |
| 14 Dec | **Village carols,** St Peter's Hever, | 6pm |
| 20 Dec | **St Peter's Hever Carol Supper** | |
| 10 Jan | **Film Club, The Wife** | 7pm |
| 25 Jan | **Organic Vegan cookery course** at Bore Place | 10am - 4pm |
| 25 Jan | **Grand Hever Quiz** | |