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THE LINK







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Welcome to the June Link

June is bustin' out all over - at last. After a slow spring, the grass is vibrant and the bluebells have been spectacular. Ladies' smock, delicate and hard to photograph. has been everywhere and June's full moon on 3rd will be a strawberry one. In the art world those who failed to get tickets for the fabulous Vermeer exhibition in Amsterdam enjoyed him in East Grinstead instead - in the cinema! He painted "scenes that make the clock stop ticking".

The last month saw a successful coronation party at the Castle - grateful thanks to the Hever Residents Association, Hever Parish Council, the Festival Theatre and the Castle. It also saw some confusion in the car park at Hever station. Penalties have been levied against drivers dropping off passengers well within the free 30 minutes - do appeal if you have been sent a penalty notice.

The car park, number 2783, is "cashless" which means paying by electronic means... the QR code for Apcoa (the company running it) features large on the signs at the station. It is an alchemy of a square which, if you hover the camera of a smartphone over it, will reveal the Apcoa website enabling you to pay. Alternatively you can follow the ubiquitous advice and "Download the App" of Apcoa direct" or pay via the website apcoaconnect.com. There is a phone number (01895 262122) but it expects you to be able to receive texts on your phone (which you can usually do even on a landline). The good news is that you can book the space before you arrive in the car park and also after you have hopped on the train.

But all in all it requires courage to embrace the electronic age. Good luck, grasp with confidence as with a nettle! If in a panic ring the editors and we will talk you through it!

Joanna Wade



pet of the month

Teddy is a 4 year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier who came to live in Hever in November 2022.

He had been found straying and was turned over to the dog warden so had to serve his statutory time in the dog pound for 7 days. Nobody came forward for him, he was unwanted and homeless, which made for a very unhappy Teddy.

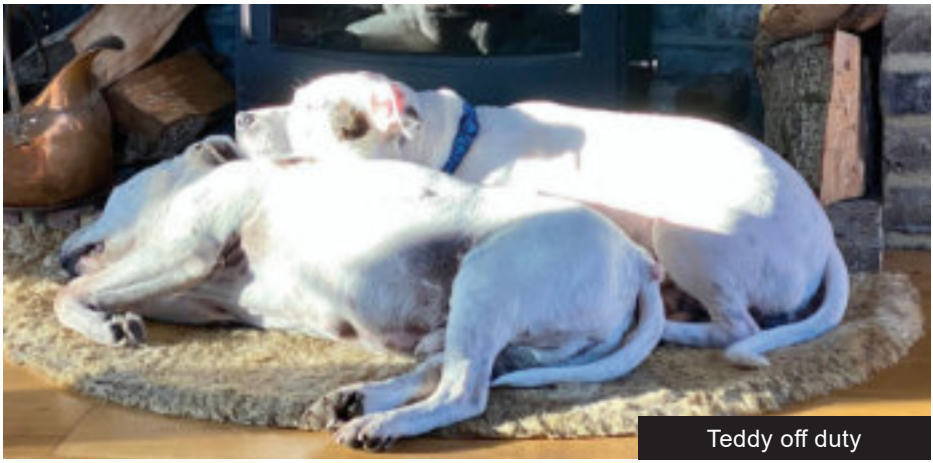
Despite his unknown beginnings, he chose to pick himself up and put his best paw forward and integrate himself into village life with much enthusiasm.

Teddy now lives happily alongside an elderly gentleman staffie and two greyhounds. Being a young lad he still has a lot to learn and is currently working hard on his manners and social skills. His work and enthusiasm to learn is paying off, so much so that he has now taken on the responsibility of delivering the monthly Link magazine. The responsibility of having a job gives him a sense of achievement and he seems delighted with his monthly pay packet of gravy bones.



Link delivery agent

Janet Lindsay



Teddy off duty

desert island whisks

The Norwegian cheese slicer or 'Ostehøvel' (pronounced 'Urst-er-val') is one of my favourite kitchen implements and is also the first one I was given as a student. It was invented in 1927 and the design is based on the carpenter's plane. Most Scandinavians have several in their kitchen drawer. As my mother was Norwegian, we all learnt to use one from an early age to cut any cheese but especially 'Gjetost' a brown, sweet tasting Norwegian cheese that is an acquired taste!

Today my cheese slicer has other uses - shaving off slices of fridge-hard butter in an attempt to soften it speedily or cutting thin slices of cucumber for summer salads. It cuts slices of cheese beautifully (and economically!) for sandwiches.

We have several different designs of cheese slicers. Some have wooden handles and others are made entirely of steel.

We even have a reindeer head design that the children particularly like! We refer to it as our 'Gjetost slicer' and my five older grandchildren pictured here are now using or learning how to use it ready to teach their new born brothers and sisters to use this most versatile and well used implement.

Susie Braid







MEET THE VILLAGE!

Saturday 3 June between 10.30am and 1pm

Hever Village Hall

If you're interested in learning more about our village community then come to "Meet the village".

Various village organisaÅon, clubs, groups and small businesses will be showcasing what they do. Come and meet their members and who knows - you may even be interested enough to get involved!

We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes at the drop in event.

The Hever Village Hall commiÊee will also be displaying a model showing what the new hall will look like and asking you how you would like to use it.

If you would like a table to exhibit, please contact Lisa Cowell on 07917 307 452.

Do come and join us to help build, support and grow our local community.



what I do

My stained glass hobby started when I was 24. My friend, a local stained glass artist, had made glass panels for every door in her Victorian house, and Tiffany style lamps lit every room. I loved the way that the glass panels made the house glow from front to back, and decided that I wanted to learn how to make those panels too! I soon enrolled on a beginners course at Battersea college, and in six sessions I had made my first, slightly wonky, leaded panel. I was hooked!

Our kitchen table became my makeshift workshop where I practised cutting glass, and I learned the copper foil technique, which is my favourite method as it's much quicker than using lead, and you can make more intricate designs. Copper foil is used to make smaller items such as suncatchers and Tiffany style lamps.

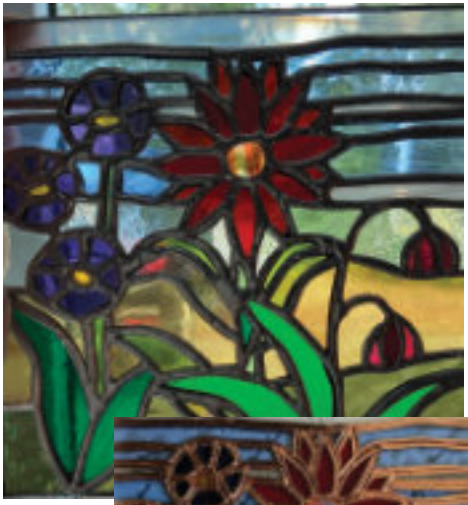
Stained glass can be an expensive hobby for a beginner, as you need different tools to make copper foil and lead panels. Glass can also be expensive, especially red and orange hues, which contain small amounts of gold. So, I never throw away glass unless it becomes too small to work with.

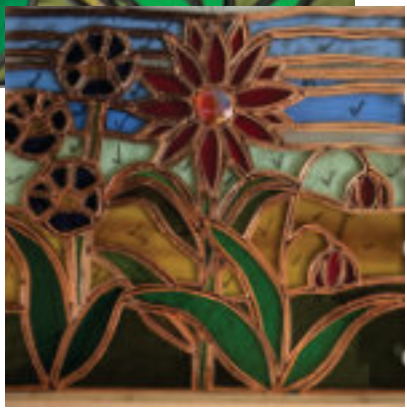
When I started I made simple panels, then more complex fairies and angels, often soldering in pieces of jewellery sourced from charity shops to make each piece unique. As my confidence grew I made a Tiffany style lamp and fan lamps. Due to a house move and lack of space my tools and glass went into storage for over ten years, but when we moved to Markbeech in 2021, my husband Mark built me a workshop in the garden. I fell in love with glass again, and due to our surroundings, found that I was more inspired by nature. I first made the panel shown in the picture, and also enjoy making birds, dragonflies, butterflies and fish. I had a stall at the Markbeech Winter Fair, which I hope to attend again this year.

Copper Foil method

In this technique, the glass is laid over a drawn template, cut to size, rough edges are removed with grozing pliers or a glass grinder, then sticky copper foil tape is applied to the edge of each piece of glass. Liquid flux is then applied where the glass pieces meet, and solder is melted in a neat seam to bond the pieces together. A hanging hook is then applied.

Karen Thomas
Harewood Stained Glass, Markbeech
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The coronation party at the castle

Four hundred came,
it was quite a party,
The kids made crowns
- so very arty,
The church bells rang out
clear and strong,
The guns saluted
to the throng,
Picnics enjoyed and
sparkling wine,
The day was all together
fine -
"God save the King" they
sang together
Oblivious of the wobbly
weather.



Yellow Bikes And Bunting
– 'Art In June' Is Back!

From the 2nd till the 18th of June, loca studios and venues will open their doors and welcome you to meet the artists and makers; catch up with the work they've been doing; and even maybe join in a workshop.



Just look out for the yellow bikes to guide you to a huge variety of creative products In many styles and forms.

In our area, you can make an easy tour of the local artistic venues: Jessops Farm and Chequers Cottages at Bough Beech; The Red House at Hever are all familiar names. The Barn at Falconhurst is in its third year at Markbeech. At Penshurst we have The Old Diary, Anna Clark is In Cowden and Watstock Farm has opened up as a brand-new studio/venue near Wellers Town.

Visit artinjune.org for all details and a taste of the art on show from each artist.



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little house of goodwill

In 1868 Four Elms had two religious establishments – a Congregational Chapel built in 1831 and a corrugated iron structure which served the Anglican community.

People had longed for a 'proper' church building and when the new curate arrived in the late 1870's, a committee was set up to raise funds for a more traditional permanent building. The cost of building the church was £4,500, most of it raised by the goodwill of local people.

The 500 strong community pulled together with all kinds of fund-raising schemes. Young and old, rich and poor, worked toachieve a common goal. The new curate, Rev. Alphonsus Klamborowski, was one of the driving forces, and he worked tirelessly with and for his parishioners, who responded magnificently.



St Paul's in 1920

Building began in 1881. The architect was Edwin Hall, later famous as the designer of Liberty's in London. He was a young man then and the parish church of St. Paul was an early commission which surely set the standard for what was to come. It was built in Early English style and consisted of chancel, nave, transepts, an apsidal baptistery and a bell turret with a spire. St.Paul's was one of the first churches to be built of reinforced concrete which was then faced with sandstone.

The interior was finished in the Arts and Crafts style in vogue at the time, led by the designer William Lethaby, a young man, who had rubbed shoulders with William Morris and Phillip Webb. How fortunate that these two up and coming architects were to be responsible for the design of the new church. Lethaby designed a wonderful screen which divided the nave from the chancel and he also installed a reredos carved in Torquay Marble from his native Devon. The reredos represents the Adoration of the Magi, a very fine early example of his work. Stained glass windows and a later rose window were installed funded by various benefactors, adding to the already beautiful interior.

By the time building began, the curate, had become the incumbent. The Rev.

Klamborowski was appointed vicar in 1881. His Living, in the gift of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was £180. It does not seem a lot, but the average wage at the time was just £56, and an ordinary working man could expect to earn £46.

In 1881 Rev. Klamborowski had a wife but no children and he lived at Five Fields House on Five Fields Lane. He was a very interesting character and was beloved by his 'flock'. Born in London in 1835, the son of Polish immigrants, his father, a jeweller, brought up Adolphus and his three younger siblings in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Adolphus earned his living as a teacher but eventually chose a career in the church soon after he married in 1863, starting as a curate in Hinckley, Leicestershire and later a village in Dorset. By the time he became the vicar of Four Elms he was 45 years old.

Rev. Klamborowski was very active in the community and fought hard to improve the lives of his parishioners. He led a successful campaign for fresh water to be brought to Four Elms as he believed this was essential to avoid frequent epidemics of waterborne disease, and Four Elms had a good water supply by the late 1890's. The reverend was also instrumental in the building of a National School opposite the church in 1895 on land donated by Mr. H. Williams of Boons. The building could cater for 80 children, taught by a Master and a Mistress. He helped to establish the Four Elms Benefit Society which paid out money to people if they were ill or out of work. This all added to the feeling of a caring society in Four Elms. He presided over flower shows and fetes becoming part of the fabric of the place.



St Paul's today

In late 1903 he became ill and was unable to perform many of his duties. He died on August 18th, 1905.

His funeral, on Thursday August 24th was very well attended, and he was clearly well loved and respected in the community. He was laid to rest in Edenbridge Parish Churchyard. His wife lived on at Five Fields house for almost 20 more years. She died in 1924 having continued to play a part in the life of the village.

Stella Carroll

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new growth at Hever primary

We are fortunate that our school is in such a beautiful setting and even more fortunate to have a band of enthusiastic parent volunteers who help to ensure we get the very best from it! This includes supporting weekly Forest School and, more recently, redeveloping our kitchen garden. We are also very grateful for the generosity of local companies who have donated railway sleepers, compost and plants, to enable us to renovate our raised beds.



I write this at the start of Mental Health Awareness Week, which this year focuses on anxiety. We know that spending time in nature has a positive impact on our mental health and is, in fact, one of the steps recommended by the Mental Health Foundation to reduce anxiety. The idea of using gardening or horticulture, to improve wellbeing, mood and the general welfare of people is a well-established one. Taken in its simplest form, merely being outside, enjoying the greenery and the surroundings can be therapeutic. Added to this are a wide range of learning opportunities linked to the curriculum, along with the chance to develop children's communication and socialisation and to improve strength and coordination. Giving children the responsibility of caring for seedlings, cuttings or even their own small plot, also gives them the opportunity



to learn how to care for other living things. This is turn can help them to be aware of their own needs and the needs of others.

With all the publicity surrounding the 'challenging' KS2 tests last week, it is important that schools offer a broad and balanced curriculum, recognising the benefits and wider opportunities that can be offered through activities like Forest School and gardening. It is also important that we teach children how to look after their mental health, along with their physical health, and at Hever Primary we are maximising our use of the great outdoors to positively contribute to both!

Helene Bligh
Headteacher

news from Four Elms primary

The King's Coronation

Four Elms certainly enjoyed the Coronation celebrations. Our wonderful PTA provided us with a tea party on the Friday before the Coronation, which the children enjoyed outside as a whole school. In the afternoon, the children sang the National Anthem and then showcased the crowns they had made at home in a parade. After that, our year 6 children led a carousel of activities for the school to enjoy which included: pin the crown on the King, royal skittles, limbo, stamp making and musical statues. It was a great community event and we were pleased that the sun stayed out!



Year 5 Residential

As part of our key stage two residential programme, the children in Year 5 went to Carroty Wood where they spent three days enjoying nature and completing a variety of challenges. The children showed incredible courage as they conquered the low ropes and the high ropes. They also enjoyed abseiling, pedal karting, swimming and den building. We look forward to continuing our residential programme with year 4 next term who will be having a sleepover at a soft play adventure centre and year 6 who will be visiting the Isle of Wight.



Jess Fermor
Head of School

Hever Parish Council

I recently drove around the Parish to put the agenda for the forthcoming meeting up on the boards. The sun was shining and the birds were singing. The sunlight however, highlighted some of the parish assets are in need of a spring clean!

Over the summer the notice boards will be cleaned and restored, the play equipment will be safety checked and maintained where needed.

I am delighted to report the Four Elms pond repairs are now complete with the final piece being the meticulously painted fingerpost. The pond scene really does look quite splendid!

It has been a very busy few months. The Parish, Town and District Elections



are now over, with Hever Parish Council having an uncontested election. Our Parish Councillors have now completed the necessary paperwork to commence their term of office. The internal audit was carried out and the resulting AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) for 2022-2023 signed off by HPC. Whilst writing, we are shortly meeting with the Kent Highways Team for the long awaited update on the Four Elms crossroads and feedback on general road safety concerns HPC have raised. We will update the community on the outcome as soon as we can.

Each year Hever Parish Council have a small amount of funding in order to provide financial assistance to a range of organisations, projects, and activities, which provide services for local residents. The Grant Application form can be found on the hever.org website http://hever.org/parish-council/hever-parish-council-community-support-grants or contact me for more information.

Please visit the hever.org website to view more detailed information such as; Agendas, Minutes, Planning, Financial and Audit information. Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th July - Four Elms Village Hall 7.00 pm Planning and Full Council at 7.30 pm

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Church in June

Owing to the timing of Patronal Festivals, our normal pattern of services differs slightly in June. Please watch out for any late changes with details of services below and also at https://threespires.wordpress.com/2021/06/08/our-next-service/

Date & time	Service details	Readings	Sunday
4th June 10am	Patronal Festival at Holy Trinity Markbeech	Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20	Trinity Sunday
11th June 8am	BCP Morning Prayer at St Peter's Hever	Job 29:11-16; John 15:12-17	Trinity 1
11th June 10am	Holy Communion at St.Paul's Four Elms with baptism	Job 29:11-16; Acts 11:19-30; John 15:12-17	Trinity 1
11th June 4pm	Forest Church at St.Peter's Hever	Building	Trinity 1
18th June 8am	Said BCP Holy Communion at St.Paul's Four Elms	1 John 3:13-24; Luke 14:16-24	Trinity 2
18th June 10am	Family Service at Holy Trinity Markbeech	The wise man built his house upon the rock	Trinity 2
25th June 10am	Patronal Festival at St.Peter's Hever	Ezekiel 3:22-27; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Matthew 16:13-19	Trinity 3
25th June 3pm	Edenbridge churches Joint service at Rickards Hall		Trinity 3

Our weekly Zoom and in person Bible studies continue on Mondays at 6pm and 8pm and Zoom Evening prayer on Thursdays at 6pm.

For details of all these please contact Simon or see our website or Facebook page.

Please contact any of us if you would like prayer or to talk to someone during this time or any other help.

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our rector's thoughts

June is a great month for sport: the FA cup, the start of the Ashes series, the Derby and from the start of July Wimbledon. We'll doubtless enjoy marvelling at exceptional and amazing performances. But in the end, there is just one winner and many losers. My own experience at competitive horse riding in the past often ended in humiliating failures!

Modern society puts an unprecedented emphasis on the potential of the individual. A recent study found that the phrases 'believe in yourself' and 'express yourself' occur twice as frequently in modern books than 50 years ago. Whilst it is good to encourage young people to fulfil their potential, there is evidence that the increase in anxiety and depression may in some cases be attributed to the collision of dreams of personal distinctiveness with the realities of life – such as in sport – which rewards only a few.

In the end we all experience failure of some kind. The result is then discouragement, a loss of courage and an unwillingness to take risks.

There are many great quotes about failure, but few better President Theodore Roosevelt's made in 1910 in Paris: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Our church in Hever is dedicated to St.Peter, who failed on a huge scale. He denied Jesus three times, after totally denying that he would ever deny him (see Mark 14:66-72)! Yet Peter the failure met the risen Jesus, was recommissioned by Him, filled with the Holy Spirit and became one of the great pillars of the Church. Was he a failure? Yes and no. Most importantly, he was forgiven, and loved, and defined by God. And that can apply to all of us.

This is the message of the Cross: The tree of shame has become the tree of glory; and, where life was lost, there life has been restored."

God bless you all

Simon

news from the pews

Markbeech

This is being written on Saturday 6th May and my sister and I have been watching the Coronation of Charles III on television since it all began this morning. We both remember 1953 when our parents bought our first tiny black and white television and we watched the Coronation of a very young Queen Elizabeth.

Its been overcast and damp all day and although it was a shame not to see all the magnificence of the procession gleaming brightly in brilliant sunshine, it was rather a relief to binge watch the whole thing from start to finish from the sofa and not feel guilty about not doing anything constructive outside! What a magnificent occasion and how brilliantly as a nation we do it all. The months and probably years of preparation and planning involved is incomprehensible. The Service from Westminster Abbey was simply beautiful and the choice of music inspiring. The bringing together of people from all walks of life and from different nations and different beliefs felt very unifying. Long live King Charles and Queen Camilla.

It is now 7th May and we had a lovely Coronation Service at Four Elms Church with Charles Talbot conducting the choir singing John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth' accompanied by Tim Higgs on the organ. The children's choir joined in and we had a delightful opening hymn by the young choir accompanied by some very talented young violinists. It was great to see a full church and afterwards we were treated to a delicious glass of fizz to celebrate.

In the evening, to cap it all, there was a dazzling concert from Windsor Castle to enjoy, celebrating arts and music set off by an amazing light show. There was a definite theme for conserving this planet, which of course, is one of King Charles's great passions.

Lynne Rowan
Churchwarden

Four Elms

A momentous occasion. A coronation of a sovereign and his consort. I hope you enjoyed the spectacular coverage. Here in St. Paul's we celebrated with a wonderful Benefice service, thanks to Markbeech choir, followed by celebratory drinks.
It was a joy to have the choral music beautifully sung by both senior and junior choirs, accompanied by our organist Tim Higgs and two young, talented, violinists, under the direction of Charles Talbot. Likewise, we must thank Pauline and Virginia for their beautiful flowers. Thank you to everyone.

No mow May! I wonder how many of you were able to adhere to this ecological request. A neatly mown lawn is a very English habit and considered to be the essence of good gardening. Not the easiest request for those who take a pride in their manicured lawn. But wildlife will love you for it and the wild, natural, flowers really are delightful.

Four Elms@4 (our Family Service) continues for the next few months, with a

break in the summer. It is a friendly family service with activities and refreshments. Do join us at St Paul's. Similarly, "Enjoy a cuppa" in the church continues on the second Tuesday of the month. Please drop in and chat with local friends.

How could I possibly complete my news without a mention of the Four Elms Village Fete. We have a children's coronation crown competition and you are very welcome to wear your own crown to the Fete (dogs as well!!). As usual I am asking politely for home baked cakes for the Tea Tent, bottles for the Bottle Tombola, smart bric a brac and, of course, your presence at the Fete. If you are able to help on the day in any capacity, please leave a message on our landline 01732 700247.

Christina Hodson
Churchwarden

From the register
Funerals

24th April at Hever
Janice Elizabeth Green aged 74

Hever

St Peter's will be hosting a table at the meet the village morning on Saturday 3rd June. You can find out about our different types of services, the Friends of St Peter's and our bell ringers.

The next Parish lunch will be held on Thursday 8th June starting at 12.30. We normally have around 24 people and serve soup, fruit and a delicious home- made cake. Everyone in the Parish is very welcome but it would be helpful for catering, if you can, to let us know that you are coming or have any special dietary requirements.

Our Patronal service will be on Sunday 25th June at 10am. This is our yearly celebration of St Peter who was chosen to be patron saint of Hever Parish.

We are looking for volunteers to help with running, setting up and taking down of our Barn Dance and BBQ, can you help? Please contact myself or Ana Roxburgh for more information.

Mandy Yarnold
Churchwarden



gardening

June is often referred to as 'Flaming June'! After one of the wettest, coolest Springs for many a year I think we could all do with some sun on our backs and I know our gardens and plants could do with some warmth! With the less than favourable weather plants have been around three weeks behind where they should normally be. We have first hand experience of this with our Chelsea Flower Show growing this year. It's been one of the toughest years we've encountered for a while!

May is a strange month to hold the premier flower show in the world – the Spring plants are coming to an end leaving a gap in May before the early Summer plants come to fruition. We're normally having to force our plants on under tunnels to give them the warmth and impetus to bloom in time. This year we've had to grow under glass for increased temperatures. The downside to this is that plants can get stretched, leading to soft growth and brittle plants.

Growing for Chelsea is such a time consuming exercise!! We're growing plants upwardly of 5-6 months to look great for one day – judging day!! It's a loss leader for us physically growing the plants, because it's difficult to put a price on the hours spent tending them. Why do it I hear you ask??! It's a great form of advertising. Our graphed up vans heading in and out of the show ground help give exposure to the business. The show has introduced us to some of the countries top-notch garden designers who use us for their day jobs.

The Chelsea team here at How Green performed miracles and most of what we were asked to grow came to fruition. We were a little stretched as we grew for two show gardens, two trade stands & two balcony gardens. The show gardens were in a new category called 'All About the Plants' with the emphasis heavily on the plants rather than the hard landscaping, so no hiding as far as our plants are concerned! 'The Sadlers Wells East Garden', sponsored by Project Giving Back & designed by Alexa-Ryan Mills and 'The Natural Affinity Garden' for Aspens, designed by Camellia Taylor are two gardens to look out for when the medals are dished out. Chelsea is a fantastic spectacle and the premier garden show in the world. We all know that it's not 'real' gardening, but we can take ideas either plants or layout and introduce them to our own gardens.

Simon Sutcliffe



Benefice monthly rainfall in millimeters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
FOUR ELMS												
2021	134	46	30	6	56	79	45	54	41	121	21	78
2022	22	55	27	7	58	12	7	36	79	75	201	86
2023	60	9	105	83								
HEVER												
2021	127	42	41.5	5	65.5	84	61	73	41	139	14.5	87.5
2022	16.5	44	22.5	2	62	19	15	39	85.5	58	195	80
2023	80	2	111	93.5								
MARKBEECH												
2021	120	40	51	4	55.5	38.5	48	0	39	141	11.5	86
2022	21	80	23	12	55.5	21	3	0	82	76	226	114
2023	90	4	123	105								

Hall Bookings

Four Elms:
Village Hall
– Kevin Haydon 07787 394 806
Parish Rooms
– John Southworth 01732 700670
Hever
– Mrs Ryan 01732 864168
Markbeech
– Mrs Paige 01342 850328

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June diary

Until 10 November

Exhibition: Catherine and Anne: Queens, Rivals, Mothers, Hever Castle

25 May **Parish Assembly,** Markbeech Village Hall 7pm

29 May **Falconhurst NGS Open Garden** 11am – 5pm 2

June (until 18th) **Art in June**

2 June **Wildlife Gardening Club, Wildflowers for Pollinators,** Bore Place, free 10-1pm

3 June **Meet the Village,** Hever Village Hall 10.30 - 1pm

8 June **Hever Parish Lunch,** Hever Village Hall 12.30pm

13 June "**Enjoy a Cuppa"** at Four Elms Church

17 June **Traditional Craft Fair,** Eden Valley Museum 10am – 2.30pm

17 June **Chamber Choir concert, Stile Antico,** Edenbridge Parish Church –7pm

17 June **Music for a Summer evening,** Forest Row Parish Church 7.30pm

24 June **Dinner Jazz**, Hever Castle Golf Club 7.30 pm

1 July **Hever School Fete,** Parish Field Hever 11.30 – 3.30pm

7 July **Wildlife Gardening Club**, **Camera Trapping,** Bore Place, free 10-1pm

8 July **Four Elms Village Fete,** Church Meadows Four Elms from 1pm

11 July **Hever Parish council meeting,** Four Elms Village Hall 7.30pm

13 July **Hever Parish Lunch,** Hever Village Hall, 12.30pm

15 Aug **Family Fun Day,** Four Elms Field

9 Sept **Barn Dance** Hever

30 Sept **Recital of vocal solos and duets,** Withyham Parish Church - 7pm

21 Oct **Wind Quintet, The Ormonde Ensemble** Edenbridge Parish Church – 7pm