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Your steadfast love, O Lord
 is as vast
 as the heavens, your faithfulness
 beyond the clouds.



Psalm 36:5

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From the Church

Rest more than you know it

Why are rest and holidays so important? The bible says that even God rested after creating the universe and the world. Jesus rested and He felt it important to tell His disciples to rest. In Mark 6:31 Jesus says to his disciples, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” In John 4:6 the story tells us of Jesus sitting by Jacob’s well “being wearied from His journey.” Jesus experienced tiredness and weariness and understood the need for a rest. God commanded His people to work six days and to rest one day. Living as a human means we recognise life makes demands of us, upon our bodies, emotions and souls, and we need time to be refreshed, otherwise we get worn out.

Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it. Taking time to enjoy the beauty of nature, engage in leisure activities, and appreciate the gifts of life is an expression of gratitude towards God. It allows Christians to recognise the goodness and blessings around them and find joy in the simple pleasures of life. Here are some other maybe non-obvious benefits from taking a break. Decreased blood pressure, better sleep, healthy hearts, weight loss. A study determined that holidays could cause a drop in glucose levels, thereby reducing the risk of obesity and diabetes. Other benefits could include increased productivity, fresh perspective, quality time with loved ones and enhanced creativity.

Sometimes people come to me, and they are burnt out. They did not see the signs and just overlooked the fact that their body was showing signs of stress and exhaustion. God sees you as precious and significant. We are given life as a gift. We do however need to recognise that to function well and to flourish in life, our bodies will need to be cared for. In respecting our bodies and the limits of our mortality we can live a rhythm of life that helps us to live life to the full. There is another rest the bible talks about which is not of this world. Jesus offers us rest in Himself. When we trust Jesus with our lives we can rest from striving and understand that we are never alone in our trials. Jesus offers to carry our burdens upon Himself, so we don’t have to be burdened by them. God not only promises to care and provide for us, but He also offers to unburden us. It’s an incredible concept and worth exploring.

Find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:28-30)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Tim

ST JOHN'S CHURCH - Directory

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Our Services

Sundays

9:15am Contemporary service with breakfast served in Church from 8:45am

Refreshments served between services in the Church Centre. All welcome.

11am Traditional service

Contact the office to receive the monthly Church News and Notices or follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnshildenborough/>) for the most up to date information.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MOST OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES BREAK FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. OUR FOODBANK REMAINS OPEN ON A THURSDAY. DO JOIN US ON A SUNDAY AT 9:15AM OR 11AM FOR ONE OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

Summer IN THE PSALMS

For five weeks (from Sunday 28th July) during the 9:15am service we are going to be enjoying some of the Psalms, with all ages together. Our 11am Traditional Service will take place each week as usual too.

Families from our 9:15am congregation will be helping to enhance worship, reading or leading prayers. Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

For enquiries about our Summer series at the 9:15am or to discuss our children's and youth work do contact Lisa via email; lisa@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk.



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Sunday 22nd September

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All youth leaders hold a valid DBS

For more information please contact
Lisa Glasscote
lisa@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk
5-7pm at St John's Church Centre



CAFÉ THEO



After School Youth Café

Starts back Friday 20th September

For school years 6-13.

Open 1st and 3rd Friday in term time

4-5:30pm

St John's Church Centre, Hildenborough.

For more info email...

lisa@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk

- Games tables
- Board Games
- Consoles
- Crafts

Help Wanted Board!

If you have a role or a need that you would like to include, please get in touch - keysmag@hotmail.com. Priority will be given to local volunteer roles but if there is space I will consider local paid jobs too. There is no charge for appearing on this page.

Can you spare one hour a month to help out? Contact the Church Office
01732 833 596 - office@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk

Hildenborough Farmers' Market Volunteers wanted variety of roles

If interested, please contact:

Janet - 01732 838 903

janetrichardson863@btinternet.com

St John's Churchyard Volunteers wanted

If interested, please contact:

Adele—01732 833 596

adele@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk

The individual(s) appointed to any role at St John's Church will be expected to abide by our safeguarding policies and be willing to take the required online relevant safeguarding training facilitated by our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Fruit picking

Would you like to help prevent food waste by helping a group pick local fruit?

Please call Becky Mackay 07876 026 058

or email at

tonbridgeharvest@hotmail.com

West Kent Concert Band

Wind & Brass players wanted!

www.westkentconcertband.org.uk

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Desperately need some people with time on their hands to help our committee.

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SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025



Thank you to everyone who joined us
for our Model Railway Exhibition and
Summer Fair last month!



Churchyard Team update

What's in a bench?

Benches are a place of rest, relaxation and somewhere to contemplate life. They can be a place for conversation, picnics, exercise, reading or writing.

For children, it's a place of imaginative play, from being the captain of a ship, driving a bus to climbing a mountain or jumping on top of crocodiles. For others its simply somewhere to colour a picture and do paper rubbing.

The most common places you will find a

bench will be found at bus stop, a park, a train station, and the sea front. It wasn't until

recently I learned that Churches didn't have any seating except for around the odd pillar, and it wasn't until the late 13th century that seating was introduced

in the form of benches. More information is available on the CofE website - www.churchofengland.org, search for "seating guidance".

In churchyards we see benches that are in memory of loved ones who have passed. They give us an opportunity to be with and to remember them.

TMBC have produced a leaflet (how to sponsor a seat) about the different types of benches that can be sponsored, where they can be placed, along with who is responsible for them. In this case it is the responsibility of the council to look after the benches and maintain them, however if it is deemed that the bench has been seriously damaged or deteriorated though age, they cannot guarantee the bench



will be replaced.

In the case of having a bench in the churchyard an application must be made to the Faculty (a permissive right to undertake works to a church building or its contents) a decision is made at the time of the application as to where the bench will go. But who is responsible for them?

Often the people who have purchased the seat will maintain it. When this doesn't happen the Churchyard team try to make good a bench

where possible. In the case of this past year we have been sanding and varnishing those benches that have been weathered in an attempt to keep them going for a few more years.

Similarly to the TMBC regulations, it states that if a bench has become seriously damaged or

unrepairable, then we will not be able to replace it.

The Churchyard team rely on ongoing donations for projects like this; without this support we wouldn't be able to create such a nice place.

We now have 10 volunteers who come on a weekly or monthly basis to help maintain the grounds. You do not have to live in the village and there is no specific qualification, just a readiness to turn up, and be part of a team. If anyone is interested, please do contact me via the office or

adele@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk for more information.

Adele



Forget-me-not Cafés



Companionship over a cuppa



Our July café brought some sunshine to a rather dull and overcast day with a visit from Luci Napleton who took us on a journey of movement to music around the world. Using gentle chair-based and postural exercises to improve mobility, we visited India and Brazil as well as Austria, Nepal and China. We also heard from some of our patrons about the more unusual countries they had visited which included Vietnam, Cambodia and Cuba.

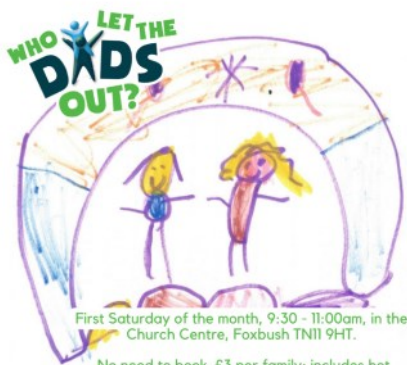
The Hildenborough Forget-me-not Café remains open for August, and we are welcoming Eliza Emery who is a keyboard player and singer to entertain us on the second Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you at the Café.

The Café is open to anyone who would like to get out of the house for a couple of

hours and meet other people for some conversation. If you are feeling lonely and would like someone to chat to please come along.

Whilst some of those who attend the Café live with a dementia diagnosis, others have mild memory loss, others care for a person with dementia, others would like company and a chat. We meet at 11.00 am – 12.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Family Room of the Church Centre at St. John's Church Hildenborough. There is plenty of free parking and disabled facilities on site. If you would like more information on the Forget-me-not Cafés, please contact Elaine on forgetmenot.sadfc@gmail.com or 07946 534 476.

Julie Rhodes



First Saturday of the month, 9.30 - 11.00am, in the Church Centre, Foxbush TN11 9HT.

No need to book. £3 per family; includes hot breakfast roll and refreshments.

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Ollie Johnson

Hildenborough History Society - Update

Our Quarterly meetings are a mixture of first business and then pleasure. However regular attendees know that the business aspect is one to look forward to because it is brief, punchy, amusing and informative. The Deliveroo's are Chairman Charles and Treasurer Howard.

There are six more people on our committee who, with the above, do most of the work. A Survey conducted this year by Charles revealed that the members of the Society approve of the regularity, timing and content of our meetings so, clearly, we appear to be doing the right thing by our members which accounts for their numbers swelling to 92. Yet, all of us have a "sell by date" and we really want others to come forward or to be waiting in the wings. In a very small way, we would like volunteers to set up or clear up the Hall, serve Teas and Coffee or sell Raffle Tickets. Please form an orderly queue at our next meeting.

By the time you read this, Gilly Halcrow will have given her latest talk in a keenly anticipated return after her previous appearance last year.

In conclusion, we are pleased to announce that an illustrated talk will be given, on Friday 18 October, by Lynne and Peter Flower of the Hildenborough Conservation Group entitled "Cutting down Trees". Before you conclude that this may be a "Doom and Gloom" account of the Worldwide environmental crisis we think you will find it most informative about the history and evolution of trees in our local area. This culminates with encouraging initiatives involving a Water Company, local farmers and environmentalists.

Pat Davies

Hildenborough Cricket Club

Richard Sparks scored Hildenborough's first hundred for two years. He hit 17 fours and two sixes off just 63 balls in the 46-run win at Brasted Invicta. Sparks retired on 100 not out - Mark Davies the last to reach the milestone, following his undefeated 103 against Stonewall Park in June 2022. Davies hit 31 and Greg Smith 32 with Dean Sands 23 not out at the end, in a total of 231- 3, including 42 extras. Sands followed up with 2-18 - five other bowlers taking a wicket apiece as Invicta finished on 185-8.

Barry Webb's 53 top scored as Hildenborough totalled 201 all out at Horsmonden. Sands, Mark Skinner and Dave Robertshaw all claimed two wickets to help dismiss the hosts for 177 to win by 24 runs.

Greg Smith hit 46 and Tim Walford 44 as Hildenborough made 158-5 in a 20 over-a-side contest at Chevening. The home side recovered from 52-4 to reach 155-4 to finish three runs short.

Tight bowling by Webb and Sands at the end left the home side needing 12 off the last over- the latter conceding only eight in his only over

to set-up the narrow win in a tight contest.

Hildenborough's first home game was ended by rain.

Cowdrey Cricket Club's Development X1 stepped in to fill the gap as original opponents Lamorbey Park pulled out. They made 128-8 in a reduced 25 overs - Hildenborough reaching 28-2 before the weather proved the only winner.

Late runs by Barry Webb and Dougie Gartshore just failed to earn Hildenborough victory at Wrotham. They needed 60 off the final five overs - Webb hitting 29 not out off 17 balls, and Gartshore chipping in with an unbeaten 23 off 11 proving a valiant but vain effort as the visitors finished 12 runs short. Steve Waite with 53 - his first half century for the club, and Tim Walford's 40 kept things ticking over earlier replying to Wrotham's 217 -2 off 35 overs. Sonny Williams on his debut claimed one of the wickets.

Peter Wood



HILDENBOROUGH



FARMERS' MARKET



August is a very exciting month for the Market, with a move to a new venue. Make sure you check out below all the dates and activities while we are still at the St. John's Church Centre which is until the 13th August. The Market then moves to the Village Hall in Riding Lane on Tuesday 20th August with a new start time of 8.30 am.

The Market is also happy to announce a new Manager, Nick Aldridge, assisted by Steve Sinclair, they will take up the reins when we start in the Village Hall. Other familiar faces around the Market will remain the same, serving coffee and welcoming you as usual. Nothing has changed, same friendly stalls, same friendly helpers, same friendly coffee team just a new venue.

We have planned our Childrens activities for the school summer holidays and they will be as follows:

St. John's Church Centre: Tuesday 30th July: Celebrating the Olympics - we will be making Olympic ice cream cone torches (yummy!)

Tuesday 6th August: Making Eton Mess

Tuesday 13th August: Gary Poleykett will be entertaining all ages. ***This will be our last Market at the Church Centre.***

It's New Venue Day at Hildenborough Village Hall: Tuesday 20th August: Come and find us at the Village Hall for a Jenga morning plus Bubbly and Cake as we start our new venture with a big bang! Please also note that the Market has a new start time – the Markets opening times will be from 8.30 – 11.00 am

Tuesday 27th August: Healthy Fruit Kebabs

As we continue to serve the Hildenborough village community we look forward to seeing you throughout August and don't forget from Tuesday 20th August we are in the Village Hall.

We cannot let the occasion go by without giving a mention to Janet Richardson (Manager), and Julie Kury (Secretary), who are hanging up



their badges and retiring from their positions at the Market once we move to the Village Hall. From the outset, 16 years ago, they have every week organised the stallholders and the café, making sure the market runs smoothly. We would like to say a very big "thank you" to them both for their dedication. The photo shows Julie on the left and Janet on the right during the Market when funds were raised for breast cancer while "Turning Tonbridge Pink" another aspect of raising money for charity which Janet and Julie organised. Thank you to you both and we look forward to seeing you at the market being able to relax and have a coffee!

We can be found on Facebook and our details can be found on the KFMA website. For information on the market please contact: Janet Richardson, Manager Tel: 01732 838 903
Email: janetrichardson863@btinternet.com



Dear Hildenborough Community,

Thank you for making Stocks Fest 2024 a huge success! This supercharged version of Stocks Green Primary School's annual summer fair was filled with activities and music all day and evening on June 29th. We are grateful for the overwhelming support and participation from our amazing community.



Photo credit: Gemma Jane Photography

We extend our deepest gratitude to the over 80 volunteers who made this event possible. Your hard work and commitment did not go unnoticed.

Special thanks to Ken Till, our exceptional school site manager, for his outstanding efforts in organising the music and stage arrangements. Ken's dedication added a touch of magic to the event.

Stocks Fest 2024 exceeded all expectations, with a turnover of over £13,000 and a profit of nearly £8,000. It was heartwarming to see our community come together to support our school.

Save the date for Stocks Fest 2025 on June 28th, the last Saturday of the month. Join us for a day filled with music, food, and community spirit. We invite everyone to get involved and help make next year's event even more unforgettable.

For volunteering, showcasing talents, food trucks/offerings or enquiries about Stocks Fest 2025, contact us at Sgpspta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your incredible support. Let's create more lasting memories next year.

d&h

Firstly, thank you to those who emailed following last month's article – it was so lovely to hear that you had been out in the garden with a pair of snips and able to bring a small

piece of the outdoors in to enjoy.

Writing this in mid-July, it seems in the distant past that we were treated to a week of warm, summer weather at the end of June. In classic British summer style, the sun promptly disappeared, and it has been unusually wet and cold since.

But – all is not lost! My roses this year have been phenomenal – even those I planted as bare roots over winter have produced amazing, plentiful blooms.

Now is a great time to take cuttings and produce new plants for next year. Simple to do – snip approx. 8-10 inches of a soft wood stem, just below a leaf node. Trim it at the top just above a leaf node and remove any thorns and larger leaves. Pop into some well-draining compost (you can dip it in rooting hormone first, should you wish) and keep it watered well. By next spring, the cutting will have rooted and be ready to go in the ground.

I am absolutely obsessed with my David Austin roses – Generous Gardener, Gertrude Jackyll and Princess Alexandra of Kent being my current favourites. The scent of all of the above is exquisite and I am truly mesmerised by watching how they change colour and shape as they develop. Cut at the right time, traditional garden roses will last in a vase for 3 or 4 days. They make the most perfect flowers for weddings and events – blousy, elegant and so romantic. Multiple buds at different stages of development on one rambling stem, adding interest as well as a very natural feel.

If you don't cut your roses to enjoy indoors, make sure you do dead head them. Many varieties will produce a second flush of

flowers later in the summer if you do. Why not collect the dead heads and dry the petals – I use these of course for a natural, biodegradable confetti for my wedding couples but there are so many other uses including potpourri, dressing food, making beauty products and rosewater. Simply Google what to do with your petals for inspiration!



Generous Gardener

Following the second flush of flowers, I will leave some of my dead heads to develop into hips – Generous Gardener is a great one for this. For me, the hips act as small jewels adding autumnal interest to designs but again, there are so many uses – rose hip wine being the one that springs instantly to mind!

To ensure great growth in the following year, pruning and mulching is always

recommended. The RHS website is fantastic and will give you specific advice how to care for your roses depending on whether they are shrubs, climbers and so on.



Finally, even if you haven't got the urge to get out in the garden, make sure you do take the time to stop and smell the roses.

www.delilahandherb.co.uk

Amy Pay



The Night Sky in Hildenborough – August 2024

The summer solstice is just a distant memory which is why you may have noticed that it now gets dark earlier than it did previously. In fact, on the 1st August the Sun sets 33 minutes earlier than it did on the night of the solstice and by 31st August it sets 1 hour 32 minutes earlier. Of course, the Sun also rises later in the morning so we lose some daylight from the other end of the day as well. On the day of the solstice, we had 16 hours 35 minutes and 43 seconds of daylight but by the end of August that has fallen to 13 hours 35 minutes and nine seconds. Winter is coming!

Throughout August all the planetary action, with the exception of Saturn, takes place in the morning sky which is inconvenient for the majority.

At the beginning of the month Saturn rises, close to the east, at 10:15pm, though most of us will have to wait for it to clear obstructions on the horizon. By month's end it rises soon after sunset and sits 25° high and almost exactly south east at 11pm. Next month promises an improvement for the ringed planet as it gradually brightens whilst marking the start of a return of the brightest planets to the evening sky and not a moment too soon.

August brings the return of one of the year's strongest meteor showers, the Perseids. The shower is active from 17th July until 24th August but only attracts public attention when activity reaches a peak which occurs this year on the evening of 12th August. For the rest of the 5 weeks or so, meteor numbers

are just a few per hour and hardly likely to grab the headlines. However, in the case of the Perseids, the period of maximum activity can be measured in terms of hours when meteor numbers rise considerably. When astronomers predict numbers, they use a formula that suggests what the rate will be if the radiant (the point in the sky where the meteors appear to radiate from) were overhead and the sky conditions were perfect – both highly unlikely. Having got that prediction we then scale it down to what experience tells us is more likely and, in this case, I think we could reasonably expect to see one meteor every two or three minutes. This year the first quarter Moon sets at 10:50pm on the 12th although it would be worthwhile looking as soon as it gets dark.

The diagram (right hand page) shows the sky at 11pm and gives several star groups (the “W” of Cassiopeia and the Square of Pegasus) to aid identification. The bright star, Capella and the planet Saturn are also marked. The small circle with an “R” at the centre indicates where the meteors will appear to radiate from. However, looking at the radiant is not necessary or advisable as the meteors closest to the radiant tend to be shorter. Better results are obtained by looking away from the radiant either towards the Square of Pegasus or towards the Plough which is in the north west.

The best way to observe is by lying on a sun lounger or something similar with it pointing either east or north with the head end raised slightly. It's surprising how much sky you can be aware of and watch at one time. Using

The Sky on 12th August at 11pm



the sun lounger allows you to see up towards the zenith (overhead point) as well.

Brian Mills FRAS

From our MP - Tom Tugendhat

On Thursday 4 July I was honoured to be re-elected to serve as your MP. It is humbling to have your support in Hildenborough.

The area I represent is now no longer Tonbridge and Malling after boundary changes. The new seat of Tonbridge goes from Cowden and Edenbridge in the west, to the town of Tonbridge and then north to include Hartley and New Ash Green, as well as many of the communities in between.

There is so much to do across Tonbridge, Edenbridge and our North Downs Villages and it is a real privilege to be elected. We have such an opportunity to do even better together. Whether it is connecting to Gatwick by rail, delivering the investment in the old Beales store in Tonbridge, improving broadband and mobile signal across our rural villages such as Hildenborough or getting better train connections from all our stations, I know we can make our towns and villages so much better by working together.

At the time of writing, I have just returned to Parliament after the General Election and I will continue to act for everyone who lives and works in our communities. This is why it is important that you let me know if there is anything that you think I can do to help you.

I am also looking forward to being back out and about across the community. It was fantastic getting to meet so many people across Hildenborough throughout the campaign and I cannot wait to meet as many of you as possible over the coming months.

As I mentioned, my work on behalf of you must be guided by you and what your priorities are, so please, if you think I can help with an issue, or you want to share with me any thoughts you may have, be in touch via the information below.

E-mail: tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk

Phone: 01732 441563

Address: 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SP

T.M.B.C. News

From Cllr Rhodes:

B245 Waterleak.

My Mum always used to say, 'Self praise is no praise', but I will stick a feather in my hat for this one. The water leak on the B245 between the Flying Dutchman and the main entrance to the Oakhill development had been apparent for quite a while. With the imminent resurfacing of the B245 by KCC, I decided to ring South East Water, I actually managed to speak to someone and suggested robustly, that they ought to get on and repair the leak before the re-surfacing as KCC would take a dim view of the road being dug up again so soon. I would like to think, my phone call did the trick.

Energy Plans.

The Council has received funding for more roof mounted Solar Panels, (£393,000) and LED lighting (£12,039) at Larkfield Leisure centre. The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme awarded the Council £1.1M for the installation of air source heat pumps to serve the fitness pool. Tonbridge pool has benefited with the installation of 150 solar panels (£110,000) these should generate approx 65,000kWhs. LED lighting has also been installed at the pool. Before the solar panels can be installed at Larkfield, the roof is to be re-covered over the existing covering, in addition extra insulation and a fire rated board are to be included to satisfy the Council's insurers.

TMBC Productivity Plan.

Councils across the country were asked to produce productivity plans as part of a drive towards improving productivity in Local

Government. Councils were asked; 1) How they have transformed the way they design and deliver services to make better use of resources. 2) How they plan to take advantage of technology and make better use of data to improve decision making, service design and use of resources. 3) Their plans to reduce wasteful spend within their organisation and systems. 4) The barriers preventing progress that the Government can help to reduce or remove. If you would like to see a copy of the TMBC PP please contact me.

Motions.

The TMBC constitution, allows for motions to be brought before full Council meetings for debate, from any political party. However, some past motions that have been presented have had nothing to do with Council responsibility. The constitution has now been amended so that motions are to be about matters that the Council is involved in or affect the Borough.

Council Meetings.

Please remember Council meetings are still streamed on You Tube, however public attendance is permitted in the Council Chamber.

Contact.

Councillors are here to assist with any matters relating to Borough Council business although we have been known to chase after a great many other matters. Please contact your Borough councillors at any time if you require assistance.

Cllr Mark Rhodes

Borough Councillors

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or by telephone (07818 329029)

Hildenborough PC, Riding Lane,

Hildenborough, TN11 9HY

Would you like to play for West Kent Concert Band?

We meet on a Tuesday evening in St John's Church Centre, Hildenborough and give concerts throughout the year at various venues around Kent. Our musicians come from West Kent, so we are renaming the band the West Kent Concert Band which lets potential players and audiences know where we hail from!

If you play a wind or brass instrument with reasonable musical competency and you would like to play with us, contact us via westkentconcertband.org.uk. We are a friendly supportive band playing a variety of music including medleys of works of famous composers, popular bands and shows, marches and classical. Instruments played in the band include the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, cornet, French horn, euphonium, trombone, tuba and percussion.

Matthew Clark

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The Hildenborough Guides recently spent a fun 45mins litter picking (they played a litter bingo game) in teams.

Contact me at emilysimons24@gmail.com or via the Hildenborough Litter Pickers Facebook page if you are interested. The village pick is the first Saturday of the month, 10am to noon, at the Rec.

Emily Simons

Puzzle Page

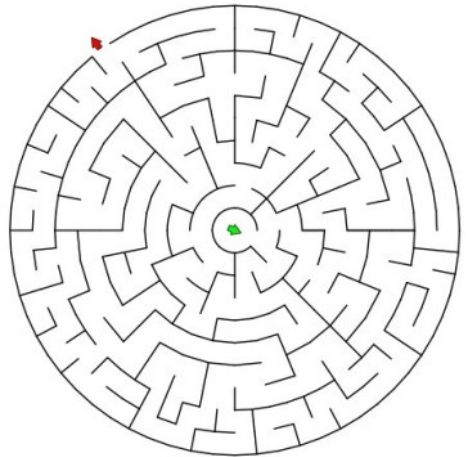
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None of his training had prepared Gary for this...





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Where does Jesus say
to go to pray?
Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
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Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



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Whatever happens,
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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Postal Address: Pavilion and Recreation Ground, Riding Lane, TN11 9HY

Here we are in late summer and having just recovered from all the excitement of England doing so well in the Euros, we now have the Olympics to enjoy. If you are feeling inspired to take up a sport, we are fortunate to have some fantastic sporting amenities here in Hildenborough. The Recreation Ground, owned and maintained by the Parish Council, is host to Hildenborough Cricket Club and the Stoolball Club who have both been enjoying the spacious grounds and the facilities available in the pavilion. The Recreation Ground is also the home of Hildenborough Tennis Club, and the ball court, which has been very popular with youngsters during these long summer evenings. There is also the outside gym equipment adjacent to the playground that is free to use and conveniently close to the car park.

The Parish Council is arranging for the initial survey to be carried out in the Recreation Ground in preparation for moving forward with the installation of a footpath around its perimeter, so I'm sure that will be popular with those wishing to start their day with an early morning jog around the Rec!

Highways

At the time of writing this article, Kent Highways are in the process of resurfacing the B245, which will make a huge difference to motorists, apart from also improving the appearance of the road. Thankfully, South

East Water came and fixed the leak in the middle of the road, close to The Flying Dutchman, just in time for the road to be resurfaced. Failing infrastructure means that water companies are struggling to keep up with the repair work, but I understand they will prioritise those leaks that are complained about the most, so reporting a leak that may already have been reported will hopefully speed things up. Water leaks should be reported to South East Water, the suppliers of Hildenborough's fresh water. Their number is 0333 000 0365. Blocked drains and flooding should be reported to Southern Water, who look after removal of waste water and sewerage. Their number is 0330 303 0277. Please remember to have the postcode of the location of the fault ready if you call them. In addition to reporting a problem to the water company, please feel free to also notify the parish council, who can add their voice to the requests to fix the issue as soon as possible. The Parish Council was recently granted permission to install a banner saying: "30mph – IT'S A LIMIT, NOT A TARGET" on the B245 adjacent to Foxbush. We hope this will be an effective reminder for motorists who are breaking the speed limit as they enter the 30mph zone. In the meantime, the Parish Council are working with Kent Highways to explore other traffic calming measures that can be introduced in the Village. Kent Highways are currently investigating the feasibility of introducing double yellow lines

along the stretch of London Road opposite the Harvest garage where there are frequently parked vehicles blocking the pavement. The presence of a Southern Water pumping station that requires 24 hour access further complicates matters but hopefully a solution can be found very soon.

West Wood

Work has started on the installation of the new wheelchair-accessible picnic table in West Wood, close to the playground. The table is being generously donated by the family of Cllr Mike Dobson who was local parish and borough councillor for many years and was well-known in the village. His daughter Karen has followed in her father's footsteps and is one of our long-standing parish councillors. The table itself will be installed on the paving slabs sometime in August, once the slabs have settled in.

Police

PC Ollie Evans said that the key issue that keeps popping up relates to thefts of and from vehicles and bikes around the railway station. Ollie is in the process of setting up an operation where the police will have some unmarked units targeting the station and surrounding area. This will also probably involve some traffic enforcement to target speeding on the B245. There has also been a

spate of thefts and attempted thefts from vans and garages recently, so please remember to keep vehicles and garages secure.

To report a non-urgent crime visit www.kent.police.uk/report. In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999.



The work that has started on the new picnic area in West Wood.

Summer Recess

As there will be no Parish Council meeting in August, the next visit to the Farmers' Market by a parish councillor to hear any residents' comments or concerns will be on Tuesday 13th September and our next Centre Piece article will be in the October edition of Keys. As parish clerk, I am still available throughout August if you have any questions or concerns to send to the Parish Council. Please e-mail clerk@hildenboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk or call me on 07828 329 029.

Julia Church

Tales from the Graveyard: The Railway Men

Visitors to the churchyard may be puzzled by a rather smart Gravestone between the path and the carpark. The Gravestone looks old, but the inscription is newly carved. This is a story of a tragedy that united the community.

The plaque commemorates an incident on the 1st April in 1898 when two railway workers were killed while working on the track near Hildenborough Station, where the line is in a cutting. *Tonbridge Free Press* described the event as a shock to the whole village. At that time the village was a small close-knit community with the victims, George Upton and James Goldsmith,

well known. The two men were platelayers, railway men who maintained the railway. At that time the railway was a dangerous place to work. There were many fatal accidents on the railway. In that year alone there were 648 accidents recorded, this did not include this accident in Hildenborough.

On Friday 1st April, a gang of platelayers were at work on the South-Eastern Railway between Tonbridge & Hildenborough, two of them, George Upton and James Goldsmith in order to avoid an “up” train, got onto the opposite rails, not seeing or hearing an approaching “down” train due to the line curving through the cutting and the noise of the steam engine. Both were killed instantly. A third member of the team was foreman George Goldsmith, who witnessed the accident but had been unable to warn the men.

George Goldsmith was a well-known long-time resident of Hildenborough. He had lost a son. At the time his family consisted of his

wife Ann and 8 other children who lived at Flat Cottages (now the site of Brookside Garage).

George Alex Upton (born c1868) and his wife Myra Jane Upton lived with Myra’s brother and his family at Sewage Farm, Tonbridge at the time of the 1891 Census. Myra had a son, William George, just five at the time of the accident. She was expecting her second child (later named Alex John). At the time of the 1901 census, Myra is living in her own home in Hildenborough with her two sons. In 1904 Alex was a prize winner at the School in

Riding Lane (just a few yards from his home).

The two Upton boys served in World War 1 and survived the war. The 1918 Absent Voter List for Hildenborough shows 2 Upton entries; William George (there are no details of his regiment), and Alex John was in the Middlesex Regiment. As a consequence of the accident, the 2 men were buried in a joint grave at St John’s churchyard. The village held a collection which paid for the headstone and a plaque at Hildenborough Station. Over 150 donations were received. By 2016



the gravestone was in a sad way and Hildenborough History Society collected funds to enable the gravestone to be replaced. The response was similar to the original appeal and on 16th July Judith Upton (great granddaughter of George) unveiled the restored headstone. (A group photo taken at the same time shows 12 members of the extended family).

George Gorham



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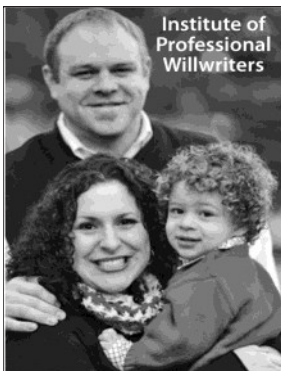
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