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QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

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**Cover picture shows children having fun at our village Community Picnic on Tuesday June 5th 2012**

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# W.I. ARCHIVES COME BACK HOME



**K**emsing Afternoon W.I. was formed in November 1915, the first in Kent and only the 6<sup>th</sup> in Great Britain. After the Afternoon W.I. closed in 1996, its archives were transferred to the headquarters of the West Kent District of the W.I. at Pembury. However, they were loaned to St. Edith Hall for its fascinating exhibition of the history of the Hall which was on display during last year's Kemsing Festival. The records proved so interesting that the Parish Council wrote to the W.I. and asked whether, as they were so relevant to an important part of the history of Kemsing, they could be given on long term loan to the Heritage Centre. This was agreed, and the records and scrap books containing many fascinating photographs were deposited with the Heritage Centre in April. The picture shows Erica Cole, representing the Heritage Centre, Margaret Robarts representing the Parish Council (and Vice Chairman of Kemsing's Evening W.I.) and Chris Klempau of the District W.I. handing over the archives which included this banner made in the 1960's.

The Heritage Centre is open every Monday afternoon from 2pm to 4.30 when archives can be examined, as well as on the first Saturday of each month. Membership is still open to everyone for £5 a year. Please contact Erica Cole for more details on 01732 761772.

If membership of the Evening W.I. interests you please contact Margaret Robarts on 01959 522853.

## Vicar's Letter



Dear Friends

This edition of *The Well* comes out about the time we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is quite an event for a sovereign of this country to have reigned for 60 whole years. England has gone through a lot of changes during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II; it is an unimaginably different country from what it was in 1952. We thank God for the reign of our Queen; she is

now the second longest reigning British monarch. The many parties and celebrations taking place across the country, especially here in Kemsing, are a fitting tribute. A long reign is a good thing. It is not many weeks since the Christian church celebrated the Ascension – the day when Jesus returned to heaven, 40 days after he rose from the dead. The Bible teaches that Jesus returned to heaven to sit next to his Father, where he reigns over every nation on earth. Accordingly, one of the Jesus' titles is "King of Kings". Every human king, however large the nation they rule, has a king who rules them. All human sovereigns have their rule delegated to them by King Jesus.

The ultimate rule of Jesus was assumed throughout the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The moment when it became most explicit was, possibly, the moment when the Queen was presented with the Royal Orb. One of the Crown Jewels, the Orb is a hollow golden sphere, roughly 6" across; on top is an amethyst, with a golden cross mounted on top of that.

Queen Elizabeth was presented this Orb by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who said: "Receive this Orb set under the Cross, and remember that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer."

Her Majesty the Queen knows this well; there is a King of Kings and a King of Queens. He has now reigned over England for nearly 2000 years. The world has changed so much more during his rule than it has since 1952! Yet once again, to have a long reign is a good thing, especially when that king rules consciously for the good of his subjects.

And so, this year in 2012, we have two long reigns to rejoice over; we thank God for 60 years of Queen Elizabeth II; we thank God for nearly 2000 years of King Jesus. Long live the Queen! Long live the King! With every blessing.

Your friend and vicar

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Apart from 5th Sunday, the pattern of services is as follows:

- 08.00 Communion in traditional language
- 09.15 Sung Communion service (followed by coffee in the Church Hall)
- 10.30 Morning Service (with coffee in the Church Hall beforehand) Sunday Special on every Sunday apart from 1st Sunday of the month.
- 18.30 Evening Service (Evensong twice a month, a number of other formats twice a month)

The combined Communion service on the 5th Sunday will usually be held in Kemsing Church because of seating and parking limitations in Woodlands.

The service pattern on this Sunday will be:

- 08.00 BCP Matins
- 09.00 Breakfast in the Church Hall
- 10.00 Combined service with Woodlands
- 18.30 Evensong

***There will be a Family Barbecue after the all-age service on Sunday 1st July. Starting at 11.30am everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to hold it on the Church Hall field, but will be held indoors in the Church Hall if wet.***

### SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands

1st Sunday	4.30	Evening Praise
2nd Sunday	11.30	Morning Praise
3rd Sunday	4.30	The Lord's Supper [Informal Communion]
4th Sunday	11.30	Holy Communion
5th Sunday	10.00	Combined Informal Communion Service for both Churches, usually to be held in Kemsing

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# KEMSING AMATEUR BOXING CLUB



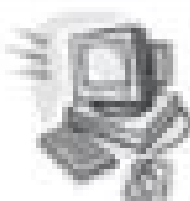
This is a new village club which has already taken off with up to 30 youngsters keen to learn how to box. Thanks to the enthusiasm and coaching of Kenny Libretto, William Barnett and Simon King, the Club runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at The St. Edith Hall. It has proved so popular that, not only does the former billiard room now contain a boxing ring, punch bags and other equipment, the Club also uses the Small Hall for the youngsters to carry on other exercises. The age group ranges from 8 to 16 years old (boys and girls), and the Club will be non-profit making. The cost per session is only £2 which is being kept deliberately low. County Councillor Nick Chard was able to get a £1,500 grant from KCC towards the cost of the ring, and District Councillor Lorraine Stack is looking into a grant from Sevenoaks



D.C. as well. The Club will be affiliated to the Amateur Boxing Association from August, which has already given its encouragement and support.

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**A**t the Annual Vestry Meeting on 26th April 2012, Ray Parton and Jean Walker were elected Churchwardens for a further year. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed on, during which the 'Annual Report & Financial Statements 2011' was discussed and received.

Rosemary Banister, Barbara Brown, Alan Waters and Carol Zerpa-Falcon, were elected as PCC Members for the next 3 years. There are two vacancies for co-option on the PCC for the remainder of the 2010-13 term. In order to be eligible for election to the PCC, a person should have been on the Church's Electoral Roll for at least six months and to have taken communion at least three times in the previous year. If anyone is interested, please contact either James or me for further details.

The Church's website is in the process of being updated, and we would like to use it to tell people what goes on. If you run an activity in the Church and you have a photograph which we could include, please send it to James with a paragraph or two of text about the activity, email: vicar@kemsing.org. Make sure you have permission from any people included in the picture first.

*Rosemary Banister, PCC Secretary.*

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## Report from Kemsing Parish Council:-

**T**hank you to residents who attended the **Annual Parish Meeting** on 28th March at St. Edith Hall, where Parish Councillors were joined by Nick Chard, County Councillor, Miss Lorraine Stack, District Councillor, students from Kemsing School, representatives from Play Place, West Kent Police, and Chairman of St. Edith Hall Management Committee, who gave their reports. The draft Minutes can be viewed on the Library and St. Edith Hall Notice Boards and Parish Council website.

The Parish Council's efforts to purchase the **car park** were unsuccessful. A planning application for the demolition of the Wheatsheaf Public House and the erection of three dwellings on that site were received and the Parish Council's Planning Committee recommended approval for this application, which **did not** include the car park. The developer confirmed that there are no plans to redevelop the car park site for the foreseeable future and they have no intention to sell the car park at this time.

The Parish Council has extended its responsibility for cleaning and maintenance costs of the **Public Conveniences** for another 12 months.

**Overgrown hedges and trees.** Please remember to check your boundary shrubs, hedges and trees regularly.

There has been a sharp increase in **litter** in the village and particularly in the Play areas, which is disappointing. Children should be encouraged to put litter in the bins, and if these are full, please take the litter home and report any problems to the Parish Council Office. Littering is a national disease, but we hope that the residents of Kemsing will support the Council in its efforts to **KEEP KEMSING TIDY**.

It has been noticed that **advertisements** for business services have been affixed to the Parish Council's property, such as fences and gates, which is considered to be fly posting and will always be removed. The Council's Notice Boards are for Public information and also provide the space for village organisations to advertise their events. The publication, *The Local Advertiser*, produced by Highland Printing, Seal, offers the opportunity for Businesses to advertise their services throughout a number of villages.

The Food & Environment Research Agency (FERA) and the Forestry Commission has issued an alert notice and are asking for help from the public. The **Asian Long Horned beetle**, originating from China/Korea has populated a number of European countries. If you see this beetle, please report it by phoning 0844 284 0071 or email [planethealth.info@fera.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:planethealth.info@fera.gsi.gov.uk) or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk) for more information.

The **Clerk's Office** is in The St. Edith Hall, High Street, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 6NA.

**Office hours** are: Monday to Friday mornings between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. There is a 24 hour answer phone (01732 762841) if it is more convenient to leave a message or email to: [kemsingpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kemsingpc@tiscali.co.uk).

Visit our **website**: [www.kemsingpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.kemsingpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**Parish Council Meetings** will be held on: 20 June, 18 July, 15 August 2012.

*Yolanda Tredoux, Parish Clerk*

# Ightham Mote

The house and gardens will be hosting the following exciting events this summer .



## July

- 5<sup>th</sup> “All you can eat Pudding Evening” £19.75pp book on 01732 811314  
7<sup>th</sup> Motown Evening £10.00 pp  
14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> Ightham & District Horticultural Society Summer Show with floral displays  
19<sup>th</sup> Cobwebs & Dust see our housekeeping team care for items in our collection  
20<sup>th</sup> Bat Walk £3.00 per adult or £1.50 per child  
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28<sup>th</sup> HMS Pinafore performed in the Garden £18.00 book on 0844 249 1895

## August

- Bring your own picnic for **Family Picnic Fun Days** + games 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> “All you can eat Pudding Evening” £19.75pp book on 01732 811314  
9<sup>th</sup> Summer walk with the Warden £1.00pp  
9<sup>th</sup> Do your own brass rubbings  
11<sup>th</sup> Fishing in the moat.  
16<sup>th</sup> Sports day  
18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Painting weekend  
23<sup>rd</sup> Wild Child Den Building £5.00 per child  
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25<sup>th</sup> The Twits performed in the Garden £17.50 per adult or £8.50 per child book tickets for this on 0844 249 1895

## September

- 6<sup>th</sup> “All you can eat Pudding Evening” £19.75pp book on 01732 811314  
6<sup>th</sup> Great outdoors Countryside Walk £1.00 pp  
15<sup>th</sup> times from 12.00 -4.00; see historical dance in Tudor Costumes inside the house.  
20<sup>th</sup> Cobwebs & Dust see our house keeping team care for items in our collection  
23<sup>th</sup> Kent Wood Turners demonstrate and sell their craft in the courtyard  
28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Origami with Fabric, 2 day course £60.00 pp  
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**Volunteers Needed!** Do you have some time to spare? Do you want to be part of a friendly team in a beautiful location? Or maybe you would like to add to your CV? Then why not join the volunteering team at Ightham Mote! There are opportunities in areas of stewarding, housekeeping, gardening, maintenance, helping with school groups the shop and restaurant. We also urgently need assistance with driving our new mobility buggy. You don't need any previous experience and full training is given. To find out more contact **Ann Davis 01732 810378 ext 130** [ann.davis@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ann.davis@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## **NEWS and NOTES**

**K**emsing Garden Safari will take place this year on **Sunday 24th June from 2.30pm to 6pm**. Nine very different gardens are featured, one being a wildlife garden with very pretty chickens, another has ducks, chickens, fish and vegetables, many have delightful views and are lovingly tended by keen gardeners. The Kemsing Allotments site in Nightingale Road will also be open. Tickets at £5 per adult (children free) are available on the day of the safari from 92 West End and Oast Cottage, 2 Park Lane, Kemsing. Refreshments will be available at two of the gardens on the route. All monies raised are in aid of St. Mary's Development Fund.

**A**re you a mature lady who likes to dance? Luci will be starting another of her dance classes for the over 50's in St. Edith small Hall on Tuesday July 3rd from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, with the emphasis on 'different' dancing from Indian to Salsa. No need to be fit—it's especially for those of us who need to get a bit fitter! The price is only £24 per 8 week term—that's only £3 per session. No need to register just turn up on the afternoon.

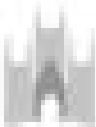
**S**t. Mary's Holiday Club, for primary school age children, 'Going for Gold' will take place from 28th to 31st August inclusive, on four mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm costs £2 per morning or £6 for all four mornings. For more details and enrolment form contact the Library. Forms must be returned by July 20th to Ruth Mason at 100 Dynes Road or to the Church Office in the Hall. See page 30 for more details.

**R**ichard Powell, our friendly local milkman, has let us know that by completing the London marathon in 3 hours 53 minutes and 4 seconds he has raised £4,100 for his chosen charity 'PHAB KIDS'. Richard would like to thank everyone for their support both before and after the run, and to congratulate Mr Cuttill who came nearest to guessing his overall completion time, only being out by 36 seconds!

**K**eeping to an athletic theme, the North Downs Challenge Walks which took place on May 12th raised over a marvellous £2,400 for St. Mary's Church and Woodlands Church. Pauline Mallinson would like to thank everyone who helped in whatever way to once again make the walks such a great success, and we would like to thank her and Trevor for all their efforts.

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## KEMSING'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Let's just say that the weather forecast for Tuesday June 5th was not 'tropical' - in fact serious rain was forecast for the afternoon, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who gathered on the Common Field to put up tents and gazebos for stalls for the first event of its kind that Kemsing has ever staged—a village picnic. The occasion—of course, a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen Elizabeth II — her 60 years on the throne could not possibly be ignored and the Heritage Centre bravely decided to take on responsibility for ensuring that Kemsing did not let this event pass without some form of celebration in the village.

Several village organisations were able to help by providing teas (Evening W.I.) Cakes (P.T.A.), sideshows (Kemsing Players, Short Mat Bowls Club, St. Edith Playgroup, Kemsing Gardeners, Brownies and Guides). There was also a white elephant stall in aid of 'Help for Heroes', which made a final profit of £270. Transport was laid on for those who needed it—all that was now needed were the crowds, and we weren't disappointed. The Bellringers rang a quarter peal as people assembled on the field. We estimate that over 1,500 people, almost one third of the village, came and enjoyed the event, far more than we ever expected. The raffles were particularly popular and the queues for teas sometimes stretched out of the Pavilion. It was lovely to see the long queue for the children's face painting stall and many thanks to Lesley Olley for organising this. Sadly the rain did arrive at about 2.45, but some villagers with forethought had brought their own gazebos and carried on regardless in true British fashion.

After this it was straight over to the Church for a look at the beautiful flowers arranged by Barbara Brown and her talented team and then at 4pm the Kemsing Community choir (all 55 of them!) gave a programme of popular and patriotic songs with a great deal of audience participation and flag waving which was entered into with gusto by those in the Church which was packed to the doors. A retiring collection in aid of the Church Development fund raised £200.50p. Everyone enjoyed the concert so much that the Community Choir is already planning to get together again in 2013 for another Summer Concert. Who would have thought that this would happen? Many thanks to Brenda Ross for taking on the choir and for Daniel Eaton for accompanying us in such style.

So all in all and in more ways than one, it was a day to remember, matching the celebrations in the village for the Coronation and the Silver Jubilee. Overleaf and on page 30, see a selection of photos which were taken on the day—if you have photos which you would like to give to the Heritage Centre archive, please speak to Erica Cole. So finally thanks again to the Heritage Centre for taking on the task of organising this most successful event and keeping Kemsing's community spirit alive. The most heard comment on the day 'What's the next event that we can celebrate and do it all again'.

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Rising Sun and on Saturdays between 11.30am and 3pm, Woodlands Café.

The Fox and Hounds is now under new ownership - Rod, Jan and their family have been working hard on the pub and the garden and are keen to be known as family and dog-friendly. The large garden now has a Koi carp pond, which is already a great attraction. The pub is a free house serving real ales and traditional pub food. During the summer Rod and Jan plan to have barbecues every Friday and Saturday evenings (subject to weather).

The local **Woodlands Tots** group continue to meet on Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am

in the Church Hall during term time. They are pictured here celebrating the Jubilee in style! Contact Catherine Medlen on 07815 107561 if you need further details



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*Anne Shelley*

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In the summer months there are popular barbecues on the outside terrace with tables and chairs provided to enjoy the lovely setting.

As well as normal beers there are always guest beers which are often ‘real ales’ giving members a chance to try different beers to those they usually drink.

Hours of opening are 7pm to 11pm daily, with an earlier opening on a Friday night from 5pm. For the future it is hoped that opening hours may be extended on a Saturday. The Club is run by a committee of members who are always keen to hear ideas for the future of the Club.

New members are always welcome—just come into the Club and ask for a membership form. Charges are £10 per year or £5 per year for over 60’s—and don’t forget, unlike the ‘old’ days, women are just as welcome to become members as men.



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## **Kemsing Primary School Report – our School Council**

**Question :** What is the School Council?

**Answer :** The School Council is made up of two children from each of the Years 2 – 5, and four children from Year 6. We meet every fortnight during term-time to discuss fund-raising ideas and events which go on in our school. Two Teaching Assistants help us run our Council.

**Question :** What fund-raising have we done in 2011-2012?

**Answer :** At our Harvest Festival last October, we raised money for ‘Seeds for Africa’. St Mary’s Church received donations from us then as well as at Christmas. We had an ‘Own Clothes Day’ to raise money to sponsor a parent Governor who ran in the London marathon for MACS – a children’s charity. Earlier this year we held a Bring-&-Buy sale of soft cuddly toys in aid of International Animal Rescue. Currently we are collecting used postage stamps for the Dogs’ Trust. Any contributions can be brought in to the School office in term-time, many thanks.

So far this year we have raised nearly £600 for charities.

**Question :** How does our School Council make a difference at School?

**Answer :** Once a year, we have a very important meeting when we discuss ideas of how we can help to make our School better. We then vote and the most popular ideas are put forward at the School Improvement Plan meeting which all our Staff and Governors attend. One of our suggestions this year is for an outdoor area for classes to use when the weather is warmer. A summerhouse has now been ordered by the PTA and will be put up on our field soon. We are looking forward to using it.

**Question :** What does the School Council do for the local community?

**Answer :** Our village is in danger of losing its main car-park behind the Wheatsheaf pub. So we organised a petition which was signed by lots of our pupils. We sent this to Kemsing Parish Council and Sevenoaks District Council. Our concerns have been acknowledged by both councils, and we are waiting to see what else we can do.

*Written by Year 6 School Council reps – Katie Bacon, Sam Frost, Lucy Goodhall and Kyle Willmore.*

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### News from Cotmans Ash

For certain, May has had problems ‘shaking off’ winter this year and now even as I write at the months’ end, heavy rain showers are coming in on an east wind – this has delayed migration and I have yet to hear the cuckoo or see a swift – warblers are few and where are the turtle doves with that lovely call of quiet England

Many blackbirds I have known and watched through the years – cock and hen, young and old have fed from our bird table with a trust as much as any bird will give a human, then along came one with only one leg who would almost take from my hand – ‘Stumpy’ – she became a great favourite of the family, then one day a sparrow hawk ..... need I relate the sorrowful story - but that was the end of my poor little ‘Stumpy’.

Other birds of prey share ‘Cotmans Ash’ with Heather and I – a not uncommon sight from the village these days is a pair of buzzards over the North Downs – masters of effortless flight they wheel and hover, drifting way out my sight on the downland thermals – gentle, passive old fellows, they keep themselves to themselves and now I count it an honour that they have set up home with us at Cotmans Ash – high up in the fir trees, the untidiest bunch of faggots you’d ever see – not great builders

For all the cold and wet you cannot fault our ‘Garden County’ in spring and its wild landscape. Bluebells under hazel, under chestnut, on road banks, in the ditches, under hedges – anywhere and everywhere – a vision of shimmering Dresden blue in the May sunshine and the lovely tiny ivory white wood sorrel, cuckoo pint, wood spurge and yellow celandine seem to hit it off well on the road banks together with rose pink herb Robert, sprawling pale yellow crosswort, archangel and herb bennet all joining the glistening stitchwort in a grand panorama of shapes and colours.

As a tree man I am often asked to come up with trees for Kemsing gardens with wild birds in mind. Well – here goes – forgive the botanical latin, but there is no other way.

The Rowan family ‘Sorbus’ (Mountain Ash) for winter birds and autumn foliage.  
Sorbus ‘Joseph Rock’ custard yellow fruits, medium size tree – growing in the Churchyard, Springhead Road and Dynes.

Sorbus Villmottinii – growing in the Churchyard, pink passing into red berries

Sorbus ‘Discolor Jubilee Green’ orange/scarlet berries

Sorbus ‘Aucuparia (English Rowan) - Scout Hut – scarlet berries.

The Rowans come from the world over and I have grown most of them, but I can think of few that outshine the orange scarlet of our English Rowan. Others will glisten and glow, but none mirror the light as English Rowan – it is the red of sunset.

In direct contrast to the stately Rowans, but for the smaller gardens are the disorganised contoeasters –C. congetus, C. Decorus, C. adpressus, all with red berries and low growing – there is a fine yellow fruited variety – C. Exburiensis that makes a sizeable shrub.

*Brian Doe*

## BEAVERS IN THE BLUEBELLS



**K**emsing Beaver Scouts came across this fallen tree when out for a recent walk. It was great for climbing on and they had a wonderful time scrambling all over it!

## BROWNIES AND THE JUBILEE



**1**<sup>st</sup> Kemsing Brownies have been doing activities connected to the Jubilee and '60'. So far they have designed jubilee outfits and a postage stamps, had an evening of activities based on the number '60' and been on a litter pick as part of the Spring Clean for the Queen scheme.



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## **Weddings**

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on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## **Deaths—Rest in Peace**

Audrey Taylor (85) 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Freda Tooth (93) on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Adrienne Miles (82) on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Elspeth Horne (92) on 2nd March 2012

Kathleen Daniels(86) on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Walter Jenner (91) on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Kathleen Murchie (100) on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Beryl Waghorn (79) on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Pam Gadd (70) on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Constance Warren (91) on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012

Alice Quittenden (96) on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012

Ruth Kitchener (91) on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## **Kemsing Church & Village News. May - August 1962**

The **Friends of St Edith Hall** had been formed in 1955 and had raised over £700 for essential repairs. Before winding up the Friends handed over £107 to the St Edith Hall Management Committee for help with repairs to the fabric.

The School **Swimming Pool** was formally opened on 7 July and many thanks were due to the efforts of Mr Cutts and the PTA. There were 47 children learning to swim.

The **Cricket Club** had 38 fixtures but had lost the first three matches of the season in cold weather. However in the fourth match Otford were defeated.

## **The Well, Summer 1987**

There were two notable retirements: **Doris Dew** had been on the Parish Council until 1971 and then the Sevenoaks Rural District Council (as it then was) and became Chairman of the Sevenoaks District Council from 1978-79. **Doug Kitchener** had been Parish Council Chairman for 10 years. A presentation was held on the 6 May.

Vic Bowden continued his article on **The Working Men's Club** where numbers in the 1960s were such that an extension eastwards was made. The design and materials were made to match the originals in 1911. Presidents of the Club had been Sir Mark Collet, Cyril Nash, Kenneth Eke and Ray Nash.

The **Gardeners Society** held a Spring Show that was colourful and successful with over 300 entries. Members were about to visit the Savill Garden in Winsor Great Park.

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## *Village Diary*

### **June**

- 17th Heritage Centre '*Reptile walk*' 2.00 village car park. Adults £2.00
- 21st Trefoil Guild evening meeting in Shoreham
- 24th Garden Safari various gardens in the village 2.30 –6.00 pm £5 adults, children free. Last ticket sold at 5.00pm. Details from 01732 764248
- 26th M.U. Coffee morning 10.00-12.00 8, The Landway. Raffle of hand made single size quilt in aid of Friends of St. Mary's
- 27th Trefoil Guild Strawberry Tea and bring and buy.
- 30th Kemsing Village Summer Fete. School field from 1pm.

### **July**

- 1st After the All Age Service which starts at 10.30, there will be a **Barbecue** on the Church Hall Field. All welcome.
- 1st Gardeners Society outing to Mount Ephraim gardens, Faversham. £20 per head including entry. Details from Mike Davies 01732 762266.
- 7th Heritage Centre open 1st Saturday in the month 10.00-12.00
- 7th Gardeners Society Summer Show Kemsing School hall 2.00. Entry details Les. Green 01959 524376
- 11th W.I. St. Edith small hall 7.45 talk '*Land of Aphrodite*'
- 11th Heritage Centre outing to Losely Park & Watts Gallery. Details from Debbie Pierson on 01732 762033
- 17th M.U. Finger Food Buffet at Easter Cottage details from Barbara Brown or Elizabeth Waters
- 19th Trefoil Guild 30th Anniversary Celebration Quiz 7.45 Church Hall

### **August**

- 4th Heritage Centre open 1st Saturday in the month 10.00-12.00
- 8th W.I. St. Edith small hall 7.45 talk '*Queen Victoria's Dreadful Uncles*'
- 19th Heritage Centre BBQ and walk £8.00 per head details from Debbie Pierson, 01732 762033
- 28-31st St. Mary's Holiday Club, 4 mornings, see opposite page.

### **September**

- 1st Heritage Centre open 1st Saturday in the month 10.00-12.00
- 2nd W.I. Produce and Craft Show St. Edith large hall 7.45
- 7th Heritage Centre talk (to be arranged) in. St. Edith Small Hall 7.30pm.
- 15th Gardeners Society Autumn Show Kemsing School hall 2.30 entry details Les Green 01959 524376
- 20th Trefoil Guild talk by The Gideons London Scripture Blitz. 7.45 Church Hall
- 25th M.U. Thanks giving service at St. Mary's. This will be the last meeting of the St. Mary's M.U. Details from Elizabeth Waters 01732 761431



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