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# Easter Services at Kemsing & Woodlands

*Celebrate with us this Easter!*

## Friday 18th Apr (Good Friday)

9.30 am All-age worship in Kemsing Church

10.30 am Open-air service on Green Hill ↙

*followed by* **At the cross**

Hot Cross Buns in Kemsing Church Hall

1.30-3.00 pm Service of Reflection

## Sunday 20th Apr (Easter Day)

8.00 am Traditional Communion in Kemsing

10.00 am All-age Communion in Kemsing

11.30 am Communion at Woodlands

7.00 pm Easter Carol Service

## Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

There is so much conflict in the world. We've recently watched the different factions in Syria try to find an agreed way forwards; the same need is there for South Sudan, for Israel and Palestine, for the two Koreas, and so many places. Often, a mediator can help. Perhaps an independent third party may help both sides to agree a series of compromises.



Ultimately, all of our conflicts trace back to the biggest feud: We and God do not agree who is in charge of this world. When we all start thinking we are gods in our own domains, it's no wonder we fall out with one another. When our lives overlap, which of us is going to be "god"?

Easter is the story of the most wonderful mediator in history. In 1 Timothy 2:5, Jesus is called the "one mediator between God and people".

Only, he's a mediator of a very different kind. Warring parties today need to find a mediator who is independent, so that both sides can find some suitable compromises. If each side is willing to let go of some of their demands, is there middle ground that everyone can accept?

Jesus is the opposite of independent; he represents *both* sides! He is both man and God. He also did not broker a compromise. That would have meant persuading God to have less exacting moral standards, and making us a little more obedient in key ways. The reverse was so: He solved the rift without reducing God's demands, and without requiring our increased obedience.

No human has ever been in harmony with God like Jesus was. What he did was exchange places with us. For three hours on the cross, he became us – at war with God. As a result, all who accept this gift can become him – at peace with God, not just for three hours but forever. He could only end our hostility with God in this way because he's not independent. Only a human being could swap places with other humans like us. And only because Jesus is God could he love us like this; otherwise, God would have been picking on an innocent bystander.

The reconciliation worked – the empty tomb on Easter morning is our proof.

And so Jesus is the mediator like no other. He ended hostilities between us and God. No wonder we celebrate Easter – it's such good news. Do join us this year – our service times are inside this copy of *The Well*.

With every blessing, Your friend and vicar, James Oakley

A stylized signature of the name "James" in black ink.

## St MARY the VIRGIN PARISH CHURCH, KEMSING

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The Parish Office (in the Church Hall) is open from 10am-noon on Mondays and 10.00 - 5pm on Thursdays. Answer phone at other times is 01732 761351.

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 which is the 'All-Age' service..
- 18.30 Evening Service (Evensong twice a month, a number of other formats twice a month)

The service pattern on the 5th Sunday will be:

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

For details of Easter services see page 3.

The Annual Vestry meeting will take place on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall, followed by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. Everyone on the electoral roll will receive an agenda and an Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2013. See Page 9 for further details

### **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

**Children are warmly welcomed at all of our services. Coffee is served from 10.45 to 11.15. before morning services. Evening services are followed by a light meal**



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- If all the Brownies in the UK gathered together, they would fill Wembley Arena 17 times – with some left over!
- There are Brownies in more than more than 100 countries around the world, from Aruba to Zimbabwe. British Brownie groups also meet in many countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.
- During the Second World War, there were Brownie and Guide groups in Weih sien Japanese internment camp in China and Ravensbrück concentration camp in Germany.

□ You would need 620 Boeing 747 jumbo jets or 2,400 double-decker buses to carry all the Brownies in the UK.

□ Brownies have their own rose – the Brownie Rose is a yellow Floribunda, launched to mark the section's 90th birthday.



- Well-known former members include Olympians Ellie Simmonds, Victoria Pendleton and Dame Kelly Holmes and Paralympian Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson,.
- The first suggested uniform for Rosebuds in 1914 was a blue skirt, knitted jersey and cap. Brownies today get to choose from 14 pieces of Brownie wear, including short- and long-sleeved T-shirts, hoodies and leggings.

***We are lucky in Kemsing to have two Brownie packs which meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church Hall.***

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# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS - ST MARY'S CHURCH, KEMSING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10th April 2014, at 7.45pm in the Church Hall**, to elect the Churchwardens for 2014/15. This meeting is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when there will be a report from the Electoral Roll Officer, and consideration will be given to the Annual Report 2013, which will include:

- (a) Rev James Oakley's report
- (b) Churchwardens' report
- (c) Reports from Committees, Teams and Groups
- (d) Financial Statements for the year 2013

There will be an election of representatives to the Deanery Synod, and the Parochial Church Council, followed by the appointment of Sidesmen, and the Independent Financial Examiner for 2014. All those currently on the Church's Electoral Roll will receive a copy of the Agenda and Annual Report & Accounts before the meeting, and will be eligible to vote on any proposals.

*Rosemary Banister,*

## **Parish Council news**

### Dog fouling campaign on the Recreation Grounds and Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve

Three Parish Councillors, including one volunteer, Mr. Bob Banister, have been patrolling the Recreation Grounds and in particular Lower Haffenden Field over the past three months in an attempt from the Parish Council to reduce dog fouling in these areas. Leaflets and dog poo bags were handed out to many dog owners. The Parish Council is happy to report that most of our residents are responsible dog owners and would like to thank everybody for their co-operation. However, there are still a minority of dog owners who continue to allow their dogs to foul without clearing up. Please bear in mind that when you are caught, you may be facing a fine of up to £1,000 under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

### **Parish Council information**

#### Dates of Parish Council meetings

20 March 2013, 17 April 2013, 15 May 2013 - Commencing at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing. *(Please see website and notice boards for further information)*

#### Contact details

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## **NOTICE**

*You are invited as an ELECTOR of KEMSING Parish to attend  
the  
Annual Parish Meeting on*

***Wednesday, 26 March 2014, at 8 p.m. Main Hall, St. Edith Hall.***

*It would be helpful if you could let the Parish Clerk know if you  
have any specific questions or proposals. Please submit these in  
writing by 17 March 2014.*

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minutes**  
To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28  
March 2013  
*(available to view at Kemsing Library, notice board at St. Edith  
Hall, or on the Council's website)*
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Reports from:**  
Kemsing Primary School  
Play Place (Youth Club)  
West Kent Police  
Sevenoaks District Council (District Councillors)  
Kent County Council (County Councillor)  
St. Edith Hall Management Committee
- 5. Questions to Parish Councillors**
- 6. Consideration of any new matters raised by Electors**
- 7. Closure of the Meeting**

*Chairman of the Parish Council,  
Mrs. M. R. Cole*



## **Something different at Ightham Mote.**

For children and families – **50 things to do before 11¾!!** The number of things they can do at Ightham Mote has increased – and we are delighted that our ‘Grow your own Pizza Event’ on 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday has been sponsored by nearby Coolings Garden Centre. We also look forward to working with Friday Night Live on their family focused festival in July.

For those visitors with curious minds, we have extended our events that look more **Behind the Scenes** at Ightham Mote – such as take a peek days (11am to 4.30pm on 2nd April, 7th May and 4th June) where you can see what is inside those drawers or cupboards, and our ever popular attic tours, (11am to 4.30pm on 3rd April, 1st May and 5th June) where visitors can see our archive areas and stores. The Behind the Scenes tours run throughout the days mentioned on a ‘first come, first served basis’ and no under 12’s are allowed.

For those who haven’t visited us recently, please come again! The House reopens 1st March, **and we will then be open daily all year, 363 days a year!**

Why not follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/NTIghthammote](http://www.twitter.com/NTIghthammote) and on our [Facebook Page](#).

**Volunteers Always 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 plenty of volunteering opportunities in a variety of areas including stewarding, housekeeping, gardening, maintenance, helping with school groups, driving our less able visitors and helping in the shop and restaurant. You don’t need any previous experience and full training is given. To find out more contact Jill Nash 01732 810378 ext 130 or [jill.nash@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:jill.nash@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## NEWS and NOTES

Prepare to be amused!

The Kemsing Players are performing two one act comedies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at St Edith's Hall in Kemsing at 8.00pm. 'Last Tango in Kemsing' and 'Last Panto in Kemsing' by David Tristram describe the efforts of an amateur dramatic company to reverse their loss making performances. Follow their hapless attempts to sell more tickets by adding a little spice to their productions!

Autocratic Bernard, the Director, has ambitions to be a writer whilst Margaret has pretensions to always be the leading lady. Joyce wants to do a musical and Bernard 'only does the scenery'. It would not be amateur dramatics if things went according to plan and the plays unfold with surprising and hilarious consequences.

Box office opens Monday 7th April with tickets at £8.00 each (£6 concessions). Telephone 07554 766335.

Kemsing Singers celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year. Their first concert on 5th April 2014 at 7.30 at St. Bartholomew's Church Otford is 'Ring out Wild Bells'. Their 50th Anniversary Concert and celebration takes place on 17th May at 7.30pm in St. Edith Hall, Kemsing and is entitled 'Hearth and Home'

Information and tickets can be obtained from the Box Office on 01959 523752.

In order to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First World War, and in conjunction with the publication of a revised edition of Janet Eaton's book 'Lest we Forget' about those whose names appear on our War Memorial, the Heritage Centre have arranged a trip to Belgium to visit some of the Kemsing War Graves. The trip will take place on Saturday June 21st and there are still four tickets available. The trip will leave Kemsing at 7am and not return until 11pm, but there will be an opportunity to visit Talbot House in Poperinghe and participate in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. If you would like to join the trip, please telephone Janet Eaton on 01732 763383.

St. Mary's Church are also planning an event to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of World War One. A Flower Commemoration will be held in the Church from Thursday July 31st to Sunday August 3rd. More details in our next edition.

Our Wonderful Community Choir are planning their fourth Concert which will take place in the Church during the event mentioned above, on Saturday August 2nd at 7pm. We shall be singing songs from World War One, plus other favourites. We start rehearsals on Tuesday May 13th in the Church Hall at 8pm, and welcome everyone to come and join us—especially a few more men! We shall meet every Tuesday from then until July 29th. Just turn up—there are no auditions, no fees and a lot of fun!



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**K**emsing School has been fortunate enough to have its own pool since it was built in 1961 and the current corrugated roof added in 1967. It was the local community, along with the school's Parent & Teacher Association (PTA), who originally paid for and physically built the pool and later the roof, in response to a local drowning accident.



The swimming pool is highly valued by the school and over the years there has been continued investment in maintenance of this fantastic resource and the pool itself is in good condition; however, due to age and condition of the roof structure it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain it to a safe standard. Unless this is addressed and the corrugated roof replaced it is increasingly likely that the pool will no longer be usable as a result of being unsafe and would have to close.

In order to save the pool, our plan is to remove the current failing roof structure and changing rooms, to be replaced with a modern roof enclosure which would encompass the pool, changing areas, shower, WC and storage facilities in one structure. By encompassing it all under the one roof it not only becomes more cost effective to run but also a much more pleasant and accessible environment for the pupils, and hopefully other community groups, to use.

The estimated total cost for this project is £85,000-£90,000

We have applied for a grant from Sport England for £40,000 towards the costs of the new enclosure, which is currently under their consideration and we should find out if this has been successful in the next couple of months. However, the grant money is not guaranteed and therefore we are asking our community for help again.

The school and PTA are committed to keeping the pool open and have prioritised the Swimming Pool Fund for fund raising activities in 2013/2014; with £28,000 raised to date.

### **How can you support the Swimming Pool project?**

The community can support the swimming pool project by supporting school fund-raising events or making specific donation to the swimming pool fund via <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/kemsingschoolpta> or calling 07738-246229.

We will also be launching a **Buy-A-Tile** initiative where pupils, parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbours, teachers or anyone in the community can have a 'digital' photo tile with an image themselves or a family member which will be included in a mural in the new swimming pool enclosure; a lasting legacy of the community support for the swimming pool project.

There will also be the opportunity for local businesses to **Buy-A-Tile** and have their name included in the mural as supporters of the school's swimming pool project.

# KEMSING SCHOOL POOL—FROM START TO DA



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**The roof being added in 1967.**

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## **LIFE ON THE HILL**

### **East Hill—Knatts Valley—Tinkerpot Lane—Romney Street**

I am sure that most of you know by now that the refurbishment of Woodlands Church Hall is almost complete. The Hall Fund was started in the year 2000 and we thank God for the wonderful way that everything suddenly came together after the 2013 Woodlands Fete. The significant amount raised at the fete, proceeds from Woodlands Café and other events, together with grants and generous donations have all contributed to making the refurbishment a reality.



At the time of writing we had hoped that the Hall would have reopened but as with most major works there is always more to do than is at first obvious. Contingency funds have been used to pay for unforeseen plumbing problems and timber treatment. The stainless steel worktops in the kitchen could not be made until after Christmas, delaying further work such as tiling. We are therefore seeking additional funding to enable us to improve the lighting and cupboard space in the Hall. If you are able to help, or point us to a grant-funding body, please contact our treasurer Mike Richards on 01959 524113 or our vicar James Oakley on 01732 762556. We will show exactly how your money is spent and keep you informed of our progress.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **March**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

Combined Mothering Sunday service in Kemsing Church (No service in Woodlands Church)

#### **April**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30-10.00am

The Way of the Cross – Prayers , readings and worship followed by:-

10.30am United Open- Air service at the Cross, Green Hill

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Easter Family Communion- with a special surprise for the children.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.30 Holy Communion, followed by free lunch and Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 2.15pm, to which all are welcome.

Do come and join us on one of the above occasions. We are a small friendly church and love to see new faces.

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# KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT

This has been a busy and exciting term at Kemsing Primary School. The children and parents were entertained by the Year 6 pupils in their version of Robin Hood, Hoodwinked. The Year 6 pupils performed over two nights to sell out audiences. Many thanks go to their teacher Mrs Brown. Also thanks go to Mrs Arnold, Ms Mantle and Mr Day for a lot of work behind the scenes. The wonderful scenery was painted by Mrs Locke. Also thanks go to Mr and Mrs Crawley who provided their expertise with lighting for the performances. Many of the younger children were seen slapping their thigh, Robin Hood style, for the following week.

Year 2 took part in a Medieval day, where they all learnt about castle life and what it was like to live in those times. They have made their own 3D castle which they have decorated with photographs of the day at the castle windows.

Congratulations to Science Club.

Our Kemdroids achieved a fabulous result at the recent First Lego League Science competition in Canterbury. They won the overall competition for Kent and Medway, competing against Secondary and Grammar schools with only 1 other Primary school competing! They came in the top 4 of every element and won the Robot Performance Award. This put the club into the finals of the National competition in Loughborough, where again they did very well. Many thanks go to Sandra Bruce, Allan Johnston and James Gillet.

This term we have said goodbye to Babs Watson who has played the piano for generations of Kemsing School children over the last 27 years. Babs voluntarily provided accompaniment for both pre-school and Key Stage 1 children during movement and music lessons.

The School Council will be holding a "Bring and Buy" sale to raise funds for Kemsing Scout's new Hut Project. The pupils will be bringing and selling good quality toys and books.

We will be holding our annual Easter service in the Church at the end of term which will include readings and singing by Key Stage 2 pupils.

*Margaret Williams*

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## NEWS FROM ST. CLERE ESTATE:

It's raining *Inside*....

About five years ago, I went to a Historic Houses Association conference about energy use in historic houses. The message from the conference was that weather would become more 'eventful'. Wetter rain. Drier dry spells etc. The point was that we should get prepared, belt and braces, investing in the infrastructure necessary to cope with such events. On an estate like St Clere 'getting prepared' takes a huge investment, and it isn't something that can be gone into lightly; failing to act is sometime more expensive still.

First, we looked at the energy use across the estate to keep warm in cold times. Every pound spent on keeping heat IN, is worth at least two pounds paying for heating. So, loft insulation, window repairs, door seals and finally individual radiator thermostats which stopped un-used rooms at the top of the house being kept at a sauna heat because the system was trying to heat the drafty high ceilinged ground floor rooms.

Next, create energy. We now have our own beloved wood-chip boiler which has caused more problems than all my children put together, but now finally works, and we produce all our own chip and one day, in about 10-15 years, it will pay us back. In the meantime I have to enjoy the benefit to my conscience, rather than the bank account. We put in ground source heating at the cottage we restored in the walled garden, and hope to put another woodchip boiler at West Yaldham if we get planning for a development there. Finally, we are considering a field mounted solar panel site. We've found a site that we think can only be seen by one or two houses from their top floor, as it runs between the motorway and the railway line to the west of Chaucer. The best guess is that this will supply enough clean electricity for the whole of the Estate, plus a further 6000 or more homes in Kemsing.

After the winter and spring of 2013 I thought we'd seen the wettest we could get. Halfway up the North Downs and surely flooding shouldn't be a problem at St Clere? But it looks like 2014 will be even wetter. Last year the wet was felt most keenly in the farm, with some crops being abandoned because we couldn't get tractors onto fields without sinking. This year the house is bearing the brunt. The brickwork is saturated, so now when the wind and rain blows onto the house, the water blows through the bricks and it rains inside. Doors and windows are swelling all around the estate, and nothing can be done about any of it until things dry out. And when it does dry out, we'll be ready. We have our own water supply; we found the old underground water storage tank and now capture and use our own rainwater, and have come off the mains.

The weather last summer was so glorious that we forgave the miserable spring. We're hoping that this miserable winter means this summer will be as good as last year. We've got the garden open on 15th June for NGS and Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society are performing Twelfth Night (we'll be giving our proceeds to Breast Cancer Care) from 1st - 6th July. As long as the weather stays fair for those, and the various weddings and events we're hosting this year, I'll put up with the rain inside.

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## News from Cotmans Ash SPRINGTIME IN KEMSING

**F**or many reasons I enjoy the quiet solitude of these long nights of early spring - it is a time to be in the woods at sundown to hear the wood pigeons clatter into roost, a cock pheasant, his last crow of the day, a startled blackbird and the whispering chatter from the tiny gold crests who gather together for warmth in the fir trees. Rooks in evening flight with the noisy jackdaws forever arguing and shouting as they cross the sky in the last light of the day. Flights of silent wading birds that could be mallard, pochard, teal or even widgeon - not a sound do they make in the fading light.

The recent north east winds have brought in the woodcock - they leave the freezing cold of Scandinavia and eastern Europe for our milder southern woodland - a mystery to me, always turning up in the same spot - they rise from your feet like silent brown shadows. They seem to navigate in complete darkness - What do they live on? Where do they go? For they only stay a few nights.

Another marvel of spring nightfall are the tawny owls, they are the true spirit of April darkness gliding on silent wings down the woodland rides and through the tree stumps. They are ace hunters of mice and voles - I have even seen them chase bats as well as they take many worms. Through my bedroom I hear them call at all hours of the night - a mournful echoing call like some lost spirit.

Primroses are true Spring messengers of our garden county – they have somehow been pushing their rosettes of leaves and flower buds through the frozen turf of February - together with their first cousins the Cowslips, they cover the green downland with drifts of lemon yellow like some giant tablecloth.

Another spring marvel of our garden county is the bluebells, they rise from the woodland floor as a ‘Dresden blue’ mirage with the occasional drift of white to break it up.

The little scented woodlander is the Spurge Laurel with it’s lime green trumpets opening under glossy green leaves – it is in fact a member of the Daphne family.

I am sure Heather and I won’t have been the only ones who came into the New Year on the ‘back foot’ but we both want to thank so many of you for your cards , notes and so many other means of best wishes. Now it’s our turn - the primroses and cowslips are showing enormous prospects so why not come up to Cotmans Ash around the Easter Festival.

*BRIAN DOE*

## NORTH DOWNS CHALLENGE WALKS 2014

This year's North Downs Challenge Walks take place on Saturday May 10th. As usual the walks are not a race, but a 'challenge' and cover 11, 15 or 20 miles—the choice is yours. Walkers cover set routes, given at the check in, and are given a certificate and a light meal at the end, with copious cups of tea provided by the catering team.

Admission is by prior application and entries are NOT accepted on the day, the closing date being 19th April. Forms are obtainable from the back of St. Mary's Church or by contacting Pauline Mallinson on 01959



524725 or email [trevorpauline@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:trevorpauline@tiscali.co.uk). The event costs £13 for adults and £6 for under 18's. Profits help projects at Woodlands and St. Mary's, Kensing Churches.

### **St. Mary's Craft Group need WOOL!!**

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## **Deaths—Rest in Peace**

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Kenneth Derek FINCH (83) on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Irene GOLDUP (92) on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Gwen BATH (93) on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Alan GREENOUFF on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

## **From Kemsing Parish Magazine January to March 1964**

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Church Meeting on 13 Feb was attended by over 80 parishioners. Ted Cowlard was re-elected as Peoples Warden, Tom Dew took over from Reg Ford as Vicar's Warden. There were 360 on the Electoral Roll.

The respective responsibilities of the Parish Council and the St Edith Hall Management Committee were established. A joint committee of both bodies found no reason for any large-scale enlargement of the Village Hall.

The Cricket Club were looking forward to a new season which would begin on 26 April. Bill Satterley was the Hon. Secretary. A heavy roller was needed for the square.

A display in the library showed the "KCC Plan for Kemsing" Although there had been some recent refusals building in the existing gaps was not necessarily the answer as it is the open spaces inside the village that are its best features.

## **From "The Well" Spring 1989.**

Mary Quenby was taking over the editorship of "The Well" from Joan Woods.

The Mother's Union had a new banner, masterminded by Frances Heddle, that was dedicated in the Church in April.

The Historical & Art Society founded in 1985, had a good year in 1988 with an average attendance of over 60, and an outing to Canterbury.

Mr Nicholson wrote about the Kemsing North Downs Nature Reserve and the activities of the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation.

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## Village Diary

### March

- 4th Rhyme Time for under 5s Kemsing library every Tuesday  
6th Tea/coffee,biscuits Kemsing library every other Thursday 10.30-11.30 a donation to. costs  
7th Heritage Centre talk by D. Chapman '*Pilgrims Way in Kent*' St. Edith small hall 7.30 members free, visitors £2.50 tickets on the door.  
11th Gardeners Club AGM St. Edith small hall 8.00 with Brian Doe  
12th W.I. St. Edith small hall talk on '*Hospice in the Weald*' 7.45 St. Edith small hall  
14th Wildlife Group talk by Barbara Darby '*Wildlife of the World*' 8pm St. Edith small Hall admission £2.00  
15th Scouts Jumble Sale, sale items to St. Edith hall from 9.30 sale starts 1.30 £1.entry  
20th Trefoil Guild, St. Mary's Church Hall 7.45 details from Sec. 01959 523200  
26th **Annual Parish Meeting St. Edith large Hall 8.00pm** your chance to meet and talk to Kemsing's Parish Councillors, all residents welcome.

### April

- 1st ) Kemsing Players tickets go on sale for the two, 1 act plays '*Last Tango in Kemsing*' and  
2nd ) '*Last Panto in Kemsing*' to be performed on 1st,2nd,3rd May available from 07554 766335  
3rd ) £8.00 or £6.00 concessions  
1st Heritage Centre walk Oldbury Hill Fort 10.00am. details from E. Cole 01732 761772  
4th Heritage Centre talk '*Biggin on the Bump*' talk by Bob Oglely St. Edith hall 7.30 members free, visitors £2.50 tickets on the door.  
5th The Kemsing Singers concert '*Ring out, Wild Bells*' St/ Bartholomew's Church, Otford 7.30. Information and tickets from the box office: 01959 523752  
8th Kemsing Gardener's Club. Talk on '*The work of the National Fruit Collection Brogdale*' St. Edith small hall 8.00  
9th W.I. Birthday meeting, RATS Revellers St. Edith small hall 7.45pm  
10th **St. Mary Church Annual Parochial Church meeting. All those on the Church electoral roll are eligible to vote, 7.45 Church hall.**  
11th Wildlife Group talk by John Tyler '*The Countryside in Spring*' 8.00 St. Edith small Hall admission £2.00 under 16 free  
12th Gardener's Show. Kemsing School 2.30pm. Admission by donation.  
18th For **GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH SERVICES** see page 3  
20th For **EASTER DAY CHURCH SERVICES** see page 3

### May

- 1st&2nd Kemsing Players 2, 1 act plays '*Last Tango in Kemsing*' and '*Last Panto in Kemsing*'  
& 3rd 8.00 St. Edith Hall. Tickets from 07554 766335 £8 or £6 concession  
9th Heritage Centre talk, '*Curiosities of the City of London part 2*' by Stuart Robinson St. Edith small hall 7.00 members free, visitors £2.00 tickets on the door.  
9th Wildlife Group talk by Chris Stewart '*The Fascinating & Secret Life of the Mole*' St. Edith large Hall 8.00 admission £2.00  
13th? Date to be confirmed Kemsing Gardeners visit to a local garden, details from Mike Davies 01732 762266  
14th W.I. Annual Resolutions meeting St. Edith small hall 7.45  
17th The Kemsing Singers 50th Anniversary concert and celebration 'Hearth and Home' 7.30 at St. Edith hall. Box office and information 01959 523752

### June

- 6th Heritage Centre talk '*History of Kentish Seaside Resorts*' by Dr. Anne Kneif St. Edith small hall 7.30 members free, visitors £2.00 tickets on the door.  
10th Kemsing Gardeners St. Edith small hall 8.00 talk by Mr. Bareham '*May your photography blossom/bloom*'  
11th W.I. Garden Meeting.

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