

The background of the cover is a photograph of a field of holly bushes. The holly leaves are dark green, and the berries are bright red. The berries are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background shows a grassy field and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white, serif font.

THE WELL

**Kemsing Village Magazine
with news from Woodlands**

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**What's been going on in Kemsing? See centre
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Christmas Services at St Mary's Kemsing

Sunday 14th December

7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21st December

4-6 pm Carol Singing around the Village ←
See special postcards for times and places

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

2.00 pm Crib Service for Tiny Tots

3.45 pm Crib Service

then Carols at the Well

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.00am Traditional Communion

9.30 am Family Communion Service

"You are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is truly awful. Killing 90% of those who contract it, it is highly infectious, with no confirmed cure, spreading fastest in a part of the world with scant resources and many overcrowded cities.

The horrors of Ebola make healthcare workers all the more wonderful. Each doctor, nurse or carer who chooses to spend time with those who are infected is doing a wonderful thing. They are putting their own lives in danger to bring relief, and to try and slow the spread of this terrible disease.

How would you feel if someone you loved told you they were going to Guinea to care for Ebola sufferers? We'd be filled with admiration – so sacrificial, can we help with their airfare? Yet we'd be filled with fear as well – someone we love may be about to die a painful death to save others. Saying goodbye at Gatwick would be a bittersweet moment. Do you ever wonder why we celebrate Christmas? Why is the birth of Jesus good news?

One answer is in John 3:16, one of the most famous verses in the Bible: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." There's a lot here about Jesus' arrival in the world.

Firstly, we find out *who* did it. Jesus didn't just fancy a holiday; God sent him. God "gave his one and only Son"; he is God the Father's gift to us. Second, we find out *why* he did this, "that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". When Jesus spoke of "eternal life", he referred to a personal never-ending relationship with the God who made us. We need this more than anything, and Jesus came into the world to give this to everyone who trusts and follows him. Third, we find out *how* he did it. Tracking back up to John 3:14, Jesus said that he "must be lifted up" (die on the cross) "that everyone who believes may have eternal life."

He was sent, in order to die, in order to give us life.

We're often encouraged to think what it was like in Bethlehem when Jesus arrived. Now picture what it was like in heaven when Jesus left to come here. God the Father said goodbye to his Son. The Son he loved was about to die a painful death to save others. How much God must love us to do this.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at services this Christmas.
Happy Christmas!

With every blessing, Your friend and vicar,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the top.

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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)
- 10.30 Morning Service (with coffee in the Church beforehand)
Sunday Special in the Vestries 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
- 10.00 Combined service with Woodlands at Kemsing
- 18.30 Evensong

See pages 3 and 13 for the Christmas Services

The annual evening Memorial Service especially for those who have lost loved ones in recent years, will be held on
Sunday March 1st 2015.

Put the date in your diary now.

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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Petty Officer George SMITH R.N. (Rtd)

George was appointed President of the Kemsing British Legion in 2013 following other stalwarts of Kemsing, the previous being Boris Gaskin.

George was born in 1925 and lived with his family in Chipstead close to The Bricklayers Arms. His father worked as a platelayer on the railways, but he too was a matelot having joined the Royal Navy in the late 19th century and who first served in a warship with sails - HMS Ganges. He was recalled to the Navy as an Able Seaman for the 1st World War as a seaman/gunner.



George attended the village school and then The Judd School in Tonbridge but due to the outbreak of the 2nd World War was obliged to leave. (His greatest claim to fame is that he was clipped around the ear by the Head Boy, Terry Lewin, who later became The Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin). George volunteered for war service in 1943 (aged 17 years) and joined the Navy – he initially wanted to be like his Dad but changed his mind to be a diesel mechanic as he found out that the pay was 6d per day more!! George was based at Chatham. He served on two frigates (H.M.S.s Hoste and

Dacre) both ‘lease and lend’ ships built in America. George’s ship was mainly protecting the Atlantic convoys sailing from North America. At D-day his ship was ‘on station’ covering the Western Approaches to the English Chanel but he didn’t see much as he was in the engine room! He was demobbed in 1946 as Petty Officer.

In 1947 he married Mary and lived in Chipstead where their first baby was born. They decided to emigrate to Canada in 1949 but returned to the UK in 1956 where they set up home in Riverhead and subsequently in Sundridge. On his return George worked as a bus driver on buses running out of Dunton Green garage. He retired after 27 years service during which time he became the Church Warden of Sundridge Church.

George and Mary moved to Kemsing in 1996 where they entered fully into the spirit of Kemsing and re-organised ‘Open Door’ for the elderly and ran the Julian Prayer Group and other activities. George is very proud that he built a seat at the top of Green Hill and intends to walk up and sit on it to celebrate his 90th birthday. George has a large family of four children, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

One of his proudest moments this year was, as President of Kemsing British Legion, he attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on 8th November in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen.

Bob Banister



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Eating. In December you can enjoy a Christmas lunch, and don't forget to book for our **Boxing Day & New Year's Day treks** with a full English breakfast in the Mote Café followed by an informal led walk £21.50. **In Jan. and Feb.** come on one of our Sunday Roast and Rambles.



On 14th Feb join us for a romantic **Valentine's Day supper** with sparkling wine on arrival, and a three course dinner with live music. Tickets £37.50 book all via the Mote Café 01732 811314

During **February half term, family fun** is from Sat 14-Sun 22. Children can have fun outside with our Winter activity pack and then enjoy craft activities inside to warm up (please note the play area will not be open until 1 March).

The Magpie is back during **February** for another performance by popular demand. Set in the Great Hall, this amazing, atmospheric one woman performance tells the story of the women in Henry VIII's life, followed by a 2-course supper in our Café. £29.50. To book phone the Mote Café 01732 811314.

And for those who want to try something new, we will have our **Beginner's quilting workshop**. The eight week quilting course is on Fridays mornings only, from 27 February with Sue and Annie. £99 (includes some materials), book via Ightham Mote office on 01732 810378 ext 100.

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NEWS and NOTES

Would you like to belong to a friendly local Social Club here in Kemsing? Well, we are fortunate enough to have the **St. Edith Club** right here in the village. The Club is open every day from 7pm to 11pm from Monday to Thursday and on Saturday, from 5pm on Fridays and all day from 12 noon on Sundays. Membership is available to everyone (yes, even women!) at a very reasonable £10 per year or £5 for the over 60's. There is a meat raffle every Friday evening and Sunday lunchtime, bingo every Wednesday evening and a Quiz Night on the first and third Thursdays, plus a crib night on the first Monday of each month.. There is also regular Saturday evening live entertainment, and a pool table is also available Just call into the Club during opening hours (do you know where it is?, in the High Street, and part of the Hall complex) for a membership form. We look forward to seeing you there in 2015.

The annual **QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of the Hospice in the Weald, will be held next year on Friday February 13th at 7.30pm in St. Edith Hall. Tickets are £8 per person, bring your own drink and glasses. For tickets and more information, please contact Joyce on 01732 761606.

North Downs Spring Challenge Walks will take place on Saturday May 9th 2015. This is the eighteenth event and as usual walkers will be able to chose one of three routes—eleven, fifteen and twenty miles over the beautiful Kent countryside. Due to the loss of our church Hall, walks this year will start at St. Mary's Church and finish in St. Edith Hall. The entry fee will be £13 for adults and £6 for children, which will include light refreshments en route and a sandwich and cake tea at the finish. All details and forms will be available from 1st January 2015 from trevorpauline@tiscali.co.uk. or 01959 524725. Get your form in early!

Annual Meeting of the **Heritage Centre** will take place in St. Edith Hall on Saturday February 14th 2015, at 2.30pm. Come along and hear about the huge progress we have made during the past year and our plans for the future. See *Village Diary* for details of our talks for the next few months.

The Headmaster of the new **Trinity School** reports that the school was one year old on 4th September and, on that day, a new group of 120 excited 11-year olds joined the school at its temporary location in Riverhead. This more than doubled the size of the school which will keep growing until it has 800 pupils. In 2015 the school will move to its long-term location at Wildernesse. Bishop Brian came on 22nd September to have a tour of the school which culminated in a service at St Mary's Church, Riverhead.



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As we await the building of a new Church Hall, it is good to let you know that the Church has a dedicated team of fund raisers who devote a great deal of time and effort into running events. Every little helps!

Please look out for details of our events on our posters, flyers and in the local press. We are already looking ahead to find suitable designs for our 2015 Christmas cards, so if you are an amateur artist or keen photographer, let Margaret Robarts our Parish Administrator know by email to administrator@kemsingwithwoodlands.org or telephone her on 01732 761351, by June 30th 2015.

Table Top sales have been held at The Bell by kind permission of John O'Sullivan, and raised £140. Thank you John!

Look out for our posters and come and support the events which we hold.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

The craft group has moved twice since the hall fire but this has not deterred any of them or the amount of work they have produced. We are very grateful to the Dynes for giving us a home for a number of weeks and now to the Library which is very much easier for transport and is also more central in the village.

We are delighted to have some new members as well as many 'out knitters' and welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Thursday afternoon. So far this year we have made:

675 pairs of mitts, 359 hats, 367 scarves, 74 hairbands, 136 pencil cases, 381 bags and purses, and 16 blankets.

This all adds up to 2008 items and does not include all the beautifully dressed dolls and bears. All of these items are being packed into the shoeboxes for Smile International - the first lorry is going to Kosova and the second to Romania. There will be a lot of very happy children.

The knitting continues right through the year and we always need more wool. If you have any wool, material, haberdashery items, sewing machines you can spare for the charity, please contact Jane Webb on 01959 522256.

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Woodlands have been making good use of their newly refurbished church hall. After many years of fundraising and planning, it's good that the hall is so much more welcoming than before. The décor is warmer and less harsh; the toilet is modern and fully accessible; the kitchen has been designed to work well for the ways it's needed.



The Woodlands Café is back in fully swing. In the end, the Café was closed for over 6 months, and some people were anxious that it would take a while to build the numbers back up. Nothing could be further from the truth; every Saturday there is a wonderful blend of local residents, walkers, cyclists, regulars and ex-residents who have come to look around. The café cooks work hard to make this a thriving social opportunity for the area.

The hall is used in many other ways as well, including the Woodlands Tots and the Lunch Club. Woodlands PCC is beginning to think how the hall can be more widely available for the local community.

Christmas Services at Woodlands this year will be as follows: On Sunday **14th December**, there will be a candlelit service of “Five Lessons and Carols”, a traditional carol service done on a smaller scale. On **Christmas Eve** at 5.30pm there will be “Carols around the Crib by Candlelight”, a service especially designed with children and young families in mind, but enjoyed by all.

Both these services are followed by light seasonal refreshments. On **Christmas Morning**, there is a Communion service at 11am, to which all are welcome

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Village car park – The Parish Council is continuing negotiations to purchase the car park with the hope that the sale will be concluded towards the end of this year.

This is my last report for 2014 and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Parish Councillors for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the village. They represent our residents in making many, and often difficult decisions affecting Kemsing to ensure that our village is a pleasant place to live and work in.

Thank you to Mr. Fred Lomas and Mr. John Farrow (our Litter Wardens) for collecting litter around the shops, Recreation Grounds and along the roads. I would also like to thank Mr. Bob Banister who is our warden for Green Hill. Thank you to our two Co-opted Members on the Downland Management Committee (Mrs. Caroline Copleston and Ms. Anne Barratt) for their contribution. Thank you to District Councillor Miss Lorraine Stack for her involvement with village matters, in particular Planning issues and setting up the Speed Watch Scheme in the village and also to Police Community Support Officer Sue Harwood for her support.

Dates of Parish Council meetings

21 January, 18 February, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May

Meetings are usually held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing and commence at 7.30 p.m. The **Annual Parish meeting** will be held on 25th March 2015 at 8pm in the large St. Edith Hall.

(Please see website and notice boards for further information)

The Parish Council wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yolanda Tredoux, Parish Clerk



The Craft Group now have a new home. They meet every Thursday in Kemsing Library for craft and chat between 2pm and 4pm. Come along and join them, they're always pleased to welcome new faces.



On Sunday November 2nd, brightly wrapped shoe boxes donated in aid of Operation Christmas Child will shortly be on their way to children who have had a sad Christmas. The collection, last year 82 were donated, was a magnificent achievement. The boxes are filled with gifts and toys, very many people from Kemsing have helped us, we can do next year!



Explorers now have a new home in Kemsing Library, this time on a Monday between 10am and 12pm only. Children from Key Stage 1 go to, are welcome. The Library is a great place to play games, do craft and have fun. If you are the children who spoke to Janice about being an evacuee during World War 2, please contact Ruth Mason for any further details.

GO ON IN KEMSING?

the Church was full of
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Christmas Child and will
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Thanks to everyone who
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sing. Let's see how many



They also meet in Kemsing
between 3.45 and 5pm, term
age 1, whatever school they
is a great venue, there is space
refreshments. Pictured here
the Hogg and Ray Parton
World War 2. Please speak to
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1st Kemsing Brownies have been learning
about healthy living recently by taking part in
a GirlGuiding UK project called 'Aim Hi'.
Amongst other things the girls have had a yoga
lesson, a cooking and nutrition evening and
visited Tesco where they made fruit kebabs and
tasted different sorts of cheeses. The girls also
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KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT

We have welcomed two new members to our teaching staff – Miss Simpson (Year 3) and Mrs Claro (Year 4).

We have seen many exciting changes to the school site this term.



The Early Years outdoor classroom has been landscaped to provide an open, flexible space for the children to enjoy. They have been very busy making mud pies in our new mud pie kitchen, looking for bugs in our bug hotel and playing music in the music room! The redevelopment of our swimming pool is almost complete, thanks to the efforts of the PTA, who have now been renamed 'Friends of Kemsing School'. We can't wait to see the completed project at the grand opening very soon!

The autumn term is always a very busy one, and this year has been no exception. The School Council held a skipping event called the 'Jump Off' for the British Heart Foundation. The children worked very hard on their skipping skills during PE lessons in preparation for this event, and a fun day was had by all. Once again, our Harvest festival was a great success with each class performing a song or poem. As always, the Church was heaving with proud parents and family members and the performances were enjoyed by all.

Class 6 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to Rippledawn. They enjoyed visits to Dover Castle and Canterbury Cathedral, and took part in a range of activities such as rock pooling, pond dipping and creating environmental art.

We are all looking forward to Christmas, which is a magical time of year in any primary school! We will all be very busy with Christmas crafts and card making. A theatre company will be visiting the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, while Key Stage 2 will be visiting a theatre to see a production of Peter Pan. The EY and KS1 children will be performing their nativity and the KS2 children will also perform in our 'Celebration of Christmas' event. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and families as possible to our Carols by Candlelight service, which will take place in the church on 15th December.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH —PCC NEWS

The Parochial Church Council was most disappointed to hear at its meeting on 13th November that the planning application for the new Church Hall and Vicarage had still not been submitted to Sevenoaks District Council for approval.

This is due to the delay by the Diocesan Agent in finalising the application. Apparently he was under the impression that Kemsing Parish Council should agree to the discussion of a grant of an easement across the Village Car Park, and letters were written to him by the PCC and Kemsing PC stating that this will not be considered until after planning permission has been granted.

Meanwhile, the PCC's hands are tied as the Diocese of Rochester employs the Agent and he therefore takes his instructions from them. The reason that the Church Hall and Vicarage are linked in the same application is that one depends upon the other, as they would both be built on the Church Hall Field which is owned by the PCC, and the money the Diocese would pay for the Vicarage land is needed to help pay for the new Church Hall.

The PCC has urged the Diocesan Secretary, Mr Geoff Marsh, to impress upon their Agent that the application should be submitted as soon as possible. He has given an undertaking that it will go into Sevenoaks District Council no later than 28th November. It remains to be seen if this assurance is fulfilled.

KEMSING HERITAGE CENTRE

The Trustees report that the Heritage Centre has now enjoyed four years in its permanent home. Records, memorabilia and photographs keep coming. The objective this year has been to cross-reference the membership of village clubs and societies, village families having already been done. It pays dividends when visitors come as they can be shown how their families were involved in village life.

Sue Broome volunteered to help in the HC by interviewing people and up to 40 residents who were born in Kemsing have been interviewed. Voluntary Aid UK are helping to find audio typists to transcribe the tapes, as well as volunteers who have come forward from the village.

A donation from the family of the late Jenny Donegan has meant the HC can invest in a laser printer and equipment to scan slides .

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AUTUMN EVENING—*News from Cotmans Ash*

Recently, sitting at my gate watching the Autumn sun dipping down out of sight over Pol Hill, a bird with the speed of a bat crossed my vision and disappeared down the lane, soon to return chasing night flying beetles, bugs and moths and then to sit on a hedge post, spit out the wing cases and turn the rest into little food parcels and gulp them down. It was, I am sure, one of Nature's smallest birds of prey, a merlin – unlike so many other birds who have been visitors or guests at Cotmans Ash over the years, he showed no fear of me but at the same time never took his piercing eye off me – a wise old bird, and wasn't his namesake 'Merlin' a wizard who sat at the round table of King Arthur?

Another unusual visitor this summer was a 'Queen Hornet' who set up home in our chimney pot and blocked up the chimney – they seemed quite gentle inoffensive old fellows, certainly very hard working, but time came when they just had to go after taking over the front room – it was the most curious and beautiful piece of insect engineering I have ever seen, cylindrical in shape with layer upon layer of hexagonal shaped dormitory cells, constructed from mashed tree bark raspings covered over all by a shield resembling a mass of small cockleshells. To this day I regret destroying this extraordinary piece of insect workmanship – one consolation was that fragments went the rounds for village kids to look at.

As autumns go, this has been a good one, but the heavy rain and wild winds of late October tore the autumn leaves off the trees. As compensation there was an enormous crop of wild fruit – so laden were the whitebeams and wild plums that the weight bowed them to breaking.

It seems no one can tell me the age of the ancient yew tree that guards the entrance to Cotmans Ash – (give or take a hundred years) I would think a couple of centuries – whatever, she is a brave old gal. Lorries passing up the lane have torn great limbs off her, road menders regularly lay into her roots, wild west winds have stunted her crown. Just now she is laden with red fruits, (snottygogs) – a banquet for visiting birds, badgers Hoover the glistening berries and pay for it later!! Squirrels take the rest.

A tawny owl without fail rears her family in the owl box. On dark winter nights I can see my neighbour's lights shining through the branches, very comforting – for neighbours Heather and I have been truly blessed as I trust you have. For all of us Kemsing is our home and what better time than now with the Christmas Spirit upon us, to get to know your neighbour better?

From Heather and I and all at Cotmans Ash do enjoy Christmas – invite the neighbours round! See you at snowdrop time.

Brian Doe

KEMSING SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUS SERVICES no 452.

The trial period for the additional three Go Coach journeys ends on 5th January 2015. The service is well used with between 5 and 20 customers recorded on any one journey. Survey data revealed that Kemsing residents, but also many residents from Seal and Sevenoaks, were benefitting from the service. Seal Parish Council made a financial contribution towards the trial period, but did not wish to make any financial commitments beyond that period. Kemsing Parish Council has agreed to fund the continuation of the service until 31st March 2015.

A reminder of the timings (time tables are available from the Parish Council office):-

Sevenoaks Bus Station	16.30	17.15	18.00
St. Johns Hill, The Castle	16.35	17.20	18.05
Greatness, Weavers Lane	16.38	17.23	18.08
Seal, School Lane	16.43	17.27	18.13
Dynes Road Estate, Castle Drive	16.47	17.31	18.17
Kemsing, Springhead Road	16.50	17.34	18.20
Kemsing, St. Edith Well	16.52	17.36	18.22
Noah's Ark, Greenlands Road	16.53	17.37	18.23
Kemsing, Noah's Ark	16.54	17.38	
Kemsing, St. Edith Well	16.56	17.40	
Kemsing, Springhead Road	16.57	17.41	
Dynes Road Estate, Castle Drive	----	----	
Seal, Zambra Way	17.02	17.46	
Greatness, Weavers Lane	----	----	
St. John's Hill, The Castle	17.08	17.52	
Sevenoaks Bus Station	17.12	17.56	

From **Saturday, 10th January 2015**, the 16.30 bus will be re-timed to leave at 16.15, calling at Sevenoaks Railway Station 3 minutes after leaving the bus station, as will the 18.00 journey from Sevenoaks for the convenience of people returning by train from London or the Coast. Kemsing Parish Council will urge Seal Parish Council and Sevenoaks Town Council to support the scheme for another 12 months from January 2015.

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Whilst we old folks hope that this winter will not produce snow scenes like these two pictures from 2010, we are sure most children would not feel the same. So we take this opportunity to wish all our readers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and joyous 2015.

from The Editors





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FAMILY MILESTONES

Deaths—Rest in Peace

Jane Knight	91	2 nd August 2014
Janice Pugh	50	9 th August 2014
Jean Cunnew	81	26 th August 2014
Angela Simmonds	68	20 th September 2104
Phyllis Batchelor	88	13 th September 2014
John Sladden	94	29 th September 2014
Freda Mannering	94	20 th October 2014
George Appleton	78	22 nd October 2014
Frances Purchase		31 st October 2014
Reginald Morris	87	3 rd November 2014

Baptisms

Olivia Mason on 19th October 2014

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From: Kemsing Parish Magazine Nov-Dec 1964

Parochial Church Council: Mr Smart would like to place the choir under the belfry but no decision appears to have been taken. A faculty was applied for the re-hanging of the Royal Coat of Arms.

The **British Legion** held their AGM at the Box House. Brigadier Norman was re-elected as President, Mr Stuart-Williams as Chairman, Mr Horne as Treasurer.

The **Mothers Union:** also held their AGM. Mrs Fenton was elected as Deputy Enrolling Member (with Mrs Cowlard), and Mrs Dalrymple as Overseas Representative.

From "The Well" Christmas 1989.

Margaret Foss wrote about her first impressions of Liberia.

There had been a drought in the summer months and **Brian Doe** wrote about the impact on local birdlife and wildlife in general.

Ray Nash: decided to discontinue deliveries of fresh fish-thus marking the end of a family concern that had been a feature of Kemsing for over 100 years involving four generations of the Nash family. Several cottages in Noah's Ark are named after Phil Nash's children.

Betty Bowden was interviewed by the editor about her life and times and her marriage to Vic (50 years in 1989).

Sue Lansley (Brown Owl of the 3rd Kemsing Brownies) reported about the importance of clean water and the Brownies efforts to raise money for the installation of a handpump and accessories for overseas.

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KEMSING SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT.



After a substantial donation from an anonymous benefactor and a large financial contribution from our Kemsing Parish Council, the swimming pool project is now well underway. Generous support from parents and the local community mean that the project should be completed in early 2015, with an official opening celebration sometime in the Spring. So for now, a massive 'thank you' to everyone for their support.

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