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with news from Woodlands**

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Easter Services at Kemsing & Woodlands

Celebrate with us this Easter!

Friday 3rd 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

2.00-3.00 pm Service of Reflection

Sunday 5th 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

The attack on the Paris office of Charlie Hebdo, the satirical cartoon publication, was outrageous. The magazine had printed cartoons featuring the Muslim prophet Mohammed, and those responsible for the attacks felt Mohammed had been mocked. There have since been large demonstrations. Some have gathered to support freedom of speech, others showing solidarity to Muslims they feel deserve more respect.



I've not seen the cartoons, and I have some sympathy with both sides. The calculated murder of journalists is never acceptable; they should have the freedom to publish without fear. Equally, people have a right to worship whatever gods they choose; others may disagree, but that should never become disrespect.

The question is: What if it had been Jesus who was mocked in this way? How would that make me feel? It's tempting to be outraged, to insist that his dignity be upheld.

That doesn't seem to be Jesus' priority for himself. Indeed, quite the reverse. He had all the dignity of God himself, yet came down to earth, then to be crucified, the most humiliating death in the world of his day. The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Galatia that Jesus death was when he was "clearly portrayed as crucified": We could paraphrase that he was "splashed across the front-pages". His death made him a joke, far more cruel and undignified than anything his worst critic today could draw or write.

There's more to say. Bible writers who were not there at the crucifixion wrote as if they were the ones mocking him from the crowds. Because it was our rebellion against God that took Jesus to the cross, there's a sense in which we put him there.

He did all this so that we can be forgiven. That is the depth of his love for us, which is why we celebrate the death of Jesus every Easter. (No other religion celebrates the death of its founder!)

So how will I react if someone wishes to mock at Jesus (and plenty of people do)? I will remind myself that he gladly subjected himself to mockery far worse, and that I was one of those heaping abuse on him. Furthermore, he went through that to rescue a mocker like me. Jesus doesn't need my protection; he needs my thanks.

As we celebrate these things this Easter, I look forward to seeing lots of you.

With every blessing. Your friend and vicar,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The letters are connected and have a fluid, cursive quality.

James Oakley

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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

Please see Easter services on Page 3, and Woodlands Church Easter services on Page 7

Ascension Day service on 14th May 2015 at 7.45pm in St. Mary's, Kemsing

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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WOODLANDS—LIFE ON THE HILL



The Easter services at Woodlands are as follows:

Pesach on Maundy Thursday, at Woodlands this year,
7 for 7.30pm in the Woodlands Church Hall

On Good Friday there is a short reflective service at
9.30am, and then the open-air service on Green Hill at
10.30am with Kemsing

There is a Communion Service on Easter Day at 11.30am

Other Woodlands events.

**Woodlands Cafe is open on Saturdays between 11.30 and 3pm
in Woodlands Church Hall**

**Woodlands Lunch club meets every Thursday. Please telephone
Anne Shelley on 01959 522986**

**Woodlands Tots for children aged 0—4 years meets every
Wednesday during term time from 9.45 to 11.15 in the Church
Hall. Details from Catherine Medlen on 07815 107561**

Ightham Mote Springs back into life



After our winter of much visitor content (if a little chilly at times!) as for the first time, we stayed open daily throughout January and February– we've had some wonderful feedback on our new conservation in action tours. And the Mote Café has had its best year ever - with all that they make, going back into the upkeep of Ightham Mote.

As of **1 March** the house opens fully again, and we look forward to providing our usual packed events programme, for this our 30th anniversary year of Ightham Mote being donated to the National Trust. More details of special anniversary events will come in the next edition including the Summer Celebration, which will be the joint Ightham village fete and Ightham & District Garden show, and our 1980s themed Thursday, where all visitors are expected to come dressed in their power suits and Miami Vice espadrilles!

For now here is a list of what you can expect from us for this spring:

Mothering Sunday

Sun 15 March, 11am-3pm

Make a brooch for mum, and treat her to a meal in the café. Mums can also enjoy a touch of luxury with a hand massage in the shop.

Easter holiday activities

Thurs 2 -Sun 19 Apr

Keep the kids entertained during the holidays with our spring activity pack, crafts and the chance to go wild in our natural play area.

With our popular:

Cadbury Easter Egg Trail

Sat 4 April, 11am-3.30pm

Follow a trail around the garden to claim your Cadbury Egghead. £2.50 No need to pre-book. (Eggs available whilst stocks last).

Spring walk

Weds 15 April, 10.30am

Join us for a led spring walk around the estate.

Donations welcome Please book via the office on 01732 810378 ext 100.

Strictly historical dancing

Sun 26 April, 12noon, 1.30pm & 3pm

Pastime Historical Dance perform dances through the centuries.

50 things May Bank Holiday weekend

Sat 2 - Mon 4 May, 11am-5pm

Pick up some free activities and your collection bag to tick off some of your 50 things from our spring activity pack and make some wild art in Discovery Den.

We look to welcoming you again in 2015! For further details go to:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote. Ightham Mote is open daily all year from 10am—5pm or dusk if earlier (house open from 11am. Last entry half an hour before closing).

NEWS and NOTES

Kemsing Players. Following on from the success of 'Abigail's Party' last November, the Players are going to present a thriller in April called **DEATHTRAP** by Ira Levin – he has written many plays including 'Rosemary's Baby'. Deathtrap is called a thriller but at some stage one doesn't quite know who is dead and who isn't so the play provides some amusement as well as tension.

The story centres round one older playwright, Sidney, who needs inspiration and money. A younger playwright, Clifford, who is maybe a little 'wet behind the ears' sends him a script that has great potential in Sidney's eyes, he invites Clifford to his home so that he can 'help' with the plot, as the story unfolds all is not as at first thought. The occasional visit from a neighbour who happens to be psychic is also little unnerving. Obviously I won't be revealing the ending but just say that it is unexpected enough to keep you guessing.

The play is being directed by Yvonne Watt and runs from Wednesday 22nd April to Friday 24th April (Please note—no Saturday performance). All tickets are £8.00 except for concessions on Wednesday evening (£6.00). More information will be around the village nearer the time, or telephone Yvonne on 01732 762043.

Wanted for Kemsing Lunch Club: After many years, one of our teams is retiring and we need to replace them. Would you like to join us once every five weeks on a Wednesday morning to help prepare lunch for the older people of our village,

It's very rewarding for both we volunteers and all thirty two members of the Club, who enjoy getting together once a week and having a tasty meal. If you are interested and would like to know more, please phone Lesley Harman on 01732 761680, or email lesleyfharman@gmail.com

The Kemsing singers Spring Concert 'Let there be Light' will take place on Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm in the St. Edith Hall, under their Musical Director Sara Kemsley and accompanied by pianist Peter Young. Ticket prices are:- Adults £8.00 Friends of the Choir £6.00, Children £4.00, and are available from 9 Cleves Road, tel.01959 523752.

Some of you may have heard that the Women's Institute is celebrating its 100th Birthday in the UK this year. Did you know that the WI in Kemsing was the first in Kent and only the 6th in Great Britain? Although Kemsing's original WI, the Afternoon Institute closed around 20 years ago, the Evening WI is still going strong with almost 50 members. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the small St. Edith Hall and new members and visitors are always welcome. They are planning a big celebration to mark 100 of years of the WI in Kemsing in Spring 2016.



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Annual Parish Meeting

NOTICE

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

Wednesday, 25 March 2015,

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 18 March 2015.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:-

AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome and introduction

2. Minutes

To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2014 (*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

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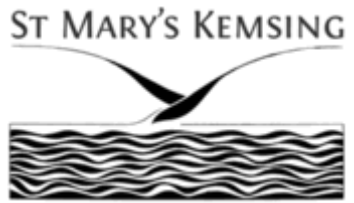
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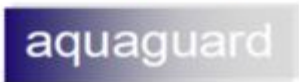
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Yes, for the fifth time, the **Community Choir** hope to be doing a concert in St. Mary's Church, this year on Saturday 25th July at 6pm. As always, the choir is open to everyone, whether you think you can sing or not, and all costs are kept to a minimum. The proceeds from this year's concert will be in aid of St. Mary's Church Hall.

Rehearsals start on Tuesday May 5th at Kemsing School at 7.30pm, and will then take place on Tuesday May 12th and Tuesday May 19th. There will then be a break and will re-start on Tuesdays July 7th, 14th and 21st.

As always we are so grateful to our conductor, Brenda Ross who seems as enthusiastic to take us on as ever. We look forward to seeing all old friends and new ones there.

Any queries, please contact kemsingcommunitychoir@talktalk.net or see posters around the village.

Seal Chart Etching Studio, founded by local artist, Lawrence Jenkins, will once again take part in **South East Open Studios**, the largest annual art event in the region, from 6th to 21st June 2015.

Based at Chart Farm, Seal Chart Etching Studio was established in 1986 and is home to an artist collective including Kemsing Print Makers, Michelle Sibthorpe and Mary Tyler. The Studio will exhibit etchings, collagraphs and mono prints during the event which is designed to introduce local artists to a new generation of art fans and collectors.

A selection of artworks will be on display and available to purchase and visitors will be able to gain an insight into the print making process. For

Kemsing Cricket Club – Junior Section

The junior section now has over 40 boys and girls playing at U.15, U.13 and U.11 in the Mid Kent Youth League. There is also an U.9 club.

The season starts in March with indoor training at the St Michael's School sports hall and continues through to July with outdoor training at the Sir Mark Collet Pavilion and matches against other local clubs. We always welcome new members so if you want to join in please get in touch! We have four ECB qualified coaches who are all club members so you are in safe hands.

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Kemsing United Football Club

Kemsing United Football Club currently has two teams in the local Sevenoaks & District Football League in Division 1 and 3. Both teams are enjoying some real success this season, both topping their



respective tables! The Reserve Team has reached its division Cup Final, due to take place on Thursday, 12th March 2015, kick off 7pm. Our first team is also in the semi-final of their division cup, so

fingers crossed they can also get there. The Club was established in 1923 so its first centenary is on the horizon! It is rumoured that Mark 'Reg' Perrin made his debut during that season!!! If you want to come along and watch the beautiful game, matches kick off at 2pm, with most weekends, at least one of the teams being at home. Also a date for your diary is Saturday, 21st March, 7pm, when the Club will be running a Race Night at The Bell Pub.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH, KEMSING —PCC NEWS

The re-thought planning application, ref: SE/14/03914/FUL, for a **new Church Hall & Vicarage** was submitted to Sevenoaks District Council before Christmas, and originally the timetable for comments from members of the public closed on 21st January. The Parish Council's Planning Committee considered the application at its meeting on 12th January, and unfortunately decided to recommend refusal. The grounds for their decision can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Mrs Yolanda Tredoux, or on the Sevenoaks District Council website. Since then, the plans have been amended, which means that the consultation process will have to be repeated before the decision is made by Sevenoaks District Council whether or not to grant planning permission. It is therefore unlikely we shall know the outcome before the end of March.

If planning permission is granted for the new Church Hall, there will be a tremendous amount of work to be undertaken to apply for grants. The Church's Fundraising Team and many generous local residents have made very welcome contributions to the Church Hall Rebuilding Fund, but there will still be a shortfall to find.

The **Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings** will be held on **Thursday, 23rd April 2015, commencing at 7.45pm in St Mary's Church, Kemsing**. All are welcome, but a reminder that only those people on the Church's Electoral Roll may vote on proposals. If anyone wishes to be considered to be added to the Electoral Roll, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Jean Dillon, at 26 Knavewood Road, Kemsing, tel.01959 523229.

As usual, elections will be held for our **two Churchwardens** (at present Jean Walker and Ray Parton) and up to **5 vacancies** on the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms will be placed on the table at the back of the Church, or contact me at 3 St Edith's Road ("Poppies Cottage", 3 St Edith's Road, next to the Post Office) after 1st April.

Mrs Margaret Robarts, our Parish Administrator, continues to work in her temporary office at the St Edith Club on Monday mornings, 10am to 12 noon, or Thursdays, 10am to 5pm, but it is advisable to ring first (01732 761351) as there is no public access. We are very grateful to the Club for lending us this accommodation.

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Parish Council elections in May 2015

Could you be a Parish Councillor for Kemsing?

Are you interested in your local community and would like to voluntarily contribute to keeping Kemsing a good place to live and work?

Sounds interesting, what do local Parish Councils do?

Parish Councils are the most local part of the democratic system. Kemsing residents elect their local body of thirteen Councillors for a term of four years. As community leaders, Parish Councillors are the voice of our community by representing the objectives and concerns of the residents they serve. The Parish Council can lobby other authorities and influence decisions to the benefit of the residents of Kemsing.

What do Parish Councillors do?

There are 3 main areas of work which involve decision making, monitoring, and getting involved locally. Every important decision made on your behalf is by majority vote after debate. At these meetings, which are open to the Public, Councillors discuss many issues affecting Kemsing residents. The formal part of the role is to attend monthly Parish Council meetings and some Committee meetings. The less formal part is listening and talking to people, including the local elected members of the District and County Councils.

How much time is involved?

Parish Councillors generally say that their duties occupy them for about three hours a week, but obviously there are some Councillors who spend more time than this – and less.

Am I qualified?

You are qualified if: you are 18 years or older and a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, your name appears on the current register of Voters list, you have, for the past 12 months, resided in or within 3 miles of the Parish of Kemsing, or Kemsing has been your only place of work during the past 12 months.

How do I get involved?

Residents who would like to volunteer their time to work as a Parish Councillor to help contributing to Kemsing, can put themselves forward at the next election on **7th May 2015**.

If you are interested to find out more, please contact the Clerk.

Dates of Parish Council meetings

18 February, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May in *Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing at 23*

NOTES FROM THE OTFORD AND KEMSING PATIENT GROUP

(Aka the Otford Medical Practice Patient Participation Group)

APPOINTMENTS: Demand for surgery appointments has been greater than ever. This can be a stressful time for patients trying to get through on the telephone but also for the Reception team who have to try to fit everyone in. At peak times you can call on either number (01959 523929 or 01959 524633) but it may still take some time to answer your call. There are plans to upgrade the phone system at Otford but these are still only at an early stage.

Much easier than phoning for an appointment is to go online at www.otfordmedicalpractice.nhs.uk and a registration form is available at the Surgeries. You then have the entire list of available appointments to choose from and in your own time. Much less stressful for all parties!

Whichever way you book an appointment you will be asked the reason for the appointment. This is not to be obstructive or nosy but Doctors have asked reception staff to do so simply to save time in the consultation. For example, if a patient is coming for test results, staff can check to see that they have been received at the Surgery. But if you would prefer not to say, you can always jot the reason down on a piece of paper or simply say 'it's personal'.

Please remember that these important front-line staff have a difficult job to do and always try their best to be helpful.

DEMENTIA DAY: A second health awareness session is planned, and this time it will focus on Dementia – hoping to assist sufferers and carers alike. There will be sessions on the medical aspects, legal and administrative issues, and concerns about caring at home or in a residential unit. The date for the diary is **Saturday 6th June** from 10am to 1pm at the Otford Methodist Church Hall. Look out for further details nearer the time.

CARE DATA: The plan to extract clinical information with third parties outside the Practice was delayed earlier in the year after concerns about confidentiality. Details for implementation are still unclear but if you have any concerns about this you may wish to opt out of the process until the plan is clarified, and forms are available at the Surgeries.

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A Warrener's Tale

It was in the late 60's that Jean Rees, the then owner of Hildenborough Hall (Treacle Towers) asked me to control the rabbits on the Shorehill Estate which included the Shorehill Wood, and much of the North Scarp above Kemsing Village – rabbits were making a rapid return after myxomatosis, and playing havoc with the sheep grazing on the downland, The Rees family moved out of the Hall in the early 70's and much of the estate was purchased on behalf of Kemsing Village,



The Parish Council asked me to continue the rabbit control but they would formalise the arrangement by granting me 'Warrener's Rights' – the authority was to read something like this (I wrote it myself):

'This Authority grants Brian Doe 'Warrener's Rights' over all land that is the responsibility of the KPC, and grants him the rights to take ground game as directed by KPC. It was signed by Don Eley.'

Sweep Nets – About 25 yards long, best used over open grassland with two or three men and a dog in shaded moonlight.

Bolt Nets – worked with ferret hole bolting into nets, certainly the best method for a winter's day. You never know what is coming out of a rabbit hole. I have bolted rats, stoats, weasels, foxes, feral cats, a hedgehog and a little owl in Shore Hill Quarry.

Ken Vizzard, the Otford farmer, took out a lease on Shorehill Plain (now called Haffenden Field) to grow cereals and Ken asked me to take out the rabbits on the north bank – over the first sweep we took 22 rabbits and an unhappy cat (released). Another problem with moonlight netting is the courting couples – but that is another story best untold!

Well, there it is! The years have robbed me of the urge to 'walk by night' and I am now quite content to watch the moon cross the heavens through my bedroom window!

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Baptisms

Gabriella Regan-Edwards on 8th February 2015

Theodore Regan-Edwards on 8th February 2015

Marriage

Kate Samantha Mitchell and

James Russell Bierman on 20th December 2014.

Deaths—Rest in Peace

Irene Leyland (85) 11th December 2014

Jean Carter (90) 24th December 2014

George Smith (89) 31st December 2014

Melinda Robinson (74) 1st January 2015

Phyllis Hayward (95) 4th January 2015

Sylvia Gidley-Kitchen (94) 9th January 2015

2015

Gwen Titcombe (77) on 13th January

Barbara Wenban (83) on 21st January

Judith Haskins (63) on 31st January

Val Johnson (71) on 4th February

Nancy Maton (76) on 11th February

From: Kemsing Parish Magazine January-March 1965

In the Churchyard the paths and some memorials were improved. The Parish Council approved the final payment in respect of the laying out of the Churchyard extension. In the Church the old organ was removed and staircase built to the loft.

The willow tree in the St. Edith's Well area was removed by the foresters from St Clere.

The Kemsing Singers formed themselves into a permanent society with Mr Tom Denyer as conductor. Rehearsals were held in the room behind The Bell.

From "The Well" Spring 1990

Mary Quenby wrote a profile of Ruby Callway who was about to retire as Warden of Church Bungalows after 18 years.

Bernard Burt described what Kemsing would have been like in the 1920s.

The Belfry at St. Mary's housed three bells the largest of which weighed 7cwt and dated from the early 17th Century. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry had recommended the creation of a new ring of six lighter bells and submitted an estimate for the cost of this work. A faculty had been applied for to enable the project to go ahead.

The contents included a photo of Mathew Berry (aged 13) at the console of the Church organ.

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houses have now been built) there was a coal merchant, Mr Still, who was a stone-knapper.

KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT

Once again it has been a busy time at Kemsing School. We started the New Year with school discos for all of the children. I was impressed by the large number of children who attended and also by some of their brilliant dance moves!

For the whole of last academic year, I was seconded to support on a part time basis at another local school. This was a very worthwhile experience and I learned a great deal, but since my return to Kemsing in September I have had the very welcome feeling of “coming home”. I would like to thank all of the staff, children and parents who were so supportive during my temporary absence.

Clubs are a big part of school life at Kemsing and all staff run at least one lunchtime or after school activity. This term we have knitting, football, netball, tag rugby, coding, cookery, art, sewing and watch club. I am delighted to be able to run cookery club again this year and the children have been making fresh fruit salad, pizzas, fairy cakes, rock cakes, cookies and Salad Nicoise. Here are some of our year 3 children deep in concentration:



He helped make the road from the bridge at Noah's Ark along to Kemsing just before half term we all enjoyed yet another excellent Year 6 production and this year they performed The Wizard of Oz. The costumes, scenery, acting and especially the singing were fantastic and we were very proud of all of the children.

This term we are looking forward to a themed week in March, which will be a food and technology week. The children will be trying out all sorts of new recipes and learning about healthy eating and living a healthy lifestyle. We will also be investigating other aspects of technology such as computing and design. We plan to end the week with “The Great Kemsing Bake-off”, where a competition will be held for each class to design and decorate an Easter cake.

Congratulations to our Science and Technology club, who for the second year running won the First Lego League Challenge competition and went to Loughborough to represent Kent in the National finals. In the competition the children have to design and build a Lego robot and use control technology to navigate around a course. The children were competing against schools across the whole of Kent, including many secondary schools and so this was a brilliant achievement.

In the summer term we will be holding an Enterprise week, when children will learn all about the world of business. There will be a series of Dragon's Den type activities, including sales and marketing strategies, along with teaching about personal finance and how a bank account works. It is through our themed weeks that we aim to enrich the curriculum for all of our children.

Eileen Mumford, Headteacher

Village Diary

March

- 10th Kemsing Gardeners' Soc. St. Edith Hall 8.00pm AGM and talk by Brian Doe
11th WI St. Edith Hall 7.45pm talk by 'Lakeland', a history of innovation.
13th Wildlife Group 'Galapagos—the enchanted isles' R & B Todd Small Hall 7.30. £2.
14th Scout jumble sale St. Edith Hall saleable items to hall 9.30-12.00 sale 1.30 adults £1
25th Annual Parish Meeting St. Edith Hall 8.00pm all Kemsing residents welcome
27th Heritage Centre Assn. Talk by D. Chapman '*Your Historic House*' St. Edith Hall 7.30pm members free non members tickets £2.50 from E. Cole 01732 761772

April

3rd For Good Friday Church services see page 3

5th For Easter Day Church services see page 3

- 8th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 57th Birthday meeting talk by W. Lower 'Behind the Scenes of TV's Golden Years'
10th Wildlife Group 'Reading the Countryside' talk by J. Tyler 7.30 St. Edith Hall £2.
11th Kemsing Gardeners' Society. Spring Show School hall 2.30 pm
14th Kemsing Gardeners talk 'Perennials and the mixed border' Mr. K. Turner of Hadlow St. Edith small hall 8.00 pm
22nd) Kemsing Players perform 'Deathtrap' at the St. Edith large hall tickets
24th) £8 or £6 concessions only on Wednesday details from 01732 762043
23rd St. Marys Annual Vestry & Parochial Church meeting in the Church 7.45 pm.
24th Plant and home made cakes sale 10.00-12.00 Easter Cottage, The Chase in aid of the new Church Hall.
24th Heritage Centre talk by Bob Ogleby 'My Life as a Newspaper Reporter' St. Edith hall 7.30 Members free, non members £2.50 from E. Cole 01732 761772

May

5th Community Choir rehearsals begin 7.30pm to 9pm at Kemsing School.

7th Parliamentary, District and Parish Council Elections

- 8th Wildlife Group 'Environmental Changes in the Arctic' talk by Glen Morris £2 7.30pm in St. Edith Hall
12th Community Choir rehearsal 7.30pm
12th Kemsing Gardeners' Society visit to Jack Wheelers garden. Details from Hon Sec. H. Curtis 01959 5252 97.
16th Kemsing Singers Concert St. Edith Hall 7.30pm 'Let There be Light' tickets Adults £8. Friends of the Choir £6. Children £4 tickets from 9 Cleves Rd., tel: 01959 523752
19th Community Choir rehearsal 7.30pm
29th Heritage Centre talk by S. Robinson 'City Churches' St. Edith hall 7.30pm non members £2.50 from E. Cole 01732 761772
31st Tour of the Church by Heritage Centre Assn. 2.00pm meet in the village car park £2.

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