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KEMSING'S OWN CHAMPION—TOM BOSWORTH

The 2015 athletics season has started as 2014 finished for Tom Bosworth, with a British title and new British Record. At the British Indoor Championships in Sheffield in February, Tom won gold and set a new PB and the second fastest time in British history of 11mins and 30seconds for the 3000m race walk. Two weeks later Bosworth broke the 10k race walk British Record which had stood for 26 years at the Molly Barnett Open 10k in Coventry. He broke the record by 43 seconds, setting a new record time of 39:36. Also becoming the first British man to break the 40minute barrier for the 10k race walk. Many runners struggle to run 10k under 40 minutes and those that do are of very elite standards, this puts the time into perspective for a race walker.

Two weeks after smashing the 10k record Tom competed over the international distance of 20k at the EAA race walking Grand Prix Lugano, Switzerland. Finishing 4th in his second fastest time ever for 20k of 1:22:33, only 30 seconds away from the British record. This meant Bosworth qualified for the 20k race walk at the 2015 IAAF World Athletics championships to be held in Beijing in August. The qualifying time for the 20k is 1:24:00 so he qualified comfortably.

Tom is the only British man with the qualifying time, and only requires a top 2 placing at the trial event in Bedford in June to confirm his place on the British team at the World Championships. Bosworth is hoping for a top 20 finish at the World Championships, with this acting as the final major step towards the Olympic Games in Rio next year.

For now Tom heads to Spain next month to compete for Great Britain in the 20k at the European Race Walking Cup to be held in Murcia on the 17th May. There he hopes to back up his 12th place finish at last summers European Athletics Championships.

Tom aims to continue to bring race walking back to the forefront of British Athletics where it once was. If the results continue as they are the future looks bright for Tom and the event. For more information on Tom visit www.tombosworth.com You can also follow tom on Twitter @TomBosworth



Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the United States, said that only two things in life are certain: death and taxes. We've just had a General Election. In the campaign leading up to that, politicians of all colours promised to liberate us from one tax or another. I am yet to find a single manifesto claiming to liberate us from death. We have also recently celebrated Easter. Easter is when we celebrate the day that Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead.



There had been some build-up to this. There are 3 recorded incidents from Jesus' 3 years of public ministry when he raised people from the dead: A man named Lazarus, a 12-year old girl, and a widow's son. These showed Jesus' amazing power over death, but they were just the warm-up act. Each of those 3 were later to die again; Jesus brought them back from death the same way they went in – they remained mortal.

Jesus himself was in a different league. His own death was, surprisingly, a moment of great victory. He died in order to defeat death. And so, with death beaten, death could not hold him. He brought himself back to life just over 36 hours later. Jesus didn't come back from death the way he went in, later to die again. Having defeated death once and for all; he went through death and came out the other side. He was raised with a new, glorious body, one that would never die again. He's still alive today – he's just in heaven, rather than here.

Later Bible writers use the language of "first fruits" when talking about Jesus coming back to life. This would be a familiar picture for their first readers, many of whom worked in agriculture. The first few ripe fruit on a tree are the indicator that the rest of the crop is just around the corner. By defeating death, and coming back to life himself, Jesus had done all that needed to be done for us as well. The person who trusts him knows the one who has defeated death. We can be sure that, in our own turn (when Jesus returns from heaven) he will raise us to life and he'll give us the same kind of glorious, never-to-die-again, bodies that he had.

We pin a lot of hopes on our politicians, including protection from too much tax. Why not pin all our hopes on the one who can rescue us from death. With every blessing. Your friend and vicar,

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

It's now almost 4 years since the last Open Air Service was held in Kemsing. The last time was during the 2011 Kemsing Festival and the event was held on the Nightingale Road Recreation Ground. This may possibly be repeated during September this year. Watch village notice boards for more details, and come and join us for this very special occasion.

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 following take place every week in the Church Hall at the times specified. For more details look for the Diary of Events in the Church or *Pilgrim News*.

Morning services are preceded by coffee in the Hall from 10.45-11.15am. Evening services are following by a light meal.

Scrabble Club

Church Hall 2-4pm
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The Lunch Club

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Woodlands Tots (for children 0-4yrs)

Every Wednesday during term-time
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Details from Catherine Medlen 07815 107561

Woodlands cafe

Every **Saturday** 11.30am-3.00pm. Why not come and enjoy a home-cooked lunch at a reasonable price.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday June 13th. 10am onwards. Church and Churchyard work party with lunchtime BBQ.

NEWS FROM COTMAN'S ASH—THE BIG ONION BASH

Summer events at Ightham Mote



For this our 30th anniversary year of Ightham Mote being donated to the National Trust, details of special anniversary events are listed here with 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!

50 things to do before you're 11 ¾ continues from Mon. 1st June—Wed. 2nd September. Explore the estate and complete some of your 50 things. 50p.

Tuesday 2nd June, Attic tours 11.15am and 3.45pm. Find out what the attics of Ightham Mote look like. (Run on a first come, first served basis. Not suited for under 12s)

Saturday 6th June Murder at the Mote Relax with Pimms, then witness events unfold in the Great Hall. Solve the theatrical crime over a 2 course dinner tickets £37.50 from 01732 811314

Sunday 7th June Strictly Historical Dancing 12noon, 1.30pm & 3.00pm. **Pastime Historical Dance** perform dances through the centuries.

Tuesday 9th June Wind in the Weald 12.30-1.30pm & 2.00—3.00 pm Experience the house come alive the music performed by **Wind in the Weald**.

Saturday 21st June Father Day 11 am—3pm Enjoy fishing in the moat, beer tasting and games.

Saturday 27th June 7.30pm Centuries of Change with Dr. Ian Mortimer As part of the Sevenoaks Literary celebration and Festival join the author and historian and hear which century saw the most change and why is matters to us. **Tickets £10 from Sevenoaks Bookshop 01732 452055.**

Sunday 28th June 2.0-3.0pm Grove Singers. Join us as the Grove Singers bring the house to life with madrigals, part songs and sacred music

Book ahead for our summer Illyria theatre events

Saturday 11 July 7.0pm The Three Musketeers ‘All for One—and One for All’
An open air performance of Alexandre Dumas’ classic tale of romance, intrigue, sword-play, murder and betrayal. **Adults £15.0 children £9. Box Office booking 0844 249 1895**

Saturday 29th August 5.30pm The Sorcerer’s Apprentice—family show This open air non-stop production features magical illusions, laughter and more water than you’ve seen in a play before. **Adults £15.00 children £9.00 Box Office booking 0844 249 1895**
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

At 7.30pm on **Friday 3rd July** in St. Mary's Church, Kemsing, Lucy Morrell will be giving a free organ recital in aid of Church funds. Lucy has been our Organ Scholar at St. Mary's and this is a thank you from her for all the encouragement she has received from the congregation, before she leaves us to study at Cambridge. There will be a retiring collection .

The Churchwardens of St. Mary's Church would like to remind you that there are restrictions to what can be put on graves in the **Churchyard**. The introduction of kerb stones around graves is not permitted. Fresh flowers **only should be used** which should be removed when dead. If these rules could be adhered to it would greatly assist with the maintenance of the Churchyard.

First Aid course. On **Saturday July 4th from 9.30am to 5pm** in St. Mary's Church, a General First Aid course run by Qualified First Aid Trainers from the British Red Cross will be held. This course (formerly known as the One Day Basic Course) will cover (amongst other things) first aid priorities, action at an emergency, resuscitation, recovery position, shock, head injury, heart attack, stroke, control of bleeding and treatment of burns. For all details, please contact Ruth Mason, Youth and Families Co-ordinator on rmason@argonet.co.uk or on 01959 524486, as soon as possible.

Once again, the **St. Mary's North Downs Challenge Walks**, held on Saturday 9th May were a great success. Over 170 walkers completed the various routes and enjoyed a sandwich meal at the end of their travels. Everyone was delighted with the experience, the bluebells enhanced the views, and the weather was perfect for walking. Thanks especially go to Pauline and Trevor Mallinson who masterminded the event and to everyone who helped in whatever capacity. Around £2,000 was made for St. Mary's Kemsing and St. Mary's Woodlands Church funds.

Help **Battersea Dogs and Cats Home**. West Kingsdown resident, Ken Hall, is inviting local animal lovers to join a new volunteer fund raising group which will raise funds for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home

The group will organise local fund raising activities like fete stalls, quiz nights and coffee mornings to benefit the animals at Battersea, including those in their near by centre at Brands Hatch. This will be a great way to meet people, have fun and contribute to a worthwhile cause. Battersea receives no Government funding and needs to raise £15.4 million every year through donations. This would not be possible without the support of local people, so if you are sociable, enthusiastic and have some spare time, please we contact Ken on 07460 824786 to find out more.

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The **Annual Vestry Meeting** was held on Thursday, 23rd April 2015, in the Church, at which Ray Parton and Jean Walker were re-elected as Churchwardens for a further year until April 2016. Ray and Jean have both given a tremendous amount of their time to the Church, especially after the fire which destroyed the Church Hall in April last year. We are all truly grateful to them for continuing as our Churchwardens.

At the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** which followed the Annual Vestry Meeting, the following were elected as PCC Members: for 1 year until 2016 - Rosemary Banister, and for 3 years until 2018 - Barbara Brown, Nina Holley, Zoe Taylor, Carol Zerpa-Falcon

The **Annual Report & Financial Statements 2014** were received. Amongst the matters discussed was the current situation with regard to the planning application for our **new Church Hall and Vicarage**. By the time this edition of *The Well* is published we may have a decision, which will give us an idea of the next step. Meanwhile Mike Cursons, who has dealt with the insurance claim, was able to report that our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) have been as helpful as they can, and paid over £32,000 for the contents. The building was insured for £183,000 of which £100,000 has already been paid to the PCC with the remainder being paid when the contract is signed for the building of the new Church Hall. Fortunately, EIG have waived their usual 12 months' timescale for this to take place, because of the delay in planning permission being granted.

James read a letter from **Lucy Morrell**, thanking St Mary's for all the support and encouragement she has received with her **organ playing** over the years, including the contribution to her lessons from the **Frank Johnson Fund**. Many of you will remember that Frank used to be our Choirmaster and Organist and, after his death, his family set up the fund in his name to help young musicians. Lucy has kindly offered to give us an organ recital to raise funds for the Church on **Friday July 3rd at 7.30pm** which we shall look forward to. We congratulate Lucy on gaining a place at Girton College, Cambridge, which specialises in music, and wish her well in her future studies.

*Rosemary Banister,
PCC Secretary.*

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Parish Council Elections - Kemsing Parish Council did not have a contested election as the number of candidates was equal to the number of places available. The following persons were automatically elected as Parish Councillors for Kemsing for a term of four years:-Mr. Tony Andrews, Mr. Douglas Bennett, Mr. Paul Burfield, Mr. Brian Buttifant, Mrs. Marie Cole, Mr. Godfrey Croughton, Mr. Bob Dawes, Mrs. Sally Dickinson, Mr. Paul Eaton, Mr. Richard Lang, Mrs. Margaret Robarts, Dr. Philip Walker & Mrs. Rosemary Wedderburn-Day

District Council Elections: Mr Simon Reay and Ms Lorraine Stack were elected.

Annual Parish Meeting - Thank you to the 30 residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th March at St. Edith Hall, where Parish Councillors were joined by Mr. Nick Chard (County Councillor), Miss Lorraine Stack & Mr. Mark Butler (Sevenoaks District Councillors), students from Kemsing Primary School, PCSO Sue Harwood (West Kent Police), and Mr. John Berwick (Chairman of St. Edith Hall Management Committee), who gave their very informative reports. The draft minutes can be viewed on the Library, St. Edith Hall Notice Board and Parish Council website.

Kemsing Saturday afternoon Bus Service – The Parish Council has extended its financial support for the service until 31st May 2015. Thank you to County Councillor Mr. Nick Chard for donating £1,000 from his Members' Fund and District Councillor Miss Stack for her help in obtaining £750 from the Sevenoaks Big Community Fund towards the trial service. Alternative funding opportunities to continue the service are being explored.

Village car park – The Parish Council is continuing negotiations to purchase the car park with the hope that the sale will be concluded soon.

Sheep grazing – From time to time sheep will be grazing Green Hill and sections of Whiteleaf Down under an Environmental Stewardship Agreement. Notices asking dog owners to keep their dogs on their leads will be displayed for the duration of the grazing period, which is entirely dependent on the quality and quantity of grass available at the time.

Dog fouling – Thank you to the many responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs. For those people who don't – PLEASE clear up your dog's mess.

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KEMSING PRIMARY SCHOOL - RE-OPENING OF SWIMMING POOL

Four years of hard work planning, fundraising and building by the Kemsing school PTA came to fruition on Friday 24th April 2015 with the opening of the refurbished swimming pool building. Parents and others gathered at 2.30pm and stood with the children who came out of school to listen to Sarah Forret who spoke on behalf of the School Swimming Pool Committee, to thank all those who had contributed with either funds or practical help in getting the swimming pool project completed. Eileen Mumford, Headteacher, then spoke to thank the Team for their hard work, and bouquets were presented to each one.

The pool has been a part of the school for over fifty years since an earlier generation of parents banded together to complete the original structure. Over the intervening years every child that has passed through the school has had the opportunity to learn to swim as a part of their education.

In that time the elements took their toll on the building so in 2011 a new generation of parents, many of whom who had enjoyed lessons at the pool, began a campaign to refurbish the structure.

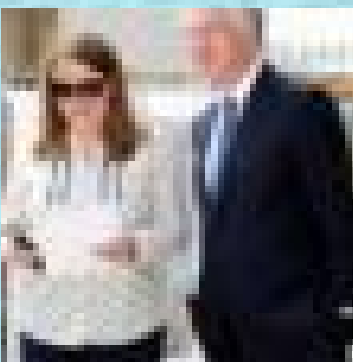
Unable to secure grants from a variety of funding sources the committee began a series of events that culminated in the complete overhaul of the pool. Parents, pupils and village residents chipped in with money, expertise and labour to ensure the pool continues to serve the pupils for years to come.

Michael Fallon, MP, congratulated the School for such a great achievement, which demonstrated the tremendous support that it had been given. Generations of children had learnt to swim in the pool, which meant that their lives would be safer for knowing how to swim.

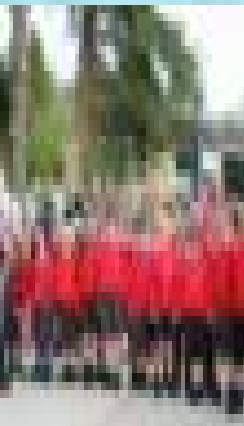
The cost of the swimming pool was £80,000 of which £20,000 had been given as a grant by Kemsing Parish Council on behalf of the village. An anonymous £20,000 donation in July had helped enormously, with the rest of the money being raised by the PTA over the past four years.

The photographs overleaf show the fabulous pool with its new changing rooms.

THE RE-OPENING OF KEMSING SCHOOL SWIMMING



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DESIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

St Mary's fundraising team invite local amateur artists and photographers to produce and submit original art work for this year's Christmas cards. This is not a competition as such, but the committee hopes to be able to choose 2 designs from those submitted. This is an opportunity to show your work in a way that will be appreciated by the village and help raise funds for St Mary's Church. Submissions by the end of July to Margaret Robarts at the Parish Office, tel 01732 761351 or 51 Oxenhill Rd tel 01959 522853.



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You can always trust the St. Edith Club to come up with the unexpected on their entertainment menu. One of their great winners over the years was the Autumn 'Big Onion Bash' – there were various classes to compete in with all manner of comical titles like 'Largest Pair', The Prettiest Pair and the top class was 'The String of Twelve' which were plaited onto a rope – this was the Blue Ribbon of the evening. There were other joke classes like the 'Longest Carrot', 'Any other Vegetable' which was as I recall won by a parsnip and two small onions duly arranged.

For fifteen years I judged the Show – first with Bert Porter – when Bert went I judged alone and always counted it a privilege to be with such easy going, good nature people with the true spirit of Kemsing. The first prize was given by Vic Miles – usually a very large beef steak, the lamb chops, pork chops, right down to a pound of sausages and a pair of kippers from Cyril Nash. After Prize giving – the Banquet – cheese and onion in abundance – of course! Happy days at the Club, with a spirit that is with us yet.

I am writing my note at Cowslip time at Cotmans Ash – when you come in the gate it is as if someone has rolled out a giant golden shawl over the grass, this is crowned by drifts of Pheasant Eye Narcissi and wild Violets.

While the swallows and martins have been with us a good month, we have yet to hear the cuckoo – a traveller, a wandering vagrant, a loner and a notorious egg thief, but his music – it speaks of spring days and lovely hot days of summer.

Another Spring minstrel is the mistle thrush, he sits in the crown of the highest Ash tree and fills the wood with his lovely music – he speaks a language I don't understand – a lullaby, a love song, to his mate sitting tight on her freckled eggs.

Surprise, surprise, the skylarks have returned to the meadow by my front gate! There is little to match these acrobatic minstrels, their music ascending and descending filling the air with joy. I think it is a love song to their brooding mate nesting deep in the meadow grass. A pair of speckled wood butterflies dancing in shafts of sunshine through the tree branches tell me that sunny days lie ahead.

Brian Doe

See overleaf for amazingly large onions!

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BRIAN'S WHOPPERS!

A photo of one of the Onion Shows held in the St. Edith Club for many years.

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Kemsing Library has a large selection of adult fiction and non-fiction books and a colourful and friendly children's book and activity corner; stock is constantly reviewed with deliveries of new titles each week. There is free access to the internet via two public computers with facilities for printing, scanning documents and photocopying.

This spring we have had a wonderful response from customers who have knitted flowers for the Living Wall project, providing a cheerful display which will eventually join other Living Wall displays from across the district on show the Kaleidoscope Gallery, Sevenoaks Library.



Kemsing Library has events catering for all ages, with Coffee and Chat on Tuesday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 and Story Time for pre-school children on Friday afternoons from 2.30.- 3pm. The venue provides a meeting place for two thriving book groups and a craft group.

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Oscar Gush on March 8th 2015

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Arthur Launders on May 10th 2105

Arianne Launders on May 10th 2015

Deaths—Rest in Peace

Jean Palmer (83) on 9th February 2015

Ronald Mileham (92) on 26th February 2015

Extract from the Kemsing Parish Magazine May—July 1965

The **Parish Magazine** was going to be in a new format from 1st September.

Instead of monthly versions there was to be a quarterly magazine ‘The Well’ at 9d per copy.

The **Cricket Club** were only going to play 3 home matches in the 1965 season because they were breaking in a new square. The first match was to be on July 10th against the Throgs—a team raised by Sir Noel Hutton (who used to live in the Box House)

Kemsing School was looking forward to moving into the two new classrooms that were being built—vital because the roll was expected to reach 500 by 1967.

Extract from ‘The Well’ Summer 1990

The Vicar, **Richard Bateman**, was about to leave Kemsing after his 8 year ministry and was going to take over several Parishes in the Canterbury area with the Rev. Paul Cox (from St. Michael’s School). Ken Wilson contributed an article about Richard’s life in Kemsing and before.

‘**The Kemsing Man**’ was the title of a poem by Lester Edenborough.

Doug Kitchener wrote about the **Gardener’s Society’s Spring Show** and their outings to Donnington Place Gardens near Sittingbourne, Notcutts Garden Centre and Waystrode Manor near Cowden.

Kate Willis contributed an article about **Haffenden Field** which was measured and reckoned to be more than 1100 years old.

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KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT

We are waving hello to Spring and Summer at Kemsing Primary.

The end of Winter saw us celebrate Red Nose Day on the 13th of March where we “Made Faces Funny for Money.” As well as raising money for a good cause the children had a ball decorating their faces. We raised £189.65 altogether.



March 16th was Creative Week with a focus on Food Technology. Each class had a cake decorating competition. Mary Berry would have been impressed and there were certainly some “Hollywood Efforts.” Each class

engaged in a variety of cooking and baking activities from Roman cakes to Viking sandwiches as well as pizzas and scones worthy of Masterchef.

The Spring and Summer are shaping up to be a historical feast as each year group ventures on a trip or activity which submerges them in a period of British history. Some highlights include Year 2 throwing themselves into Medieval Life, Year 5 have been experiencing the Victorians, making clothes out of bin liners and newspapers and Year 4 will be learning what it is like to be a World War Two evacuee on a trip to Ightham Mote.

For the more sleepy amongst us Reception had a bed time story event. They invited their teddies into school, got into their pyjamas and read stories to send them to sleep. If only we could all do that at work!

Highlights later in the Summer include Enterprise Week, where the children will be running their own businesses and banks, Alan Sugar – look out! Also, “the circus is coming to town,” courtesy of the Happy Circus company who will be entertaining the children with acrobats and clowns on the 21st May.

Last but not least the Kemsing Primary School Summer Fair takes place on the Saturday 27th June at 2pm. All are welcome for some early Summer fun.

Kirsten Claro - Teacher

Village Diary

June

- 1st Kemsing Heritage Centre is open every Monday from 2.0-4.30 except Bank Holidays
6th Bric a Brac sale 10am to 12 noon at The Bell in aid of Church Funds.
6th Kemsing Heritage Centre is open the first Saturday each month 10.00am—12.00 noon
6th –21st South East Open Studios, the largest annual art event in the region. Pick up a leaflet from the library with details of all the open studios in the area.
10th WI Garden meeting 7pm at The Keep, High Street 7pm. Wrap up warm!
27th **Kemsing School Fete on School Field at 2pm.**
29th Heritage Centre Assn. Talk by C. Bull 'Armchair Guide to Chalk Parish' members free non members £2.50 from 01732 761772
30th Community Choir rehearsal Kemsing school hall

July

- 4th Kemsing Gardeners Summer Show 2.30 Kemsing school hall.
4th Kemsing Heritage Centre is open on the first Saturday each month 10.00-12.00 noon
6th Kemsing Heritage Centre is open every Monday 2.0-4.30 except Bank Holidays
7th Community Choir rehearsal Kemsing school hall
8th WI 'British Calendar Customs' talk by S. Sharp St. Edith small hall 7.45
14th Community Choir rehearsal Kemsing school hall
21st Community Choir rehearsal Kemsing school hall
25th **Community Choir Concert** St. Mary's Church 6.00 pm free entrance. retiring collection. Everyone welcome.
31st Heritage Centre Assn. 'The Medieval Housewife' talk by T. Mount, St. Edith Hall 7.30 members free non members £2.50 tickets from 01732 761772

August

- 12th W.I. talk 'Smile' in Zimbabwe talk by Jane and Mary Webb St. Edith small hall 7.45

September

- 9th WI talk 'Livery Companies of London' by Sir Jeremy Elwes, St. Edith small hall 7.45
12th Gardener's Autumn Show, Kemsing School 2.30pm

On **Sunday June 14th 2015 between 14.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs** the gardens of St. Clere will be open to the public in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. Admission is £5 per adult, children free. The beautiful 4 acre garden with views of the Kent countryside is well known to people in Kemsing and is always worth a visit.

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