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with news from Woodlands

Autumn 2016 No 203

25 years of the bells of
St. Mary's

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WOODLANDS SUMMER FETE—SATURDAY, 16th JULY 2016

As in 2013, once again blessed with glorious weather, the traditional country fete was a truly social occasion with plenty of seating for people to relax and talk or enjoy the attractions. There were in excess of 1,500 people, and many were saying that they had spoken to friends they had not seen for many years. Among the attractions were pig racing, wellie throwing, and a dog show. There were tractor and pony rides, as well as a show of classic cars and tractors, and live bands performing throughout the afternoon.



The net profit was £5.004 which was divided equally between the

following charities: Mind West Kent, Against Breast Cancer, Orchid Fighting Male Cancer, and Guys & St Thomas' Hospital.

Our thanks once again to the Fete Committee and David and Sally Hodges, who lent their fields and made sure that everything was tidy

and presentable. The biggest thanks of all go to you, the public, who came and supported the Fete and made it such a success.



Vicar's Letter, Dear Friends

Children are immensely precious and valuable. That's so obvious, it almost sounds trite. It hasn't always been so. In Victorian times, children were "seen but not heard", and many started work as early as 5, often down mines or in other poor conditions. Jesus' attitude to children was revolutionary. In his day, children (along with women and slaves) were seen as second-class citizens. When parents brought young children to Jesus, his disciples tried to send them away: Someone as important as Jesus should not be troubled by children. Jesus was angry, and asked that the children be brought to him. He laid his hands on them, and sent them on their way with his blessing.



Attitudes today are very different from how they used to be: Women, men and children are all seen as equally important, all alike made in God's image; slavery was abolished in 1807. These changes did not happen by accident, but were fought for by Christians (such as William Booth and William Wilberforce), often at great personal cost; these reformers were gripped by the love of Jesus Christ and the way he transforms how we treat others.

Today, I watch some seek to dismantle the Christian foundations of public life, and I'm afraid where it might lead. It is the influence of Jesus that means we treat all human beings as equal in dignity, male or female, young or old, healthy or battling some condition. If we lose the foundation of these values, we will lose the values as well.

In Kemsing and Woodlands churches, Jesus' attitude to children governs all we do. Some services are planned especially with children in mind. We have 20+ children each week in Kemsing at 10.30. It's either an all-age service where we all stay together, or we have a supervised crèche for pre-school children and three different age-groups of "Sunday Special" for school-aged children. All ages are just as welcome at all our services, not just that one. Some parents worry their children might be noisy or disruptive. We don't mind that in the least; we just love children to come and be welcome. Of course we love those who are older, too, just as we always have done. People usually expect church to be accessible to older folk, so we need to talk more about the welcome we also give the young. One thing I love about church is the way that it brings the generations together, and draws together other groups who may not otherwise do things with each other. Whether you come to church regularly, infrequently, or whether you've never been before – you'd be just as welcome, whether you're 9 days old or 99 years old. If you come for the first time and we've not met before, please introduce yourself!

With every blessing. Your friend and vicar, James Oakley



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The Parish Office is now in the St Edith Club, and will usually be open on 4 mornings a week. Answer-phone at other times is 01732 761351.

Ring first to make sure someone is there. The Parish Administrator's email address is: administrator@kemsingwithwoodlands.org

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 School 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

Woodlands Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday, 25th September at 11.30am**, followed by lunch for all. Non-perishable goods only this year please.

Remembrance Sunday Service at Kemsing will be held on **Sunday, 13th November at 9.45am** in St. Mary's Church followed by the procession of uniformed organisations to the act of Commemoration at The Well at 11am.

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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Another Autumn and another packed term awaits us at Kemsing School. We will be welcoming 30 new reception children as we say goodbye to the year 6 (pictured on their trip to Hever castle in July). They have been a great asset to our school, a fantastic bunch and we wish them all the best in their new schools.

To round off the summer term we held a creative week in which the children took part in many activities; dance, music, sports and arts – all based on a Brazilian theme. In



between the showers we held our Sports Day with Oak House securing victory. We were pleased with our team efforts, especially in Olympic year, and many children represented the school at sporting events such as; the Heptathlon, the swimming gala and the district sports. Fantastic results all round with Kemsing winning our group at district sports!

Despite the rain the summer fete was a great success, a huge thanks to the FKS

who continue to support the school with their fund raising efforts. The fete raised in excess of £5000. The school council ran their own stall and added to their proceeds to the charities that they have supported this year. During the last week of term several children took part in the music concert, entertaining parents with modern classics. The hall was packed nearly every day with events such as leaving assemblies and the Leavers' party.

We welcome four new staff members to our team; Miss Perrin (Class 2), Mrs Hill (Class 4) Mrs Franks (Class 4) and Mr Harvey (Class 5). Sadly we have said goodbye to members of staff who have contributed much to our school. Mrs King and Mrs Spencer have both now finished their temporary contracts, Mrs Claro and Miss Williams are leaving to take up positions in schools closer to their homes, and Mrs Brookbanks will be spending more time with her family, after teaching at Kemsing for 7 years. We wish them well and thank them for their hard work.

After 25 years Mrs Parry who has been a teaching assistant and midday supervisor is retiring. During her time with us Mrs Parry has worked with several different Head teachers, many different staff and hundreds of children. She has been an incredibly reliable and trustworthy member of staff and she will be greatly missed. We would like to wish Mrs Parry a long and happy retirement.

Helen Brown, Deputy Headteacher

IGHTHAM MOTE

Join us at Ightham Mote this autumn for our events programme:



My favourite item—Daily 1-30th September

Choose and vote for your favourite item at Ightham Mote during the month of September.

Autumn Activity Pack for children—from 1st September

Pick up a copy of our Autumn Activity Pack and do some of your 50 things at Ightham Mote this autumn—50p.

Strictly Historical Dancing—Sunday, 11th September, 12 noon, 1.30 & 3pm

Pastime Historical Dance perform dances through the ages.

Apple & Orchard Weekend—Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd October, from 11am to 4pm

It's that wonderful time of year again—where Ightham Mote celebrates the apple and all the bounty of the earth.

The Orchard at Ightham Mote is planted with a variety of heritage apple trees which visitors are able to sample. There will also be a wide range of apple related crafts and gifts for sale from local suppliers, as well as a National Trust stall, and families can take advantage of a special Apple Trail around the garden!

Housekeeping Day—18th October 11am-4pm

Our housekeeping team will show you some of the methods they use to conserve and clean items in the house.

Half term family fun—Sat 22nd-30th October, 10am-5pm

Themed trail around the grounds, and come and see our Pumpkin Patch! With ghoulish mask-making on Thursday, 27th October with our visiting award-winning artist, John Wiltshire.

Ghost & Gourmet Evenings—Saturday 22nd & 29th October, 7pm

Candle-lit spooky tour of the house followed by a 2-course buffet supper in the Mote Café. Tickets £37.50, book 01732 810378, ext. 100.

Led Estate Walk—Sunday 23rd October, 11am

The Great British Walks celebrates what the National Trust can offer walkers—of all abilities. Join us on this 2-3 mile walk around Ightham Mote Estate. Please wear suitable footwear and clothes. Donations welcome. Book via the office, 01732 810378, ext.100.

Charity Tractor Rally—23rd October

Organised by our tenant farmers at Mote Farm, come and see the tractors as they process through the local streets and villages.

Children can also enjoy the usual house trails, and children's craft activity centre will be available for them to use during school holidays, come rain or shine.

For full events listing visit: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/things-to-see-and-do/events/>. Unless otherwise stated, events are free, normal admission prices apply. Free entry for National Trust members. Further details on Ightham Mote, see their website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ighthammote or call 01732 810378, ext.100.

NEWS and NOTES

Kemsing Post Office will close on or before 28th October 2016. The good news is that, although Val's Tearoom closed on 13th August, it will re-open on Friday 2nd September (times of opening to be confirmed) with Eduardo and Alice, who ran the Italian Delicatessen in Seal.

John and Val will be moving to their new life in France in September/October, and we wish them all the best in their retirement.

Kemsing Library—if, for any reason, you are no longer able to come along to Kemsing Library to borrow books we can deliver to you at home. A volunteer from our Home Library Service can collect and choose books, audio books and DVD's for you to enjoy; as well as having access to the large selection of fiction and non-fiction titles at Kemsing we can order items from other libraries as required.

Please contact Anne Stevens at Kemsing Library for further details about this free service. Telephone 03000 413131 or email Kemsinglibrary@kent.gov.uk

Do you have a family member or friend whose remains are in the churchyard at St. Mary's Church, Kemsing? The Churchyard is under the overall control of the Vicar and the PCC. Headstones or other memorials may be placed on graves after consultation with the Vicar. These need to conform to guidelines issued by the Diocese of Rochester. There is a leaflet to assist families with some of the information which they need at the back of the Church. If in doubt, speak to either the Vicar or either of the Churchwardens (see page 5 for relevant phone nos.).

Hospice in the Weald are holding their annual 10K Road Race on Sunday 25th September 2016 around the streets of Tunbridge Wells. They plan to make it bigger and better than ever as they look to attract over 1000 runners. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for both male and female racers supplied by our supporters Nuffield Health.

As a charity, not part of the NHS, it costs over £7 million to run Hospice in the Weald every year so any involvement in their 10k run will play a big part in making a difference to the lives of patients, their families and carers.

Kemsing's War Dead—we have now remembered four of those whose names appear on our War Memorial and whose centenary has now occurred. Each short act of remembrance has been attended by over 20 people. The next one will be held in February 2017. See also Mike Cursons' report on page 19.



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The Good News is that planning permission has been granted for a replacement Church Hall, SE/16/01398, which was submitted in May – a welcome change from the long delay which Sevenoaks District Council took to determine the previous joint application with the Diocese for a new Vicarage & Church Hall. That application was refused in October last year, and is now subject to an appeal process. The PCC has decided to await the outcome of the appeal so it knows all the options open to it before deciding which building to build.

The new railings for the Memorial Terrace steps have at long last been put either side of the Memorial Terrace steps. We are so sorry it has taken so long to get this work done.

The PCC is still looking urgently for someone to examine its Annual Accounts. This requires the services of an Independent Financial Examiner and does not mean that this person has to be a qualified Accountant, but it does need someone who understands accounts. If anyone would be willing to give their expertise and time, Philip Walker our PCC Treasurer, would be glad to hear from them, tel. 01732 761646.

Woodlands PCC is presently consulting the Diocesan Registrar about the possibility of combining both parishes of Woodlands and Kemsing. This is a joint benefice at present, and we share the same Vicar, but the two PCCs are quite separate administratively, which means two lots of meetings and finances. It would make sense to combine the two at a time when it is increasingly difficult to find people willing to take on those sort of responsibilities.

Finally, the other Good News is that the Diocese have bought Sunnybank Cottage, off the School drive, as a temporary home for James and Liz and the boys. They were promised a new Vicarage over 6 years ago before they came to Kemsing. The present Vicarage was put on the replacement list many years ago, and it is a Listed Building which will need completely refurbishing costing many thousands of pounds.

Rosemary Banister, PCC Secretary

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The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 18th May 2016. Mrs. Marie Cole was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. Tony Andrews as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

The **Parish Council Committee structure** for 2016/2017 is as follows:-

Downland Management Committee - Douglas Bennett (Chairman), Brian Buttifant (Vice-Chair), Paul Burfield, Rosemary Wedderburn-Day and Philip Walker

Finance Committee - Paul Eaton (Chairman), Philip Walker (Vice-Chairman), Tony Andrews, Douglas Bennett and Marie Cole

Planning Committee - Bob Dawes (Chairman), Tony Andrews (Vice-Chair), Marie Cole, Godfrey Croughton and Margaret Robarts

Recreation Grounds Committee - Philip Walker (Chairman), Rosemary Wedderburn-Day (Vice-Chairman), Richard Lang and Paul Burfield

Parish Council meetings—21 September, 19 October, 16 November 2016.

For further information regarding forthcoming Parish Council meetings, please check village notice boards and the Parish Council's website.

Fly-tipping— Despite challenging financial times Sevenoaks District Council has recently appointed an Environmental Enforcement officer to investigate fly-tipping offences across the District. Many householders are not aware they have a duty of care to check that the contractor they employ to dispose of their rubbish is licensed to carry such waste and that it will be taken to a licensed disposal facility. Enforcement officers may issue a fixed penalty notice fine in the sum of £400 as an alternative to court prosecution to those proven to have fly-tipped waste. If you see fly-tipping the following details are invaluable but you should never put yourself at risk in gathering this information: the name and address of the person tipping the waste if known, a full description of the incident including the precise location and any vehicle registration numbers, identifying names, markings or phone numbers, and call Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000.

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Details of how to keep in touch are given below.

Telephones The new telephone system is now up and running. It has hopefully made it much easier to contact the Practice, but remember that the easiest way to book an appointment or renew a prescription is by going on line.

Sharing Patient Information The grand scheme to collect all patient information centrally (Care Data) has been dropped (for now) owing to major concerns about confidentiality. But the Summary Care Record is proceeding –this is a good one as, in an emergency, it can provide any doctor or A & E Unit in the UK with your essential details such as current medication or allergies. If you withheld permission to be put on the Care Data record, please check that you didn't accidentally come off the Summary Care record. Also, if you haven't visited either Surgery for the last five years, you will shortly be asked to confirm your registration as an OMP patient. PLEASE don't ignore this letter as you might then find yourself without a doctor when you need one!

Fundraising The Quiz we held on June 10th was a great success – thanks to all who came. It raised nearly £800 and, plus some smaller donations, enabled the purchase of a 24 hour Heart / Blood Pressure / Respiration Monitor. This saves the patient two trips to Pembury Hospital as the results are sent electronically to the Consultant.

Note for the Diary The next Health Event will cover issues related to *Diabetes*. Also a chance to use a Defibrillator before the need arises. The Event is on *Saturday 22nd October at 10am at Otford Methodist Church Hall*.

Any ideas for future Events would be very welcome.

PLEASE CONTACT US with any comments or queries. Email address: otfordpatients@gmail.com. Or put a note in the PPG Box at either Surgery. We are still keen to inform and to consult with more OMP patients via the PPG Online Group – just fill in your email address at one of the Surgeries. Finally there is now a Facebook page – find us at 'Otford Patient Participation Group' for regular updates. Alastair Boobyer 01959 522490, email: Pater-son@applewood122.freemove.co.uk

Kemsing's ring of six bells was installed in August 1991, and dedicated on 22nd of September by the Rt. Revd. Bill Flagg, Assistant Bishop of Rochester. A quarter peal of 1260 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung after the service, in 39 minutes, to celebrate the dedication. Michael Williamson, one of five of the original Kemsing band still ringing, rang in the quarter.

Since then 167 quarters have been rung, with between one and



thirteen being rung per year. Peals, being four times the number of changes, have been far less frequent. The first was on 28th December 1991, and took 2 hours 38 minutes.

Twenty three peals (5040 changes) have been rung on the bells,

ranging in time from 2 hours 13 minutes to 2 hours 38 minutes. Quarter peals have, until 2015, varied from 34 minutes to 43 minutes for 1260 changes, but in October 2015 a band set out to ring the fastest quarter on the bells, and completed it in 28 minutes!





We will be attempting quarter peals on 29th August, to celebrate the first ringing of the bells, and on 22nd September, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

Although you can all see us ringing, for services, weddings, funerals, and when we practise, very few of you will have climbed the vertical ladder to access the belfry and steeple. The six bells, in a steel frame are just above the ceiling where the ropes disappear.

Above that is the 17th century service bell which, although originally hung for full-circle ringing, can now only be chimed. It had two companions until 1991 (1891 recasts of much older bells), but these were melted down, and the metal used in the new ring of six.

The illustrations show the steeple, looking up from just above the service bell, the service bell, and two views of some of the ring of six.



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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN KEMSING

We are all familiar with the national act of remembrance on the Sunday nearest the 11th November each year when the names of those born in Kemsing who gave their lives in both world wars are read out at the village war memorial. We tend to forget that since the end of the two world wars our armed forces have regularly been deployed in various parts of the world where they sustained many casualties. The areas that immediately come to mind are; Korea, Malaya, Cyprus, Suez Canal, Aden, Yemen, Borneo, Northern Ireland, The Falklands, The Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq and there are more.

The Kemsing Branch of the Royal British Legion are not aware of any Kemsing born person sustaining fatal injuries while deployed on active service. We are therefore asking if anyone with knowledge of a Kemsing born person who has been killed on active service since 1945, to please get in touch with the Legion so that once the details have been confirmed with the Ministry of Defence, the name of the deceased and the area of deployment can be added to the list and read out each year. Please contact us in writing with your name, address and telephone number with as much detail as possible and send or deliver it Mike Cursons, 16 Cleves Road, Kemsing, TN15 6RX.



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KEMSING FRIENDS REMEMBERED

Eric Speller who died on 16th May 2016, aged 96, had lived in the village since 1954.

Tom Dew, long time resident of Kemsing, died on 20th July 2016, aged 95. He was married to Doris for 63 years. Tom was Churchwarden from 1964 to 1980, and was an active member of Kemsing Players. Doris, who died on 24th January 2006, was a Parish Councillor for 10 years, and Chairman for 7 of those. She was also a member of Sevenoaks Rural District Council for 4 years.



Pictured above: Tom and Doris Dew with Vic Bowden and Elspeth Horne at a Quiz Final in 1969 .

Eileen Hutt who died on 24th June 2016, aged 100, had lived on Springhead Road from 1957 to 1993. Her daughter, Joy Hanson, remembers that she loved Kemsing, the bluebells in the wood, her WI Choir, cycling up to Dynes Road shops and going to St Mary's Church. She played the piano for several pantomimes. The Amelanchier tree in the Churchyard by the crinkle crankle wall is in memory of her husband, George, who died in 1984.

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NEWS FROM COTMANS ASH

NO NUTS AT COTMAN'S ASH

Over the years it seems I have written, heard and moaned much about grey squirrels and the affect they have on the wild life at Cotmans Ash – they wreck the bird boxes, eat the eggs and murder the young fledglings – it particularly saddened me this year when they took the last of our mistle thrushes, they were always the first to open the dawn chorus in February.

At Cotmans Ash we have half a dozen mature Walnut trees, Hazels beyond number, but it is unlikely we will harvest a bucketful of nuts after the squirrels have looted their share.

A reader has written asking if I could name the roses climbing on the south wall of ~St. Mary's – I will gladly do that – the lovely red rose with such a wonderful scent growing nearest the porch "ETOILE de HOLLANDE" (Star of Holland), the next is the same variety and was planted to replace the firs, then ALBERTINE, vigorous and quite spiteful obviously named after Queen Victoria's consort, and the other one is CHAPLAIN'S PINK which always seems to be struggling a bit.

While we are at it, the three goblet shaped yews guarding the south door are Irish Yews, we don't really have a good churchyard yew, but we do have a fine avenue of scarlet Maples in the west churchyard planted in 1973 – "Plant a Tree 73" tree planting scheme. Vic Bowden said "And plant some more in 74" so we planted a "Gingko" on the north bank,

The lovely Weeping Yew in the south churchyard is "Dovestons Yew", it is unusual rather than rare. We have planted a Black Mulberry in the West Churchyard to the memory of Elspeth and Trader Horne and close by is a fine Walnut tree, for John Higdon I think? The winter hyacinth also grows there, a fast growing vigorous weed that swamps all before it!

There are two ancient monster yews at Cotmans Ash that I would put forward as the largest in the parish but the finest for shape and condition grows in the middle of the lawn at 'Little Wybournes' – a great credit to Antony Tyler, and should you pass that way in late spring, by the roadside you will see a cascade of blue Wisteria blossom clambering all over its' evergreen host – an English Yew.

Unfortunately the two variegated Hollies planted in church field were burned to death – we planted Bird Cherries and Wild Rowans to screen the west churchyard in 1973 – regretfully Rev. Bateman's horses made short work of them, perhaps when our new Church Hall arrives we can have another look at it!

Brian Doe

KEMSING PLAYERS—NEXT PRODUCTION

Kemsing Players presents “QUARTET” on 24th, 25th and 26th November 2016 in The St Edith Hall, Kemsing

Beecham House is abuzz. The rumour circulating this home for retired musicians, is that it is soon to play host to a new resident. Word is, it's a star. For Reginald Paget, Wilfred Bond and Cecily Robson, this sort of talk is par for the course at the gossipy home. However, they're in for a special shock when the new arrival turns out to be none other than their former singing partner, Jean Horton.

Her subsequent career as a star soloist, and the ego that accompanied it, split up their long friendship and ended her marriage to Reggie, who takes the news of her arrival particularly hard. Can the



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KEMSING BROWNIES—SUMMER FUN



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In September we are off to PGL for an activity weekend, look out for photos in the next edition of *The Well!*

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Jasper BIRT on 4th June 2016

Weddings

Karen GILES and Jonathan COPPING on 28th May 2016

James HUNT and Catherine CREWS on 2nd July 2016

Mark HADAWAY and Angela STOREY on 30th July 2016

Samuel ASH and Sonia REID on 30th July 2016”

Deaths-Rest in Peace (see also page 21)

Anthony NEWING (82) on 14th March 2016

Pamela PORTER (nee Hazelwood) on 25th April 2016

Patricia Ann PARKIN (71) on 8th May 2016

Valerie DAY (68) on 12th May 2016

Frederick Edward HOWLETT (69) on 21st May 2016

Gladys SATTERLEY (nee Bangay) (100) on 13th June 2016

Peter George SEARLE (89) on 20th June 2016

Mona Curphey Hughes (91) on 2nd July 2016

From “The Well” Autumn 1966

The Vicar (Reverend Young) watched the World Cup which almost made him a **football** fan. He was impressed by the spectators who were waving union jacks and shouting “England”.

The **Parish Council** (under the chairmanship of Doris Dew) were busy acquiring the playing area at Nightingale Road. Thanks to Mr Nash, a Bus Shelter would soon materialise at Noah’s Ark.

An appreciation was recorded of **Canon Ronald Bristow** who had just died, and who was Curate and Vicar here from 1922-31. After leaving he served at Gillingham and Platt.

From “The Well” Autumn 1991

Mrs Janet Eaton contributed an article about the **new Church bells**. She has witnessed their casting at the Whitechapel Foundry from the two old Victorian bells and the installation of the new bells. She and others, notably Ralph Harding and Godfrey Croughton, had had several training sessions to become ringers.

Rosemary Fielden wrote about the **old bells** noting how difficult it was to manage two bells by hand and one by foot. This feat had been undertaken for the past 40 years by Eric Bangay, Bert Skinner, John Fielden and Den Newman.

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WOODLANDS—LIFE ON THE HILL

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We would like to thank Catherine Medlen, who has faithfully set the Hall up, and organised rotas and craft activities from the day it began. Unfortunately Catherine is no longer able to perform these duties, as she is moving away. We have been unable to find a replacement, so Woodlands Tots will cease until further notice.

The Well—distribution

We are still short of people to deliver *The Well* throughout the parish of Woodlands. If you are able to help, please contact Debby Pierson, 01732 762033.

Tom, formerly of Cotmans Ash, achieved his lifelong ambition to

TOM BOSWORTH—OLYMPIAN

qualify for the Men's 20km Walk at the 2016 Olympics. In the autumn edition of *The Well*, 2012, we reported on Tom's progress, and how he was given the opportunity to carry the Olympic Torch through Potternewtown in Leeds, where he now lives with his partner.

Whilst not succeeding in gaining a medal in the Olympics this time, when he came 6th in the 20km Walk, he managed to take 28 seconds off his national record. Tom holds three British records, and is currently ranked 1st in the UK for the Men's 20km Walk (12 miles). Well done, Tom.

Village Diary

September

- 10th Gardener's Show at Kemsing School. 2.30pm.
- 14th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 talk by J. Livingston '*Face Blindness– What It is like to be face blind*'
- 30th Heritage Centre talk by G. Hutchinson 'John (Mad Jack) Fuller and his Follies' St. Edith small Hall 7.30 members free non members £2.50

October

- 8th Kemsing Scouts Race Night at Kemsing Primary School
- 11th Kemsing Gardeners meeting, talk by Cory Furness head Gardener of Peshurst Place St. Edith small hall 8.00
- 12th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 '*An evening with a Lady Harpist*'
- 14th Kemsing Wildlife Group 7.30 St. Edith hall, talk by P. & P. Heathcote '*Panamanian Puddles*' Admission £2.00, under 16 free
- 28th Heritage Centre talk by D. Chapman '*The Hidden Cathedral*' St. Edith hall 7.30 members free, non members £2.50

November

- 9th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 '*Poets of World War I*' with Fern Flynn & Bob Ogley
- 11th Kemsing Wildlife Group 7.30 St. Edith hall, talk by D. Witherspoon '*Badgers*' admission £2..00 under 16 free
- 12th Scouts Jumble Sale, starts 1.30 admission £1. children free. Donated items to St. Edith hall from 9.30 am
- 13th **Remembrance Sunday Service. See page 5 for details.**
- 18th Heritage Centre talk by P. Rasen '*Edith Cavell*' St. Edith hall 7.30 Members free, non members £2.50
- 24th) Kemsing Players production of 'Quartet' in St. Edith Hall
- 25th) See page 24 for details on tickets
- 26th)

December

- 9th Kemsing Wildlife Group '*Woodland Wild Life*' talk by John Tyler St. Edith hall 7.30 admission £2.00 under 16 free
- 13th Kemsing Gardeners meeting, talk on '*Winter Containers*' by Millbrook Garden Centre , St Edith small hall 8.00
- 14th WI '*Christmas Party with Christmas crafts*' St. Edith small hall 7.45
- 16th The Kemsing Singers Christmas Concert St. Edith Hall 7.30 pm
- 17th Tickets from 01959 523752 or 9 Cleves Rd., Kemsing Adult £8, Friends £6. children £4.

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