

THE WELL

**Kemsing Village Magazine
with news from Woodlands**

Summer 2016 No 202

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WI Centenary party.**

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Rape fields near Kemsing by Janet Eaton

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Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

June 11th this year is Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday. She turns 90. Not many people turn 90 still working a 40 hour week. For over 60 years, she has worked tirelessly for her people. Although, while she has been a servant of the people she governs, her gaze follows another line as well.



In the Bible, in 1 Timothy chapter 6, Jesus Christ is called “the blessed and only ruler, the king of kings and lord of lords.” It's a simple statement. Every king, lord, queen and ruler in any earthly state has a king and lord of their own. Every human being in authority is also under authority. The king of kings, and the lord of lords, is the person of Jesus.

The same language is used in the traditional prayers of the Church of England. Our oldest prayer is from 1662, and most of the prayers in it are from the time of Elizabeth I. The service of Morning Prayer includes a prayer for the Queen's Majesty, prefaced with an address to God as “the King of kings, Lord of lords, the only ruler of princes.” The Communion service contains a collect (a simple, one-sentence prayer) for the Queen, asking that she would remember “whose minister she is.”

It's not hard to think of totalitarian regimes, elsewhere in the world, where this kind of language would be considered treason. Some heads of state would be highly offended by any talk of them being under the authority of another. We might think that this kind of language is disrespectful to our own Elizabeth II.

In fact, she's delighted for us to think of her in this way. A few months ago, she wrote this: “In my first Christmas Broadcast in 1952, I asked the people of the Commonwealth and Empire to pray for me as I prepared to dedicate myself to their service at my Coronation. I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness.”

In her Christmas Broadcast messages, she frequently speaks of her deep faith in the person of Jesus. He has been her “anchor” through troubling times, her role-model in the love and respect she shows everyone she meets, the reason we should welcome those different from ourselves. The forgiveness he came to bring, as our saviour, is the foundation for family and national life. We honour Her Majesty the Queen in the way she would want when we respect her as reigning monarch, thank God for all the good she has done our nation, and reserve our highest loyalties for the Jesus she serves.

“Long live our noble Queen!”

With every blessing.

Your friend and vicar,

James

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The Parish Office is now in the St Edith Club, and will usually be open on 4 mornings a week from the beginning of April. 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

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, the Church Choir and friends will be giving a Concert on Sunday June 12th at 6.30pm, which will include music sung at her Coronation, and other special Royal music
The Church Flower Festival to celebrate 90 Glorious Years will also be held on Friday to Monday, 10th to 13th June inclusive, open from 10am to 7pm.

SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands

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| 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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Everyone at Kemsing School is enjoying use of the swimming pool. Each class from reception to year 6 is taking part in swimming lessons which the children thoroughly enjoy and look forward to each week.



Reception class enjoyed a sleepy bed time story event. They invited their teddies in to school, got into their pyjamas and read stories to send them to sleep.

Class R also enjoyed a trip to Maidstone Museum where they learnt all about dinosaurs and fossils and made clay dinosaur models.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday by designing cakes for a competition, making bookmarks (which are on display in Kemsing library) and learning the national anthem.

The children enjoyed writing poems this term which have been entered in to a competition- fingers crossed!

Year 6 are busy preparing for their annual production which they will perform for friends and family members on the 14th and 16th of June.

Year 4 will be taking a trip to Ightham Mote where they will learn what it was like to be a World War Two evacuee.

Highlights later in the summer include a themed creative week based on the summer Olympics. Also the summer Fair will be held on 25th June. All are welcome for some early summer fun!

Rebecca Marshall- Year 2 teacher

Nature & Art – Reflections of two Victorian gentlemen artists. New exhibition at Ightham Mote this year



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In the 19th century, two gentleman artists, renowned naturalist Prideaux John Selby – who produced the Illustrations of the British Ornithology, and Charles La Trobe, the first Governor General of Victoria, Australia who rented Ightham Mote in the mid 1850's. **Until 30th Oct there will be an exhibition, Nature & Art**, about the lives and works of these two artist in relation to Ightham Mote.

The exhibition includes some of their work, and Ightham Mote have engaged a **watercolour artist in residence, John Wiltshire** – whose work focuses on the 19th century techniques, his work has been exhibited at the RA Summer exhibition and won first prize from the Royal Watercolour Society. **The exhibition will be associated with special activities and events for all.**

Bookable summer events:

Murder at the Mote: Saturdays 11th & 18th June 7pm.

Relax with a Pimms then watch events unfold in the Great Hall. Solve the theatrical crime over a 2 course dinner. Tickets £37.50 Book via Mote Café 01732 811314.

The Ferguson's Gang: Friday 17th June 7.30pm in the Great Hall

Find out from **author Polly Bagnall** about this anonymous group of enterprising women, from the 1920s, whose antics fundraised for the National Trust. Book signing after. Tickets £10 from Sevenoaks Book shop or call them on 01732 452055.

Learn or develop your en plein air watercolour art technique at one or both of these workshops for adults with award-winning Kent based **artist, John Wiltshire. Saturday 2 July 10.30am-4.30pm & Tuesday 16 August 10.30am-4.30pm** One class £15 – or two classes for £20. Book via 01732 810378 ext 100. Further details at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote

House open 'till 30.10.16 11.00 am-5.00 pm M T W T F S S.

Garden, café, exhibition and shop 'till 30.10.16 10.00 am-5.00 pm Daily.

NEWS and NOTES

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Plant and Cake Sale in April which raised £285 towards the cost of the Flowers for the Church **Flower Festival which will take place over the weekend of Friday June 10th to Monday June 13th.** Don't forget the special Royal Concert which takes place on Sunday 12th June in St. Mary's Church, Kemsing.

The Church Fundraising Committee is organising another **Tea Dance** with the Jean Bentley Band in **St. Edith Hall on 23rd July from 2pm to 4pm.** This event is suitable for all ages as young and old can all enjoy getting on the dance floor. If you prefer you can just come along and enjoy the tea. Tickets priced at £5 are available from the Church Office, from Debby Pierson 01732 762033, or on the door.

Community Choir would like to thank everyone who came along to their Concert on Friday 6th May. £190 was raised towards Church Funds. Everyone who came along enjoyed the evening, and thanks especially to Brenda and Len Ross, our conductor and accompanist.

Kemsing Library would like to let everyone know that you can now access Free Wi-Fi at the Library with your Library card.

There will be a Doctors vs Patients **Quiz Night on Friday June 10th** in St. Edith Hall starting at 7.30pm organised by the Friends of Otford Medical Practice. Teams of up to 8 are invited to join in to raise funds for new 24 hour blood pressure monitors. Please telephone Margaret Robarts for more details on 01959 522853, or Margaret.robarts@talktalk.net

North Downs Challenge walks took place on May 14th. Almost 200 people walked the 11, 15 or 20 mile routes, some from as far away as the Midlands. They were provided with food and drink at the checkpoints and on their return enjoyed a sandwich tea with home-made cakes in St. Edith Hall. The organisers would like to thank everyone who came along, gave their time with the organisation or donated food. Just over £2,000 has been raised for Church funds. After 19 years, this will be the last of the walks in its present form. Many thanks to the Mallinson & Rathbone families, plus all the other helpers for all their hard work.



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We are delighted to welcome Anita Connelly as our new Parish Administrator. Anita started working in the Parish Office (tel.no.01732 761351) in March, and is usually there from 9.15am to 12.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, but ring first if you need to see her to make sure she is available. When visiting The St Edith Club, where the Parish Office is temporarily housed (with grateful thanks as always to the Club), you need to ring the bell outside the door so that Anita can let you in.

Since the last edition of *The Well*, the Diocese of Rochester decided to appeal against the refusal by Sevenoaks District Council of planning application SE/14/03914, which the planners took 10 months to determine, thus wasting a very long time when we could have been getting on with building our new Church Hall. We are not sure how long the appeal process will take but, in the meantime, the Parochial Church Council decided it must put in a fresh application for a new Church Hall. The plan which was refused was designed to fit in with the Conservation Area and would provide the facilities which we could foresee were needed for our expanding congregation and children's groups. The new plan has been scaled down and will not provide everything which we will need, but the PCC felt it must try to get a Church Hall built even though it will not be what we hoped for. If at first you don't succeed

The Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings were held on 28th April 2016, at which Ray Parton and Matthew Trott were elected as Churchwardens for the next year. Jean (Walker) has been Churchwarden for 6 years and it was time for her to have a rest, but she has been appointed Churchwarden Emerita and, knowing Jean, she will still be doing a lot of the things she has been doing all these years behind the scenes. Jean is one of those people who is always ready to help when she sees a need, and those of us who benefit – and there are many – are exceedingly grateful.

Peter Chadwick, Zoe Taylor, Jean and Philip Walker, were all elected to the PCC for the next 3 years, which brings our PCC Members to 19. The St Mary's Church, Kemsing, PCC is a charitable trust and we are all Trustees. For those of you not on the Electoral Roll, you can read its Annual Report & Financial Statements 2015 on the Charity Commission website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk, and enter the charity no. which is: 1131431, which will take you to the option to view these reports.

Rosemary Banister, PCC Secretary

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Normal Office Hours : Monday, Wednesday & Thursday (9 am to 2 pm)

Annual Parish Meeting - Thank you to the residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd March at St. Edith Hall. Speakers giving presentations on the activities of their organisations included Mr. Nick Chard (County Councillor), Mr. Simon Reay (Sevenoaks District Councillor), students from Kemsing Primary School and Deputy Head Teacher Mrs. Helen Brown, PCSO Sue Harwood (West Kent Police), Mrs. Erica Cole (Kemsing Heritage Centre Association Trustee), Mr. Alan Waters (Clerk to the Trustees of the Sir Mark Collet Pavilion) and Mrs. Janet Eaton (Kemsing Womens' Institute representative).

Bus Services – Residents are reminded of the Saturday afternoon service operated under the No 8 Sevenoaks Town service. A new Sunday service run by an independent operator has been introduced. Please check the Parish Council's notice boards for further information.

Overgrown vegetation – Just a reminder to all residents to regularly check their boundary shrubs, trees and hedges and trim back as necessary.

The Well area - Subsequent to a request from the Kemsing Gardeners, the Parish Council agreed to re-locate the gate (leading onto St. Edith's Road) to a safer location (along the footpath between The Bell Public House and the telephone kiosk on St. Edith's Road). A timber "cross-over" structure would be installed across the stream.

Parish Council's Committees' responsibilities

Downland Management Committee - Managing the Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve in accordance with a regularly updated five year Management Plan and also manages The Well area.

Finance Committee - Prepares the Parish Council's budget. The Parish Council's precept request for 2016/2017 remained unchanged with no proposed increases.

Planning Committee - Considers planning applications and making a judgement on behalf of the community as to its potential impact on the local environment.

Recreation Grounds Committee- Looks after the open spaces at the Common Field Recreation Ground, Nightingale Road Recreation Ground and Barnfield Crescent which includes weekly inspections.

Parish Council meetings-Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month (excluding August and December), and commences at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes and agenda are available on the Parish Council's website, notice board at St. Edith Hall or Kemsing Library. For information regarding forthcoming Parish Council meetings, please check village notice boards and the Parish Council's website.

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KEMSING W.I. CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In 1915, Kemsing was a small rural village with less than 700 inhabitants. Most of the population worked on the land, but the First World War had already been



Showing the flag at Maidstone

on for a year, and the young men of the village had left for war service. Sir Mark Collet of St. Clere, the great benefactor of the village, had met Mrs Madge Watt from Canada at a meeting in September 1915, and she had enthused him with news of a new organisation for Women which was non-political, non denominational and open to all classes of Society and which she was hoping to import to Britain. Sir Mark immediately decided that this would be of great benefit to the women of Kemsing, and arranged a meeting in November 1915 in the Vicarage with himself, Mrs Watt and the Rev. Stewart and his wife. At this meeting it was decided to form a branch of the WI in Kemsing and this first met in January 1916. It became the first WI to be formed in the whole of Kent and only the sixth in

Great Britain. Membership was open to all women, and indeed the first 16 founding members included Mrs Fenn, the wife of the Steward of the St. Edith Club, Mrs Reeves, the wife of the village blacksmith and Mrs Davies of Wybournes. St Edith Hall was being used as a Hospital for wounded soldiers, so the first meetings took place in the Vicarage. Subscriptions were 2s a year.

The ladies soon took on a leading roll in village life, helping out at the hospital, learning about such things as cooking nutritious food, keeping goats for milk for sick children and bee-keeping, but the thing for which they became famous throughout the country was making jam. During one evening in 1918 between them

over 180lbs of raspberry jam was made and later sold for a small profit. After the war they ran the Village Library, formed the first Girl Guide troop, a tennis club and gave regular entertainments for the village. They enjoyed going on outings, this one above to Hastings.. Contd. Page 30.



KEMSING W.I. members on a seaside trip in the 1920's

KEMSING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CELEBRATES



The girls from Knole Academy came and showed their story boards of how fashions of the last 100 years.

The Evening WI was founded in 1958, and itself became well known as the first Evening Institute in Kent. It still meets today on the second Wednesday of each month in St. Edith Hall. The Evening WI were delighted to host this special centenary party and to welcome back some former members of the Afternoon WI, most now in their 90's.



Hats were the order of the day, and everyone looked very smart. We even sang 'Jerusalem'. At the end, everyone said that it had been the perfect way to celebrate this amazing milestone



This beautiful cake was made and decorated by one of our members, Heather Porter.



CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN THE VILLAGE.

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They each took a decade
w we looked then.



We were pleased that BBC Newsroom South East came along and filmed the party. They took time to interview several members, and also spoke to the girls from Knole Academy. We made a 3 minute slot on their evening news programme and were pleased with their coverage, although disappointed that they did not show any of the interviews with the girls. We also received extensive coverage in the Sevenoaks Chronicle.



We really couldn't have done it without the help from these lovely husbands who not only helped to set up the hall, but put out the food, made the tea and then did all the washing and wiping up!!! They did enjoy the left-overs though.

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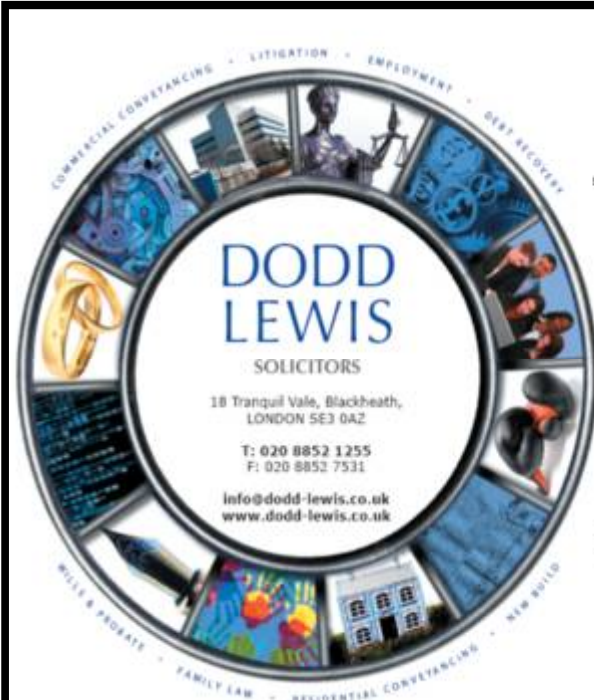
NEWS FROM WOODLANDS



Due to an increase in responsibilities at Woodlands Church, Ruth Chatwin is no longer able to organise delivery of *The Well* magazine throughout the Parish of Woodlands. If anyone is able to assist with this worthwhile service please telephone Debby Pierson 01732 762033 or Ruth at 01959 522311.

To celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday a Concert will be held at Woodlands Church given by the New Folly Singers on Friday 10th June at 7.30pm, for 8pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets cost £3 and are available from Rosemary Grey 01474 855688, or Ruth Chatwin.

Cakes for the Cake Stall at Woodlands Fete (see page 3) should be delivered to Ruth Chatwin beforehand.



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The first project undertaken by the Friends of St. Mary's was the conservation of the Madonna Roundel. The stained glass is



very special and older than anything in Canterbury Cathedral. The second project is to fund the re-painting of the Church walls, a rather mundane task in comparison, but very necessary. This was completed in October 2015. Initially our intention was to cover the cost of painting the south wall, but as any painting involved the use of scaffolding, it was felt that all the walls should be done at once.

It has certainly made a difference. The Church is lighter and brighter.

We are looking for new members, so if you would like to join or help by running a coffee morning, we would love to hear from you,

The 'Friends of St Marys' links together, in one active and united body, those who wish to support and maintain our historic building. If you would be interested in becoming a member or finding out more, please call the Secretary, Debby Pierson,

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Among the Bluebells—Plants with nasty habits

Bluebells under hazel, under chestnut, on road banks, in ditches and under hedges – anywhere and everywhere they grow – a vision of shimmering Dresden blue in May sunshine, often in the company of white wood anemones and the lovely tiny ivory white wood sorrel. Cuckoo pint and wood spurge as neighbours always seem to hit it off well on the road banks, together with rose pink herb Robert, the sprawling pale yellow crosswort, archangel and herb Bennet, all joining the glistening stitchworts in a grand panorama of shapes and colours.

Even in the plant world there are oddballs, the parasites and saprophytes – between them they have no leaves, some have modified stems and rely on another agent (other than the sun) for energy. One such is the toothwort and there is an abundance this year, mainly on hedgerow hazels. It is a mysterious comical parasite – it rises named on a short column surrounded by broad hairy, rather dirty white teeth. It literally sucks its energy from the roots of its host. Another look-alike with the same nasty habits is the broomrapes, they range from deep pink to a dirty brown colour and tap into the vetch family for existence.

Growing on the shingle beach at Dungeness is a really spiteful little thug of a plant – the ‘Common Dodder’, like a thin wiry creeping snake, it taps into the stems of its victims (usually broom) and eventually smothers it before moving on – it has quite a pretty little flower for one with such evil intent.

The birds nest orchid has no leaves and often grows under the beeches – a saprophyte – it lives on decomposing plant matter. A truly fascinating lifestyle it thrusts a stem covered in honey coloured florets up through the ground – again devoid of leaves. Yellow birds nest is another saprophyte with tiny yellow flowers on the shortest of stems, they live in harmony with yew tree roots.

Mistletoe is only a partial parasite, with thick modified leaves that can partially feed the plant, the rest of its energy comes from the host and can eventually kill the tree.

A strange evergreen little shrub that sometimes turns up in Kent chestnut woods is ‘Butchers Broom’ – a plant that seems to have defied or at least delayed evolution – the stiff green stems carry what appears to be smooth dark green branches that mimic leaves to create energy. For me, it is a real ‘Ancient Briton’ of the plant world – a plant that the Great Creator may have forgotten!

Brian Doe

KEEPING KEMSING CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

In April the 'Clean for the Queen' sparked the WI into action to clean up the village. Continuing this enthusiasm to maintain the village as we would all like it, 16 women have volunteered to help keep Kemsing clean on a permanent basis. So watch out, all you litter louts, there are now 16 women armed with litter picking sticks and they are on your trail!! Hopefully, with this number picking up litter, we can outstrip the rate that the louts drop it? Time will tell.

These 15 tyres are artistically arranged in a lay-by in Honey Pot Lane.

They were originally strewn down the steep bank on the other side of the road which required a human chain of 3 of us to throw them up onto the road above and make this more artistic display? Shortly, after taking this photo, we arranged for their removal by Sevenoaks District Council. This is a sports bag with its contents less artistically strewn in a



wooded area adjacent to the M26.

Why bother to empty the contents – you ask? The only explanation I can give is that the owner was throwing out with what he thought was his clothing, only to find it was full of rubbish. So he emptied the contents in frustration, into this wood.

This adornment was thrown over the roadside hedge

into a far hedge making it impossible to retrieve. So it may finish up as a permanent feature in Honey Pot Lane for all to admire for years to come!

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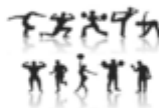
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Jack Peter Graham Sadler on 20th March 2016

Zachariah William Mayo on 3rd April 2016

Jaden Maxfield on 1st May 2016

Freddie Blake Stephens on 15th May 2016

Deaths-Rest in Peace

Iris Dalley(75) 8th March 2016

Brian James Callaghan (72) on 15th March 2016

Joyce Spencer (89) on 16th March

Eric Lott (90) on 30th March 2016

Ronald Charles William Bann (89) on 4th April 2016

John Henry Mills (79) on 9th April

Valerie Day (68) on 12th May 2016

From The Well Summer 1966

Sevenoaks Rural District and Parish Council elections had been held with a record 1074 electors voting.

Captain Peter Norman of the 9/12th Lancers was congratulated on being appointed as equerry to HM The Queen Mother.

The Gwaii Reserve in Rhodesia (a Kemsing parish project) featured—based on a letter from the priest-in-charge, Canon Francis Boatwright.

Vic Bowden wrote about how St Mary's Church had been restored several times stimulated by finding the “beautification board” of 1721 in the bell tower (now displayed at the west end of the Church).

He also wrote reminding parishioners of the regulations governing the use of the Churchyard.

From The Well Summer 1991

The editor interviewed Doreen Hensman who was running “Hairfair” in Dynes Road.

Seal Church held an exhibition to celebrate its restoration.

The Kemsing Festival of 1991 would be held from 8-22 September.

Mrs Janet Eaton wrote about the Kemsing School Parents and Teaching Association who had raised £1250 at a promises auction (auctioneer Mr Dawes). The School Fete was to be held in conjunction with the Kemsing Gardeners' Society Summer Show.

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KEMSING WI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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The WI membership increased and they also took a major roll on the home front during World War 2, but sadly by the 1990's their membership had decreased and the

Afternoon WI (as they had become) closed in 2003. However, by the 1950's, with the building of many more houses in the village, the call for another WI to meet at a time more suitable for young Mums was heard, so in 1958 it was decided to form an Evening Institute, again Kemsing became the first village in Kent to host two WI branches.

The Evening WI is now the largest in the District with 55 members.

For its 50th Birthday, the Evening WI visited the House of Commons and had tea on the terrace. In two years they celebrate their 60th birthday—plans are afoot for a special event, so watch



Village Diary

June

Local Guided Wildlife Walks with Kemsing Wildlife Group see website for details of where and when www.kemsingwildlifegroup.weebly.com
Kemsing Library weekly free events Tues. 10.30-11.30 Coffee & chat Tues. 2.30-3.30 IT buddy . Weds. Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time 10.-10.30. Childrens Story time ask at the Library for more details.
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Childrens Summer Reading Challenge. Get a poster and certificate and if you read 6 books in 6 weeks you **get a MEDAL!**

- 4th Heritage Centre open first Saturday in the month 10.00-12.00
- 4th Kemsing Singers Concert '*Saints & Sinners*' St. Edith hall 7.30 tickets from 01959 523752, 9 Cleves Rd. Adults £8. Friends of the choir £6 children £4
- 6th Heritage Centre open every Monday except Bank Hols. 2.00-4.00 pm
- 8th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 talk '*How women remained healthy & beautiful In WW2*' by A. Astin
- 10th Doctors vs Patients quiz. St. Edith Hall 7.30pm, £7 per person, teams of up to 8. Phone Margaret Robarts on 01959 522853.
- 10th - 13th Flower Festival in St. Mary's Church. See posters for details.
- 12th Kemsing Village Picnic. Come and celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. See page 26 for details.
- 12th Concert in St. Mary's Church in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. 6.30pm
- 24th Heritage Centre talk '*Potholes, Pigs and Paradise*' by P. Harris St. Edith small hall 7.30 members free, non members £2.50.
- 25th Kemsing Village Fete at Kemsing School. 2.00pm.

July

- 9th Kemsing Gardeners Society Summer Show 2.30 pm Kemsing School Hall Admission by donation.
- 13th WI Garden meeting at The Keep, High Street. 7pm start.
- 29th Heritage Centre talk '*Chalk Mining in Kent*' by Rod Le Gear St. Edith small Hall 7.30 members free, non members £2.50

August

- 10th WI St. Edith small hall 7.45 talk by Ian Porter '*The real Downton Abbey—Domestic service in early 20th Century.*'

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

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