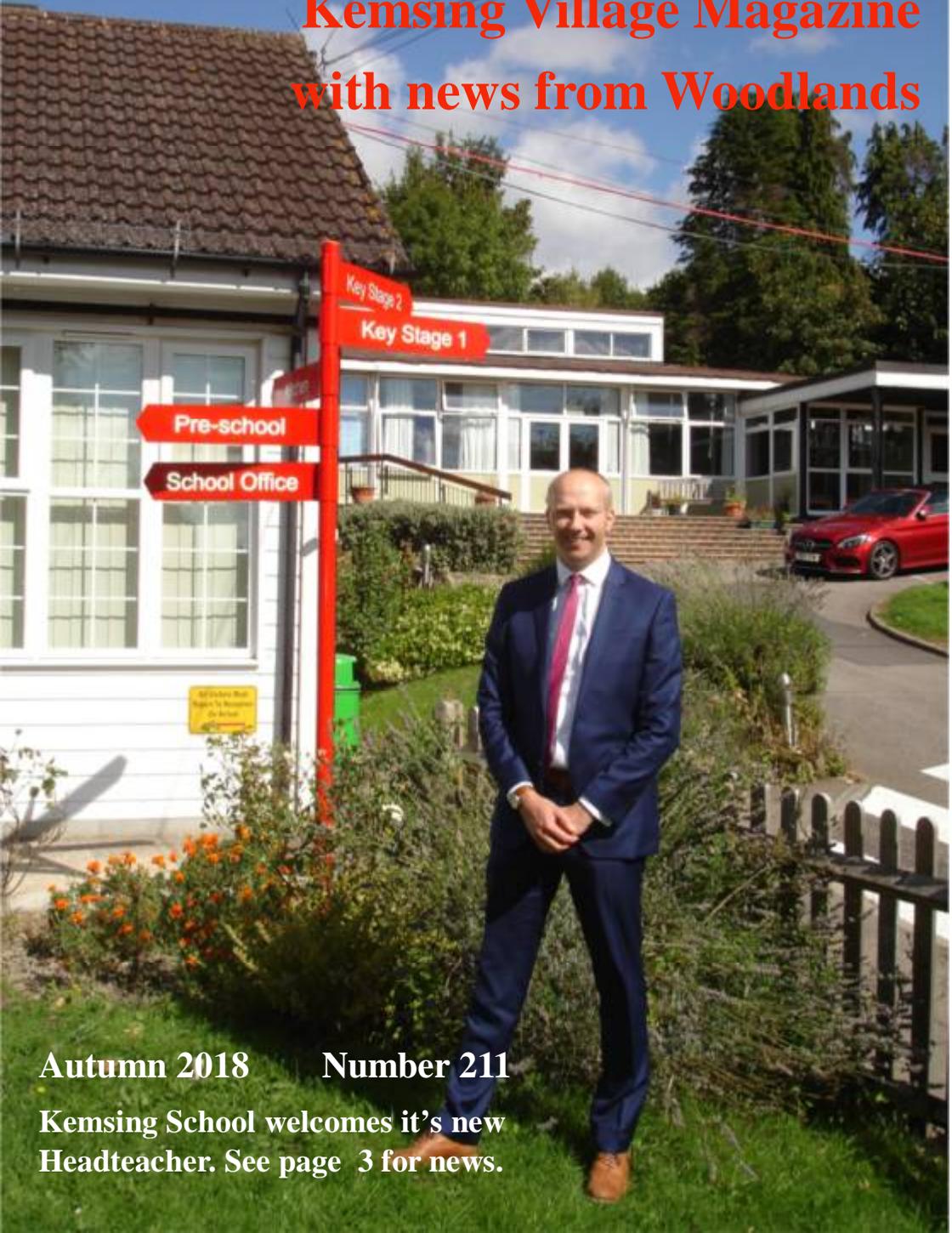


# THE WELL

## Kemsing Village Magazine

### with news from Woodlands



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Kemsing School welcomes it's new  
Headteacher. See page 3 for news.

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## ANDREW KILBRIDE, KEMSING'S NEW HEADTEACHER

On behalf of the whole village, it is a great pleasure to welcome Andrew Kilbride as the new Headteacher of Kemsing Primary School. Andrew comes to us from a school in Kidderminster in Worcestershire where he was Deputy Head for six years. He and his wife and two very young children are looking forward to a new life in Kent, although for his wife it is a return to her roots as she was brought up in Tonbridge, near to the house where they are now living.



Andrew was born in Ruislip in London, but has spent most of the last years since leaving University in the West Midlands but, because of his wife's connections, the area is not entirely new to him. He does however admit that he had never been to Kemsing before his interview for the post. His first impressions of the School and the Village have been very positive and he has been made to feel most welcome by the Staff and the Governors. He says that the Staff show a great commitment to putting the children's long term interests at the heart of everything, and he hopes to continue the good work of Eileen Mumford the previous head who has now retired.

Andrew will continue to do some teaching in spite of his demanding new job - he will take Reception Class every Friday afternoon - what a great way to get to know some of the children.

Kemsing is obviously a lively and active school - at present there are 18 Clubs operating either in the school lunch hour or after school, including, Sports, Science, Choir, Knitting and even the Ukulele (which Andrew will be teaching himself!).

So we, on your behalf, welcome Andrew to this pivotal role in the life of the village, wish him a long and happy time here and look forward to hearing more from him in this magazine in the future.

## *Vicar's Letter*

*Dear Friends*

Two or three months ago, I told the church here that I've been given a sabbatical. It's important that all of you know, and not just those who come to church, so let me take a moment to explain.



This has had various titles over the years; technically, they're now "Extended Ministerial Development Leave"! The Church of England encourages all its vicars to take this every 7 or so years, which means I'm about 3 years overdue. I'm led through a process called "ministerial review" every 2 years, and my most recent one identified a sabbatical as one need going forwards. So I won't be around from mid-May to mid-August next year.

It's a reminder that Christianity is not, first and foremost a rulebook. It's not about the things we do for God. Neither is it a religion. It's not particularly about things that happen in church. It's a relationship. A Christian is someone who knows (not simply "knows about") the person of Jesus, and through knowing him we know God his Father as our own Father.

Being a vicar entails doing many things; it's extremely busy in some seasons. That makes it easy to lose sight of the fact that I'm a Christian before I'm a church leader. I can only lead others in the Christian faith when I'm gripped, not only by the conviction that the claims of the Lord Jesus are true, but by the fact that he is simply wonderful.

This is why the Church of England recommends that its clergy take some extended time periodically to recharge. The aim is not simply a rest, but to recuperate in body, mind and spirit. More than anything, it's a time to rediscover the joy and wonder of being a Christian; it's a period of self-leadership so that we remain fit to lead others for the long-haul.

Life in the church will go on pretty much as if I was there. Come and worship with us on a Sunday, put your kids in our Sunday and midweek clubs, visit Open Door on a Monday, get married, and even let us lead your family through a funeral.

The life of the local church is not about the vicar, but what all of God's people do together. I've nearly finished arranging cover for all the planned services. The whole church family here is exceptionally gifted, and we work as a team. As I step back for 3 months, all that goes on will go on. As part of my time off, I've got some focused reading and study planned. I'll have to tell you about that another time.

With every blessing. Your friend and vicar,

*James*

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The Parish Office is temporarily in the St Edith Club, and will usually be open on four mornings a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.15 to 12.15pm. Answerphone at other times is 01732 761351. Ring first to make sure Anita, our Parish Administrator, is there. The Parish Administrator's email address is: [administrator@kemsingwithwoodlands.org](mailto: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

### **Harvest Festival Services—Sunday, 7th October, 9.15 & 10.30am**

**Remembrance Sunday Service -- Sunday 11th November at 9.50am followed by service at the War Memorial at 10.45am**

### **SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands (see also page 5)**

- 1st Sunday 4.30 All Age Service
- 2nd Sunday 11.00 Informal Communion
- 3rd Sunday 11.00 Morning Praise
- 4th Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday 10.00 Combined Informal Communion Service for both Churches, usually to be held in Kemsing

**Children are warmly welcomed at all of our services.**

**The Evening service is followed by a light meal.**

**Harvest Festival Service—Sunday, 23rd September at 11am**

**Remembrance Sunday Service—Sunday, 11th November at 10.45am**

## KEMSING PLAYERS' NEXT PRODUCTION - JACOB'S CRACKERS



The Kemsing Players autumn production this year is 'Jacob's Crackers', an evening of two one-act comedies written by John Stewart. Both plays are based on the short stories of W. W. Jacobs, a 1940s author who also wrote the tales on which the classic film noir 'Footsteps in the Fog' and the cult horror film 'The Monkey's Paw' are

based.

The stories that John has chosen to adapt for the Players are in a much lighter vein. In the first, 'The Bequest', a life-long bachelor finds himself facing the threat of an unwanted marriage and searches for stratagems to avoid this dreadful fate. In the second, 'Going off the Rails', an unexpected turn of events appears to offer the opportunity to make some serious money... but will all go according to plan?

The performances are on Thursday 22, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 November at 8pm at St Edith Hall in Kemsing. Tickets are £10 (concessions £8 for the Thursday performance only) and will be on sale from Monday 29 October at Dynes Road Dry Cleaners, by phone on 07811 465061, or via [kemsing.players@live.co.uk](mailto:kemsing.players@live.co.uk)



## KEMSING CRICKET CLUB—GOOD END TO SEASON

**K**emsing CC met their expectations in Division 4 of the Kent County Village League, by being crowned as champions. Things were a bit tense until the penultimate game, when we beat the top team easily, to leapfrog them. We only needed a win in the final game to guarantee top spot and this was duly achieved. Much of the evening was spent at our sponsors, The Tamarind, where Raj treated us royally!

This was a real team effort, with everybody contributing in many ways throughout the season. The fielding was excellent, with dropped catches almost a thing of the past! However, there are some individuals who deserve mention for their considerable exploits, without which, winning would have been rather difficult! Skipper Grahame Wood, with 693 belligerent runs, including a top score of 166, and son, Jake Wood, the rock on which our batting was based and the opposition bowling foundered, with 496 runs. James Walkling, destroyer of bowling and beautiful to watch, 560 runs, with a top score of 177.

Paul Bean, wicketkeeper extraordinaire, kept superbly all summer. Roger Shaddock, the division's top wicket-taker with 38. Best bowling: 5-0, including a hat-trick. Nizam, a young lad in his debut season, with 21 wickets; and ex-pro, Stuart Barnes, quick and accurate. No runs scored off him in front of the wicket, with a brilliant average and strike rate - 16 wickets in 6 games. Damien Saville, another debutant this year, 262 runs and 14 wickets. A magnificent slip fielder. We are looking forward to life in Division 3 in 2019 and if any of you would like to join us there, please contact Roger Shaddock on [kemsingcc@gmail.com](mailto:kemsingcc@gmail.com) with your details.



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Kemsing is very lucky to have its own Pharmacy, unlike many villages but, if it is not supported by our own people, there is a danger we could lose it. Many of us rely on being able to renew prescriptions without having to make appointments at the Surgery, and being able to pop in for help and advice. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR OWN PHARMACY.**

The Flu Vaccination campaign is running again on Saturday mornings in October. The actual dates and eligibilities are still to be confirmed, so please look out for posters, local press or contact the surgery.

Diabetes information morning at Otford Methodist Church Hall from 10am on Saturday 3rd November. This will be a question and answer session—advance notice of questions would be useful. Contact Alastair Boobyer on 01959 522490 or email [applewood122@gmail.com](mailto:applewood122@gmail.com)

Could you spare an hour or so once a month to help keep the Memorial Terrace in St. Mary's Churchyard, Kemsing tidy? At present a small group are doing this, but they would be grateful for more assistance. Please contact Doug Parry on 01732 490141 or [dougparry1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dougparry1@yahoo.co.uk). If enough volunteers come forward, the rota would mean you would have to do even less.

The Scouts Jumble sale will be on Saturday November 10th in St. Edith Hall at 1.30pm Admission £1 per adult, children free.

Kemsing School and Village fete raised an amazing £8,400. Well done to everyone!

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### Hall Hire

Please remember that our newly refurbished Hall is available for hire. Contact Ruth Chatwin, tel: 01959 522311 for details.

### The Lunch Club

Meets every Thursday, details from Anne Shelley, tel: 01959 522986.



**Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 23rd September at 11am** followed by lunch for all in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

Harvest Festival gifts can be brought on Sunday and will be donated to the Sevenoaks Food Bank. The Bank can only accept tinned or dry food, and would be particularly grateful for tins of vegetables or meat products. There will be a special collection for the work of Sevenoaks Kenya Education Trust. Gifts of flowers or fruit to decorate the Church and any help you may be able to offer will be gratefully received on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Details from Anne Shelley, tel: 01959 522986

### Remembrance Sunday Service

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am**

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**Vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Nightingale Road Recreation Ground**—A number of residents attended recent Parish Council meetings voicing concerns about the vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Councillors, who are also residents of Kemsing, were equally troubled by this senseless behaviour which adversely affects our community as a whole. The Parish Council gratefully received support from the Sevenoaks District Council's Community Safety Unit, Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Services who jointly partnered with the Parish Council in attempted to resolve these issues. A meeting was held in July with agreed actions and all partners have met again in August. A reduction on the number of incidents since the last meeting was noted which pointed at a positive outcome so far. Follow up actions are being taken forward; these include regular patrols by the Police Community Policing Team and Kent Fire and Rescue Services and the delivery of a six week detached youth work programme.

Residents are urged to please continue to report your concerns. If an incident is happening there and then please dial 999 – otherwise you can report it by dialling 101 or report online at [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/kent-police-online-reporting](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/kent-police-online-reporting).

You can do both anonymously - you can also let the CSU know via email: [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

### **Parish Council Information:**

Parish Councillors – Mrs. M. Cole (Chairman), Mr. A. Andrews (Vice-Chair), Mr. M. Bell, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. P. Dillon, Mr. P. Eaton, Mr. M. Hudson, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. M. Robarts, Dr. P. Walker & Mrs. R. Wedderburn-Day.

Committees-Recreation Grounds (Meets every other month and looks after both Recreation Grounds, the Green at Barnfield Crescent and the Green at Fairfield Close).

Planning Committee (Meets every other Monday evening to consider planning applications in Kemsing and make recommendations to Sevenoaks District Council).

Finance Committee (Meets 3 times per year to discuss financial matters. The budget is normally considered at the December meeting and put forward to the full Parish Council for consideration at the January Parish Council meeting, when the precept is agreed).

Downland Management Committee (Meets 4 times a year to consider matters affecting the Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve, Jubilee Green and The Well area).

Parish Council meetings - There will be Parish Council meetings on 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, No meeting in December.

Meetings take place in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall and commence at 7.30 p.m. Residents are very welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council's website, notice board at St. Edith Hall or Kemsing Library.

*Yolanda Tredoux. Clerk to the Council*



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## “KEMSING DEFIANT”

**K**emsing Defiant is the title of a new book on the history of the village in the Second World War, to be released in time for Christmas by the Kemsing Heritage Centre.

The book concentrates on the local home front and life in the village during the war years, with 20 chapters on topics ranging from the Kemsing Home Guard to the intriguing story of the Blackshirts from Noah’s Ark.

Tales related are based on the personal memories from residents at the time and contemporary written records including reports from Air Raid Wardens, the School log book, and Minutes from Kemsing Parish Council meetings.

There is a detailed explanation of the types of bomb dropped, where they fell, and the measures taken to protect the villagers.

- Read the stories of the four brave men who lost their lives in the space of a few short weeks in the autumn of 1940.
- Relive how the village handled the evacuation of hundreds of children from London.
- Hear how tparents refused to send their children to the village school until adequate air raid shelters had been provided.

The date for the official book launch will be advertised widely in the village in the autumn (probably on November 10th in the Heritage Centre) but, to reserve a copy in advance, please contact the Heritage Centre during opening hours, or speak to the author, Doug Parry, tel.no.01732 490141, or call in to No.30 The Landway, Kemsing. Email: dougparry1@yahoo.co.uk

The cost of the book has yet to be confirmed, but is expected to be around £10 per copy—an ideal Christmas present.



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# BIRDS FROM KEMSING

**Brambling**—The Brambling is a winter visitor to the UK from Scandinavia seen in UK in numbers amongst other charms of finches. This year Kemsing was gifted with an unusually high number of Brambling with numbers reaching as many as 20 in one isolated garden. It's worth keeping your eyes peeled because you never can tell what will turn up in our village.

**Common of Waxwings**—Seen in the winter in the heart of our village by The Well. A beautiful looking bird which gained its name from the red tips of some of the wing feathers in resemblance to sealing wax. An occasional winter visitor to the UK which vary in numbers depending on fruit crops abroad. Let's hope they come back next winter.

**Red Fox**—This vixen fox made good friends with our cat last summer and they were observable even eating together. It made for some entertaining viewing, I'd like to think that this was a wild fox living in the borders of the school field, I don't think she was a pupil—ha ha. After the summer she must have relocated to new ground and has not been seen since.

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**Bogus Callers**—Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people can try to trick their way into your home to steal your valuables and money. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers'. **Are you expecting anyone?**

Be cautious; people from water, gas and electric companies rarely visit without appointments. If there's a real emergency, police and fire-fighters are likely to be there. On rare occasions, people may pose as members of the emergency services or armed forces to gain access to someone's home. If you're unsure, follow the tips below.

**Rogue Traders**—A rogue trader is someone who comes to your house without invitation (cold calling), offering services or goods and overcharging for them. This includes overcharging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately to get money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating someone to get money.

**Sign up to Kent Trading Standard's email alert system at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) to receive rogue trader and fraud updates direct to your inbox.** Remember traders must give you written notice of your right to 14 days cancellation when agreeing to do work at your home, including work gained from a cold call. If in doubt, don't agree to services or goods from doorstep callers. Go to [www.kentpolice.uk](http://www.kentpolice.uk) for their top tips.

**Online Fraud**—Cyber crime is any criminal act dealing with computers and networks (called hacking). Additionally, cyber crime also includes traditional crimes conducted through the Internet. Some fraudsters rely on the internet to commit their crimes. Learn about some different types of internet frauds and how to protect yourself and get safe online. Online frauds can include: Account takeover, Advance fee frauds. Bank card and cheque fraud, Holiday fraud, Identity fraud, Loan scams, Lottery scams.

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## PARISH OF KEMSING & WOODLANDS PCC News

Since the last edition of *The Well*, the Informal Hearings were held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July by the Planning Inspector, Ms Helen Heward, and those of us who attended on either or both days will confirm that she went into every little detail about the planning applications for the new Church Hall and Vicarage. Not only were all parties represented at the Hearings, but Ms Heward also visited the site on at least two occasions together with some of those attending.

We have been waiting for over two months now for the result of these Appeals but, at the time of going to press, no decisions have been received. Whatever the outcome, we can be assured that Ms Heward will have considered them very carefully indeed.

The PCC continues to apply for grants towards the new Church Hall which will still go ahead with or without permanent vehicular access. The design of the Church Hall remains the same as in the Appeal application, the only difference being the access.

Thank you to all those people who have already responded to our appeal for donations, including visitors from afar to the Church who were very impressed with our lovely Church and wanted to help with the new Church Hall.

Now Woodlands and Kemsing Parishes have been combined, the PCC consists of members from the former parishes, and we are working together to make sure we help each other. There are still services in both Churches on each Sunday but, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month on which that falls, we have a Combined Service at 10am, usually in St Mary's, Kemsing.

There are two special Services in both Churches in the next couple of months – Harvest Festival, and Remembrance Sunday (see page 5 for details of times). This year Remembrance Sunday actually falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November which is Armistice Day, so it will be extra special.

We are still hoping for more helpers to join the Welcome Team. If anyone is interested, do please get in touch with me (01732 762965) or email: [Rosie.Banister@btinternet.com](mailto:Rosie.Banister@btinternet.com).

*Rosemary Banister, PCC Secretary*

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## NEWS FROM COTMANS ASH—Visiting Strangers

On a day in the blazing heat of July this year, there came to Cotmans Ash a most wonderful adventurer in the form of a butterfly – one that I had never set eyes on before – many butterflies and moths have been visitors or guests at Cotmans Ash over the years. It was early dawn and he had settled into drinking nectar from the orange yellow globes of buddleia ‘Wreyerana’ which I would rate as the finest butterfly bush. He was sharing his breakfast with several others – red admiral, peacock, brimstone and various blues, but he outshone them all. His whole body glistened and glowed purple and emerald green in the morning sun. It was a purple emperor, never seen at Cotmans Ash.

We can lay claim to other rarities of the butterfly world – the white admiral visits us, - chalkhill blue, probably the best of the blues, but my favourite is the speckled wood – he dances up and down in the sunbeams in the deepest shade in the land of the fairies.

The butterfly world is interesting and at times a big mystery. How and why do some species take the same migratory route as the birds? How do such frail little creatures navigate the deserts and oceans of the world to find Kemsing?

The hot breathless days of July now well behind us – those days of relentless heat that left the countryside parched and thirsty with the sun rising and setting in a cloudless sky – no bird song and very little animal movement except to drink and find food. Many trees thought it was autumn, some will have a job to recover, but on the bonus side is the enormous crop of wild fruit, particularly acorns and beech mast – the Wayfaring trees and brambles are laden. To watch a dormouse feeding high up in the blackberries took me back to childhood days.

Swifts, adult swallows and martins have already gone, soon this year’s young will leave – the warblers are streaming out, cuckoos have long gone – there seemed to be very few on the downs this year.

Probably desperate for food, a magpie I was watching had caught a small grass snake that he battered to death against a tree, then flew off, a jay catching slow worms was another new experience. A family of weasels (5 or 6) mousing on a road bank, in and out of the holes like lightning and mice flying out like ping pong balls – all very clever and entertaining! I am beginning to wonder if there are now more badgers than foxes in the countryside/ Badgers usually nocturnal are often about during the day now, old sets re-opened and many new ones established – aggressively territorial - I think young ones are being driven further and further from the family sent by parents, often turning up dead in the road.

During the dry spell a vixen cub often came to drink at our wild pond, then she appeared with a leg almost shot away by some ‘Wild Marksman’ – I had no option but to relieve her of her suffering – it troubles me that our wise leaders are insisting that fox control by marksmen and snaring is the humane way forward – even more troubling is that the public and our leading Animal Welfare Society are prepared to go along with it.

*Brian Doe*

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## **JULIAN REED—CONGRATULATIONS ON ACHIEVING A GOLD MEDAL!**

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This was achieved at just his second attempt, as last year which was a learning curve, he obtained a silver gilt.

Julian who lives in Kemsing is an acknowledged fern expert. He modestly may not agree but being a trained horticulturalist myself he has taught me a lot.

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*Brian Buttifant*



*Julian and his gold medal with his friend Peter Clare from Uckfield.*



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### **Thanksgiving**

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### **Weddings**

Martin BROWN and Charlotte LUXFORD—10th May

Christopher LEAHY and Heather REES—4th August

### **Deaths– Rest in Peace**

Claire COLLINS (68) on 30th May                      Sylvia WARD (94) on 26th August

David BORRIE (85) on 8th June                      Gwen HART (94) on 1st September

Michael HATT (62) on 11th July                      Jeanne MILLETT (84) on 5th August

Babs (Rosina) WATSON (98) on 25th June

Peter Michael NEWMAN (59) on 28th August

Christopher BURTON (60) 23rd August

### **From “The Well” Autumn 1968.**

Arthur Bailey contributed an article on the origins of Harvest Festival. It is based on the authority of the Convocation of Canterbury which produced a form of service in 1862

St Lawrence Seal Chart became a separate parish from Seal in 1867 (just before Kemsing in 1874). The centenary of the consecration of the Church (by the then Archbishop of Canterbury) on 20 June 1968 has recently been celebrated (and so has the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year). Vic Bowden contributed an article about the Church and commented that it is “a model of good building”.

### **From “The Well” Autumn 1993**

Kemsing won the “Best Kept Village in Kent” competition, and received a commemorative plaque, certificate and seat to remind everyone of this proud achievement for many years to come.

Young people from the Weald of Kent and The Judd School visited an orphanage in Movila in post-Ceausescu Romania for 4 days. Whilst there they painted murals on walls and donated play equipment (climbing frames and trampolines). All faithfully recorded by Susan Glock.

Eileen Hutt (who was leaving for Devon) and Michael Cooper recorded their memories of Kemsing.

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1st Kemsing Brownies spent most of their meetings last term outside. We had perfect weather for our midsummer walk on the hills and even managed to find the 'faraway tree' and play on the rope swing.



## Village Diary

### September

28th Kemsing Heritage Centre talk by Bronwyn Sadler ‘*William Wilbourforce*’ St. Edith small hall 7.30

29th Kemsing School PTA Comedy Night.

### October

6th Kemsing Heritage Centre **Quiz** St. Edith main hall 7.30 for further details phone E. Cole 01732 761772

7th **Harvest Festival** in St. Mary’s Church, Kemsing at 9.15 & 10.30am

9th Kemsing Gardeners’ Society 7.30 St. Edith small hall ‘Gardeners’ Questions’ questions answered by a Panel of Two from ‘Perennial’ (formerly Gardeners’ Royal Benevolent Society)

10th WI talk by Fidelity Weston ‘*Organic Farming at Romshed Farm*’ 7.45 St. Edith small hall

16th Kemsing Heritage Centre Assn. Visit to Royal Engineers Museum Gillingham. For more information phone C. Geer 01732 761812

26th Kemsing Heritage Centre talk by Ian Walker ‘*WWI Leading up to Armistice Day*’ St. Edith small hall 7.30

### November

2nd Fireworks organised by Kemsing School PTA

9th WI talk by Anna Astin ‘Women of WW1’ St. Edith Small hall 7.45

10th Scouts Jumble Sale St. Edith Hall 1pm £1 admission adults.

11th **9.45 am. Remembrance service at St. Mary’s Church followed by Procession to The Well for 11am Act of Remembrance**

11th **2pm at the War Memorial. Remembering Charles Scott who died 100 years ago this day, plus Wilfred Lacey—our unknown soldier.**

17th Kemsing School PTA Quiz Night

22/23/24th Kemsing Players—see page 6 for more details.

24th Kemsing School Xmas Fayre.

30th Kemsing Heritage Centre talk by Imogen Corrigan ‘93rd Searchlight Battery’ St. Edith small hall 7.30

### December

11th Kemsing Gardeners talk/demonstration by Joe Kortum ‘Floral Christmas’ St. Edith small hall 7.30

14th WI Christmas Party with Special Christmas Event St. Edith Small hall 7.45

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