

THE WELL

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with news from Woodlands**



Summer 2019

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KEMSING GUIDES AND RANGERS



Kemsing Rangers and 2nd Kemsing Guides continue to embrace the new Girlguiding programme. They put themselves to the test with a rock climbing

session at Harrison's Rocks near Groombridge. It was a wet and chilly morning, but this did not deter the girls from attempting the slippery rock faces. It was a great show of team work, and although tired at the end, the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are very lucky to have Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in our village.

For more information, please visit: info@girlguiding.org.uk



Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

By the time you read this, I'll be on a 3 month sabbatical break, so I've had to write this in advance. I'm planning to spend 10 days in Israel and Palestine. I've never been, would love to go, and here's my opportunity. (I'm going with Oak Hall Expeditions, based just above the village, and I'd highly recommend them.)



I'm enormously looking forward to going. I'm sure it will be a memorable, and at times emotional, trip, beneficial in ways it's hard to anticipate. But I thought I'd share why I'm looking forward to going, and equally one potential reason that is not why I want to go.

To start with the negative, I don't see this as a trip to the "holy land". The waters of the river Jordan are no more special than those of any other river. The Dead Sea is more salty than any other body of water, but not more holy. Tragically, territorial claims over the city of Jerusalem have been a cause of war for many hundreds of years, and even today the city is divided into quarters.

God once promised that parcel of land to the people of Israel. As a Christian, I believe that Jesus has enlarged that promise and filled it full of meaning; God's purposes are now much bigger than 8000 square miles. What's more, God's blessings come to those who trust him, not to those who squabble and fight for them.

So I'm not going to Israel and Palestine because doing so will do me some spiritual good in a way that is automatic, even magical. I'm going because there is deep and rich history there. My life's story is all tied up with the story of God's dealings with the Israelites of old, climaxing in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus 2000 years ago. His story is my story.

And that story took place in time and space, in real historical events documented in ancient texts as reliable as those recording any other events. Archaeologists cannot prove everything the Bible records, but you wouldn't expect that. They do regularly dig up the kinds of things you'd expect to find if these events really happened.

Christianity is not a philosophy, a series of abstract ideas. It's the good news that God entered our world and lived as a human being, rubbing shoulders with other real people. I want to go and see the hills where battles were fought, the lake where Jesus sailed, and the city where he died and rose. This is where the Christian good news actually unfolded for real. See you when I get back!

With every blessing. Your friend and vicar,

James Oakley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then loops back under the name.

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For any enquiries, speak to Anita in the office or either of the Churchwardens.**

The Church Office has now been relocated to Room 5 at 9 West End (over Kemsing Motors) and will be open as usual 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. Her email address is: administrator@kemsingandwoodlands.org

Apart from 5th Sunday, the pattern of services at Kemsing 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 Evensong.

The service pattern on the 5th Sunday will be:

08.00 BCP Matins

10.00 Combined service with Woodlands at Kemsing

18.30 Evensong

SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands

1st Sunday 4.30 All Age Service

2nd Sunday 11.00 Informal Communion

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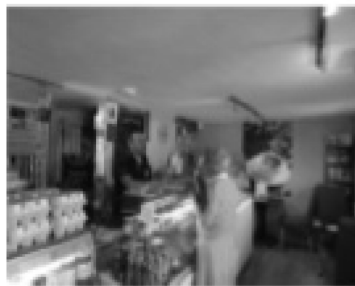
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At our children's Easter Craft Session, our 'Baby Bounce' volunteer helped us make fluffy bunny masks and sticky, glittery Easter pictures - apologies to the adults!

As regards future events, we are extremely excited to be hosting an Author Talk with Sheila Johnson Kindred, on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm. Sheila will be speaking about her book "Jane Austen's Transatlantic Sister", which gives us a fascinating insight into the life of young naval wife, Fanny Palmer Austen and how she influenced Jane's writing. Sheila and her book have a special affiliation with Kemsing Library, which I'm sure she will share.

We will of course, be running our Summer Reading Challenge again, for children aged 4-11 years. This year's theme is 'Space Chase' – an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! This is a fun way for children to be involved in reading as there are great activities, events and special rewards along the way. We'd love to beat the 62 Kemsing participants we had last year!

We also hold regular activities, throughout the year. Our free 'Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time' sessions are held on Wednesday mornings during term time, at 10am. They are lovely, lively sessions of nursery rhymes and action songs for under 3's. They are also an opportunity for parents, grandparents and little ones to get together and make friends. There's no need to book – please feel free to pop in and join us.

'Coffee and Chat' is held every Tuesday morning at 10.30am. Led by three volunteers, this group is friendly and welcoming. It's a great way of meeting up with old friends and making new ones. Come along – we'd love to see you.

Our IT Buddy is available on Thursday mornings between 10am and midday and can help with a variety of IT issues – big or small.

Kemsing Library also provides free public internet access – all you need is your library card, to open up a whole host of library catalogues and resources. We would very much like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continuing support. I personally, look forward to getting to know you all and to sharing everything Kemsing Library has to offer, with you.



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We are very fortunate that a public spirited member of our community—Edward Burgin, has recently organised a small group of volunteers who have cleared mud and tidied up the footpath from Dynes Road to Tudor Drive. This is of great benefit to commuters walking from Kemsing to Otford station and those just out for a walk! Thank you very much to all concerned!

Debs and Bex would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everybody who supported them on their 5K run to raise money for building the new Church Hall. The total raised was £803.25 Brilliant!

On the same theme, another huge thank you to everyone who assisted with or walked the North Downs Walk on Saturday 18th May. It was a great event, everyone who came commented on our beautifully countryside and the fantastic tea given to all walkers at the end. The total raised also towards the new church Hall was £1,881.13. Thanks to everyone who manned checkpoints, registered walkers, made numerous cups of tea and hundreds of sandwiches!

Helping Hand. Drivers are still needed to help take people from the village to hospital and other appointments. If you are able to spare some time, and can help, please call Alastair Boobyer on 01959 522490 or contact the Church Office. 01732 761351.



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The Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings were held on 25th April 2019, at which Trevor Mallinson & Ray Parton were elected as Churchwardens for the forthcoming year. We would like to thank our two retiring PCC Members, Nina Holley and Carol Zerpa-Falcon, for their support in the past, and to welcome our two new members, Helen Davies and David Round. Chris Freeman & Deb Goodhead, and Bex Larkman were re-elected for 3 years and 2 years respectively.

At the Annual PCC Meeting on 9th May the most important discussion was to decide on the contractor to build the first stage of the new Church Hall, with the funds available to date. If all goes well with the planning conditions, etc., building should start by about 1st July. More donations are urgently needed to complete the whole build, **see pages 16-17** for details.

Deb Goodhead, our Youth Worker, runs the group designed for **11-16-year olds** (School years 7-11) which meets each **Tuesday from 7-8.15pm** in Kemsing School Hall. Deb is assisted by Bex Larkman with additional helpers. There are lots of games, crafts, quizzes, Bible stories, friendship and lots of fun! The summer term runs up to 16th July and ends with a Summer Special BBQ, starting again on 17th September. Deb's tel.no. is 07954 472988.

The group for **7-11 year olds** (School years 3-6) meets every **Wednesday from 5.45-7pm** in Kemsing School Hall. Subs are 50p per session per child to cover resources, and activities include food games, football games & heroes & idols (come dressed up), water games, ending with a Summer Special BBQ on 17th July. Wednesday Club will start back on 18th September.

We are excited to report that back on 24th March 2019, seven of our young people from the Churches of Kemsing and Woodlands were confirmed by Bishop Rod at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks. This was a special event where each young person chose for themselves to follow Jesus. They completed a two part preparation course, which helped them to explore the foundations of the Christian faith and allow them to decide if Christianity is something that they believe for themselves. At the service, they each took the time to say a little about why they believe and trust in Jesus. This was a great celebration.



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emsing & Woodlands PCC has secured grant funding which allows us to commission CSC Regeneration, a community research consultancy, to help us prepare for the new Hall. They will be in the village over the next few weeks to ask a representation sample of around 150 residents about the extent to which they used the old Hall (if they lived here at the time) and what they would like to see delivered from the new Hall. They will then analyse and collate the information into a report that will be used to help us secure more charitable funding and give us a better idea of what would be most valuable to the village once the Hall has been built.

As well as interviewing people face-to-face, an online version of the survey is available on the Church's website: www.kemsingandwoodlands.org. Both should take only a few minutes of your time, and it would really help if you could contribute.

In addition, Sandra Crouch from CSC Regeneration, will be attending Church on Sunday, 2nd June, and looks forward to meeting members of our congregation over refreshments between the 9.15 and 10.30am services during which time you will have the opportunity to complete a survey questionnaire if you wish.

WAYS TO DONATE:

- (1) You can make a one-off donation to help build the new Church Hall, by completing one of the leaflets at the back of the Church, indicating the amount you would like to give, and whether you are a UK taxpayer and would like us to claim gift aid on your donation.
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 - Or by bank account no. 00012841, sort code 40-52-40
 - Or by cheque payable to “St Mary the Virgin PCC, Kemsing”
 - Forms can be returned to either Peter Chadwick, David Round, or Philip Walker, or delivered by hand or post to: Rosemary Banister, Poppies Cottage, 3 St Edith’s Road, Kemsing, TN15 6PT.
- (2) Another option is to help build the new Church Hall brick by brick, and you can buy a brick for £10 or any number of bricks for £10 each. Payment methods are the same as above or as a text message “KEMS24 £10” to 70070 (up to £30 only) .

The design of the new Church Hall is depicted in the architectural drawings shown on these two pages. The drawing on the left shows the south facing elevation, and the one below is facing eastwards.



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By the time this magazine is published the old care home, The Dynes, at the end of Nightingale Road will have been demolished and the ground works for the new 51 apartment extra care housing scheme commenced.

The development includes one and two bedroom apartments available for sale on the open market, for sale via Older Person's Shared Ownership and for affordable rent, via the local authority.

Further details are available on Rapport Housing & Care's (RHC) website.

<http://www.rapporthousingandcare.co.uk/>

Plans, elevations and a full description of the planning proposal can be found on the council's website, planning reference SE/17/03824/FUL

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In January 2018, The Abbeyfield Kent Society left the Abbeyfield movement to move forward as an independent organisation. The people behind the organisation and its aims remain the same, to meet the needs of older person's housing and care through a variety of accommodation. RHC continue to be a not for profit charity and registered social landlord.

More recently, accommodation has included extra care housing schemes, also known as assisted living, where tenants and leaseholders have their own self-contained 1 or 2 bed apartment with on-site communal facilities including a restaurant, lounge, activities room, hair and therapy room, mobility scooter storage, lifts and an assisted bathroom. The schemes have a housing staff presence 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, should an emergency arise and RHC's domiciliary care team, Caring Companions also work within the building, delivering care and support packages.

The building is being built by United Living, based in Swanley. Site manager, Devon Johnson is an experienced senior site manager and is responsible for all day to day activities and the management of the project. If residents experience any issues or have any concerns, Devon can be contacted directly at the site, alternatively you can call RHC on 01364 729 181.

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Parish Councillors:

Mrs Marie Cole has retired after 32 years of serving Kemsing village as a Councillor. Mrs. Cole has been Chairman of the Council for the past 14 years. During her time as a Parish Councillor, Mrs. Cole served on all the Council Committees and made a considerable contribution to the Council with her dedication, commitment, knowledge and experience. Mrs. Cole saw the Parish Council's involvement with a number of projects; for example the purchase of the Nightingale Road Recreation Ground, the Fairfield Close development, the District Council's acquisition of Oxenhill Meadow and Shaw and more recently, the purchase of the village car park and public toilets. She will be greatly missed and we wish her and her family the very best of luck for the future.

We also say goodbye to Mr. Richard Lang, who has been a Councillor for the past 8 years. Mr. Lang served for most of this time on the Recreation Grounds and Finance Committees and was appointed as Warden for Nightingale Road Recreation Ground which involved carrying out the weekly play area inspections for a number of years. We would like to thank Mr. Lang for his valuable contribution as Councillor and wish him and his family the very best of luck for the future.

We welcome two newly elected Councillors onto the Parish Council - Mrs. Jackie Chisholm and Mr. Chris Connelly.

As a result of the Parish Council's election on the 2nd May, the following persons have been elected for the next term of four years:- Mr. Tony Andrews, Mr. Matt Bell, Mr. Douglas Bennett, Mr. Paul Burfield,, Mr. Brian Buttifant, Mrs. Jackie Chisholm, Mr. Chris Connelly, Mr. Peter Dillon, Mr. Paul Eaton, Mr. Matthew Hudson, Mrs. Margaret Robarts, Dr. Philip Walker and Mrs. Rosemary Wedderburn-Day.

District Councillors:

We say goodbye to long-standing District Councillor, Miss Stack, who made the decision to retire this year after serving Kemsing village for 14 years. Her contribution, loyalty and enthusiasm to make Kemsing a better place has been much appreciated by residents and Councillors.

We wish Miss Stack all the very best wishes for the future. Following the elections, Mr. Simon Reay was re-elected and we welcome elected member Mrs. Dee Morris as District Councillors for Kemsing for the next term.

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Kemsing CC's season will have started when you read this... Newly promoted to Division 3 of the Kent County Village League, we are hoping to do more than consolidate, but the early season availability is poor, so a bad start in our league campaign could dent our hopes!?

The batting core of Grahame and Jake Wood, James Walkling and Damien Saville will be supported again by Ian Wise, Martin Green, Stuart Barnes, wicketkeeper Paul Bean and a decent tail.



The bowling will again have much variety, with Roger Shaddock, Nizam, Mark Cooper and the allrounders (most of those above) offering some very different options to the skipper, Wood Senior.

There will be outdoor training on Wednesdays from 6pm, starting on 1st May, if anybody is interested in playing. With such a small number of players, it is important to have other players who are available occasionally, to fill the gaps when others drop out. Last year we used 23 players, of which 9 managed more than 7 league games. Sunday cricket is purely social and offers a kind environment for anyone restarting their cricket!

We have a lot of teas to do this year, due to a large number of home games on Sundays, so if anyone would like to help with that, please contact Club Secretary, Roger Shaddock on kemsingcc@gmail.com. If you would like to play or know anything about the Club, please also contact Roger. Website: kemsing.play-cricket.com ~ FB: KemsingCC

KEMSING SCHOOL & VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE from 1.00—4.00pm

At 12.15pm the Parade will leave Springhead Road. The children of the Knights Academy Marching Band will lead the children and decorated floats to the School Field.

It reflects this year's theme "*Friends of the Ocean*".

Among the events will be a Dog Show, a Dancing Display, Pony Rides, Vintage Cars on display. Games include Bat the Rat! & a Coconut Shy. Stalls will include home-made Cakes, and for the thirsty a Pimms Tent will provide drinks. **If you would like a stall at the Fete, email: chairkemsingpta@gmail.com for the attn of Jen Burgess.**

JOYCE COURSE

As many people will know, very sadly Joyce Course, our former District Councillor, and long time supporter of all village events and organisations recently died. Joyce was an interesting person who moved to the village after retiring from her job in the City in 1988. She immediately became involved with local politics, and fund raising for the Kensing Room at the Hospice in the Weald, and Cancer Research UK. Her food was legendary, her jolly laugh memorable, and her village involvement will be hugely missed.



OTFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE.

Andrew McMenemy has now joined as the Practice Manager, with responsibility for ensuring that the Practice runs smoothly and that the building and premises are well maintained. Responsible for finances and staffing, he works closely with the Partners to provide strategic advice and guidance, consulting with other staff, patients and the PPG. He also has responsibilities for delivering on NHS contracts, providing services and working on local health initiatives.

With volumes of repeat prescriptions increasing so much, the Practice will move to a 72 hour turn around policy in place from 1st June 2019 to ensure that they can be dealt with safely.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and organisations, our target to put a Surgery Pod in the waiting area at Otford Surgery has been realised.

We have welcomed Martin Watt to the PPG and he is organising the Diabetic Support Group walks, so contact him on 01732 762043 or email mandy.watt@virgin.net if you have been diagnosed with diabetes (or are heading towards it) and would like to join a walk.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE ST EDITH HALL KITCHEN



The Kitchen in The St Edith Hall has been completely refurbished with modern stainless steel work tops, units and centre preparation table. There are three sinks, and large and small urns for heating hot water.

The two new cookers make heating food more flexible, and there is even a dishwasher to help with clearing up now.

The flooring is new, the window re-glazed, and all has been freshly decorated.

The Parish Council assisted with the funding, and a grant was also obtained to help pay for the work.

SCHOOL REPORT by Andrew Kilbride - Headteacher

My goodness, I cannot believe that we are nearing the completion of my first year as Headteacher of Kemsing Primary School. A quick reflection reveals why the time passes at such a pace – our days are so packed full of fun things to do that there is barely a pause for a breath!



The Spring Term ended on a real high with Year 5 stealing the show on stage at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, for this year's Love2dance festival. What a fabulous event it is, with over 20 schools coming together to celebrate dance across two packed out evening performances. Class 5 took the brave option of performing a Maori Ha'ka with no accompanying music and just the intensity on their faces, in their body movements and their shouts to set the atmospheric context for their amazing performance.





Our curriculum themes this term cover a lovely variety of areas from dinosaurs and seaside in our younger classes to volcanoes and ‘Caves to Clans’ as we move further up the school – the latter being a study of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods. In addition to enriching our learning across the whole curriculum, from writing and reading to art, history and geography, these themes have given rise to some lovely trips to Hastings, Maidstone museum and Year 2 have a trip to the Tower of London to look forward to later in the summer term, in support of their work on The Great Fire of London.

Emily in Class 5 has produced a fine example of writing inspired by their class topic of Macbeth:

Macbeth was terrified when he first saw the witches when he was first walking through the battle wasteland. Three old women in a storm, they walked past wild images of frightened rocks and trees. They met their vanishing, bubbling cauldron and they sat around it like brooding vultures, nesting their heads together...and the third one had a face like a ghost and hair like mist, which flipped back and revealed a hideous, crooked nose and eyes that had no pupils and were like a troll's toe-nail and her mouth was like a shrivelled up raisin.

Wonderful job Emily – really spine-chilling description!

Our new forest school area has really taken off over the last two terms. Mr Adams has had children learning to saw and lash wood, take leaf prints, build dens and walk on a slack line! This has been such a success that we will be ensuring that children from across the school benefit from time in forest school in a regular pattern going into next year. We are blessed to have such wonderful grounds and it is very exciting to now be exploring their full extent.

After half term, we shall enjoy Creative Week, where the teaching groups are mixed up across all ages and the children carry out various themed workshops. This year's theme is Continents, so we look forward to exploring some creative ways to learn about the physical and social characteristics of other parts of the world.

Finally, we hope to see many of you at our **Summer Fete on 22nd June** – it is a super event for the whole village to enjoy and every penny spent helps us enormously to continue to provide a high standard of education for the children in our community.

FAMILY MILESTONES

Baptism—India Rose GILMOUR on 10th February

Marriages

Bethan EATON HASKINS and Matthew EATON at Seal on April 6th

Deaths– Rest in Peace

Jim McINTYRE

Joyce COURSE (86) on 17th April

Janet CROUGHTON (83) on 16th April

Margaret FERRY (93) on 26th Dec.

William NEIL (93) on 13th Jan.

Ruth LARDNER

Joyce STOCKLEY

Paddy BRAY

From “”The Well “ Summer 1969

Mike Parker contributed an appreciation of Sam & Dorothy Smart who were leaving Kemsing and going to live in Herne Bay. Amongst his many contributions to village life Sam, as Headmaster of Kemsing School, inaugurated the Parent Teacher’s Association, and helped found the Gardener’s Society. They are both remembered with much affection today.

A tribute was made to Guy Johnson CBE who had died. He had served on the Parochial Church Council and was President of the Cricket Club for many years. (His son, Hugh, is an expert on wine and has written several books).

The **Orpington Chorale** came to Kemsing Church (facilitated by the Vicar, John Rahe-Hughes) to give an inspiring rendering of Handel’s Messiah.

From “The Well” Summer 1994

The Churchwardens (Arthur Skinner and Ron Bangay) introduced a system whereby In Memoriam cards for anniversaries of relatives and friends who have died could be left alongside a floral tribute at the Church Porch or at the base of the Font.

Eileen Hutt had just moved from Kemsing to Totnes and wrote about her first impressions of her new home.

The 1st Kemsing Brownies had been on holiday to Cudham and the Kemsing Cubs helped celebrate St George’s Day at Westerham and Sevenoaks.

The Gardener’ Society held their AGM (the 42nd) and Mr Allen retired as President. The Cricket Club were experiencing new nets at Kemsing School. They had cost £7000 and were in memory of Phil Burrows.

Leavers from the School had been studying the flora and fauna of Haffenden Field under the guidance of Mrs Kath Richardson.

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COWSLIP TIME AT KEMSING



So far it has been a sound and beautiful year at Cotmans Ash with all manner of butterflies and moths visiting us – the warm summer evenings have brought us a rare and lovely moth, quite 3-inch wing span with two large black eye-like apertures on each wing. He spent a long time on Heather’s Astrantia.

Another evening visitor was an elephant hawk moth – a thrilling guest is a humming bird hawk moth on buddleia blossom.



Kemsing in May is ‘Cowslip Time’ when the Green Hill is a sheet of gold from yellow cowslips, and it was there I met this happy little family walking in the cowslips – the little maid insisted on standing on her head and that was how I left them.

Kemsing kids on Kemsing Hills – where else would you live – and where could you take your children in such loveliness?

Brian Doe

Village Diary

June

- 12th WI talk on '*Summer Cookery*' by Julia Davies 7.45 St. Edith small hall.
- 14th QUIZ. Otford Doctors vs Others. 7.30pm St. Edith Hall. Teams of 8 or come along and make up a team. Tickets from 01959 522853 or margaret.robarts@talktalk.net
- 18th Heritage Centre visit. Tour of Charing, information from C. Geer 01732 761812
- 22nd Village and School fete. The parade starts from Springhead Road at 12.15pm. Fete starts on School field at 1pm. £1 adults, children free.
- 26th Kemsing Library at 7pm. Author talk at Kemsing Library by Sheila Kindred—Jane Austin and her transatlantic sister. Tickets from the Library.
- 28th Heritage Centre talk '*Conservation Project at Knole*' by D. Noon 7.30

July

- 6th Kemsing Gardeners Summer Show, Kemsing Primary school hall 2.30. Entry by donation.
- 6th Look out for a Church Hall fund raising special event at St. Clere.
- 10th WI Afternoon Tea, outing to Spadework, Offham. Members only.
- 13th HYMNATHON. At St. Mary's Church 10.30am to 12.30pm. Minimum donation £5 for your choice of hymn. See page 15 for more details.
- 16th Heritage Centre visit to Walmer Castle, further information from C. Geer 01732 761812
- 26th Heritage Centre talk by Alex Ferris '*Plague Doctor of Kent. How a Wealden doctor confronted a lethal disease*' St. Edith Hall 7.30pm

August

- 14th WI 'Sevenoaks Shops' 7.45 St. Edith small hall

Sept.

- 3rd Kemsing Heritage Centre visit to Richmond and the Poppy factory. Further information from C. Geer 01732 761812
- 11th WI talk by Mary Smith '*A Schoolgirls War*' 7.45 St. Edith small hall
- 27th Heritage Centre talk by Christine Geer '*Knole and its people*' St. Edith Small hall 7.30

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