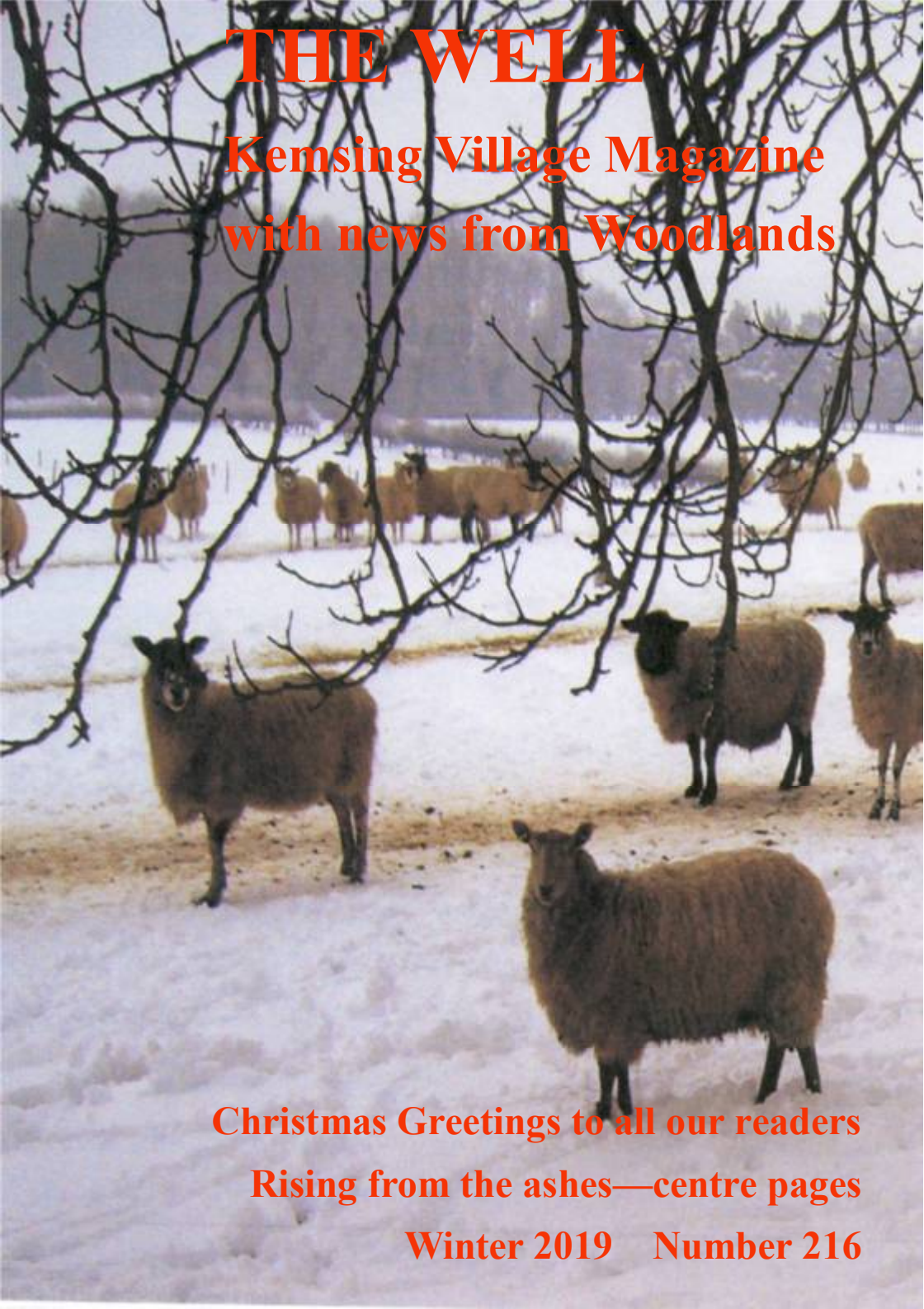


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with news from Woodlands**



**Christmas Greetings to all our readers
Rising from the ashes—centre pages
Winter 2019 Number 216**

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Kemsing and Woodlands Christmas Services

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Sun 15th December

7.00 pm Candlelit Carol Service (Kemsing)

Tue 24th December (Christmas Eve)

2.00 pm Crib Service for Tiny Tots (Kemsing)

3.45 pm Crib Service (Kemsing, then at the well)

5.30 pm Crib Service (Woodlands)

8.00pm ← Christmas Eve Communion (Kemsing)

Note: New earlier time!

Wed 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.30 am Family Communion (Kemsing)

11.00am Family Communion (Woodlands)

"She gave birth to her firstborn, a son." (Luke 2:7)

Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

Have you ever noticed how nothing in life is free? They say there's "no such thing as a free lunch". If something appears to be free, it's usually a free trial or to market something else.

Everywhere you turn, people are after your money. Someone who had recently visited a theme park with an expensive entry price told me how astounded they were to see people paying for rides that weren't included in your entry. Events that charge try to upsell you on food and drink; events that are "free" do so more aggressively; you have to pass through the gift shop to leave lots of venues.

The popular perception of the Christian church is that we are just the same. Apparently, churches want to attract new members, because they're a source of funding. Nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, really!

The Christian faith is about God. One of the characteristics of God, and of God the Father in particular, is that he is a giving God. Supremely, God gives his Son. Jesus is the most wonderful gift from God the Father to a dark world, to forgive us, to save us, to restore humanity to the dignity we have lost through our own selfishness and sin. And then, those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus become the people of God, and we are God the Father's gift to his Son. He gives Jesus to us, and he gives us to Jesus.

The thing about gifts is that they are free. They cannot be earned. This is what we celebrate at Christmas. Materialism and consumerism cloud this, by making Christmas *all* about spending money. But, as often, the lie works because it sails close to the truth. Christmas is not *all* about presents, but we do celebrate God's greatest gift by giving to one another.

As a church, we're trying to raise funds to finish the hall we're building; you can read more inside this issue of *The Well*. We want to do this so we can serve the community. Please don't define us by our fund-raising efforts; they're a means to an end. Yes, we'd like money to finish building, but much more we'd love to share God's goodness and generosity with you. God is a God who gives, before he requires anything of us in response; so the church is first and foremost about what we can give, not what we need from others. With every blessing.

Your friend and vicar,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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The Church Office is in Room 5 at 9 West End (over Kemsing Motors) 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.

Anita, our Parish Administrator's 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

**See page 3 for details of the Christmas Services at
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Focus on our Cubs.....



We have 22 young people in our Pack aged between 8-10½ years old. In October they participated in 'Alien Invasion' (left), a great day at Lower Grange Farm, the Kent County Scout site. In total 350 Cubs enjoyed conducting science experiments and activities based on space exploration, such as making and launching bottle

rockets, making compasses, string telephones and lava lamps, visiting the astrodome, code breaking and even making gooey alien slime! Hopefully not too much slime made it home..... Houston, (well mum & dad) we have a problem!

Kemsing Scout Group wishes you all a



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On 31st December at 2pm at the War Memorial, we shall be remembering George Hicks Bennett, the last of our Kemsing dead from World War One, who died on this day in 1919. George was a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy who died when his ship, H.M. Drifter 'Catspaw' sank off the coast of Riva in the Baltic, delivering supplies to the White Russian troops at that time being supported by British Forces. His wife lived in one of the Castle Bank Cottages, but he is buried in Gothenberg in Sweden.

This marks the 20th and the last of these events which started on March 9th 2016. Just a small 'thank you' to those of our Kemsing War Dead from WW1. Please join us for this short event.

Deck the Halls - Kemsing Singers Christmas Concerts - a joyful caper through an Elizabethan Christmas with Chris Pottle as Lord of Misrule. Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th December at St. Edith Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets priced £10 (under 18's £5) from 01959 523752. In aid of St. Mary's Church Hall fund.

Kemsing Evening WI will start their meetings from January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Friends of St. Mary's AGM will take place on Saturday 1st February in the Church at 2.30pm.

Heritage Centre AGM will take place at St Edith Hall on Saturday 8th February at 2.30pm. All welcome to come along and hear what has been happening in the past year.

What is a Ladies Brunch? Come along and find out on Saturday 29th February at 9.30am in St. Edith Hall. There will be a choice of delicious pastries, smoked salmon tartlets plus coffee and tea. £8 a ticket available from Sue Souch at souch@gmail.com or from Anita in the Church Office on 01732 761351. There will also be a speaker. Do come along and bring your friends.

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Change to Woodlands Services

From January 2020, there will be one service a month (All Age Service on the 1st Sunday) together with services on special occasions at Woodlands Church.

On other Sundays in the month, Woodlands will combine with the 10.30am Service at Kemsing.

The 5th Sunday will continue as a Combined Service for both Churches.

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Since building started in July, the new **Church Hall** has been taking shape and, by the time this edition is circulated, the roof should be getting on. The windows and doors will be next and the building should be watertight by the end of January. The next phase of the building will not be able to continue straightaway **UNLESS THERE ARE ENOUGH FUNDS** so, please, if you are thinking of making a donation, it is needed urgently. **Thank you very much to all those who have already responded to the appeal, which is much appreciated (see also centre pages for details).**

There are several fundraising events coming up in the New Year, one of which is a **Ladies Brunch (gentlemen are also welcome) on Saturday, 29th February 2020 from 9.30 to 11.30am in The St Edith Hall (Main Hall).** Tea, coffee, pastries, croissants, smoke salmon tartlet followed by a Speaker, Catherine Brooker. Cost £8 per head, book through Sue Souch on email: souch@gmail.com, or ring me on 01732 762965.

On Saturday, 16th May, it is planned to hold a Bluebell Ramble, followed by a lunch in the Woodlands Church Hall, more details to follow in the Spring edition.

Sadly, the attendance at a Sunday Service at Woodlands Church has fallen to 6-8 adults and 2 children on some Sundays, and the PCC has decided to combine with the 10.30am service at Kemsing on weeks, other than the 1st Sunday in the month which will be an All Age Service (see also page 5 and 11 for details of services). Now that Woodlands and Kemsing are one Parish, we will continue to join together whenever possible.

Ruth Chatwin, who has worshipped at Woodlands Church for 38 years, and has worked tirelessly throughout those years to look after the Church and to welcome people who attend, has now retired and we would like to thank her for all she has done, and to say God Bless and thank you. Ruth can still be contacted for Woodlands Church Hall bookings (see page 11).

The **Friends of St Mary's** have agreed to take on the repair and refurbishment of the Church's West Door. They have raised sufficient funds with the help of a small legacy to also take on the cost of repairing the Stained Glass Window in the Chancel with an estimated cost of £2,370, which is one of the Quinquennial works recommended by the Surveyor. Our grateful thanks to the supporters of The Friends.

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These gardens, in turn, abutted on to waste ground which had long been the site of watercress beds but was now largely covered in refuse and a playground for local children.

Brett investigated the site and made some interesting finds and took the view that this was the site of a Roman watermill although, a later excavation in 1978 by The Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, concluded that a Roman bath house was more likely.

Fast forward 70 years to the spring of 2019, when Heritage Centre member and volunteer, Jean Allen, was on an organised visit to Dartford Museum. This visit included a tour around the museum's storeroom, during which eagle eyed Jean spotted on a shelf a box labelled "Kemsing Roman Bath House Remains".

Jean mentioned this to the committee back at the Heritage Centre and enquiries were made to see if the museum would be prepared to loan them the remains, so they could come home to the village and be put on display.

Dr Mike Still, the museum curator, was most helpful and allowed the original box spotted by Jean, plus two others which he traced, to be released to the Heritage Centre on a long term loan basis, which could be periodically reviewed and renewed as appropriate. In addition, Mike kindly made available Charles Brett's original research notes and diagrams which provide a fascinating insight into his excavation.

The contents of the boxes are currently being examined and recorded and it is hoped that they will be on display before the new year. It is planned to show them alongside some finds made in the later 1978 excavation which are already in the possession of the Heritage Centre.

The developers moved in shortly after this excavation and the houses, gardens and garages of Brookfield now cover the site.

Doug Parry

OUR NEW CHURCH HALL!

The Church Hall Fundraising Committee has been working hard to find ways of raising money, and already have a number of events in the first six months of 2020. These will raise some hundreds of pounds we hope, but it is much larger sums that are needed—in all £350,000 to completely finish the inside with all the mains services and fixtures and fittings. Phase 1 will cost up to £460,000 and those people and organisations which have generously contributed to make that possible are truly thanked.

To make a contribution, do please use any of the following ways:

- Collect a donation form from the back of the Church
- Phone the Church Office (01732 761351) to ask for a form
- Phone Rosemary Banister (01732 762965) who will send one
- See the website: www.kmwd.org/donate-hall which tells you how to donate
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Here we are, *50 years later*, continuing to help and serve the residents of this beautiful village. We would like to share this fantastic milestone with the wonderful Kemsing community and have therefore lined up a week of events for everyone to enjoy... please join us!

Saturday 18th January – The Launch Party (from 10am)

Special Guests

Kemsing Library 'Through the Years' display

The Official Birthday Cake

Refreshments

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8-11yrs = Choc.chip cupcake/ cookie

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Annual overview: It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of another year. 2019 proved to be a busy year in local government again. At the time of writing, Councillors have attended 1 Annual Parish Meeting, 11 monthly Parish Council meetings, 43 Committee meetings, 26 Working Group meetings and 15 site meetings, considered and submitted comments on many local, County and Government consultations and made, as statutory consultee, 71 planning representations to Local Planning Authority, including comments on Local Plan.

Parish Councillor vacancy: The Parish Council is dedicated to serve you to the best of our ability and strive to improve quality of life in our village for all. This means that Councillors constantly make many, and sometimes difficult decisions to ensure that Kemsing continues to be a lovely place for us to live and work in. There is currently one Parish Councillor Vacancy. If you are interested to find out more, or would like to apply for the position, please contact me, in writing, before 31st January 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Parish Councillors for giving so freely their valued time, knowledge and skills in serving our Kemsing community.

Thank you also to everyone who made a contribution, however big or small, to the success and well-being of the Kemsing Community in 2019.

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James Walkling had a great league season with 544 runs (two 50s & two tons), as well as taking 22 wickets, 6 catches and 7 keeping victims. Not bad with a broken shoulder!

In the Sunday side, there were some very entertaining games. Ian Martin achieved a rare feat, by scoring over 1000 runs, including 7 fifties and 3 tons! Ian's son, Jake, biffed 770 runs, including 7 fifties and his first ton. Ben Hafford had a good season with 280 runs, 23 wickets, 9 catches and 2 run outs!

We had 47 All Stars (5-8 year-olds) on Sunday mornings, learning the basics, as well as Under 11 and Under 13 teams playing league cricket. Hopefully, we can restart the Under 15s soon.

Roger Shaddock

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What a great comfort it was on Monday 14th October to be surrounded by friends and family at St Mary's Woodlands and St Mary's Kemsing for the Funeral and Thanksgiving services for dear Mum. Having lived for 86 years in the



same home on the Otford Hills, a member of St Mary's Woodlands from the age of 10, married at St Mary's Kemsing in 1970 and involved in both churches throughout her life it was very fitting to say our goodbyes and celebrate her life in both churches.

As a nurse for over 50 years she dedicated her time and energy to caring for others in hospitals and homes in the community, she also wrote two nursing text books with a friend. Even when her own mobility was declining, she was still determined to use her skills to help others, working for the Alzheimer's Support Service well into her 70's. Patients often became friends, many of these friendships lasting her lifetime.

Mum was always interested in everybody and everything. She had a remarkable memory and could tell stories from the past in such detail, a great conversationalist. She was a naturalist with an amazing knowledge and great appreciation of the beautiful countryside in which she lived.

Over the years as a member of Woodlands Church, Mum was involved in a variety of activities: PCCs, deanery meetings, bible studies, lent courses, Toddler groups, choir, playing the organ, Fetes, flower arranging, visiting in the community delivering the magazine, cooking and serving on the Woodlands Café team. She loved to worship and serve in her local community as an expression of the faith she held so dear. Thank you to all who cared, helped and encouraged Mum through the different seasons of her life.

Ros Cairns (daughter)

KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT

What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had, it seems barely possible that we are now racing towards our Christmas celebrations!

Our reception class children have settled in well and just before the half term break were confident enough to take part in our Harvest festival at St Marys Church. They performed alongside our other classes to a packed crowd, it was a truly uplifting display of music.

Our class 6 children have now returned from their weeks residential trip to Hilltop in Norfolk. They participated in a wide array of activities in a fun packed week from mountain biking to archery. The children made the most of every opportunity to support and encourage each other, happy memories made by all! My thanks in particular to the staff members who supported them so fantastically on what can for some children be their first experience staying away from home.



Our enthusiasm for sporting events continues at Kemsing and in September, four year 5 pupils had the amazing opportunity to attend Sports Leaders training, gaining life long skills. A number of our KS2 children participated in an inter schools triathlon event at Sevenoaks school which saw them competing at a really high standard. October saw 9 year 5 pupils joining in a Handball master class learning all about the rules and skills of handball from our England Women's Handball team! 17 of our children also represented us at the inter schools Cross Country event at Radnor House, this saw them competing in an extremely challenging course with up to 100 other children in each race, they all showed real grit and determination.

The football team is going from strength to strength and held two matches last week which were part of the Sevenoaks Partnership league.

Kemsing School Report, continued

If you can cast your minds back to my Spring report I updated you all on the work our children and staff had undertaken to design new values for Kemsing. I am excited to say that the work embedding these into daily school life is in full swing, the classrooms and the school hall have colourful displays, and our playground now has a beautiful spray painted banner of the images our children designed.

Congratulations go to Y6 who have been appointed and elected to various roles of responsibility. To Alex Sceal, Tiffany Walton, Kieran Cox and Sophia Lester —well done for your head and deputy roles and to Nathan Tappin, Milly Wilson, Jack Boughton-Harris, Jacob Snowdon, Liam Norton, Aiden Russell, Esther Burton and Emily Chambers well done on your house captain roles! We are confident that you will serve the school community in an exemplary manner for the rest of this academic year.

Year 6 will also be carrying out the wonderful job of serving and entertaining almost 125 elderly members of the village community at the annual Oaks Christmas Lunch, being held in the school hall on the 7th December.

Coming up shortly are the much anticipated Christmas nativities for KS1 and the celebration of Christmas performances by KS2, always a highlight of the school calendar.

Our PTA have been working tirelessly fundraising for the benefit of all of our children's school experience. They have already managed cake sales, own clothes day events, discos, an amazing fireworks spectacular, Christmas card making to name but a few and they are planning many more events for the near future.

Finally, we hope to have seen many of you at our Xmas Fayre on the 30th November – it is a super event for the whole village to enjoy and every penny spent helps us enormously.

Wow what a busy but brilliant 3 months we have had.

Andrew Kilbride, Headteacher

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FAMILY MILESTONES

Marriages

Adam SEDDON and Victoria BLACKWELL on 14th September 2019

Deaths

Steve BROWN (64) on 8th September

Beryl MACKASKILL (79) on 8th September

Peggy GASKIN (96) on 9th September

Pamela AISBITT (86) on 22nd September

Trevor SIMONS (96) on 16th October

Audrey STOCK (94) on 14th November

From “The Well” Christmas 1969. Canon Rahe-Hughes in his capacity as Rural Dean had been invited to Windsor Castle to meet and discuss with others from all over the country. The St Edith Working Men’s Club (now the St Edith Club) had their extension officially opened by Brigadier Norman on 18 November. The President, Cyril Nash, welcomed Brigadier Norman and other guests. Brigadier Norman had helped get the extension built (it had cost £10,000) by granting an interest- free loan which he later converted to a gift. He was impressed that the members of the Club had done much of the work themselves.

After a public meeting representatives of the various organisations and groups in the village had lent their support to the second Kemsing Festival in September 1971.

From “The Well” Christmas 1994 David Garrett wrote about the village butchers and paid tribute to his father who had started the business in Dartford and had taken over the Kemsing shop after some prompting from Jenny Donegan. Moira King had moved from Chart Stud Farm to Plumpton Green in Sussex. She was a teacher and is best remembered at Kemsing School (where she taught first year juniors from 1968 to 1986).

Frances Heddle wrote about her family’s Christmas in wartime. Len Newell wrote about the volunteers from Helping Hand who drove the elderly and the handicapped to medical and dental appointments. Godfrey Croughton mentioned the activities of the bellringers who had entertained and helped a team from Kenya in September. A special peal had been introduced for Remembrance Sunday.

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Village Diary

December 2019

- 10th Kemsing Gardeners General Knowledge Quiz night & buffet
Entrance £3.00 7.30 St. Edith small hall
- 11th W. I. Christmas Party with Quiz. St. Edith small hall 7.45
- 13th) & Kemsing Singers 'Deck the Halls' Concert, St. Edith Hall
- 14th) 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (under 18's £5) from 01959 523752.
- 15th 7.00 pm Carol Service, candle lit at Kemsing**
- 24th Christmas Eve**
- 2.00 pm Crib service for tiny tots**
- 3.45 pm Crib service followed by Carols at The Well**
- 5.30 pm Crib service at Woodlands**
- 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Communion**
- 25th Christmas Day**
- 9.30 am Family Communion**
- 11.00 am Family Communion at Woodlands**

January 2020

- 8th W.I. 'Antiques' with Tim Antonisz. Bring your antiques along to be identified. PLEASE NOTE MEETINGS NOW START at 7.30
- 18th Kemsing Library 50 years Celebrations; Launch party from 10.00 today with a historical display and information for a week of Events. See page 19 for tickets .
- 24th Kemsing Heritage Centre talk '*Ordnance Survey Map*' C. Brown
7.30 St. Edith small hall

February 2020

- 1st Friends of St. Mary's AGM 2.30 in the Church.
- 8th Kemsing Heritage Centre AGM 2.30 St. Edith small hall .
- 12th W.I. Broadly Speaking. Life on the Norfolk Broads. 7.30pm Small St Edith Hall.
- 14th Kemsing Wildlife Group talk '*The Wildlife of the Estuaries of North Kent*' by Cllr. A. Jarrell St. Edith small hall, 7.30 £2.00
- 28th Kemsing Heritage Centre talk by Sir Paul Britton '*Manor Houses*' St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 29th Ladies Brunch. In aid of new Church Hall 9.30 to 11.30 with speaker. £8. St. Edith Hall. Tkts: Sue Souch. Souch@gmail.com

March 2020

- 10th Kemsing Gardeners AGM St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 13th Kemsing Wildlife Group talk by S. Ginnaw '*Birds Beyond the Bough*' 7.30 St. Edith small hall £2.00 entrance

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