

THE WELL

**Kemsing Village Magazine
with news from Woodlands**



Our new Church Hall—Funding Crisis!!

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Easter Services at Kemsing & Woodlands

Celebrate with us this Easter!

Friday 10th April (Good Friday)

10 am All-age worship in Kemsing Church

11 am Open-air service on Green Hill

12 noon

At the cross

Hot Cross Buns in Kemsing Church

12.30 and 2pm Quiet, Reflective Services

Sunday 12th April (Easter Day)

8.00 am Traditional Communion in Kemsing

10.00 am All-age Communion in Kemsing

11.30 am Communion at Woodlands

Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

As I write, we're in the middle of panic about the spread of a particular coronavirus, COVID-19, which started in Wuhan, China, and has now spread around the world. Chinese factories are suspending manufacture of items we take for granted in the West; financial markets have had several days with dramatic falls; British travellers abroad are being repatriated and quarantined.



Modern medicine is amazing. Antibiotics, blood transfusion and routine immunisations are just three developments that mean the infant mortality rate is far lower than in centuries past, and we no longer routinely die from many illnesses. However, this coronavirus has killed 2,500 people worldwide so far, and appears unchecked. The resulting sense of fear and panic is understandable. Here's an illness that our current medical advances are not able to control. Our regular feeling that we are invincible has been replaced with a feeling of great fragility.

I sincerely hope that, by the time you read this, all this will sound dated. Hopefully there will be a vaccine to cure COVID-19, another to immunise against it, infection rates will be down, and this will be well on the way to being forgotten.

It's good to pause and pay attention when something cuts through our sense that we can conquer anything. Infant mortality may have fallen since the 19th century, but the human mortality rate remains at 100%. I have no wish to be morbid; smallpox may no longer kill a single human being, but something else will eventually. Death is the universal human problem that we cannot cure. Our fear of coronavirus comes from the fact that we don't like to be reminded of our powerlessness.

This is why Easter is such amazingly good news. On April 12th this year, we will celebrate the fact that Jesus of Nazareth is a real human being who went through death and came out the other side. He rose from the dead, and was seen alive by hundreds of people on at least 10 separate occasions. The 4 gospels were written while those eyewitnesses were still around. He's still alive today. He is invincible; he has conquered death and so he can conquer anything. He invites us to trust him with our own life, and with our own death.

The Christian faith is not just a philosophy, a set of rules to live by, some ideals to prop up those who can't get by on their own. It is the good news that our deepest fear, the problem we cannot conquer ourselves, has been fully dealt with.

With every blessing, and happy Easter! Your friend and vicar,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Oakley'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is somewhat faded.

James Oakley

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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

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SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands

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Kemsing Library was officially opened by Colin Cowdray, Kent and England cricketer on 1st January 1970. The Library could not let the 50th anniversary of this event go unmarked and held a series of events in the Library between 18th and 25th January 2020.



The happenings started with the judging of the great Kemsing Bake Off. Over 34 cakes, fruit cakes, sponge cakes, individual small cakes and buns, were judged by members of the Kemsing Cricket Club and the Kemsing Evening WI. The standard was extremely high, but eventually winners were announced and rosettes (in the adult classes) and Book Tokens (in the children's classes) were awarded. It was a fantastic response from the Community, and everyone enjoyed the cakes!

On Thursday Lara Maiklem gave a talk based on her book 'Mudlarking—Lost and Found on the River Thames'. She gave a fascinating insight into what could be found in a small area, but just

'getting your eye in'. Her finds included items of Roman pottery, Victorian glass bottles and small mementos. Unfortunately nowadays a Licence is required for anyone who wishes to search the river foreshore. Copies of her book are available in the Library.

On Saturday the children took part in a craft event which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

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Helping Hand. It has been another busy year for Helping Hand. Our role is to take the elderly, disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to medical appointments in West Kent. In 2019 we managed 320 trips, ranging from a few hundred yards to Kensing Surgery up to an hour's journey to East Grinstead. I still get lots of calls from people who had never heard of us until a friend or neighbour told them. So please pass on the word to anyone who might need us. Driver numbers are fairly stable and many thanks are due to Alan Waters, Chris Gray, Dave Bellingham, David Round, Geoffrey Taunton, Jenny Williamson, Sue and Malcolm Macfarlane, Margaret Robarts, Robert Pierson and Sheila Creates, and a welcome to Jane Webb who joined us in June.

We would welcome (as always) anyone who would like to join the driving team. No regular commitment and you always get profusely thanked (and petrol money for the longer trips) at the end of the drive!

Alastair Boobyer

My contact details are: Tel 01959 522490, email alastairboobyer6@gmail.com

Scouts Jumble sale on Saturday 21st March at St Edith's Hall between 1.30pm and 4pm, donated items from 9.30 to 12.30. Adults £1, children free.

Whilst **Kensing Gardeners' Society** may be over 60 years old we are no 'stick in the muds'. Our annual programme is interesting and varied - we have talks on specialist subjects, and other more wide-ranging talks ie Wildlife in your Garden or a talk by a local nut-grower, who actually provides all the cobnuts for the red squirrels on the Isle of Wight. Our Outings Secretary organises an annual outing and recent places visited include West Dean, Borde Hill, Belmont House near Faversham and the Leonardslee Gardens near Horsham.

Our Spring show this year is to be held on Saturday 4th April, and will be held in The St Edith Hall with viewing from 2.30 pm. The Spring Show includes Arts and Crafts as well as the usual flowers and vegetables and there will also be a Plant and Produce stall. If you would like to join the Gardeners' Society and be able to participate by entering the show itself, membership is a very modest £5 per year. Come along and find out more.

Kensing Heritage Centre are thrilled that John Merrill a celebrated Author and walker, who last year walked from Sevenoaks station through Knole, Seal, Kensing, Otford and Dunton Green and then wrote a book of his journey and the places he visited, will be coming to the **St. Edith Hall on Friday 29th May, 2020 at 7.30** and will give a talk on the people and places he visited. The resulting book may be available at the time of his talk. To join us for an evening with this well respected author. Members free—non members £2.50

The Hollow by Agatha Christie is the **Kensing Players** next production in St Edith Hall on 23rd, 24th & 25th April. A classic country house murder mystery which she herself adapted for the London stage. The Hollow, an elegant house just outside London is the home of retired ambassador Sir Henry Angkatell and his wife, and murder has been committed. If you would like to work out 'whodunit' tickets priced at £10 each will be on sale from Monday 30th March from Dynes Parade Dry Cleaners or by phoning 07811 456061.



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The Lunch Club

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



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Services at Woodlands—2020

**One service a month (All Age Service on the 1st Sunday)
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Forthcoming meeting dates

Parish Council meetings - 18th March, 15th April, 20th May & 17th June

Annual Parish meeting - 6th May

Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve

Ongoing tree maintenance work on the Reserve is planned in the next few years (starting in February 2020) due to ash dieback. Coppicing to a small section on the woodland on Whiteleaf Down will be done as part of the normal maintenance programme.

The Parish Council has successfully applied for funding via The Darent Valley Living Landscape Partnership Scheme (funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund) to implement improvements which will predominantly focus on Green Hill, The Dell and Goss Bank and will include scrub clearance, controlling dog rose and improvements to livestock handling as well as ensuring fencing remains adequate for grazing this important Local Wildlife Site. We are awaiting further information.

Common Field Recreation Ground

The Recreation Grounds Committee is considering options to improve the section of sparsely scattered trees along the bridleway and adjacent to the car park on the Southern end from Heaverham Road.

The gates to both play areas will be replaced soon.

Notice board

The old worn notice board in the village car park has been replaced.

Highways Improvements

As reported in the Autumn, the Parish Council is in the process of preparing a Highways Improvement Plan which will, when finalised and adopted by KCC, prioritise highway improvements for Kemsing.

Newly co-opted Councillor

The Parish Council welcomes Georgina Lloyd, who was co-opted on Wednesday, 19th February 2020.

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Yolanda Tredoux, Parish Clerk



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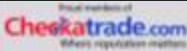
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Church Hall Progress

Thank you to all those who responded to the appeal in the Winter edition of *The Well* by donating or pledging money for the new Church Hall which, as will be seen in the centre pages again this time, is still urgently needed in order to complete the building.

Fundraising Events

The Ladies Brunch on 29th February was changed to a Bring & Buy event with a Soup & Bread Lunch which raised £710.40. Thank you to everyone who supported it. Our friends at Hope Church have kindly offered to hold a **Ladies Brunch on Saturday, 14th March**, at Hope Church, Church Centre, Mill Lane, Sevenoaks in aid of our new Church Hall instead (please book a ticket, price £8, through Anita in the Church Office (tel.no.01732 761351). Hope Church have also kindly offered to donate the proceeds of their **Quiz Night on 2nd May** as well. We are extremely grateful for their support.

Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings

The two meetings will be held on **Thursday, 30th April 2020 at 7.45pm in St Mary's Church, Kemsing**. Please remember that only those on the **Church Electoral Roll** will be eligible to vote on any matters discussed at the meeting. There will be an opportunity for people who are not already on the Electoral Roll to fill in an application form from the middle of March to the end of that month (only those who in the last year have moved to the parish, joined the church, or reached the age of 16 are eligible to apply). A copy of the Agenda and Annual Report 2019 will be circulated to those already on the Roll.

If anyone on the Electoral Roll wishes to apply to become a member of the Parochial Church Council, nomination forms will be available in both churches from the beginning of April.

It is still planned to hold a **Family Ramble on Saturday, 16th May (and to see the bluebells if the timing is right)** followed by **Lunch in the Woodlands Church Hall**. Notify Anita in the Church Office if you would like to book a lunch as numbers are restricted (tel.no.01732 761351). Details of time and route of the walk will be posted on the notice boards a month beforehand. All proceeds will go to the Church Hall Fund.

*Rosemary Banister,
PCC Secretary.*

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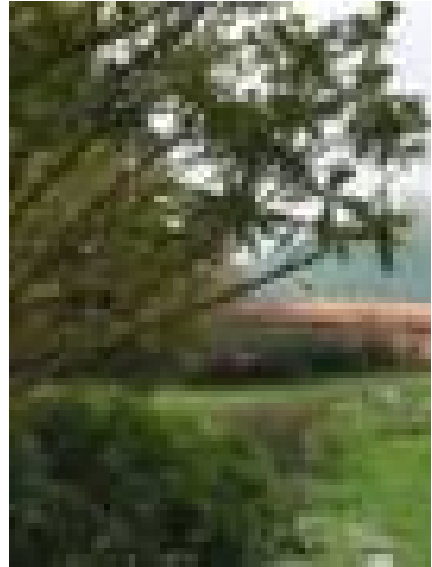
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More money is **URGENTLY NEEDED** as Phase 1 will soon be completed, and there is not enough to meet the cost of the rest of the build.

The photograph on the right shows the south-facing aspect, which will have a window on to the meeting room at that end of the building.

The photograph in the centre is taken from the Churchyard showing the north-east aspect.



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A Spring Term packed with events ensures that we arrive at this point, halfway through another academic year, and none of us can quite believe how quickly the time is passing.

Class 1 began the term learning all about the circus. After writing to persuade him to come, they hugely enjoyed a visit from Rico the Clown, who had all the children taking part in juggling, plate spinning and unicycling.

Class 4 have enjoyed a day a week of learning out in our forest environment, where they have demonstrated great independence and determination to explore their environment in the most challenging of weathers, all with a great sense of enjoyment and awe and wonder taking place. This new development to our curriculum will now see every class enjoy up to 9 weeks of time in our woodland environment every academic year. The depth of conversation and time and space for children to grow and shine in this alternative learning environment makes it an absolutely key part of any child's journey through Kemsing Primary School.

Children from Year 1 and 2 represented our school brilliantly at the Infant Agility event and children from every class took part in a January inter-school Speed Stacking event, where two Kemsing children came away with medals for finishing second in their age group. At both events, our children were a real credit to their school and village. Our netball and football teams have also competed regularly against other schools in a league competition. The footballers in particular have exemplified this term's value of positivity, by coming back from being three goals down at half time, two games running – once to achieve a draw and in the next game to achieve a remarkable win.

Class 5 have spent the last couple of weeks getting into full Bake-off mode, producing their very own show stoppers, as they have been learning how to bake bread. A basic loaf in the first week, then flavourings and own shape designs in the second ensured that associated families will have a tasty start to the half term!

Reception have spent the term learning about castles, knights and princesses, inspired by Julia Donaldson's Zog books. In addition to making their own castles and writing about their designs, the children came to school dressed as knights, dragons or princesses and all their parents were invited in to see a showcase of their children's work just before we broke up for half term last week.

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KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL REPORT (part 2)

Parish Councillor resignation

Long-standing Kemsing Parish Councillor Mr. Tony Andrews, decided to step down on 6th November 2019. Mr. Andrews joined the Parish Council in July 1977 to May 2007 and then again from May 2013, giving his dedicated service to the Parish Council for nearly 37 years in total. He was Chairman of the Council from 1998 to 2005 and a member of Recreation Grounds, Planning and Finance Committees as well as various working groups. We would like to thank Mr. Andrews for his dedication and commitment to Kemsing and we wish him all good wishes for the future.

Parish Councillor vacancy

As a result of Mr. Andrews' resignation there is a Parish Councillor vacancy. Please contact me in writing before Friday 27th March 2020 if you are interested to find out more, or if you would like to apply for the position.

Yolanda Tredoux, Paish Clerk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE

*ELECTORS of KEMSING Parish are invited to attend the
Annual Parish Meeting on*

Wednesday 6th May 2020 at 7.30pm

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KEMSING CRICKET CLUB



With Winter on its way out, the Kemsing cricketers were pleased to start the indoor nets early in January! Good attendances so far show how keen we all are to continue our recent successes in the league. Fridays, 7.30-9.30 at St. Michael's School, if you are interested.

Sunday evening indoor coaching for the youngsters will have started by the time you read this.

From May, we will again be providing an introduction to cricket for the Kemsing All Stars in the 5 to 8 age bracket. Last year we had almost 50 signed up! The new ECB "Dynamos" initiative for 8 to 11 year-olds will start this year and we will be providing support for this as well. In the wake of the World Cup success, this could be very popular?

If you want to register your interest for either group and be notified when the club registration facility is open, there is a link on our club site: kemsing.play-cricket.com

In January, the Club was honoured to be asked to provide judges for the Kemsing Library 50th Birthday Cake Bake Off Competition. As connoisseurs, Roger Shaddock and Grahame Wood undertook this arduous challenge on behalf of the Club, guided by ladies from the WI, who advised it was not just about sampling the delights! Victoria Sponge Winner, Sarah Duckworth, generously agreed to supplement the occasional cricket tea with a cake, so we are looking forward to that!

The Cricket Club Quiz Team has been resurrected and have been "enjoying" limited success at the St Edith Club Quiz Nights. Boy, there are some tough questions! My 100 Years War knowledge really is a bit sketchy...

If you, or anyone you know, wants to get involved with cricket in any capacity, please let me know by email at kemsingcc@gmail.com and I will get in touch with you.

Roger Shaddock, Club Secretary

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The Club has been playing short mat bowls for over thirty years.

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We are a friendly bunch of people and are keen to find more members. Players of all ages would be welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Don't worry if you don't have any bowls as we have some spare sets you can use.

If you want to become involved in league games, we play in three West Kent Leagues, with varying success.

If you are interested in playing, please come along on a Tuesday or Wednesday (there is a coded entry system, but just ring the bell and we will let you in), or call Frances on 01959 522134 or John on 01959 523819, if you would like a chat about it.



Kemsing Scouts - Chief Scout's Awards!



Three of our former Cubs (now Scouts) have achieved the highest award a Cub can earn, the Chief Scout's Silver Award! To complete it Jack Broughton-Harris, Aiden Russell and Owen Thompson earned six Activity Badges, as well as all seven of the Challenge Awards! The Chief Scout's Silver Award shows Jack, Aiden and Owen have each given new things a go, played their part and stuck it out, even when the going got tough! They developed adventurous skills in archery and bouldering, home skills like ironing, sewing and cooking skills while making their meals when away on camp!



From left to right with the Mayor of Sevenoaks: Jack Broughton Harris; Ann Bishop (Cub Pack Leader); Aiden Russell and Owen Thompson. Joshua Maretlane, Keren Underwood and Caroline Copleston (Beaver Colony Leader)

And if that's not amazing enough, two of our Beavers received the highest Beaver award, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award! It's something Joshua and Keren Underwood have worked on throughout their whole time in the section. They completed all of the Challenge Awards, as well as four Activity Badges! They took on the adventure of a night away, learnt key skills like emergency aid and navigation, and completed a hike across our lovely local countryside. Of course, toasting marshmallows over an open fire came into it somewhere!

In November Elliot Russell, Stanley Rigg and Ethan Holden also received their Chief Scout's Bronze Award presented by the Mayor of Sevenoaks..wow, so many Awards! Challenge Awards are all about stepping outside your comfort zone; trying out something you wouldn't normally be interested in; taking the lead in something.

Through our inspiring volunteer leaders Kemsing Scouts aim to prepare our young people with skills for life, key abilities like teamwork, leadership and resilience. We wish for our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Achieving the Chief Scout's Awards is a really big achievement for these young people, we're all really proud of them!

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Baptisms

Jack Lewis MACRAE on 24th Nov. 2019

Deaths

Hazel LEITH (71) 6th November 2019

Bernard ANKER (80) on 7th November

Barbara GLASSE (87) on 8th December

Cassels Alan RAMSAY (88) on 8th Dec.

Sylvia Mary PORTER (84) on 22nd Dec.

Alan TISDALL (81) on 30th Dec.

Reginald Arthur Robert GRAY (99)
on 4th January 2020

Pauline Ann BRISTOW (72) on
17th January 2020

Joyce BLOCK (90) on 2nd January

Lesley HARMAN (73) on 4th Feb.

Lindsey MARCHANT (58) on
10th February

From “The Well” Spring 1970

The new Library building in Dippers Close was opened by Colin Cowdrey (later Lord Cowdrey). The first Librarian was Miss Josephine MacFadyean who was assisted by Mrs Berry, Mrs Fielden and Mrs Wright.

Vic Bowden wrote about the Gern organ in the Church which had dismantled and replaced by an electronic one. There were many stories about the organ which had to be blown by hand until an electric blower was installed in 1948.

The Singers performed Haydn’s “Creation” in the Church before an audience of 120 people. The soloists were Barbara Nipper, Edward Triggs and Robin Edmunds The valiant accompanist was Mrs Eileen Cluff.

The Gardeners welcomed the BBC who were recording the 900th edition of “Gardener’s Question Time”. The panel was Franklin Englemann, Fred Loads, Bill Sowerbutts and Alan Gemmell. The event went very well and all the panel were excellent raconteurs as well as answering gardening questions.

From “The Well” Easter 1995

The Church Choir were singing Stainer’s “Crucifixion” at East Malling on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday at Kemsing. Mary Quenby was transferring the editorship of The Well to Gill Paterson.

Dr. Lothian thanked all those who had sent letters and cards on his retirement.

The Parish Council were going to celebrate VE Day by arranging for a bonfire on Green Hill.

Open Door (still going) was then meeting at the Free Church in Dynes Road and a special poem was written to mark their 5th anniversary.

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NEWS FROM COTMAN'S ASH—KING BILLY



Foremost amongst my memories of unusual guests and visitors to Cotman's Ash,, comes a vision of a small child with a big box— “King Billy, William of Orange”. I was informed “ Found him on Orange Day, (July 12th)”. I was to learn a lot from King Billy!

Firstly they are daylight blind and turn their backs to the sun and they only ever fly by night. At Cotman's Ash we have a good population, and we often hear them talking one to another, in the Lane.. They will use a bird box, and their worse enemies are the grey squirrels.

KEMSING SCHOOL REPORT, *continued*



Drama workshops took place for Classes R, 1, 2 and 3 – a great breeding ground for the talents that were displayed by our fabulous Year 6 pupils in their wonderful production of Cinderella just before half term. The Year 6 children were an absolute credit to their families and to the brilliant team

of staff who completely dedicated themselves to ensuring that every child, whatever their personal characteristics, had their moment to shine like a star in a couple of nights in school that they will remember for the rest of their lives. What a cracking end to a busy half term!

Andrew Kilbride—Headmaster

Village Diary

March 2020

- 13th Kemsing Wildlife Group talk by S. Ginnaw '*Birds Beyond the Bough*' 7.30 St. Edith small hall £2.00 entrance
- 21st Kemsing Scouts Jumble Sale 1.30 to 4.30. Donated items- 9.30am
- 27th Heritage Centre talk by Carol Weiss '*The Silk Road*'
St. Edith small hall 7.30 Members free non members £2.50

April

- 4th Gardeners Spring Show, note new venue St. Edith hall. Entries to the hall 9.30-11.30 am show opens 2.30pm
- 8th WI 62nd Birthday meeting with harpist Margaret Watson
St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 14th Heritage Centre visit to Michelham Priory details from C. Geer
01732 761812
- 14th Kemsing Gardeners talk by Darren Everest '*Sweet Peas*' St. Edith Small hall 7.30
- 17th Wildlife Group talk by J.Tyler '*Volcanoes & Dragons*'
7.30 St. Edith small hall £2.00 entrance fee
- 24th Heritage Centre visit to Knole 2.00 info. from C.Geer (see above)
- 23/24/25 Kemsing Players. The Hollow, by Agatha Christie. St Edith Hall. Tickets £10 from Dry Cleaners, Dynes Parade from 30/03.

May

- 9th Heritage Centre V.E. Day exhibition St. Edith hall 10.0-4.00
- 13th WI Annual Meeting & Resolutions, & talk by S.Robinson '*Londons Liquid History*' St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 16th Family Ramble followed by Lunch at Woodlands Church Hall.
- 22nd Wildlife Group talk by Gill & John Brook '*Garden Wildlife*'
7.30 St. Edith small hall £2.00 entrance fee
- 29th Heritage Centre talk by J. Merrill '*Sevenoaks Walks*' St. Edith large hall 7.30 see page 9 for further details.

June

- 10th WI talk by Sue Duckworth '*Darling Buds of May countryside*'
St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 16th Kemsing Singers Spring Concert St. Edith hall 7.30 '*A Night at the Opera*' tickets £10. from 9 Cleves Rd, 01959 523752
- 17th Gardeners Club evening visit to Hookwood House, Shipbourne.
- 26th Heritage Centre talk by C. McCooey '*Scandals-Sensational, Salacious and Sad*' St. Edith small hall 7.30
- 27th Kemsing School and Village Summer Fete on School Field.

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