

OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS

AGNOSTICS ANONYMOUS

1st Thursday 7.30 pm 6 Church Street: Ravi Holy 07930 401963

MID-WEEK GROUPS - WYE

Tuesday 8.00 pm Nigel & Ali Poole 812496; Tessa King 813066

Thursday 8.00 pm Boughton Aluph: Matthew & Christina King 647704

WYE & BROOK FELLOWSHIP

1st Thursday 3.00 pm Service in Wye Parish Church

3rd Thursday 3.00 pm Open House, 36 Orchard Drive: Elizabeth Marriott 812651

FIG WOMEN'S GROUP

1st Thursday 9-10 am Wye Parish Church: Lucy Carvill: lucy.carvill@btinternet.com

FIG WOMEN'S HOME GROUP

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9.00 am Eleni Grivellis 812280; Lucy Carvill 811916

BUMPS AND BABIES GROUP

Thursday Term Time 10:30 am Wye Parish Church: Beth Jirtle: beth.jirtle@gmail.com

HEALING GROUP

1st Monday 2.30 pm 24 Chequers Park: Paul Burnham 812784

LISTENING PRAYER

Tuesday 11:30-12:30 Wye Parish Church: Jo Rall 812513

MUSIC GROUP PRACTICE - WYE

Alternate Fridays 8.00 pm Wye Parish Church: Jo Rall 812513

BELL RINGING PRACTICE - WYE

Friday 7.30 pm Tower Room: John Mansfield 812027

ECO CHURCH

Sunday 11.30 am Tower Room: Teresa Redfern 812352
(every 3 months)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

2nd Saturday 8.30 am Kings Head: David Ross 01227 637557

**ANY CHANGES TO THIS STANDARD PATTERN WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET
(AVAILABLE IN THE WYE BENEFICE CHURCHES)**

In light of current events regarding the Coronavirus, we have taken the decision to provide an online only version instead of printed copies. We want to honour our commitment to our subscribers, advertisers and regular contributors by producing the magazine this month. You will see that you will only have access to the main body of the magazine and the advertisements. Should you need a contact number which is usually featured on pages 5 or 6, then please refer to a previous issue. Thank you for your understanding and we hope that normal service will be resumed for the May edition. All details correct at the time of publication. Advertised events subject to change For further information on an event, please get in touch with the individual contact.

The Parish Magazine Editorial Team

A WORD FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In the news

Some of you may have read my last months piece on affordable housing (or rather the lack of it). ITV Meridian news recently reported on the drop in availability of affordable housing in areas of outstanding natural beauty – such as Wye – and in National Parks. In a short interview I was able to highlight the difficulties that local young people face when looking for their first home and how our village has become out of reach to many.

Difficult Times

It is hard to escape the effects of the new Coronavirus on the way we live. The vast amounts of advice and information are overwhelming. It is not surprising that people are concerned. This period will create some huge challenges for many individuals and businesses.

Yet, despite the overblown reactions of some, the Wye community is stepping forward with coordinated offers of help for those who may be vulnerable or in need of support. Look out for information through your door or contact the parish council.

Borough Council

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) is closely monitoring the emerging situation and reassures its residents that the council has contingency plans in place which set out how services will operate during any disruption to normal business.

ABC's key responsibilities are to protect our communities (especially those who are vulnerable), its staff, maintain priority service delivery and assist our business communities where possible.

Ashford Borough Council has its own equivalent of the national "COBRA" committee and I am proud to be part of this important group, helping to make the, often difficult decisions that will keep our daily lives as normal as possible.

ABC is repeating the advice from Public Health England and encourages residents to follow this in order to protect themselves and others. As this advice is constantly changing as this awful situation progresses, I will not repeat it here. If you are able, look it up on the internet, on the daily news or contact me, the borough or parish councils and we will endeavour to get a copy of the latest government guidance to you in printed form.

Above all else, look after yourself and those around you. Be safe. Be Kind.

Cllr Noel Ovenden

Leader Ashford Independents

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Council Notes for April

At the time of writing, fresh updates of preventative health measures, closures, postponements and cancellations are appearing thick and fast. Councils both large and small up and down the country are doing their best to continue with their business as usual and provide essential services to the public. The government has introduced a number of measures to support councils, including an extension of time to complete our annual financial audit and in addition has noted an intention to consider whether meetings can take place virtually during this period of restricted activity.

Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council, met on Tuesday 16 March to agree proposals to allow business to continue to be conducted, with a view that the situation is changing day-by-day. Acting within its powers the Council will take appropriate steps to ensure that it has the flexibility to function, and respond to threats and challenges quickly, based on the most up to date advice available. Myself as Clerk, along with the Deputy Clerk and nominated councillors will handle routine executive matters and have the flexibility to respond quickly to the changing needs of its residents, and to support local businesses and services. A range of changes in working practices and other practical public health precautions have already been implemented, by the council. Regretfully, the Annual Parish meeting planned for 28 March was postponed. The current situation does not allow for a new date to be set at the present time. Work on current projects such as the Wye Flyer community mini bus will for the moment be scaled back – but are ready to be taken up again with gusto as soon as is possible.

On behalf of the Parish Council, please do whatever you can to stay well and whatever you are doing please consider the implications for yourselves with care. Do everything you can to support friends, family and neighbours and, importantly look after yourselves.

Debbie Baines, Parish Clerk
Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council
Tel: 01233 812 459
Email: clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Please check the Parish Council events diary for days and times of meetings

PRINCE EDWARD CONGRATULATES WYE SCHOOL DOE AWARD PARTICIPANTS



His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex visited Dover Christ Church Academy today to see the work of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Kent. Wye School was invited to attend along with Ashford School, with whom we run a joint Combined Cadet Force Unit and also work together on the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Mr Wickington, our DoE Co-ordinator, took Jamie Allen, Miles Funnell, Joshua Salmon and Jac Wood to the royal event and they worked with Ashford School students to demonstrate a navigation task.

Prince Edward stopped with them for a significant amount of time, talking to staff and each student in turn.

He asked Jamie about what he was doing for his DoE Bronze Award, the answer was archery which the Prince asked questions about.

He then spoke in some depth to Jac about his leadership of the navigation task and his experiences of both the CCF and DoE.



After talking to students, the Prince unveiled a plaque and all the students there gave him a loud cheer, which seemed to at first surprise him and then make him very happy.

Mr Magee, who also attended the event, was very proud of how well all four Wye students attending represented the school, speaking confidently to a Prince and other distinguished guests from the government, police and local authority.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been running at Wye School for three years now and we have had two successful Bronze Award groups and we now have our first Silver Award participants as well.

Luke Magee
Principal

FRIENDS OF WYE CHURCH — AGM

The Friends will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the Church on **Thursday 30 April**.

We will begin at 4.00pm with the Business Meeting, which will be followed by informal tea and cakes, when there will be a chance to discuss issues about the Friends' activities more widely.

Papers for the Meeting will be circulated during March and we look forward to seeing you later in April.

Nick Russell (Chairman)
812661

THE WYE AND BROOK INDIA TRUST

Helping to educate children in Delhi

Registered Charity 288217

The Trust was founded in 1978 by Rev David Marriott, a previous vicar of Wye Church, and channels money from donors chiefly in the UK to Delhi, India. The funds support the education of girls and boys from 5 to about 18 years' old, whose parents would not otherwise be able to afford it.

The schools, which have been run for more than 40 years by the Delhi Brotherhood Society in a poor sector of Delhi, were started when there was little government investment in education for the poorest children in the city, and many children remained uneducated. The schools have a very good reputation and are now licensed by the local authorities. Recently, additional years have been added allowing the possibility of enrolling in university education, or technical training.

Rates of literacy have been greatly increased in the area. When people see that educated children often have a better future because they can read and write, they are more inclined to send their own children to school.

See page 6 for news of changes to the **Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 May**. Plans will be updated in line with evolving *Public Health Guidance*.

If you would like to know more, please contact *Nigel Poole* (Tel 812496).

You could become a regular sponsor: £10 per month (or £100 / year) adequately covers the cost of school fees, a simple school uniform, and books for one child for one year.

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

**ST GREGORY & ST
MARTIN CHURCH WYE**

**WELCOME
TO MESSY
CHURCH!
SUN 19TH
APRIL
3PM-5PM**

**JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST
EVER MESSY IN WYE!!**



WYE & BROOK INDIA TRUST

Reg Charity No 288217

Like other events, the annual **Coffee Morning** has been cancelled.
However, preparations are already well in hand for the sale of plants.

Subject to Public Health Advice there will still be an

Outdoor Plant Sale

Saturday 16 May

9.30 to 12 noon

in Wye Parish Churchyard

All contributions are very welcome.

Contact: *Ali Poole* (812496)

All proceeds to The Wye and Brook India Trust educating disadvantaged children in Delhi

LOVE WAS ALL AROUND US...

Well, I certainly felt the love in the church that day when attending my late mother's Celebration of Life Service on Tuesday 14 January - despite the horrendous weather outside! For me, it was certainly an occasion to remember...

Mark Deller and his choir typically added a touch of magic to the service.

Kevin Rall gave a most sensitive and personal tribute to my mother. I don't think there was a dry eye in the church!

Tessa King beautifully relayed Tennyson's Crossing the Bar.

Linda Cross said some meaningful prayers.

Ravi centred his wonderful sermon around the theme to the service - love.

How my mother received love as well as gave love to all who she met.

And finally, there was *Jan Wain* and her willing 'team' of volunteers efficiently supplying those who stayed behind, with cups of tea and pieces of Ma's delicious Celebration Cake (expertly made by *Sarah Wakelin*).

So, a huge thank you to all who came and created such a memorable event. In Ma's memory, a grand total of £300 was generously donated to the Church! To end, I must say that since losing my mother in December, the love and support shown to me from the people of Wye has been truly amazing! How lucky am I to be living here! Many thanks.

Nicolas Bolt

ST MARY'S CHURCH HIINXHIL VISITORS FROM THE NETHERLANDS

A group of galanthophiles (40) organized by *Hanneke van Dyke*, tour guide of Garden Tours from the Netherlands visited St. Mary's, Hinxhill to enjoy our churchyard of snowdrops and our beautiful church.

They were impressed with the altar frontal depicting a snowdrop and the many hand embroidered hassocks.

Refreshments were welcomed, especially the ginger cake! Many photos were taken of the church interior which had been lit with candles for the visit.

They were very complimentary and grateful for the chance to visit our church.



Hazel Bristow
Churchwarden for Hinxhill



WYE WOMENS INSTITUTE

Following our business meeting Mary Smith gave us a most interesting account of how the pupils of Maidstone Girls' Grammar School coped with air raids during the war. Amazingly a length of zig zag tunnels were discovered behind the school still in very good condition. Mary, a retired Head Teacher from the school, has devoted her retirement to investigating memories and facts at this time from former pupils who experienced it all. She was greatly helped by another discovery, a bound book of drawings and paintings by the Art teacher at the time, Miss Keen, who had kept a pictorial diary of life in school and in the tunnels. Some of us could relate to these war time school days, it was very nostalgic!

Our next meeting is a different date and venue because of the Bank Holiday.

We will meet on **Monday 20 April in Wye Methodist Hall at 7. 15 pm.**

The talk will be on the Charity Hospital Ships in West Africa

Ruth Bowles

FRIENDS OF KING'S WOOD APRIL 2020

Tracing our Forebears in the Forest - Sunday 5 April at 10:00am-12:00noon

Meet at lower KW car park, White Hill Road, Challock, TN25 4AP

Often wondered about the strange holes and features in the forest? Our walk will take us from traces of ancient people through to more modern day events.

Please car share.

Peaceful Places - Friday 10 April 6:00pm - 8:00pm,

Meet at Molash Church, Church Lane, off A252

Enjoy the peace and calm of strolling into King's Wood along Church Lane and across the fields to the beautiful Cutlers Valley as part of a circular evening walk.

Please car share.

Reptile Rendezvous* - Sunday morning in April

Will we see Mrs X the black adder; grass snakes; lizards; or lots of slow worms? *Places are limited, with priority given to members, and must be booked by texting or emailing as below.

Please car share.

For all these events:

Text: 07523 203458

Email: enquiries@friendsofkingswood.org

Website: www.friendsofkingswood.org

Pay on the Day £4 members, and accompanied children free of charge.



THE INFORMAL EVENING SERVICE

There will be **no** Informal Evening Service this month.

GOOD FRIDAY

Procession of Witness starts at 11.20 am outside St Ambrose.

WYE METHODIST CHURCH TEA SERVICES FOR APRIL

5th	Palm Sunday Tea Service	<i>Geoff Chapman</i>
12th	Easter Holy Communion	<i>Revd John Makey</i>
19th	Tea Service 'Early Women Preachers'	<i>Maureen Burnham</i>
26th	Tea Service	<i>Revd Paul Dean</i>

John Makey 01233 813526

WYE ARTS ASSOCIATION

April 2020 Programme

Cinema (WAA Members only)

This month's film to be shown on **Monday 6th April at 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall** will be **Blithe Spirit**

A 1945 British fantasy-comedy film directed by David Lean, based on Noel Coward's 1941 play of the same name, it features Margaret Rutherford and Rex Harrison.

This classic film tells the tale of a medium who summons the spirit of a novelist's dead wife, and the ensuing repercussions. The dialogue is fast and witty, and the film is considered notable for its Technicolor photography and Oscar-winning visual effects.

Raffle tickets and complimentary drinks before the performance – doors open at 7.00pm

Monday April 20th at 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall

"It's Only Television!"

Come along and be entertained by former Journalist Mike Field and hear about how he survived 50 years in the media - in newspapers, radio and television - and lived to tell the tale.

Whether it's three weeks on the road with Ian Botham and Hannibal's elephants; stopping the Archbishop of Canterbury walking out of the studio; Muhammed Ali dedicating a poem to you; or just surviving three company take-overs, journalist Mike Field comes to the conclusion that Lord Hill was right after all. The former Chairman of the BBC advised him early in his career: "Whatever you do, old boy, don't take it seriously."

Tickets £5 (£7 non-WAA Members) from WAA Committee Members (see also the WAA listing in the back pages for contact details) **Wye News, or pay on the door**

Val Hyland (WAA Committee Member)

PARISHES VISITING TEAM

Are you house-bound, feeling low or lonely? Would you, or anyone you know, appreciate a visit from a member of the church? If so, contact *Reverend Linda Cross*, co-ordinator of the Parishes Visiting Team (01233 813360) or a member of the church leadership. We will respond in an appropriate and caring way, and confidentiality will always be respected.

FIG WOMEN'S GROUP

NO MEETING IN APRIL



WYE AND BROOK FELLOWSHIP

Service

Thursday 2 April
3 pm at Wye Church

Meeting with Speaker

Thursday 16 April
Mary Hill—Honey

Tessa Edge – Chairman Tel: 812167



THORNHILL SCHOOL FOUNDATION

(Registered Charity No. 307567)

The Lady Joanna Thornhill School Foundation is empowered to award grants to children and young people under the age of 23 whose current permanent address is in the Parish of Wye, and has been for at least three years, and who have attended or are attending a state maintained school.

Grants may be awarded for the purchase of books, tools and equipment in connection with the applicant's studies at school, university, educational visits abroad or the study of music or other arts (except for children of primary school age) as well as assistance with sporting activities.

Anyone wishing to be considered is invited to obtain an application form from:

The Clerk: *Mrs Peggy Davis*, 40 Chequers Park, Wye Tel: 812431.

Donations or legacies are always welcome to help us maintain our work.

JOIN US FOR LIGHTHOUSE CLUB AT WYE CHURCH



Thursday 16 April—Easter



Lighthouse is an action-packed club full of fun, with games, challenges, songs, craft, drama and Bible stories for all children in school years 1–6.

Cost: **£2** per session

Please email lighthouseclubwye@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Sessions are held after school from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED!



A free car lift service has been established in Wye to take people to medical appointments within the village – doctor, dentist and physio etc.

At the moment there are only a small number of people who have volunteered and we would like to increase this so the load can be spread more evenly.

The service is *only for within Wye* (ie. so lifts would only be for a mile or so at most).

Robin Pelham-Reid is coordinating this.
If any kind people would like to help
please contact Robin on:

01233 812298 or robinpr@live.com

OPTIONS CLUB

The Club meets weekly on Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall in Wye at 10 am until 12 noon under the auspices of the Methodist Church. Options is not a religious club and men and women of all denominations or none are welcome. Come and go as you wish.

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- 2nd 'Easter memories when were young'
- 9th No Meeting
- 16th No Meeting
- 23rd Our Music
- 30th 'Helpful tips over the years'

£1.00 a week covers coffee & biscuits.

John Makey
01233 813526



WYE TENNIS CLUB
(AFFILIATED TO THE LAWN TENNIS
ASSOCIATION)

Patron: Damian Green, M.P.

COME AND PLAY TENNIS

Calling all people between the ages of 4 & 84 to join us for fun, friendship and fitness. We have sessions for all ages and abilities.

For membership details go to
www.wytennis.org.uk
or telephone Graham Sutherland
01233 666026

Courts are available to non-members.

Please contact *Dixit* or *Hiral Patel*
at Wye News Agency 01233 812271

Dixit_pci@yahoo.com

£10 returnable deposit for court key.
£10 per hour per court

7th ANNUAL

WYE QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of Wye Village Hall & Holding Little Hands Charity



Saturday 9th May 2020

at Wye Village Hall

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm prompt start

1st prize - 8 bottles of Champagne

Interval with supper included

Please bring own drinks, glasses, nibbles

Teams of up to 8 members max
16 Teams max and Teams need to be pre-booked:
email wyevillagehall@gmail.com
or phone Justine Haskell on 07504 839858 to book

£80 per team (payable on booking or on the door)
Individuals wishing to participate as a 'proxy' team member - £10
Cheques payable to Wye Village Hall



Holding Little Hands charity was set up to provide play, treats and extras for children on Padua ward at the William Harvey Hospital.

A GEM, AN OASIS, A TREASURE

Call it what you like, but the Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library is a very special place. Located on the north side of the Cathedral, beyond the Dean's Steps and as part of the Cloisters, the Archives and Library is hidden behind an ancient wooden door that would have been opened by many Archbishops, Deans and major and minor dignitaries in the past.

This Aladdin's cave of church history holds the records dating back in some cases before William the Conqueror's time. Many secrets and records of events confirm much of church and national life enabling historic proof to be presented where guesswork can be discounted.

I recently visited in my capacity as Churchwarden in order to archive some Church Records, however this was strictly by appointment only as there is limited access granted to the general public. I do have the details if anyone would be interested to visit the department or for further information visit the website www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Warning—be prepared for your jaw to drop once your eyes appreciate what you see before you .

Graham Thorn
Wye Churchwarden

EASTER LILIES



If you would like to remember a loved one by donating towards the cost of the Easter Lilies, then I would love to hear from you.

They are £3.50 each.

Call *Diane Reece* (Wye Church Flower Organiser) on 01233 812130

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, HASTINGLEIGH



All events will be at 7 pm for 7.30 pm, with refreshments.

Friday 24 April

A concert by **The Chamber Choir of King's School, Canterbury.**

A varied musical programme, and a delightful opportunity to hear these talented young people.

Tickets £7.50 on the door.

Saturday 16 May

A talk on **Wildlife Conservation in Our Local Area**

by **Dan Tuson**, East Kent Manager of Natural England's Kent Downs.

Saturday 13 June

A talk: '**Canterbury Goes Viral!**' by **Father Rodney Schofield.**

2020 is the 800th anniversary of the removal of Becket's body from the tomb to the glittering shrine, which pilgrims visited for hundreds of years.

Talks are free, but there will be a bowl for donations.

WYE FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The following walks are planned for April and May 2020. Walks always start from Wye Church at 2pm on the first and third Sundays of the month unless otherwise stated. Check village posters or with walk leader for more details.

Tuesday walking group, walk from the Church, 9.45 for 10am start every Tues.

Walk for approx.1hr /1½ hrs. Contact Jean Bowes 01233 811875

Sunday 5 April	Old Wives Lees walk	Richard Blackford (812510)
Sunday 19 April	Wild flower walk from Coombe Manor to Folly Farm	Paul & Ellie Morris (813367)
Sunday 3 May	Godinton Park walk led by Ranger max 12 people - 1 st come 1 st served	Brian Roberts (813350)
Friday 8 May	Five Churches Walk – not a WFPS led walk – see website	www.thefivechurchwalk.co.uk
Sunday 17 May	Details to follow – see flyers around the village	Leader to be confirmed

Visitors are always welcome on all our walks. For current walks programme email :
wyefootpath@gmail.com

To help keep our footpaths clear & trouble free please report any problems by email to:
Faye.Faiers@kent.gov.uk or explorekent@kent.gov.uk or by calling 0845 3450210, where you can only leave a message which may get passed on.

THE FIVE CHURCH WALK

VE DAY BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

The walk starts at 10am from **Chilham, Godmersham, Boughton Aluph, Challock or Molash** church. It links these churches in an **anticlockwise** circular 16 mile route following footpaths, bridleways, country lanes and private paths made available to us by special permission of the land-owners. The route passes through some of the most scenic countryside in East Kent for all to enjoy, and with the bluebells out and the cuckoo calling you can be sure of a lovely day. You can start when and where you like and choose to complete the circuit or not, **starting and finishing at any of the churches**. This is a sponsored walk in aid of the participating churches, the Kent Air Ambulance and/or the Pilgrims Hospices, and funds raised are distributed according to your wishes. Those without sponsors are also more than welcome and are asked to make a minimum donation of £5 each. The churches also have loos and delicious home-made refreshments to offer while you take a welcome break. **So, for a great day out make a note of the date in your diary and make sure to come along.** For more information or for entry forms, contact any of the local churches, the charities or go to www.thefivechurchwalk.co.uk or phone 01233 641913 or you can just turn up on the day.

CANCELLED

CANCELLATION OF NOYE'S FLUDDE PRODUCTION

Due to the fast moving situation with regard to the coronavirus epidemic, sadly we had to take the decision, in the middle of March, to cancel the production of Noye's Fludde planned to take place in the church at the end of April.

Quite apart from the question of whether large gatherings of people would be allowed, there was the possibility that Spring Grove School might not be able to open on time for its summer term.

I would like to thank all those people, especially the staff and pupils of Spring Grove, who have spent so much time in preparation for this production, and to those people who had kindly agreed to sponsor the event.

Mark Deller

HOMOPHONES

Words that sound the same but aren't.

That's the trouble with English

Core - the centre of something -or (slang) an expression of surprise "**Corblimey**" or (slang)"god blind me".

Caw- the call of a crow or rook?

Or what Polly Mellor and I are focusing on already -

CAW standing for Christian Aid Week - 10-16 May - now 75 years old.

Just one example of the extreme need. Rose Johnson is 67 - nearly as old as Christian Aid - and farms in Kenya. Imagine going down to the Stour and finding it dry as a bone. Everyday, on an empty stomach, Rose walks for 6 hours to the nearest river to collect water. If they could enlarge their earth-dam they could survive and grow vegetables; but it hasn't rained for 2 years, the dam is empty, hence the walking! They need help to enlarge the dam - so that, when, she prays, it has rained.

Would you help on **Saturday 16 May** in the Farmers' Market on our stall, awareness raising; or putting envelopes through doors (not calling for them); signing a petition to the Prime Minister "A new deal for climate change". At the time of going to press, we are also thinking of having a stall - Tombola, books etc.. perhaps you can help in some way?

Let us know how you would like to help.

Alan 813730 & Polly 812690



WYE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

e- CONSULT ONLINE CONSULTATION

On 16 March Wye Surgery went live with the new e-Consult online system for contacting your GP. eConsult replaces 'Ask my GP'. It may be accessed through the surgery website (wyesurgery.co.uk) and it enables patients to submit their symptoms electronically 24 hours a day 7 days a week and receive a reply by the next working day either by text message, email or telephone. e-Consult was piloted by GP practices in the West of England and is now used by over 1200 GP practices, including other practices in the Ashford Primary Care Network.

The app requires patients to answer a series of questions and the answers will sign-post them to the most appropriate care, including a face-to-face appointment, self-help, advice from a pharmacy or a simple administrative response (a sick note or access to test results without the need for an appointment). e-Consult includes a Red Flag alerting system that identifies potential critical illnesses and fast-tracks GPs' responses.

One advantage of the new system is that it will remove the need to queue up on the telephone at 8 o'clock in the morning, as it can be submitted at any time of the day or night.

It is also timely, as surgeries are facing unprecedented demand as a result of the

corona virus pandemic. e-Consult will allow patients to have access to clinical advice from GPs without having to come into the surgery, reducing the risk of infection spreading to other patients and/or to surgery staff.

The new system should reduce waiting times before clinical decisions are reached and could release more GP time for face-to-face appointments. e-Consult is a more advanced system than 'Ask my GP' as it allows more space for free text to describe their symptoms. It is also safer for the patient allowing the Doctor to identify urgent cases quickly, rather than risking them being the last in a telephone queue when all the appointments are gone for the day. Clearly, not all patients can use the Internet and there are separate arrangements for children under 6 months old.

Online consultation services do require a change of culture and mindset as we move away from the traditional visits in person to the Doctor, but online technology is capable of offering innovative new ways of maximising the clinical resources we have available.

Judith Timms
PPG Chair

REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2020



Baptisms

Saturday 29 February

Grace Albrow

Wye

The need to reduce carbon emissions, and to do so as quickly as possible, is on a lot of people's minds at present, including the Church of England.

Our very own Canterbury Diocese passed the following motion at its November Synod.

'This Synod recognises the Environment and Climate Emergency, and commits to the following:

- *Learning the facts about today's environmental degradation and human-induced climate change;*
- *Speaking the truth about the Emergency and the changes that are needed to safeguard the environment and mitigate climate impact;*
- *Taking the necessary action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030, and to model ways in which our faith and congregations can enable all of God's creation to flourish;*
- *Fighting social injustices caused by the environmental crisis;*
- *Implementing the Diocesan Environment Policy 2019 and Action Plan;*
- *Including our Care for the Environment within our diocesan Changed Lives Changing Lives strategy.'*

Various other dioceses around the country are making similar commitments. Furthermore, at the February General Synod, the resolution was passed calling on all parts of the Church of England *'to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions' and 'to reach net zero emissions by 2030'.*

'Net zero' means looking at our carbon footprint and balancing the negative greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels for heating and lighting, with the positive things we can do, such as switching to renewable energy and planting trees.

Achieving net zero emissions by 2030 is a tough goal, but one that we need to tackle if we are serious about limiting the overall rise in global temperature to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels (as recommended by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report, 2018). *Our Diocesan Environment Working Group is currently looking at how we can implement the motion to achieve the commitments. It will require everyone, all churches, working together for this common aim – our care for God's creation.*

At Wye Church, we have and continue to carry out a range of actions to reduce our emissions. Our electricity and gas is bought from a supplier of renewable energy and last autumn we had an energy audit undertaken to see where we might reduce emissions even further. A current project is replacing the lighting in church to LED.

Teresa Redfern on behalf of the Eco Church working group

WYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nearly 60 people came to the Wye Historical Society February meeting to hear Dr Emma Hanna speaking on "Sounds of War: Music in the Armed Forces During the Great War". Based on her forthcoming book, Dr Hanna focused her research on performers (both servicemen and civilians), music in hospitals, makeshift theatres, and in groups such as the Salvation Army and the YMCA. Music was made for a variety of reasons, including fundraising, morale and for religious services. Some of those who joined up were already professional musicians - in 1914 there were 3 million pianos in the UK and 30,000 brass bands. In 1857 The Royal Military School of Music was opened at Kneller Hall in Twickenham and was the home of Army music. In the Navy boys learnt on the job until 1903 when the Royal Naval School of Music was founded at the Eastney Barracks in Portsmouth. The Territorials and new army regiments didn't have their own bands, however, so there was no one to play at their point of departure. Sometimes the Salvation Army filled this gap as a lack of music was seen to be dangerous. Music was also used for recruitment and fundraising, and patriotic song sheets were issued. John Mackenzie-Rogan, a bandmaster of the Coldstream Guards, used public spaces in London as ad hoc performance spaces to encourage deposits in the Great War Loan savings account. For a long time there was no official music at the front for marching. In 1915 Rogan wanted to take a band over to France; this was agreed and he led three tours of three months each in 1916, 1917 and 1918. For Rogan this was the highlight of his military career and the King even prevented his retirement.

The supply of instruments was haphazard and depended on charity. Many instruments for informal mess performances were improvised such as tin kettle drums and petrol cans.

Popular songs included lullabies and ballads as well as some more bawdy numbers. Morale boosting songs were common, as well as those which mocked the Germans and their own officers' leadership. Gramophones were used in dugouts, ships, aerodromes and hospitals to play classical music, dance numbers and jazz. Music was an important part of entertainment provisions behind the lines provided by the Salvation Army and the YMCA. There was a piano in every YMCA facility and, as they wanted to control what was played, each hut was issued with the YMCA piano album.

Some professional musicians were allowed to travel to France, such as married duo Ellaline Terriss and Seymour Hicks, leading names on the Edwardian stage. They were only allowed to perform away from the front, such as in a casino in Boulogne commandeered to serve as a hospital. There was an expectation to perform for free but they still had to make a living. Dame Clara Butt believed performers should be paid and that entertainment was as important as "beer, beef and books". Concert parties ranged from the highbrow to those performed by the men themselves, often with the help of women's underwear and wigs. Many professional musicians and performers joined up, so by the end of the war every division had a concert troupe with names such as 'The Whizz Bangs', 'The Jocks' and 'The Tivolies'. In POW camps music was sometimes used to hide escape attempts - during one concert while the tuba was played a tunnel was being dug under the stage.



Ellie Morris

BEETHOVEN (STILL) RULES

This year is the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven. It's very rare for human achievements to outlive their creator for more than a generation. To still be held in high esteem after 100 years is really some achievement. But, after 250 years, to be widely regarded as one of perhaps two or three of the most extraordinary musicians to have ever lived is really something!

Great artists matter because they show us deep truths about ourselves and about the world we live in. The amazing thing is that, though Beethoven was composing around 1800, his music still remains as fresh, relevant and important to us today as it ever has done.

I will be talking about, and playing some of Beethoven's piano sonatas in Wye School in May (date tbc).

I'll select three sonatas from the three creative periods of Beethoven's life, putting them in context, and explaining why they still matter to us today.



Pencil drawing of Beethoven by Izzy King

Whether you're a Beethoven fan or whether you've never consciously heard a note of his music (apart from the beginning of *Fur Elise* – a piece he considered so unimportant he never even bothered to have it published - or the famous 4 notes at the start of the 5th Symphony) may I cordially invite you to come along and find out what the fuss is all about! There will be free wine/soft drink in the interval.

Professor Matthew King,
Guildhall School of Music and Drama

BELFRY CHAT

After our publicity at the Christmas Tree Festival we now have two new recruits learning the ropes who are having regular lessons each week.

It can take up to three months before becoming proficient enough to ring for services. We continue to welcome learners.

After continual heavy rain from all directions we have had issues with water getting into the belfry, particularly onto the number five bell rope. This should soon be resolved with repairs being undertaken to the shutters and tower roof following a visit by the Church architect.



Maggie Mansfield

MICK'S COMPUTER CHAT

Power Issues

Again not directly IT but this is a very current issue. Power cuts and fluctuations. These are not good for the PC or you internet connection. I always recommend using a special surge protected extension lead. But beware these are not all created equal. I think it is best to use the one type that protects against both power surges and possible lightning strikes, not all of them do. The cheaper leads just have surge protection.

The lead I would recommend is the Belkin one. It is available on Amazon or at some supermarkets. **Belkin BSV401af2M 4 Way/ 4 Plug Surge Protection Extension Lead** with 2 x 2.4 A Shared USB Charging Port, 2 m Cable – White.

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While on the subject of power cuts living in the country it seems to be just part of life. I have now assembled our "Power cut emergency kit" and it lives in the top of a cupboard in the kitchen and very useful it is. It consists of:

1 set of **Vdealen Unisex's LED Battery Powered Emergency Lights**. Very useful they come with a hook to hang them from, quite bright, put then in places not suitable for candles, hallway, toilet, kitchen etc. You get 4 in the pack and the batteries seem to last for ages. I put the batteries (3 x AAA) in them when they were new and haven't changed them since.

£8.99 on Amazon (*Use bold descriptions to search on Amazon*)



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And then last is the **Work Light Rechargeable LED Flashlight Emergency Light**. A rechargeable torch that is always available. Again holds its charge very well and is very bright on max but has three different settings. Has a hook, is magnetic and has USB's so it can charge phones etc. A very useful bit of kit. Ours is just hung up in the conservatory in case I need to check the garden at night. **£12**



Mick Maidens is the Owner of Kent PC's for Computer Repairs in Challock (Nr Ashford).

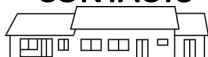
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There has been much excitement at Brook School these past couple of weeks, as children have been involved in constructing a

Celtic Roundhouse in the Forest School area at the top of our school field. Roundhouses were the standard form of housing for Celtic tribes, and were built from the natural materials they had available to them, with the walls being either dry stone or a ring of support poles. So far our Year 2 and Year 4 children have started work on the construction of our roundhouse using wooden poles, and other pupils are looking forward to contributing to the project.



We have been celebrating Science Week with a range of activities, including children using "junk" to make boats, investigating which materials and shapes are most effective. We

also had a visit from a planetarium, which gave children the opportunity to learn all sorts of fascinating facts about astronomy and the night sky.

We have had a visit from EqualiTeach this term, who delivered "Reject Racism" workshops for both children and staff. There were some really interesting sessions, which answered a lot of questions posed by children, and challenged us all to think about how we use language, and the impact of our behaviour. Children explored aspects of identity and the importance of not "judging a book by its cover", learnt what racism is and the harm it can cause, learnt about words they can use to describe people and which words should be avoided and why, and looked at what they can do to make sure their classroom is fair for everyone.

Our World Book Day celebration saw children and staff arrive at school in an array of outfits depicting their favourite characters from books, including *Miss Trunchbull*, *Mr. Twit* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Staff also shared snippets of their favourite books in assembly.

Chris Green Head Teacher



Boughton Aluph



CHURCHWARDENS' NOTES

As we write this we are aware that unless there is a real change there will be no services during April at St Christopher's or All Saints. This is very regrettable but necessary as the safety of our worshippers is paramount.

If services in the Benefice become available we shall publicise them on the Notice boards.

We hope to be able to have St Christopher's open during the day for people who may wish to spend a quiet time. Handwashing facilities are always available inside.

Please contact either of us if you wish. It doesn't have to be an important reason just a chat! Our thoughts are with you all. God Bless



Clare Hardwick and Rita Hawes Churchwardens

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Sunday Services during April at 3.00 pm. will be led by:

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Coffee Morning	Wednesday 15 April	from 10.15 to 11.45 am.
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday 29 April	2.30 pm.

Ray Davis 01233 626528

BOUGHTON AND EASTWELL GARDENING CLUB

Unfortunately our Spring Show has had to be abandoned. There was no talk planned for April as that was Show month.

No reason to be downhearted. Gardeners are always busy in spring and our gardens will look especially good this year with the extra time spent while travel is curtailed.

Plant a few extra or sow extra - remember the plant stall at the Summer Fayre in June.

Rita Hawes

BOUGHTON WITH EASTWELL WOMENS' INSTITUTE

This month's speaker, Samantha Secom gave tips to look out for financial scams and how to deal with them. She was most interesting and was very helpful to point out what to be aware of.

Someone may ring saying they are from the bank to say there is a problem with your account. They will ask for your password. Banks never ask for it. Never, ever give out your password – this is a scam.

The other scam frequently seen is the freebie scam. This is a free trial of a product for a fixed period. If the date at the end of that period is not recorded and the contract is not ended, the product will be charged for after that date. Remember you don't get something for nothing!

Cold calling offering investment information selling, is a scam. It is illegal in UK to do so.

The scam many of us have had, is a call from HMRC saying we have underpaid tax. If we don't pay at once over the phone, giving bank details, the police will be sent with an arrest warrant for you. Scam – HMRC always write, never phone to discuss tax details.

The next meeting will be on a lighter note on **April 9th** at 7.30 pm in the Iron Room where the subject will be 'The history of Goldenhurst' in Aldington.

Ann S Hardie 636535

BOUGHTON ALUPH LITTER COLLECTION

The next collection takes place on **April 11th**. Meet at the Flying Horse Inn, 11am to collect the rubbish despoiling our village and affecting the wildlife. All the equipment required is available, paid for by the Parish Council.

Ann S Hardie 01233 636535

BOUGHTON LEES PLEASURE FAYRE SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 1–5 pm

Plans for the Fayre continue. I have written to local companies and craft enthusiasts to have stalls at the Fayre. The Kent MG Owners Club are attending as is Friends of King's Wood who organise interesting walks in King's Wood. There will also be a dog show – always fun! The Eastwell Birds of Prey will give a display. I hope Boris the Eagle Owl, will be there too. Champneys will provide the BBQ and ice cream stalls.

I hope you are sowing seeds and taking cuttings for the Plant stall, looking out books for the Book stalls and odds and ends for the White Elephant stall. Remember – no jumble.

Help to run the stalls is essential. Please let me know which stalls you would like to run or help with to make the Fayre fun for everyone and profitable for the Iron Room and the Green.

Ann S Hardie 636535

Article Deadline is by 9 am on **15th of the month** by email to the Benefice Office in **Microsoft word format** (*sorry, but other formats including PDF are difficult to use and we may have to leave them out*). Please make sure the subject of the email is 'magazine article subject XX'. We can then quickly find emails and ensure your article is included whenever possible.

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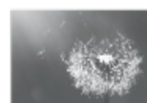
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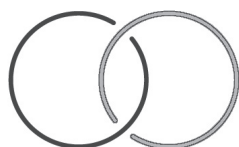
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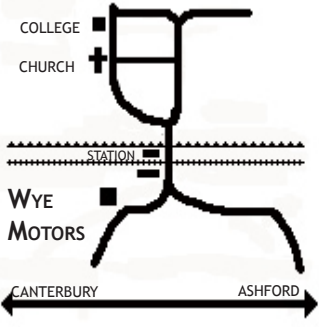
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