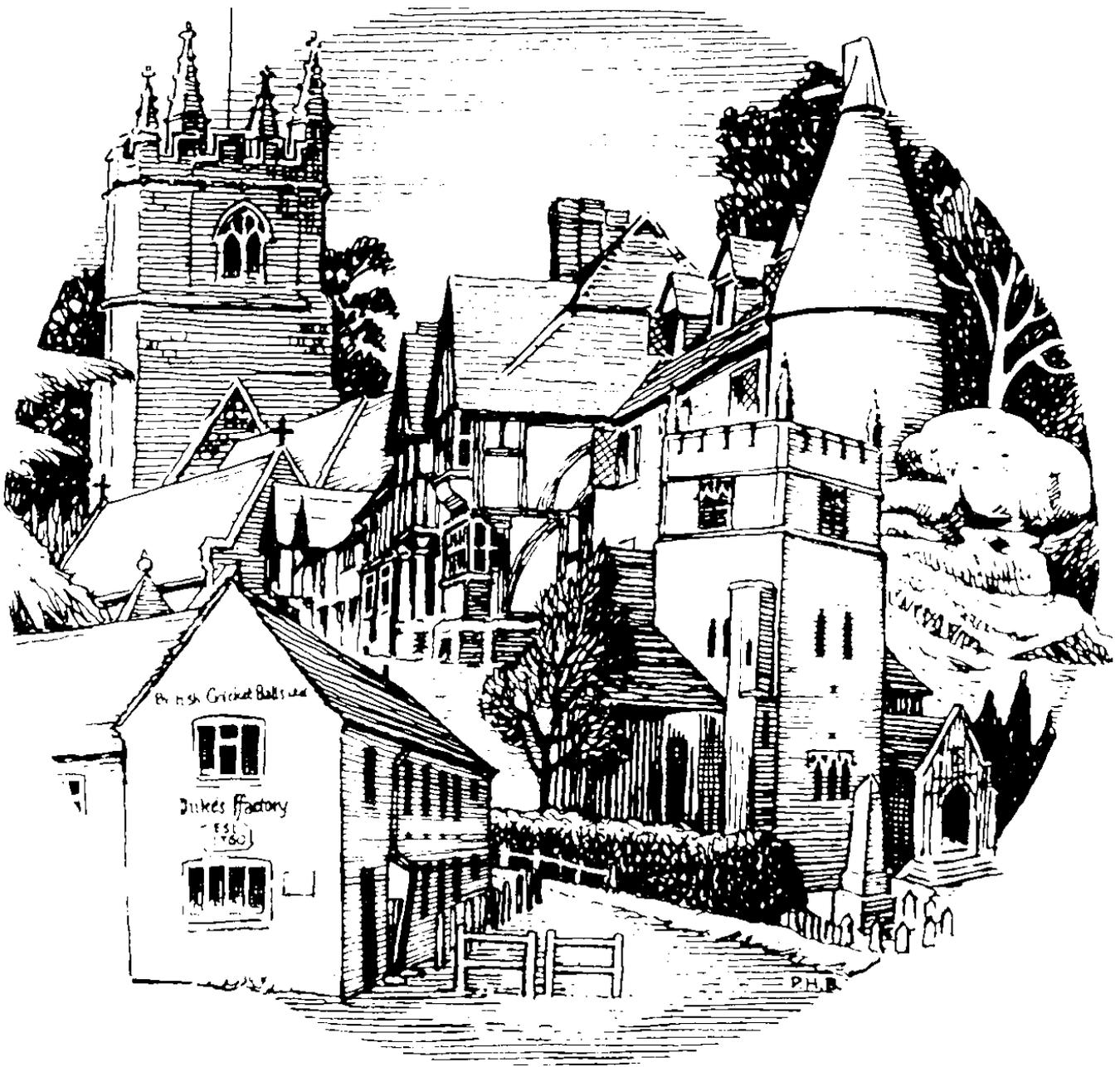


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**Forthcoming Events**

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Activities at Bore Place	see page 17
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Youth Club nights (hopefully these are the correct dates!)	see page 9
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	
Parish Litter Pick and Bulk Refuse Freighter	see page 6
Penshurst Farmers' Market/Blackham Village Café and Market	see page 15
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	
Summer Vintage Fair at Chiddingstone Castle	see page 13
Forest Church at Chiddingstone Village Hall and garden	see page 7
Hever Castle Festival of Endurance	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Age UK meetings in The Causeway Hall	see page 11
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Chiddingstone WI Jubilee Party	see pages 10 and 11
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Meeting re St Luke's and Mary's Church Fete	see page 8
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Chiddingstone Summer Dance</b>	<b>see page 16</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Kentish Opera – Live in the Orangery at Chiddingstone Castle	see page 14
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Crafternoon in the Parish Room	see page 10
Bingo evening in The Causeway Hall	see page 11
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Samurai Arms and Armour Talk at Chiddingstone Castle	see page 14
Coalminers – New Orleans Funk at Chiddingstone Castle	see page 14
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Chiddingstone Over 60's meeting	see page 7
Parish Council Meeting	see page 6
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>MAGAZINE COPY BY 12 NOON PLEASE!</b>	<b>see page 6</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	
<b>St Luke's and St Mary's Church Fete</b>	<b>see pages 8 and 22</b>

**FROM THE RECTORY**

A few weeks ago, we went on holiday to Devon and stayed in a remote area without Wi-Fi or mobile phone reception. Removed from our usual connection with online news, emails or even text messages, we immersed ourselves in books. I read about Ernest Shackleton, Giles Fraser, some of the Presidents of the United States of America and Izzie read about John Donne. It was so interesting to find out more about their lives, what motivated them, what struggles they faced, and what great actions they achieved.

We have just been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we have all watched and listened to many accounts of her majesty's life, from her childhood, through the decades of her reign, including previously unseen footage of her own cine films.

Some of you will be old enough like me to remember the television programme "This is your Life" with Eamonn Andrews several decades ago. Now, more than ever, we are invited to watch, listen to or read about the lives of famous celebrities. It is fascinating to hear about the lives of people who are well-known, and to find out more about their life story. But what about the lives of ordinary people? Also, while we were on holiday, we tuned into Radio 4 and heard a thought-provoking programme called 'Sketches', in which the lives of ordinary people were portrayed through paintings, song, and poetry. Listeners were invited to send in the story of their lives in 400 words. It was such a creative way to give honour and respect to the lives of people who considered themselves to be of no particular interest.

A few days later there was an article in *The Guardian* about a project started in hospices. For people at the end of their lives, a new charity "*Stories for Life*" trains 'life biographers' to record the memories of people in hospices, receiving palliative care and those in residential homes. The charity says, "We believe everyone has a story to tell and a legacy to leave behind". This charity intends to foreground the lives of ordinary people and highlight the importance of every person's life.

As I meet with families when they are planning a funeral service for a family member, it is a privilege to hear the life story of their loved one. As I meet people in the community, prepare wedding couples, organise baptism services, and spend time with people in their homes, I am interested in hearing about our diverse lives, with all their twists and turns. And yet we can feel insignificant at times.

But every life is important, and there is a reason for all of us to be alive and part of the world. In Psalm 139 the psalmist writes:

*"For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

As we approach the holiday season, perhaps we can find the time to reflect on our own life stories and be thankful for those people and situations that have helped us to become who we are. The world would not be the same without each of us making our mark and sharing our lives with others for mutual encouragement. I often pray that God will bless us, but I also believe that each of us can be a blessing to others – so over to you!

With my love, Bill

## SCHOOL NEWS

The final term is always a busy one and this year is no different. The school is full of the sounds of children singing 'A Spoonful of Sugar' and 'Superfragilistic' as they rehearse for our Summer Production, 'Mary Poppins'. The traditional Maypole Dancing took place on a hot Thursday afternoon and we have had more exciting trips! Here is what the children have been up to:

In Reception class we started our new topic Big Wide World. So far, we have had fun looking at the world map, google earth - we found Chiddingstone School, different climates around the globe and crucially how children live around the world with different cultures and religions. We have had visitors in the classroom to help the children understand more about our diverse world, which is exciting.

It is now the final term and Year 1 are in full swing into the Rio de Vida topic. Shuffling their dancing feet, stepping to the samba beat, shake 'n' shimmying with their hands in the air and waving flags in the cool night air. They will join the party down in Rio, keeping the rhythm with party shakers and using bright colours, patterns and feathers to make carnival masks. The children will encounter magical creatures from Brazil's myths and legends and create their own too. They will learn about Rio, where football is king, practise their skills and will be celebrating with fabulous music and song. Bem-vindo ao Brasil os meus amigos.

This term's topic *Beat, Band and Boogie* is a musical one that will assist in developing our knowledge and appreciation of musical instruments, lyrics and composition. We have got stuck in straight away and made our own splendid drums. The topic will lead us nicely into this year's summer production of *Mary Poppins*, and we will soon begin to practise ready for our singing and dancing roles. Can't wait! We have started a new class text *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. In this excellent story, Plop, a baby barn owl, is like every barn owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark! "Dark is nasty," he says and, so he won't go hunting with his parents.

The final term is upon us and Year 3 children are really enjoying our new topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious', learning about food and diet. The children have been exploring where our food comes from, reducing food miles and how to promote Fair Trade. To accompany our topic, we have been reading *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*, which has created lots of great discussion and imagination in the classroom. Maypole celebrations are in full swing and the children are looking forward to singing 'Food Glorious Food' to fit in with our topic! Obviously, the term wouldn't be complete without a visit to the chocolate factory, which we are very much looking forward to at the end of term.

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It's bright lights and loud noise in Y4 as we investigate how to construct electrical circuits to illuminate tiny lamps and share our favourite songs of all time. The back catalogue of the rock band, Queen, seems to be popular this year. We are brushing off our boaters and fluffing up our feathers for a lavish production of Mary Poppins in which we shall be crooning about how a certain nanny brings verve to any vacation. The entire school will be dropping their aitches before the month is out!

Year 5 spent last week at Windmill Hill, They were busy enjoying canoeing and raft building on the lake (needless to say we had some very wet children). They conquered some of their fears on Jacob's Ladder and the Big Swing and bonded around the camp fire and in their dorms. Since they have come back, they have been busy perfecting their Maypole dance – fingers crossed that it goes well!

Year 6 has recently returned from a residential trip to the Isle of Wight. The class wrote postcards to let us know how they were getting on:

George had initially had his reservations about the coach and ferry: *At first, I was worried that the journey would be really long and boring but, luckily, I was sat next to Sam, who I played games with. This made it feel really short.*

The 3D swing made quite an impression on Issy: *Today was the best day of my life as well as the scariest. The 3D swing was mind blowing - absolutely terrifying! When my partner yanked the string, I almost passed out. We flew through the air so high; I screamed soooo much!*

The food was the highlight for Ethan: *What a trip! The Isle of Wight was amazing! I enjoyed everything: the food, the beds, the dorms and the activities. My favourite part was the food though - there was loads of it!*

On a final, and more upsetting note, many of you will have heard that our school mini bus was stolen from our car park recently and stripped of its engine, other parts and vandalised. It is a right-off! The impact that this has had on the school has been significant. The theft of our school minibus really does represent a new low because of the very real impact it has on our children's education.

Firstly, in practical terms, not being able to transport children for planned educational trips and visits and sporting events at a time when they are once again able to experience and enjoy these opportunities, having lost out on so many of these over the last 2 years of their lives due to Covid restrictions and school closures.

Also, the significant cost implications of replacing a school minibus. For a small village school this is a large item when budgets are tight, and costs are going up, and this is an unforeseen and additional expense. Our minibus was well loved but 20 years old (although had many years still left in it) and therefore unfortunately its insurance market value will fall woefully short of the costs of replacing it with a new bus.

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So, we are looking at all avenues to raise funds including starting a crowdfunding appeal in a bid to help get a replacement. Details can now be found on our Just Giving page of the website and on the school Instagram account. Its current target is £20,000. Link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-clarke-766?utm\\_term=jBEajgZaW](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-clarke-766?utm_term=jBEajgZaW)

It would be helpful if this crowdfunding can be shared far and wide to give us the best chance of securing the funds we need. In addition, if members of our community are aware of any grants or local business support that could help us in our efforts to raise the money required, it would be much appreciated.



### **CHIDDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**1. Planning:** the following applications have been approved by Sevenoaks District Council:

SE/22/01039/HOUSE and SE/22/01040/LBCALT: Brook Cottage, Wellers Town Road, Chiddingstone Hoath - reinstatement of fire damaged pottery and greenhouse.

SE/22/01119/WTCA: Chiddingstone Village Hall – oak tree, reduce crown by 30%, thin crown by 0-20% and raise canopy to 5m above ground level.

SE/22/00820/HOUSE: 2 Lakeside Close, Bough Beech - erection of glass balustrade around existing flat roof and erection of retractable awning.

SE/ 22/00490/HOUSE: Hillside, Chiddingstone Hoath - replacement of existing ground floor windows and doors with bifolding doors.

SE/22/00671/HOUSE: Squirrels, Ryewell Hill, Chiddingstone Hoath - three velux windows into roof on side elevations.

**2. Licensing:** SE/22/01563/LAPRE: Lockskimmers Farm, Chiddingstone: premises licence application for the supply of alcohol across 160 acres at Lockskimmers Farm between 11am and 9pm. This application will go to a Licensing Hearing. If anyone has any comments, please let me know.

**3. Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** what a wonderful parish celebration of the Queen's Jubilee! The weather was kind to us despite the forecast and many people came to enjoy the event in the grounds of Chiddingstone Castle. Huge thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event.

**4. Replacement of the Water Main on B2027:** SES Water has advised that there is an additional stretch of water main that needs replacing and therefore the works have been extended until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August on the B2027 in Chiddingstone Causeway. The team will then move onto Camp Hill, which will hopefully be completed by early October. SES Water apologise for the disruption this will cause local residents and businesses.

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**5. Parish Litter Pick:** the next parish litter pick will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.30am, meeting at The Wheatsheaf in Bough Beech, Richards Close in Chiddingstone Causeway, by the green in Chiddingstone Hoath and in Wellers Town. Litter pickers, gloves and high visibility vests will be provided. Please do lend a hand if you've got an hour to spare.

**6. The Bulk Refuse Freighter** will next visit the parish on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July stopping at:

The Rock Inn, Chiddingstone Hoath	10.30-11.15
The Wheatsheaf Inn, Bough Beech	11.30-12.15
Richards Close, Chiddingstone Causeway	12.30-13.15

There is a list of items that will be accepted on our website. Please do not leave any rubbish unattended.

**7. Family Fun Play Event:** this will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm to 5pm. More details to follow.

**8. Next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm in Chiddingstone Causeway Hall. Do come along.

If you would like more information on any of these issues, or anything else, please let me know.



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**I am sure no one wants to be without the Chiddingstone magazine!**

**And at present I have a bad attack of Covid so I wish I wasn't still doing it!**

## **EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S ON SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Thank you all so much for the really special Service you arranged for me on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate 28 years to the day since my ordination to the priesthood in Rochester Cathedral.

Thank you to those who planned and organised the Service. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Thank you to Rev'd Bill MacDougall, to Rev'd Lisa Cornell, to Bob Wilson our organist and the choir members from Chiddingstone and Penshurst. Thank you also to the Bell Ringers, to those who provided and served the delicious refreshments and to John Gordon-Reid for making sure that I made the journey from St Barnabas College, Lingfield to St Mary's church, Chiddingstone – and back! I hope you all enjoyed the Service as much as I did.

Take care and keep on going on with the Lord's help.

With happy memories and my love, Jean Lorimer

## **CHIDDINGSTONE FOREST CHURCH NEWS**

We have had such a great year building a bug hotel, visiting Becketts Farm, getting to know the wildflowers and trees in the churchyard, visiting the woods and so much more. Our final Forest Church for this academic year is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July in Chiddingstone Village Hall and garden at 3.45pm for 4pm, where we will have a global theme and think about transitions.

The new academic year starts with a Chiddingstone Forest Church BBQ, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm for 4pm also in Chiddingstone Village Hall and garden. There will be a short service, great food and drink, and fun for all ages. The recommended donation is £10 - £25, depending on the size of the family. Everyone is welcome, so do look out for advertising around the villages.

An advance notice is for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – the second Sunday of the month instead of the usual first Sunday. Chris Lloyd, well-known author and educator, will be helping us to explore mysteries of the natural world. Look out for notices of the venue for this event which will be held at 3.45pm for 4pm.

Izzie MacDougall and the Forest Church Team

## **THE CHIDDINGSTONE OVER 60's**

The Over 60's met at Paul and Hilary Allen's this month and their garden looked amazing on a glorious sunny day. All our members had a wonderful time enjoying a super tea under the shade.

Next month our meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Bob and Jane Ann Golds. Pick up time 2.15pm. If you wish to have any more information, please contact either:

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## **CHRISTIAN AID**

A huge THANK YOU to all who kindly supported our fundraising for Christian Aid week again this year. Despite not having a coffee morning, we have been able to send a fantastic £335 from the Chiddingstones to Christian Aid and this will grow with Gift Aid.

Many thanks also to Rita and Maggie for putting the envelopes into the magazines and to Amanda for selling marmalade after Church which helped swell the total.

Louise

## **THE VILLAGE JUBILEE FAIR**

A HUGE THANKYOU to the Parish Council for planning such a day of delights for our Village Jubilee Fair and to everyone who volunteered to help. The Castle grounds were a perfect setting and it was a pleasure to see so many families enjoying the day. It seemed like a simpler revival of our traditional July village fete. Please could we do it again next year?

## **ST LUKE'S AND ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE**

It is very exciting that St Luke's and St Mary's Fete is coming back to the old Causeway Cricket ground on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** starting at 2pm. Please put it in your diary and tell all your friends. Thank you to all those who came to the last meeting - the next meeting is in the Parish Room on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Please come along with ideas and if you wish to help in any capacity.

If you have any items for the Tombola or anything else, please bring them to the meeting. Tombola items can be left with Rosie Jones at Jessops, Charcott TN11 8LP or with her daughter, Harriet Best at Park Holt TN11 8HY.

Alice Peterkin Tel: 01892 870503/07733 132919



## **NURSERY NEWS!**

For Father's Day we painted our own tie as a gift for all our daddies and talked about all the special things they do for us.

We have been watching our caterpillars grow and now they have become chrysalides. They will remain like this for around 7-14 days. We so enjoy the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and learning a new song about their life cycle before we release them in our garden.

The children have planted their own lettuce seeds and have a diary that they can record the growth and add pictures as they watch them grow. We are also growing other vegetables in our courtyard area to pick when they are ready.

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The Nursery is allocating sessions for September. If you would like to look on the Nursery website for further information please do so or contact the Nursery for a virtual tour.

**Website address: <http://chiddingstonenursery.co.uk>**

**E-mail: [chiddnursery@btconnect.com](mailto:chiddnursery@btconnect.com) or**

**Telephone: Mrs J McCoy, Chiddingstone Nursery Tel: 01892 871315**

### **YOUTH CLUB NEWS**

As I haven't heard from Chris about the Youth Club for July, I am hoping that the dates will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July.

We meet every other Friday from 7pm - 8.30pm in the village hall. We definitely need help, so parents or older ex-youth club members who can lend a hand, we would be very grateful. Chris, Rich and Anna [cp170933@gmail.com](mailto:cp170933@gmail.com)

### **THE TULIP TREE**

We're pausing the Supper Club for a couple of months as both the Tea room and the chefs are too busy to be able to do it justice. If you are interested in coming along to one of the events in the future then please send us your email address and we'll keep you in the loop. We promise we won't bombard you with anything else.

As we head to the end of the school year, why not pick up something from the shop as a thank you to your teachers. Most are regular visitors at the Tea room (for a takeaway lunch), so what about a gift voucher that could be used in the shop or Tea room?

We are getting regular deliveries of beautiful locally grown plants so keep your eyes open as they are great plants with limited miles on them and cheaper than a garden centre.

If you have kids at home in the holidays (or weekends) who are wanting a bit of work, get them to pop in and see Hugo or Claire in the Tea room or email [tea@thetuliptree.com](mailto:tea@thetuliptree.com)

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### **CHIDDINGSTONE WI**

The first weekend in June saw us celebrate, along with the nation, our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were delighted to be asked to host a cake and craft stall at the Parish Fun Day and our members, who never fail to disappoint, provided a vast array of cakes in all shapes and sizes which, we are glad to say, sold out by the afternoon. We also had a selection of handmade crafts and goods, including knitted teddies and cards, which proved very popular. We were extremely fortunate with the weather and the rain held off long enough for us to enjoy the day. Thank you to the Parish societies for organising such a great day for all parishioners, friends and family. Cont/...

It was our honour to judge the best cake competition and I can confirm that a very sweet young lady called Poppy won the children's class with a super, vibrant red, white and blue sponge and Kylie from Chiddingstone won the adult class with an amazing red, white and blue coloured sponge piped with an intricate and beautiful buttercream topping in the form of a Union Jack. Congratulations to both of you. As a WI we also entered a Jubilee card making competition and I am delighted to say that our entry won, beating stiff opposition from other WI's, and our pop up style card has been sent to the Queen on behalf of West Kent WI Federation. Congratulations to Elaine who made the card.

At our June meeting we held a social evening and ran a 'Would I Lie to you' guessing game so newer members could get to know each other better. It was a fun game and we can honestly say that some very interesting facts came out about some of our members! On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, several ladies are running the group for the members meeting. We will be having our own, belated, Jubilee party and we hope to have most of our members there. If you would like to join us, visitors are always welcome, especially past members who may wish to pop along to see long standing friends. There will be cake... and merriment! Do come! On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we will be hosting the monthly Crafternoon in the Parish Rooms, Chiddingstone Causeway, 2pm - 4pm for the princely sum of £2. Guests welcome as always.

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If you would like to join us, we usually meet in Chiddingstone Causeway Hall every first Tuesday at 7.30 for 7.45pm, and have a variety of speakers, workshops and demonstrations, as well as social evenings. You will receive a warm welcome and have the opportunity to socialise and make new friends, especially if you are new to the Village although it should be said you do not have to reside in Chiddingstone to join. We have members from Speldhurst, Langton Green, Groombridge, Mark Beech, Hever, Cowden and many more so please do not be shy in coming to meet us if you live further afield than Chiddingstone itself. Interested? Do contact our President Elaine King (telephone 01892 871536). You can also follow us on Facebook to see what we have been involved with. Details are [www.facebook.com/chiddingstoneWI](http://www.facebook.com/chiddingstoneWI)

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### **THE CAUSEWAY HALL**

The perfect venue to hire for parties, weddings and special events. For further information on hire fees, availability and to make a booking please go to our **website, [www.causewayhall.co.uk](http://www.causewayhall.co.uk)**

To keep up to date with all the events and classes in your local village hall please follow us on facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/TheCausewayHall> Cont/...

For any enquiries and further information or if you would like to start a class or book an event please **email, [enquiries@causewayhall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@causewayhall.co.uk)** or phone 07597 271974.

Our very popular **Causeway Hall Breakfasts** have returned to the hall. The next date Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July and every other Sunday following, served from 8am -11.am. Come along and start the day with one of our home cooked delicious breakfasts, a perfect start for a walk in the wonderful surrounding countryside. Cash only please and for vegetarian options, please email a request in advance.

**Chiddingstone WI** is held at The Causeway Hall on the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Guests always welcome - £3 charge includes wine, tea or coffee and cake. New members welcome - £44 for whole year commencing 1st April 2022.

For further information contact Elaine King on 01892 871536, follow them on [www.Facebook.com/chiddingstoneWI](https://www.facebook.com/chiddingstoneWI) to keep up to date with all their news.

Our next **Bingo evening** is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and every other Tuesday evening 8pm - 9.30pm. Join in for a fun and friendly evening and try your luck at winning some prizes! £1 entry includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

Come and support our friendly, turn up and play **Table Tennis club**, every Monday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Open to everyone aged 16 years and over, from beginners to experienced players. Join in for some practice and a friendly game.

We have a variety of classes currently running in the hall for all ages. Groups include pilates, yoga, yoga and mindfulness. On Wednesday afternoon and evening, we have a very popular **dog and puppy training class** run by the very experienced Sandra Giles. Dance classes in the hall include adult tap, jazz, exercise and dance classes and for younger dancers, **Mini Ballet/Mini Movers** for ages 2-6.

For further details of all our clubs and activities please take a look at our facebook page or website calendar for information and contact details.

For the younger members of our community, every Thursday 9.45am - 10.30am we have **Mini Notes**, a pre school music class for children aged 0-5 - siblings are very welcome. There are a range of activities to encourage learning but most of all lots of fun. For more information please email [mininotesltd@gmail.com](mailto:mininotesltd@gmail.com) or [www.mininotes.co.uk](http://www.mininotes.co.uk) and <https://www.facebook.com/mininotesltd>

**Age UK** continue with their regular coffee mornings including exercise, mobility and balance classes at 10.45am – 12 noon every other Monday. The next sessions are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July. A chance to meet new friends and have some gentle exercise. For further information, contact Sue Larken Tel; 01732 454108 or email [suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk](mailto:suelarken@ageuksevenoaksandtonbridge.org.uk)

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** the Hall will host a family fun day with a variety of stalls and games and performances by members of **The Angel Dance Group** throughout the day. Save the date and come and support the local dance group and fund raising for MIND. For tickets and further information please call Ellie Spence on 07818 170557 or email [angeldancecompany.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:angeldancecompany.ltd@gmail.com)

## SERVICES FOR JULY 2022

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 10am	<b>July – The Third Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion Reader – Alicia Sinclair Intercessor – Hilary Allen	St Mary's
4pm	Forest Church	Chid Village Hall and garden
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	<b>July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b> Morning Prayer Readers – David Hunt and Chris Lloyd Intercessor – Izzie MacDougall	St Mary's
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	<b>July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion with Discoverers Reader – Helen Barnes Intercessor – Mark and Mervyn Streatfeild	St Mary's
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	<b>July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion Reader – Hilary Lambert Lambeth Intercessor – Dennis Ward	St Mary's
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b> United Benefice Service Reader – Bob Golds Intercessor – Chris Lloyd	St Mary's
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	<b>August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion Reader – Robert Hunt Intercessor – Paul Allen	St Mary's

## **Benefice of Penshurst, Fordcombe and the Chiddingstone Churches: July 2022**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: The Third Sunday after Trinity**

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St John the Baptist, Penshurst

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St Mary the Virgin, Chiddingstone

4pm: Forest Church in Chiddingstone Village Hall and Garden

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

8am: Said Holy Communion in St John the Baptist, Penshurst

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St Peter's, Fordcombe

10am: Matins in St Mary the Virgin, Chiddingstone

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St John the Baptist, Penshurst

10am: Sung Holy Communion with Discoverers in St Mary the Virgin, Chiddingstone

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St John the Baptist, Penshurst

10am: Sung Holy Communion in St Mary the Virgin, Chiddingstone

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

10am: United Benefice Sung Holy Communion in St Mary the Virgin, Chiddingstone

6pm: United Benefice Lammastide Evening Service in Poundsbridge Chapel



### **What's On**

For more details and how to book tickets please visit our website  
[www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/whats-on/)

#### **Summer Vintage Fair - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 11am – 4.30pm**

Step back in time with our vintage themed family day. We have shopping, food stalls and vintage style entertainment with vocals from Miss Vintage and the Homefront Lindy Hop dancers.

Adults £7.50 | Children (5-14yrs) £2.50 | Under 5's Free

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### **Kentish Opera - Live at the Orangery - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

A return of the acclaimed Kentish Opera to Chiddingstone Castle. Join us for either an **afternoon (2pm)** or **evening (6pm)** performance of fabulous music - our professional soloists and first-class chorus will be presenting a fully costumed show featuring classic choruses, well-loved arias and one or two lesser-known pieces to keep you on your toes.

### **Samurai Arms and Armour Talk – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Noon**

Included with your admission ticket, Ian Morgan is presenting a talk in the Japanese room where he will cover Samurai Arms, Armour, Swordsmiths and how to become a Master Swordsmith in today's Japan.

### **COALMINERS New Orleans Funk - Live at the Orangery - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm – 4.30pm**

This brilliant band brings the rhythm and soul of New Orleans funk alive, taking their name from the Toussaint/Dorsey classic 'Working in A Coalmine'. Bring your picnic blanket and chairs.

### **Ancient Egyptian activities for all the family, budding and expert Egyptologists**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 11am – 4.15pm**

To celebrate the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb 100 years ago and the deciphering of the Egyptian hieroglyphs 200 years ago, using the Rosetta Stone, Chiddingstone Castle is proud to host expert talks and family activities for all ages. A day to explore Denys Bower's Ancient Egyptian collection.

### **Stevie Wonder Celebration - Live at the Orangery – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm – 4.30pm**

Celebrating the life-time genius of Stevie Wonder, the mesmeric vocalist, Noel McCalla, and award-winning saxophonist, Derek Nash, with a band on top of musicians, play a wide-ranging catalogue of Stevie Wonder's classic hits. Bring your picnic blanket and chairs.

### **Visit Us**

The castle, tea room and courtyard and shop are open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11am - 5pm, with last admission at 4.15pm. Our friendly team look forward to welcoming you to our historic house and the fascinating collections of Japanese, Stuart and Jacobite, Ancient Egyptian, and Buddhist art and artefacts.

The grounds are open all year from 7am – 6.30pm, subject to private events. Please pop £3 in the honesty box by the car park or use the QR code. Please keep all dogs on leads. Fishing is available, please see our website for more information.

### **Donate and Support our Charity**

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We're back at Penshurst Farmers Market this July with the best local seasonal food and drink

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30am – 12pm**  
**Penshurst Place Visitor Car Park**

It's summertime and the living is definitely easy at Penshurst this month. Eating in July is all about keeping things simple as the harvest of gloriously fresh local produce reaches a peak. Getting outside in the countryside is the best idea this month, weather permitting, and you'll want to spend as little time as possible in the kitchen.

So what to put in your basket in July? If you are planning a barbecue, pick up burgers, steaks, sausages and chops from our two meat producers and local game dealer, Kieron's Game or choose wonderful fresh fish and seafood up from Hastings. Michael Bourne of The Groombridge Farm Shop will be back with us for freshly picked strawberries and raspberries. There's also plenty of choice for easy picnics or beach trips with Scotch eggs, cold pies, pates and dips, brownies and buns.

Snacks, teas and coffee are available at the Porcupine Pantry.

Parking is plentiful, free and close by. Dogs and families welcome. If you miss us this month we'll be back on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, same time, same place.

**Find us on Facebook**

**Find us on Twitter and Instagram**

**[www.kfma.org.uk/Penshurst](http://www.kfma.org.uk/Penshurst)**

## **BLACKHAM VILLAGE CAFÉ AND MARKET**

(first Saturday of every month except January)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**10.00am – 12.30pm**

### **BLACKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Meet your friends at "The Stage" café, enjoy filter coffee, tea and a piece of delicious homemade cake! Produce for sale at the market includes: bread, free range eggs, pasties and other baked savouries, cakes, scones, preserves, wild bird food, pottery, pre-loved clothing and flowers, plus other exciting goodies

*Blackham Village Hall is a registered charity whose sole purpose is to promote and maintain the hall for the enjoyment of and benefit of the community*

### **Hildenborough Farmers' Market**

is held every Tuesday 9am - 11am at St John's Church Centre, Hildenborough. 402 bus stops outside. Contact: Janet Richardson, Manager Tel: 01732 838903.

[www.hildenboroughfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.hildenboroughfarmersmarket.co.uk) Find us on Facebook and Twitter too.

# CHIDDINGSTONE SUMMER DANCE

2022

WHEN:

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**7pm-1am**

WHERE:

**CHIDDINGSTONE  
SPORTS GROUND**

**IT'S BACK - THE VILLAGE BOP!**

**Featuring live music from "Shakeout".  
DJ, Bar and BBQ.**

**Tickets: £10 Adults (16+), £5 Kids (10-15), Under 10s free  
Buy Online: [bookitbee.com/chidd-dance](http://bookitbee.com/chidd-dance) or in local stores**



This is a non-profit community event being organised  
and underwritten by Chiddingstone Badgers RFC.  
Any proceeds will be shared to promote local community sport.

## **BORE PLACE**

Here are our events for July, which can be booked online at [www.boreplace.org/whatson](http://www.boreplace.org/whatson):

### **Wildlife Gardening Club: Camera Trapping on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July (10am – 1pm)**

*Adults: FREE*

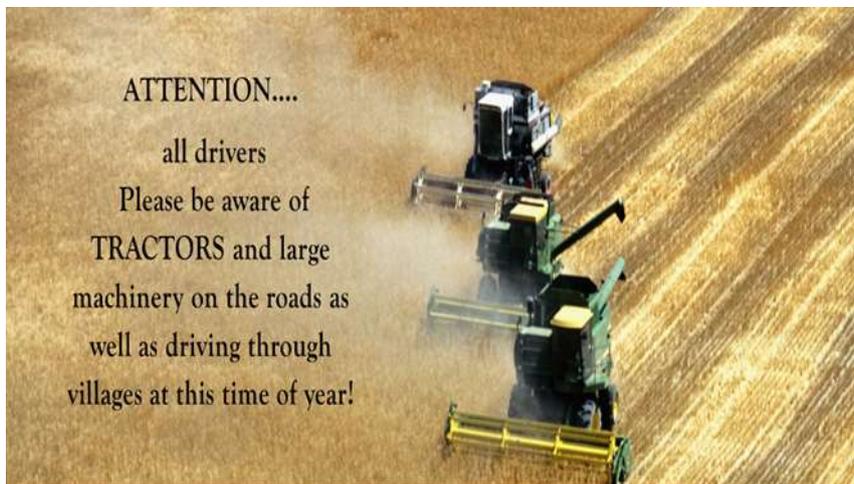
This month you will learn to set up and use a wildlife camera trap. The group will also set a camera trap to review the following session. This workshop is part of a year-long FREE Wildlife Gardening Club at Bore Place, offered in collaboration with North West Kent Countryside Partnership. The club meets every Friday (10am-1pm) at Bore Place.

### **ID Walk: Reptiles on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (7:30am – 11:30am)**

*Adults £8.00, Children £6.00*

Survey the reptiles found at Bore Place and learn ID skills to recognise UK native species such as slow worms, common lizards and great crested newts and where to look for these species. This session is suitable for beginners as well as enthusiasts!

*Bore Place is an environmental NGO based in Chiddingstone, Kent. Visitors can park on-site and explore the stunning 500-acre organic farm with several walking routes to choose from.*



The increase in farm traffic is due to farmers getting the crops in.  
Thank you so much for your co-operation.

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR MP**

We have so many fantastic businesses on our doorstep. Some are small branches of big national companies, with many others being smaller local businesses. No matter the size of the business, they are often staffed by brilliant, friendly, and welcoming local people. I have visited so many of them that I've got a good idea of the talents different businesses bring to our community as they each invest in Tonbridge and Malling. They create jobs, and a better service for everybody.

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For some, the results are international – NIAB EMR in East Malling have transformed the science of agriculture, looking at ways that we can farm and grow more efficiently. They've just seen £11 million invested in their new Green Tech Hub, a state-of-the-art research facility, that they kindly asked me to open.

For others, their national – Trooli is an amazing, ultra-fast broadband network that has only just opened new offices in Kings Hill. This nerve centre of the new online economy will help many of us stay connected and see opportunities grow for businesses.

Both of these wonderful investments in our local community connect us to the wider world and demonstrate the importance Kent's economy has to the country and the globe. With investment on this scale, comes jobs for our friends and neighbours giving us all the chance to grow and invest in our futures. This has never been more important.

Major businesses have to start somewhere and the start-up generation that is coming through is inspiring. So many new small businesses are popping up around our community started by people who have the courage to give it a go and believe in themselves. I have noticed so many in recent months offering opportunities to so many. That's inspiring and will create the roots for a stronger economy here in Kent, and across the United Kingdom.

If you are thinking about starting up a new business, or know of somebody who may be, please let me know. I'd always be happy to promote those who take a chance on us, and I will do all I can to support the growth of our community and the wider area.

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### **CHIDDINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB**

The season rollicks along. We are now nearly halfway through our league campaign. Our fortunes have been mixed this month with three victories followed by two consecutive defeats. This leaves us in third place, a mere two points back from the promotion places.

We continued our batting dominance of last month with our highest total of the season against Cudham Wyse 2nd XI. James Wilkes Green's 124\* was the centre piece, with support from Alex Hanwell (69), Jonathan Wilkes-Green (40) and Chris James (34\*). We amassed 322, a score which must rank as one of our highest ever recorded. Cudham batted gamefully in pursuit of this monumental target but fell short with 256 on the board. Wickets were shared evenly amongst the bowlers. Cont/...

Chevening Amblers was a lot more one-sided. Again, we piled on the runs, Harry Streatfeild notching up 133 in our 291/4. With only nine players, Chevening collapsed to 51 all out. An early finish but a rather underwhelming game of cricket. Meopham 2nd XI was a similar story, as we dismissed their youthful side for 74. Then George Talbot (58\*) made hay as we chased down this modest score in ten overs.

Our momentum stalled in the local derby against Stonewall Park. Put in the field, Jamie Leppard and Eddie Allwood bowled tidy opening spells, but Stonewall picked up the pace in the second half to post a testing 209/5. Chidd struggled to fire in reply, with local knowledge proving decisive in limiting our scoring opportunities. Ultimately, we spluttered to 175, recording our first defeat in a game where we were distinctly second best.

Last week saw the return of the infamous Chidd out, as Knockholt overwhelmed us with two devastating spells from their frontline bowlers. Between them, they shared eight wickets (at one point we were 19-7). Sam Kirkcaldy and Eddie fought a rearguard action, but the initial damage was too much to repair. We ended up with a paltry 91. Knockholt coasted home by nine wickets.

This weekend we host fellow relegation sufferers Hadlow. Hopefully we can bounce back. See you all in July. AH

### **STONEWALL PARK CRICKET CLUB**

Unfortunately, there is no report this month but Fred has promised me a bumper one next month!



## **Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham Scams Awareness**

### **Recognising a scam**

It's important to keep an eye out for scams. Here are some of the main warning signs:

- It seems too good to be true – eg. you've won a competition you don't remember entering.
- You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends; or you've been asked to pay for something urgently or in an unusual way.
- You're asked to give personal information or someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly.

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## How to protect yourself from scams

- Don't be rushed into making any quick decisions. It's okay to take your time.
- Never give money or personal details, like passwords or bank details, to anyone you don't know, trust or have only met online. If someone pressures you for these, it's most likely a scam.
- Before you buy anything, check the company or website you're using.
- Pay by debit or credit card. This gives you extra protection if things go wrong.
- Be suspicious. Take your time to work out if this is a real organisation.
- Keep your online accounts secure. Use a strong password for email accounts.

## What to do if you have been scammed

If someone has been scammed, there are 3 steps you need to take:

1. Protect yourself from further risks. Contact your bank immediately to let them know what's happened; also change any relevant log-in details.
2. Check if you can get your money back. You might be able to get your money back if you've paid for something by card, bank transfer, Direct Debit or PayPal.
3. Report the scam to help stop the criminals responsible. Call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 0808 223 1133; report the scam to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040.

It's also important for us to all talk about our experiences with family and friends. By letting them know what's happened they can be prepared, and together we can put a stop to scams.

Call our free Adviceline on **0808 278 7962**

Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm.

Email us at: [enquiries@edenbridgecab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@edenbridgecab.cabnet.org.uk) any time.

Drop in at our offices in the Eden Centre, Four Elms Road,  
Edenbridge TN8 6BY

## **CLEANER NEEDED**

Cleaner needed for three hours per week on a regular basis to support a busy family home. Please get in contact with Laura Tel: 07971 377436

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Family Fun Play Event

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### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Ancient Egyptian Activities at Chiddingstone Castle

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Stevie Wonder Celebration at Chiddingstone Castle

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Family Fun Day in The Causeway Hall

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Forest Church Barbecue

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**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Hever Castle Multisport Event

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Forest Church with Chris Lloyd

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Hever Castle Commando

**If any organisation has any further dates to add to this diary, please contact the editor. Hopefully, by publishing and keeping an ongoing list of planned events, we can avoid a clash of interests.**

Chiddingstone Churches

# Wonderful Traditional Fete



Chiddingstone  
Causeway Green

Sunday  
23 July  
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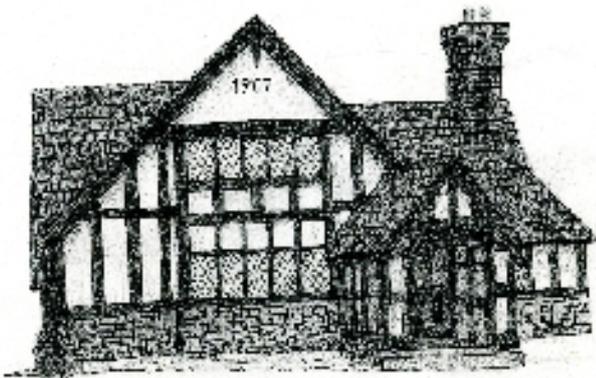
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