

HOTHFIELD NEWS

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VILLAGE MEETING

Saturday 13 November at 11am in the Village Hall

There will be a Village Meeting at the Village Hall on Saturday 13 November to discuss further the suggestions for spending the Solar Funding. Last year, residents provided a long list of possible projects, and the Parish Council has spent the year investigating viability and costs, and we can now update everyone on our findings and hopefully confirm where residents want the money spent.

One of the biggest concerns within the village is speeding, so we arranged for a Speed Survey to be completed on various roads around the village. We hope we will be able to report the findings at the Village Meeting .



Ashford Rock Choir

At St Margaret's Church
Hothfield TN26 1EL



On Saturday
November 27th 2021
at 7pm

Tickets £8 from Jay at the Post Office or
Karen at fsmhothfield@gmail.com

Refreshments Included

This concert dedicated to Sue Patten & Graham Warren

Ashford Rock Choir

As our final fun raising event of the year the Friends of St Margaret's have invited the Ashford Rock Choir to perform at St Margaret's Church, Hothfield

The concert will take place on November 27th starting at 7pm.

Tickets are £8 from Jay and Bina in the Hothfield shop or email Karen at fsmhothfield@gmail.com Refreshments included.

We are dedicating this joyous, heart-warming concert to Sue Patten and Graham Warren our two previous 'chairs' of the Friends of St Margaret's.

Rock Choir is the UK's leading contemporary award-winning choir experience offering local weekly rehearsals, performances and life-affirming events to more than 400 towns and communities across the UK.

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AUNT JEMIMA LOVES NOVEMBER

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds; November!

– Thomas Hood

No shave November, don't shave December, jungle January, furry February, mustache march, ape April, matted may, just shave it June.

You know why I love November 1st? 50% off Halloween candy!

Thank God it's finally November, I hate vembers.

Enough with 'Hi November. Please be good to me.' Start saying 'Hi November. I'll do better this time.'

I'm going to spend this month saying 'No.' I'll call it **November**.

Now that Halloween is over, it's Christmas all the way.

Bye October, thanks for being good to me. Hello November, let's talk.

Wishing you all a happy November! May it not fly by too quickly like all the other months!

November! One of my favourite months. I just want hide inside and cook fattening food.

November: NO being lazy, NO excuses, NO quitting, NO regrets.

Spring is brown; summer, green; autumn, yellow; winter, white; November, grey.

– Henry David Thoreau



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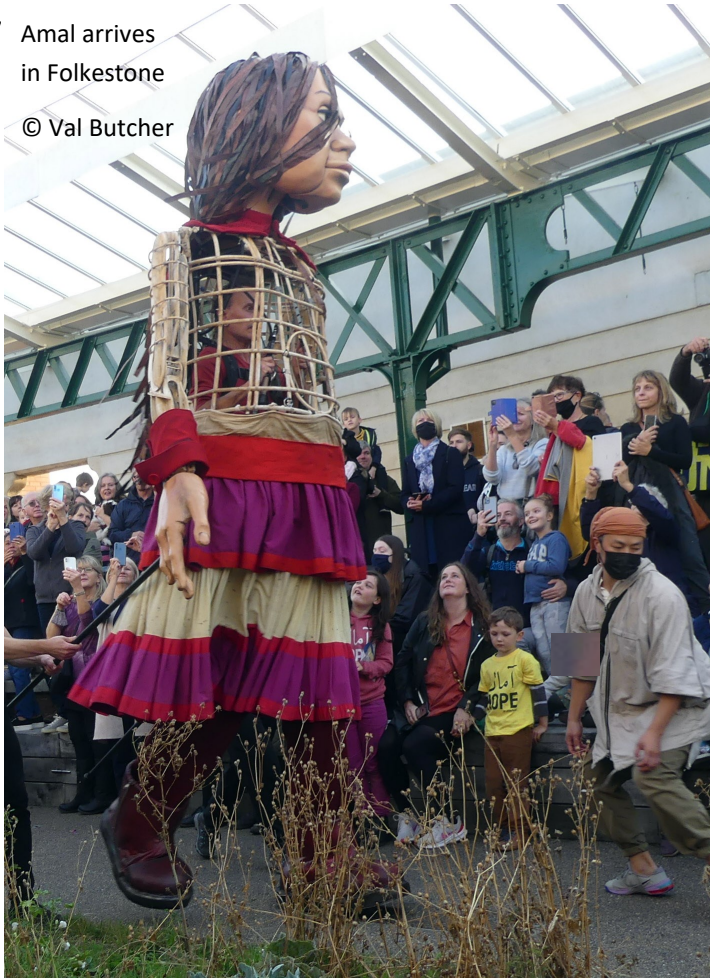


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Wednesday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Thursday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Friday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Saturday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1230

7 Amal arrives
in Folkestone

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A little girl on a BIG journey



Little Amal is the giant puppet at the heart of The Walk, travelling 8,000km in support of refugees.

In 2021, the 3.5 metre-tall living artwork of a young Syrian refugee child will walk across Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the UK to focus attention on the urgent needs of young refugees.

Amal's story began in Good Chance Theatre's award-winning play, *The Jungle*. The critically-acclaimed production was based on the stories Good Chance's founders Joe Murphy and Joe Robertson encountered when they created their first Theatre of Hope in the 2015 Calais refugee camp. Little Amal appeared as a character in *The Jungle* who represented the hundreds of unaccompanied minors in the Calais camp who were separated from their families. Following the success of *The Jungle*, which contributed to a global conversation about refugees and shared humanity, Good Chance felt Little Amal's story still had so much more to say.

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Saint Margaret's Church



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Rector: Rev. Sandra Marsh The Vicarage Pett Lane Charing Kent TN27 0DL Phone: 01233 713996 email: revsandramarsh@btinternet.com

THE BENEFICE OF CALEHILL WITH WESTWELL



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Services in November

Sunday 7 at 1100: The Eucharist

Sunday 14 at 1100: Remembrance

Sunday 28 at 1100: Family Worship

THANK YOU

To all the 21 people who attended the Harvest Ploughman's Lunch in the church on 10 October. £130 was raised to help with the ongoing upkeep of Saint Margaret's.

Walking Festival in Hothfield

The Friends would like to say a huge thank you to Sharon Butler and Nick Wheat for organising such a marvellously successful event as a fund raiser for the Friends of St Margaret's Church. There were well over one hundred people who turned out to walk and discover Hothfield's beautiful countryside. Some had travelled considerable distances; one couple came from Deal! We had a good sunny day and all walks were led by knowledgeable guides who gave up their time to help.

Upon their return, the church was open for lunches, cakes and drinks, hosted by the Friends using their wonderful new servery which was in full operation for the first time.

Thank you, everyone who organised, walked, baked, poured tea and washed up – we couldn't have done it without you.

Karen Brock
Chair of the Friends of Saint Margaret's



Sue Patten and Graham Warren

The Friends of Saint Margaret's are a very small team, and we are deeply sad that in just four months we have lost our two previous 'chairs' of the committee.

Sue Patten started the Friends of Saint Margaret's, Hothfield way back in the 1980s realising the need to help the Church maintain the fabric of the beautiful building. She headed up a small band of volunteers who gave up their time to put on fund-raising events. Looking back in the records, I see Bridge lunches, Tennis tournaments and of course, amongst others, the ubiquitous Christmas Tree and Flower Festivals.

Graham Warren took over in 2004, continuing the trend of leading the small but perfectly formed team.

Although very different in character, they both were very much leaders and team players who were not afraid of mucking in and 'getting their hands dirty'. Sue with her boundless enthusiasm and Graham with his dry wit would always be pillars of support within the community.

Over the years money raised has allowed us to re-carpet the church, cushion the pews and decorate the church, and now the new servery and proper flushing toilet are in place.

Sue and Graham will both be missed very much.

Karen Brock
Chair of the Friends of Saint Margaret's

Hothfield History Society

George Sainsbury's photos

My apologies to Ann Sainsbury that in last month's article I said that George Sainsbury's dad was also called George; in fact, he was Sidney. The shop at the current village Post Office and stores was called 'Sainsbury and Son'.

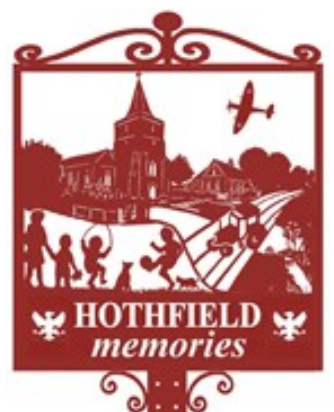
George's collection of photos and postcards contain some interesting views of the village and the Hothfield landscape. Postcards of the waterfall turn up from time to time, particularly on a well know on-line auction site, but pictures of the

lake above the waterfall are less common. The lake was man-made as part of the landscape of the country estate and could be seen from the Manor, and also provided a head of water to turn a pump that then supplied water to the Manor.

The lake once had a boat house, and this quaint photo shows a lady in a shallow boat with a dog. I don't know when the picture was taken, but it's probably around 1900-1910, based on the lady's clothing.



...and this image shows the boat house and possibly the same boat, but with three ladies being taken for a trip by a young man.



HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS IN NOVEMBER ⁴

Summer migrants have flown, and this month we start to watch for winter arrivals such as the egrets and the European relatives of resident snipe, siskin and redwings. Summer flowers have faded, but in October low mounds of dwarf gorse, *Ulex minor*, were blooming, and now the bright yellow flowers of the larger common gorse, *Ulex europaeus*, will gleam across the heath in good weather throughout the winter, providing pollen for insects and shelter for insects, birds and mammals. Check for the unexpected scent of coconut on mild days.

The full flush of autumn fungi provides a visual feast, with flashes of bright colour as well as the quieter mushroomy palette. In October photographers searched eagerly for the first fly agarics, *Amanita muscaria*, fairy-tale red with white warts and poisonous, growing in symbiosis with birches and pines. I regularly check a small rotting log at the pedestrian entrance



opposite Cades Road car park for the candle snuff fungus *Xylaria hypoxylon*. Too small and tough to be edible, it has anti-viral properties and compounds that are effective against some human carcinomas.

We hope for rich autumn leaf colour through November as nowadays deciduous trees hold their leaves late into the month. The carotenoid pigments that produce the golden and russet hues have been present in the leaves throughout summer, while the anthocyanins giving reds and purples only develop in late summer; these hues are revealed as the green chlorophyll degrades. The chemical processes involved are very complex, and triggered by a variety of factors including temperature, day length and the vagaries of the preceding seasons.



Berries in frost

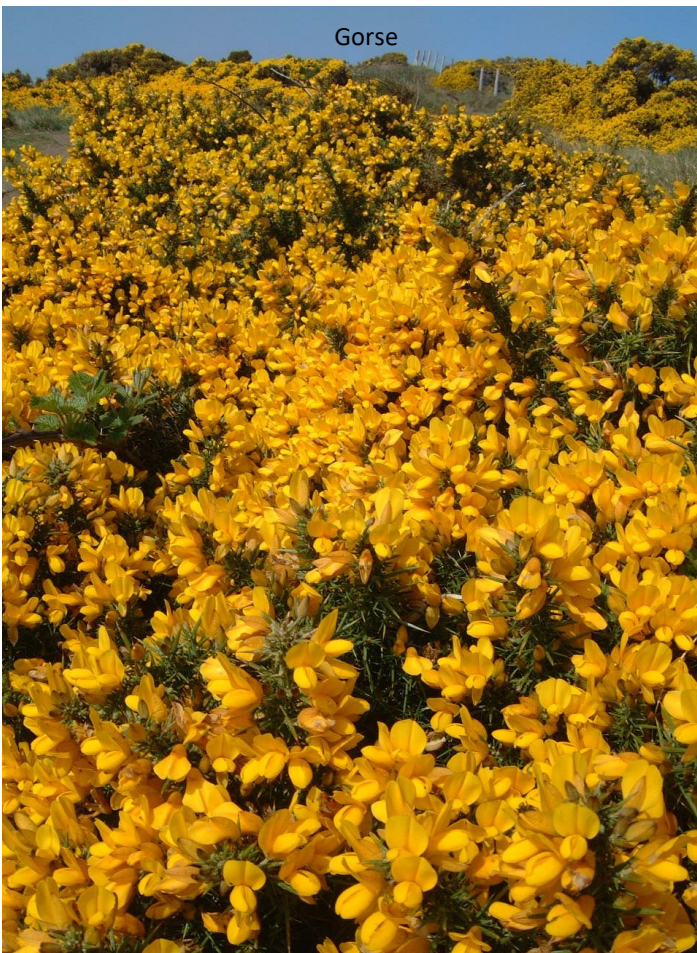
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Insects, mammals and birds have enjoyed the autumn feast of fruits and seeds. Last year was a good mast year, the term for a heavy harvest of acorns, beech and sweet chestnut, all in the beech family, and of hazel in the birch family. This year there is a national dearth of acorns but plenty of the rest. The reasons for the cycle of variation in seed production are not fully understood. Mast is from the Nordic *mas*, meaning food. I have yet to discover how years without acorns affect the life-cycle of the knopper gall wasp that causes the distorted acorns. The birches, however, have seeded as generously as ever

as volunteers know well. Their year-round work was boosted in mid-October by a corporate task force.

Peacocks, red admirals and commas that feed on flowers and rotting fruit well into October, are now in hibernation as adults. Other butterflies and moths spend winter as a chrysalis underground or attached to a leaf, stem or tree trunk, or as a caterpillar deep in long grass. Protect those hibernating in gardens and encourage birds by leaving untidy corners and seed-heads standing, and ground mulched rather than dug over.

Margery Thomas



Gorse

Everyone is welcome to visit Hothfield Heathlands, but please remember that this is first and foremost a haven for wildlife. Please keep dogs close to you at all times; do not let your dog run and play off the paths and through the areas of heather and gorse. Make sure that anything you bring with you leaves the reserve with you. Remove litter and dog mess, and place all dog bags in the bins.

Hothfield Heathlands is one of the best spots of wildlife in the county; with your help we can keep it that way.

For more information, visit our website www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

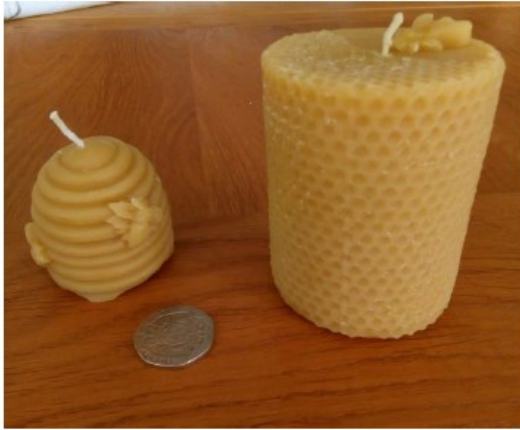
Ian Rickards, Area Manager, Kent Wildlife Trust

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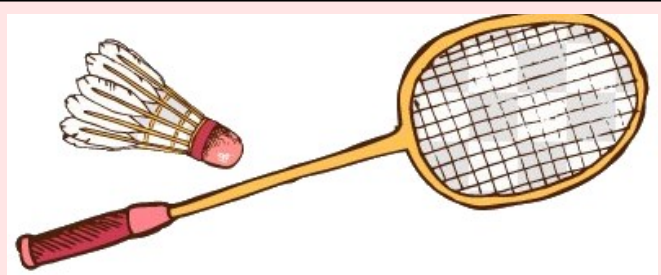
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Similarly please contact us if you would be interested in tennis ball cricket.

Email Snooky on hothfieldhall@outlook.com or phone 07510944055.

Think before you flush!

One of our correspondents has had two engineers from Cap-pach Broiwn, on behalf of Southern Water, in her back garden for a couple of hours trying to clear a blockage caused by baby wipes/wet wipes.

Please, people. **Do not flush** the following items that normally result in blockages:

- Baby wipes or any type of wet wipe: even if it claims to be flushable – it isn't.
- Sanitary items of any kind – even tampons cause blockages
- Fat and/or oil which solidify into fatburgs

Another thing that causes blockages is drain rods where people try to do the job themselves.

If anyone has a blockage: don't try to clear it yourself but contact Southern Water on 0800 820 999.

This is the dedicated hotline number that gets the caller direct to emergency engineers for blockages and sewage problems.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

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