



Hothfield News

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They never thought their dog would do that

Please be responsible: keep your dog on a lead around sheep
It's really important that people, including those who want to walk their dog, have access to the countryside and nature reserves. However, dogs can have a detrimental impact on wild-life and livestock.

Under effective control, well-behaved dogs are welcome on Hothfield Heathlands Nature Reserve. Some areas require dogs to be kept on leads because of the presence of sheep, and also because of ground-nesting birds which are very sensitive and easily disturbed by dogs.

The sheep have recently returned to graze on the reserve so please look at the information boards and local signs to check where they are. If you walk your dog through the area where they are grazing, please keep it on a lead.

Sadly, there have been a number of fatal dog attacks on sheep in and around Hothfield recently. Many dog attacks happen because the owner never thought their dog would do it. Livestock worrying is a criminal offence. Over the past three years, there have been 99 reported incidents of sheep worrying in Kent.



Please respect the countryside, farmers and livestock. To avoid tragedy please keep your dog on a lead where there are sheep grazing.

Westwell

Vintage & Classic Vehicle Show

Sunday June 30th @ 12pm

Westwell Village Hall & Playing Field

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All proceeds to St Mary's Church Westwell Loo fund

AWARD FOR THE GREEN TEAM

For those of you who haven't heard the news yet, the team which maintains Hothfield heathlands has been awarded the Environmental Achievement Silver Award. The following is an excerpt from the speech given by the Mayor of Ashford during the award ceremony:

"The Kent Wildlife Trust's volunteer group "The Green Team" has been in existence since its first session at Hothfield Heathlands in the late 60's. Approaching their 50th anniversary, the group has gone from strength to strength. The team of 20 (+) eager conservationists give up 2 days of their week to help assist and support the work of Kent Wildlife Trust – it is no exaggeration that the last bastion of heath in Kent, Hothfield Heathlands, would almost certainly have been lost without them."



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Services at Saint Margaret's

Sunday 2 June **Sunday after Ascension** 11.00 The Eucharist
A Service of Holy Communion in modern English, with hymns

Sunday 9 **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)** 11.00 Matins
Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns

Sunday 16 **Trinity Sunday** **Easter 5**
No service in Hothfield

Sunday 23 **Trinity 1** 11.00 H4
an informal service for all the family

Sunday 30 **Trinity 2** 10.30
Benefice Service in Charing for all G7 churches

KENT CHAMBER CHOIR

with Frank McConnell – guitar

Songs for Summer

In Saint Margaret's Church, Hothfield on 13 July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Tickets at £12.50 (£5 students), including wine and nibbles,
available on the door or in advance from Hothfield Post Office



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The deadline for the July 2019 issue is 20 June.

Letters and articles for publication are always welcome. Advertising is free to businesses working in, or for, the Parish of Hothfield. Email the Editor for information on advertising prices for outside companies.

3 Hothfield Parish Council

Our monthly Parish meeting was held last Wednesday and I was delighted to welcome two new Parish Councillors, Margaret Merrion and Graham Cox. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the village and it is very satisfying to see new people giving up their time for the benefit of our community.

We have selected a date for our Easter Fun Day as 5th April 2020, we of course need more volunteers to help make this a wonderful success.

Further consultations are going on regarding a proposed new crossing on the A20 near Chapel Road. Due to budget restrictions this may only be considered in the next financial year, 2020.

For the second year running, my daughter Natasha Lloyd is organising a Charity Cupcake Day at our house, Britton House Stud in Ram Lane on Sat 29 June from 11am to 4pm in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Last year raised nearly £800 so come and enjoy wonderful tasty cupcakes and even sit down for a cup of tea. All welcome.

Ian Lloyd

Chairman Hothfield Parish Council

For full minutes of meetings of Hothfield Parish Council, please either see the noticeboard outside the village shop or visit www.hothfield.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: The email address for the Parish Council is parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk

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Alfred Jobber

We are sad to record the passing of Alfred Jobber, one of the oldest residents of Hothfield (1 The Street) on 24 March 2019 aged 90 years. The Jobbers moved to the village in 1959 and Alfred initially worked in the village shop for George Sainsbury, his lifelong friend whom he met in the RAF,

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

May prize winners:

1st prize	£25-25	no. 73
2nd prize	£15-15	no. 171
3rd prize	£10-10	no. 189

Cost to enter: only £1 per draw,
£12 per year or £6 for six months.

Collect a form from HOTHFIELD POST OFFICE
Or telephone Peter on 01233 623568

Village Hall



Regular Activities

Mondays Toddler Sense 9.00 to 12.00am.

Tuesdays West Coast Swing Dancing 8. to 10.30pm.

Wednesdays Hothfield Play-Days

a soft play session for children
under 5 and their parents

Dog Training 5.30-9pm

Thursdays

Fridays Toddler Sense 9.00 to 12.00am.

Saturday Rugby Tots 9-11.45am.

To book the Village Hall for your Parties, Get-togethers, etc.,

please ring Paul on 07719 227542,

or email hothfieldhall@outlook.com

Or visit www.hothfieldhall.online

Prices: Village £10 per hour,

Outside Village £12.50/hour

All Day Hire – Village £175.00

(£175.00 deposit required).

All Day Hire – Outside Village £250.00

(£250.00 deposit)

Children's Birthday £35.00 first 4 hours,

JUNE ON HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS

There is good news on the migrant front for the heathlands; by late April two or three nightingales, two willow warblers, garden warblers and blackcaps had been heard. Since then, white-throat and cuckoo have also returned from Africa. Warden Ian Rickards also reports that by mid-May hobbies had been spotted, and swallows and martins were around and about. He is particularly pleased with the willow warblers, as they failed to turn up at Hothfield last year, possibly due to drought conditions in the Mediterranean in the early spring. You can hear recordings of all these birds' calls on the RSPB website or use recognition apps to record and identify them. Blackcaps are warblers, members of the *Sylvia* family. Recent research has shown that the black caps that now stay in southern England in winter breed in southern Germany in the summer, returning to take advantage of rising temperatures and increased wild bird feeding in English gardens. They are now diverging genetically from the birds that spend the winter in the Hispanic peninsula and northern Africa.

The dry Spring seems to be holding back the flowering of the southern Marsh and Heath spotted orchids, but as the bluebells fade, milkwort, lousewort, sundew and cot-

ton grass have appeared around the upper bog, and tormentil glints in the grass. Slow-worms and grass snakes have been seen. Volunteers and KWT staff across the county have already started the annual process of monitoring and in some cases actually counting wild plants. In May I joined a friendly team at Darland Banks on the edge of Gillingham which has the densest population of man orchids in the country. We literally counted and logged the location of every man-orchid, many still in bud due to the dry Spring, moving slowly in a line along the steep slopes, which are rich in other chalk downland flora. The final total was in the thousands.

In the case of Hothfield the annual botanical survey of the entire reserve will not count the number of a particular species, but note the presence or absence of species expected to be growing in the various habitats, and the overall condition of each area. Volunteers attended three training days on the heathlands in May, to hone their plant identification skills. The survey will take place on Thursdays through June and July, and two of the Darland Banks volunteers will join the Hothfield team for this, one of them having grown up in Charing and known the Common since childhood. Mean-

while the maintenance/restoration work on the heathlands continues, including new fencing, bug and moth monitoring and litter picking,

Hothfield Heathlands is open to everyone; trails are signposted and marked on entrance maps, along with the location of livestock. The noticeboard down the main slope from the Cades Road car park gives recent wildlife sightings. Please keep dogs in check, especially around children and livestock, and keep them away from the heather and undergrowth where they will disturb sensitive wildlife. Please remove dog mess, including in the Triangle compartment. For email alerts on the location of the livestock on Hothfield contact: Ian Rickards ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk or 01622 662012.

Margery Thomas



Events on Hothfield Heathlands in June.

Contact ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk for more information.

TUESDAY, 4 June (9:00-16:00): Practical Conservation Volunteer Day
Thursday, 6th June (9:00 – 16:00): Wild flower survey day.

SUNDAY, 9 June (10:00-16:00): Family task and craft day. Carry out conservation work on the reserve and then be creative with the material we collect.

SUNDAY, 9 June (10:00-12:00): Guided walk of the reserve (£6 adults, £3 children) Booking on www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events/2019-06-09-bogs-and-heathland-walk

TUESDAY 18 June (9:00 – 16:00): Practical Conservation Volunteer Day
THURSDAY, 20 June (9:00 – 16:00): Wild flower survey day.

FRIDAY, 28 June (10:00 – 15:00): Practical Conservation Volunteer Day



Willow Warbler
Hothfield, May 2019
Val Butcher

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The aim of our dedicated team of volunteers is to protect our unique Wealden towns, villages and countryside from the effects of damaging and unsuitable development, preserving its charm and character for future generations to enjoy. We welcome active members to help us with a range of activities, from scrutinising planning applications to organising events. If, like us, you care about the Weald, please get in touch and get involved.

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Hothfield History Society

'Step in to Hothfield's History' Exhibition 7th and 8th September, St Margaret's Church

Immerse yourself in an exhibition of Hothfield's memories hosted in and around our beautiful 13th century church's historic interior with its stained glass windows. Admire the colourful Tufton tomb and learn about the Lords who owned the estate and built the manor houses. There will be displays of past Hothfield inside and outside the church, to tell the stories of notable past residents now in the churchyard, and the interesting features of the church.

Further displays in Church Lane will compare past views of the country estate with the



current scene. Stand where the estate's horses once worked and where the army trained in both World Wars. Touch the tree that was hit by a doodlebug and read Private Cresswell's story.

This will also be a rare opportunity to visit the bell tower, plus there will be children's competitions with priz-

es. Light lunches and delicious home-made cakes and refreshments will be available at the church café.

Open from 10.30am to 4.30pm on both days. Free admission and all welcome! Proceeds to Hothfield History Society and Friends of St Margaret's.

To find out more information please visit www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk

Chris Rogers



1st Charing Scout Group

Beavers had a very successful camp at our headquarters. For many of them it was their first night away from parents – hopefully the first of many in scouting. Cubs are getting to be old hands at it after another amazing time at the District camp.

On June 4th we have our AGM at our headquarters at 7pm. We hope to have all our adult volunteers there and discuss our exciting plans for the future. We hope to see as many people there as possible.

Terry Lister

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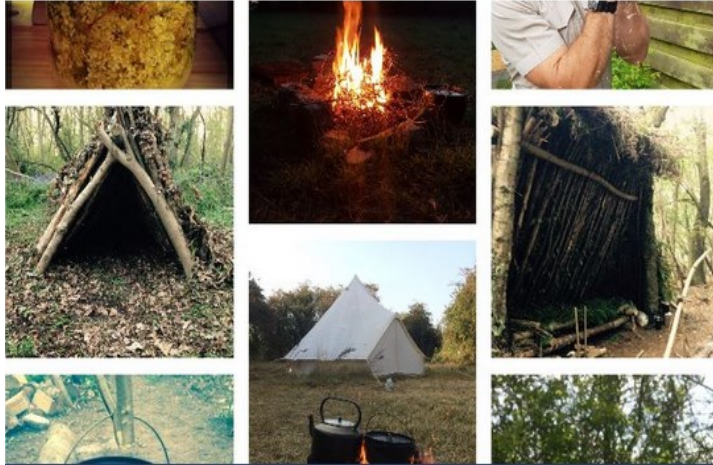
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House	5th Apr 2019 – 6th Oct 2019	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays	1pm – 5pm Last Tour 4pm
Tearoom (for House & Garden visitors only)	5th Apr 2019 – 6th Oct 2019	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays	1pm – 5.30pm (Last Orders 5pm)



Jane Austen and the search for home, Thursday 6th June, 10am until 3pm, booking essential from Sally Ann: wardroper7@gmail.com 07873726005



Delphinium Week, Friday 14 June until Sunday 23 June
See website for events

2019 Prices	Adult	Children (under 16)
Garden Only	£5	Free, except on some event days
House and Gardens	£10	Free, except on some event days

CoastLife Citizen Science

You might already be familiar with the CoastLife Citizen Science project. This is a long term study of bird disturbance based at Sandwich and Pegwell Bay. The data we are collecting will help us better protect our coastal birds and their habitats but we need many more volunteers!

Advance Notice

KENT CHAMBER CHOIR

SONGS FOR SUMMER

in Saint Margaret's Church on 13 July at 7.30pm.

More details on Page 2

We've chosen inspirational music designed to please all tastes with songs and anthems in a wide range of styles from the past and present. Some of Britain's greatest composers are featured such as Edward Elgar, Ralph Vaughan Williams and the Renaissance genius, Thomas Weelkes. Rarely heard gems from Germany by Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (Felix Mendelssohn's sister) and Clara Schumann (Robert Schumann's wife) are also included along with Northern Lights by today's hugely popular Norwegian, Ola Gjeilo. Virtuoso guitarist Frank McConnell plays a varied selection of solos to delightfully complement our evening of magical music.

We have organised a new training event to welcome more volunteers to our team. Training on bird ID and survey methodology will be provided so no previous skills are required.

JOIN US on 1 June at Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust.

We love the Coast and we want to see it full of Life. CoastLife Citizen Science is a project which aims at protecting the rare and sensitive birds that make Sandwich and Pegwell Bay so special.

Join us on 1st June and help us survey the beautiful wildlife of Sandwich and Pegwell Bay. No prior skills needed.

Find out more on www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/

Our mailing address is Kent Wildlife Trust, Tyland Barn, Sandling Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD



Photo: Val Butcher

AUNT JEMIMA'S CHEERFUL THOUGHTS

Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

A day without sunshine is, like, night.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

I just got lost in thought. it was unfamiliar territory.

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

Remember half the people you know are below average.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how popular it remains?

Nothing is fool-proof to a talented fool.

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

I intend to live forever; so far, so good.

Borrow money from a pessimist ~ they don't expect it back.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

Mind like a steel trap – rusty and illegal.

Quantum mechanics: The dreams that stuff is made of.

The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.

Support bacteria – they're the only culture some people have.

I When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

If at first you don't succeed. destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.



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