

# FUN RACE NIGHT



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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

7pm (for 7.30pm start) at Hothfield Village Hall

TN26 1EQ



**Tickets £7 (under 12s £3.50)**

For sale at Hothfield Post Office

Please purchase tickets by 7<sup>th</sup> Nov (for catering purposes)



Bring your own drinks and glasses



For more details

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Visit [www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk](http://www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

Hothfield Parish Council next meeting 7pm Wednesday 8 Nov at the Bluebells Centre

**Hothfield Residents Meeting Village Hall 11am 28 October**

Fun Race Night Saturday 7pm 11 November Hothfield Village Hall

Hothfield History Society Talk 7pm Thursday 30 November Hothfield Village Hall (see page 4)

Ashford Rock Choir St Margarets Church 7pm 2 December

Christmas Carols around the Tree: Bluebells 6pm 15 December

# HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS IN NOVEMBER



## Volunteering at Hothfield Heathlands



This year Kent Wildlife Trust has been celebrating sixty-five years of work. Hothfield Common as it was then known, became a Local Nature Reserve in 1961 having been purchased by West Ashford Rural District Council in 1959. Hothfield Common is now part of a much bigger Hothfield Heathland, one of 90 nature reserves in the county that KWT manage. It is one of Kent's very special reserves with, as the 1951 citation for its designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) says, *the best (only) example of a valley bog in Kent and associated heathland.*

There are currently some thousand KWT volunteers working on reserves county-wide, with one terrific team based in Ashford. The Ashford Green Team is on the look-out for new recruits, of all ages and all backgrounds, always on the understanding that volunteers do just what they can in the time they can offer. They are

made very welcome and the range of skills and knowledge brought to the team is hugely appreciated, the sum of the efforts is much greater than the individual contributions.

Training, supervision, tools, protective clothing where necessary, and first aid expertise, along with hard work, camaraderie, baked potatoes in the bonfire, getting wet, or cold or very hot, and, always, making a difference, is all part of the package. The team works throughout the year and covers Hothfield, The Warren, Hoads Wood, Conningbrook Lakes, Stone Wood, with the chance to work on or visit reserves further afield and take training courses. Volunteers are kept up to date with schedules via a whatsapp group, emails and a members facebook page.

The work includes extracting young trees, repairing fences, building dead hedges, scything, brash cutting, fixing paths, looking after the livestock, making small dams and much more.

Some of the reasons given by current and past volunteers, including me the desk-bound volunteer, for our involvement are:

- making a difference for wildlife
- continual learning about wildlife and conservation practice
- physical and mental benefits, a healing connection with nature,
  - you can just be yourself
  - weekly challenges and the good company
  - being part of something larger
  - learning new skills
  - feeling alive
  - a springboard to other possibilities



Interested? You can sign up on the Kent Wildlife Trust website <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities/ashford-area-practical-team-volunteer> or just search "Kent Wildlife Trust volunteering" on your browser.

We are out every Tuesday, Thursday and the second Sunday of the month. The next Sunday session will be from 10am on 12<sup>th</sup>

November.

Margery Thomas

# 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](http://www.hothfield.org.uk)  
PLEASE NOTE: The email address for the Parish Council is [parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk)

## Residents Meeting 11am 28th October Hothfield Village Hall

The Parish Council will provide an update of actions and activities we have worked on this year including the Speed Restrictions. Great opportunity to ask your Parish Council questions and let us know of your concerns.

**Great News!** Fingers crossed the long standing water leak on The Street has been fixed at long last.

The leak source traced to a damaged drainage chamber up the road, now re-built with 50 yards of The Street marked for re-laying.



## Charing Scouts November Magazine

Thank you to everyone who attended the beavers coffee morning. It was a great success, with over £300 being raised for MacMillan Cancer Support. Well done beavers and leaders.

This year our scouts are organising the District night hike on 17th November. There will be several groups of young people competing to navigate their route. They will, of course, be reminded to keep quiet when near properties and they should all be wearing a group neckerchief.

At our AGM we had a presentation from our two explorer scouts who went to the world scout jamboree in South Korea. Because of poor local organisation and imminent bad weather the original plans had to be scrapped and they were all transferred to hotels in Seoul. The leadership team worked frantically to arrange a whole new programme and it's clear the young people had an amazing time.

Terry Lister Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer) 07748818660

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## Art Group

There is a small group that meets twice a month on Monday afternoons in Westwell Village Hall.

We enjoy painting, drawing etc, together with a cup of tea and a chat.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Penny Sutcliffe on 01233 634191 for more details.

## Hothfield Village Hall

Bookings via  
[www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk)

### Regular weekly events

Mondays @ 16:30

Target Shooting School

[www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk/ashford](http://www.targetshootingsschool.co.uk/ashford)

Tuesdays @ 19:00

Bowls Club

Contact: John 07492 862974

Wednesdays @ 17.30

Koba Dog Training

Contact: justine@kobadogtraining.co.uk

Thursdays @ 18.30

Bowls Club

Fridays @ 18.30

Contact: John 07492 862974

## Free talk: "Ashford's Worst Day: the 'Great Raid' of 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943",

Everyone is welcome to our free talk at 7pm in the Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> November to hear about the bombing raid on Ashford that happened in daylight on the morning of 24 March 1943.

Ed Adams, author of the recently-published 'Ashford at War', will present a detailed account of three minutes of horror, illustrated with rare and unseen photographs.

The fifteen bombers flying at up to 350mph originally targeted the railway works at Newtown but some then went on to shoot cannon and machine guns at the town as well as randomly dropping bombs on the town.

The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers were based at Repton Manor and also suffered from these bombers. Their base has since been redeveloped and is now the back garden of no.2 Barley Mow View and behind Repton Manor Primary School.

Ed's talk will compare views of the locations as they



were then and now. Stores and bunk-rooms were hit, as well as the Nissen huts used as dining halls for the soldiers (male) and ATS (female).

A mobile dentists' van parked by the men's dining hall received two cannon shells, and around ten oil drums, camouflaged by netting, were also ripped open by shells. The contents flowed out but luckily did not ignite. An ATS orderly on duty in the men's dining hall was struck in the thigh and knee by fragments of a cannon shell that exploded on the concrete floor. Outside, three civilian contractors could only find a hedge under which to take cover from the attack. They were hit by machine-gun bullets: one in the chest and leg; one in the back, left arm and left thumb; the third in the left calf. All four casualties were taken to Hothfield Hospital for treatment and recovered from their injuries.

Ed Adams is a freelance author and historian, and the owner of Tenterden-based Canterley Publishing Ltd, a company specialising in local-interest and heritage books. He has written extensively on aspects of Kent's history, including the Home Front of the Second World War, individual histories of various schools, and past-and-present photographic commentaries. Copies of 'Ashford at War' will be available to buy.

There will be refreshments for which donations would be welcome. We look forward to seeing you there, no booking necessary.



Chris Rogers, Hothfield History Society



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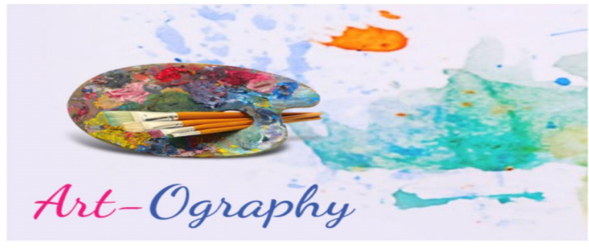
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# Hothfield Fun Race Night with a Hearty Supper

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

Back by popular demand, Hothfield History Society and Hothfield Village Hall are again hosting another fun Race Night on 11<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for both community groups.



Come along to Hothfield Village Hall and enjoy a flutter on the races and a fabulous hearty supper! Tickets cost just £7 (under-12s cost £3.50) and are available from Hothfield Post Office. Our previous Race Nights have been extremely popular, so to avoid disappointment and to help us plan catering, kindly purchase tickets by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 7.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses, and of course some loose change. These are fun nights of pre-recorded races (chosen at random) and you can place a bet, if you want, on your chosen horse; bets cost £1. There will also be a raffle with great prizes.



The supper will comprise a choice of hot, tasty meals including vegetarian options, and will be served mid-way through the evening.



You or your business can also sponsor a race for just £10 in advance of the event. Your name would appear as a sponsor and advertised in the programme and would also be announced on the night. You can also name the race and dedicate it with your choice of words. If you are unable to come along on the night, you can sponsor a race instead.

To sponsor a race please contact us on (01233) 624 105.

You can also email us at [hothfieldmemories@hotmail.com](mailto:hothfieldmemories@hotmail.com) or visit [www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk](http://www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk) We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Proceeds shared between Hothfield History Society and Hothfield Village Hall.

Chris Rogers, Hothfield History Society

# Saint Margaret's Church

For weddings, baptisms, etc. contact the Parish Office [calehillpcc@gmail.com](mailto:calehillpcc@gmail.com) 07395 910317

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

Services in November

Sunday 5th 1100am The Eucharist

Sunday 12th 1045am Remembrance

Sunday 19th 1100 BCP Matins

For services in our other churches, see [www.calehill-westwell.uk](http://www.calehill-westwell.uk)

## Ashford Rock Choir

At St Margaret's Church Hothfield TN26 1EL



On Saturday

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

from 7pm until 8.30pm

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Karen or Pamela at [fsmhothfield@gmail.com](mailto:fsmhothfield@gmail.com)

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