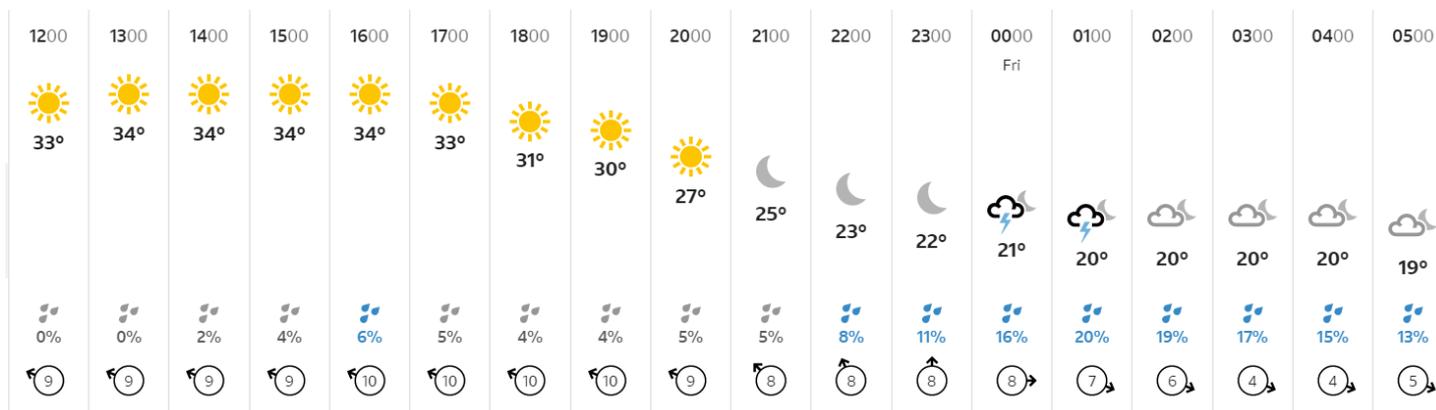


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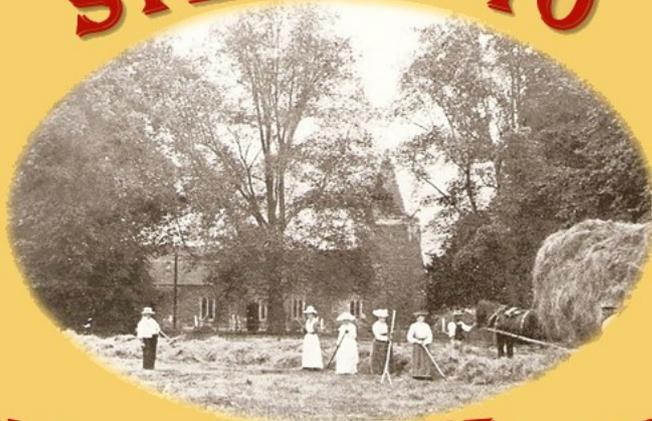
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7th and 8th September

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Gone are the days when an English Summer was defined as 'three fine days and a thunderstorm'. For the first half of August the forecast suggests that midday temperatures will not fall below 23 degrees Celsius – that's 74 in old money.

At the end of July we got up to 34/93, and that could well happen again in August. At the same time, forecasters say that we can also expect more rain than usual, which probably means thunderstorms.

At least the prospect of more rain might save us from the havoc last year's long summer wreaked on our lawns and gardens. But it looks as if we're going to have to get used to this sort of weather in years to come. Imagine that – Hothfield, the tropical paradise. Who'd have thought it?



Comma butterfly – Val Butcher

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Services at Saint Margaret's

Sunday 4 August **Trinity 7** 11.00 The Eucharist
A Service of Holy Communion in modern English, with hymns

Sunday 11 **Trinity 8** 11.00 Matins
Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns

Sunday 18 **Trinity 9:** No service in Hothfield

Sunday 25 **Trinity 10** 11.00 H4
an informal service for all the family

Songs for Summer



A big thankyou from the Friends of St Margaret's Church to the Kent Chamber Choir, who came to sing at our lovely church on Saturday 13th July, and to all of the people who came to support the Choir and the Church.

It was a superb evening, the acoustics were amazing, there was plenty of wine and canapés and the church was packed. And £432 was added to the fabric fund.

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The deadline for the September 2019 issue is 20 August..

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Parish Council News

I attended this month's Westwell Parish Council meeting to forge closer links with our nearest neighbour and to discuss items of mutual interest, a very interesting evening. Westwell have joined in our support of the proposed speed restriction on the A20, which is welcome.

I can also report news regarding the Traffic Regulation Order – Ashford HGV Overnight Parking Enforcement, to manage the overnight parking of HGVs on the A20 Ashford between Charing and Ashford. During the recent meeting of the Joint Transportation Board, Chair of Westwell PC Mrs Christine Drury spoke in favour of making the Traffic Regulation Order permanent with Hothfield Parish Council support. Jointly we consider this TRO an important step in achieving better working conditions for HGV drivers and transforming road safety and environmental conditions for local residents. Ashford Borough Council have worked with lorry park operators to enhance facilities for HGV drivers, and improvements have been made, although further progress is needed. We are delighted to hear that implementation of the TRO on a permanent basis has been approved.

We have received suggestions regarding how to spend the solar farm money and will keep you updated. Please keep them coming to parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk

Next year we are planning to host an Easter Fun Day at the village hall to raise money for village projects – and, of course, for residents to have a great day. However, we need volunteers. If you can perhaps spare a few hours to assist in the planning or commit to lending a hand on the day, please let us know at parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk

On a personal level, I am delighted to confirm that my daughter Natasha's recent cupcake day raised over £700 for the Alzheimer's Society. Enormous thanks to all the kind people who donated and contributed to a fantastic day.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer!

Ian Lloyd

Chairman Hothfield Parish Council

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Anyone for Tennis?

Just a reminder that Hothfield has a Tennis Court! The Multi-purpose Games area has a tennis net, kept in the green box. Keys are available from Malcolm Cook, Tel 01233627323 or Penny Sutcliffe 01233634191.



We've had a fabulous term with all our young people!

The wonderful weather in June meant that our meetings were outside giving us lots of opportunities for nature trails, pioneering projects, athletics and so much more.

Scouts are now getting ready for camp.

At the moment, when our young people reach the age of 14 they have to leave Charing and find an explorer unit elsewhere. Now that our new headquarters is up and running we are starting an explorer unit in Charing. We're not sure yet exactly when this will start but it won't just be for our scouts. Anyone aged 14-18 can join. We are also looking for more leaders to help and to enjoy the adventure.

Terry Lister, Group Scout Leader

1st Charing Scouts

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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
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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.

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Children's Birthday £35.00 first 4 hours,

AUGUST ON HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS



Broad bodies Chaser
(Male)
Photo Val Butcher

The spangle of midsummer flowers across the heathland gives way in August to the glory of the heather or ling, *Calluna vulgaris*. Flowering had started in July but August will be the peak, sheeting the open slopes in purple pink. The tiny flowers consist of four petals and four petal-like sepals which seem surprisingly flimsy for such a tough wiry

survivor of a plant. The energy the plant manages to draw from poor nutrients and - certainly this year - abundant sunshine is put into producing nectar and pollen to attract the bee species and other insects essential for pollination and prolific production of seed assuring future generations of the plant. The flowers wither and remain on the

stem often until the next flowering season, long after seed dispersal. The botanical survey that concluded on 25 July records seedling and developing heather in many areas of the heathland, which is good news. The name ling comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lig for fire, as heather was an important fuel.

The regular survey team of volunteers led by Ian Rickards or Christina Juan was helped by occasional volunteers including a trio of university students from Canterbury following up their personal interest in conservation and wild flowers. It has been hard work at times, struggling through or around thickets of bracken, gorse and bramble over our heads, or trying to keep dry stepping from one sedge tussock to another in the lower fen, not always successfully, but extremely satisfying, and a constant

learning curve. The mewing of buzzards was an occasional accompaniment, the myriad of insects, butterflies and moths a constant delight, and close-up encounters with the specialised bog plants such as the mini-meadows of pink bog pimpernel a privilege. Someone is now patiently entering all the information from the botanical surveys onto the KWT database for analysis and use by the warden planning future management of the site. Meanwhile other volunteers are monitoring the dragonflies and demoiselles across the heathland, with keeled skimmer, emperor, banded demoiselle, four-spot chaser and broad-bodied chaser recorded so far, their names reflecting their aggressive approach to life.

Margery Thomas

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5 Hothfield History Society



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

I hope that you all have the dates of the exhibition of Hothfield's history in your diaries. This free event will be open on 7 and 8 September between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Pictures and documents from Hothfield's past will be on show inside and outside St. Margaret's church, Church Lane.

The Friends of St Margaret's will be providing light lunches, delicious home-made cakes and refreshments at the church café. There will also be children's competitions with prizes. Apart from the

tower the church is accessible, and there is free parking.

Please book the weekend of **7th and 8th September** to come along. For more information please visit www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk

Who's in the churchyard? Part 2:

Last month I mentioned that we had unearthed a few plaques under trees in the churchyard, and the exhibition will include some information on a few of the graves and the history of people buried at Hothfield including former staff at the Manor as well as some of the Tufton family themselves who were the Lords and Ladies of Hothfield.

Some headstones have interesting and unusual carvings

including a rake and hoe for a former gardener at the Manor, and sheep shears for one of the drovers. At the exhibition you will be able to find out a little of these people's lives.

An unusual gravestone has the crest of the Headlam family on one side, and the usual text relating to the deceased who is Cecil Headlam who died at Charing. What's unusual is that the headstone also has some text that appears to be Greek. Cecil was a renowned cricketer and also an author. He also had two brothers who were Greek scholars as well as authors in their own right. We're trying to translate the Greek and the Kent Messenger group paper has joined in our quest. One of their Greek staff and

his mother have translated a few of the words but not all of them, and it doesn't make much sense. There even seems to be a letter that doesn't appear in the Greek alphabet so maybe the stone mason got some of it wrong or it's some form of ancient Greek. Or is it a code that only the family or those connected with Cecil can decipher? A picture of the Greek text is on our website (www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk) along with a transcript of what we think the letters are if you want to have a look, or come to the exhibition in September where we will have a board telling you what we know about Cecil and his life.

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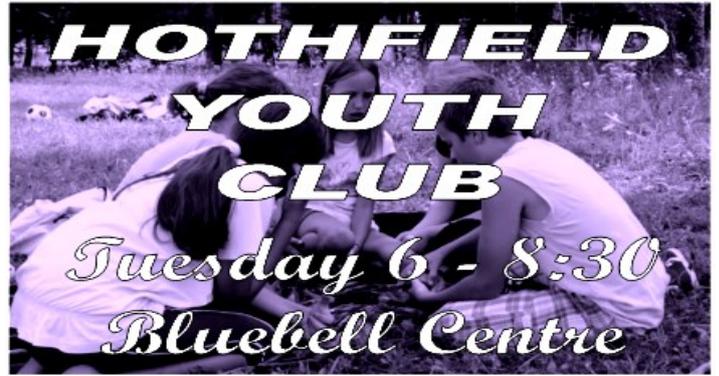


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AUNT JEMIMA'S IDLE THOUGHTS

Always try to be modest; it's something you can be really proud of.

Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

I know about the speed of light. But what's the speed of dark?

How do you know when you've run out of invisible ink?

When everything's going well, there's something you've missed.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

Support Bacteria. they are the only culture some people have.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

Get a new car for your spouse. it'll be a great swap.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

I used to have an open mind, but my brains kept falling out.

I could not repair my brakes, so I made the horn louder.

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

Men wake up looking the same as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

I'm not a complete idiot. Some bits are missing.



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