

HOHFELD NEWS



Dates for your Diary

Hothfield Parish Council next meeting 7pm 9th April

Hothfield Village Hall

Arts Society Egerton 2.30pm 8th April—see page 7

Our celebrity cattle.

You may be aware the Hothfield Highland cattle appeared on an unofficial TikTok video at the beginning of March. After this post went viral, Hothfield Heathlands became inundated by people coming to see the cattle.

It was great to see lots of enthusiastic visitors on site, but we have needed to manage people's expectations. We have been retelling the story that our cattle are here as ecological engineers, maintaining the habitats on which Hothfield Heathland's unique wildlife relies on. The cattle and other livestock are certainly not pets and are on site to support our conservation efforts.

Most importantly we want to ensure that our livestock are left in peace to behave naturally without disturbance.

These are the core rules we've been reinforcing:

1. Give livestock a minimum of 10m space (10 big paces).
2. Do not approach or attempt to touch or feed the animals.
3. Dogs on leads across all open space, and whenever you come across livestock.
4. Keep to established paths across the heath to avoid disturbing our wildlife.



William Glasson, Ashford Area Warden

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We are into full nesting season including the birds who nest on the ground or very low down in scrub, which is over half of Britain's breeding species including the stonechat, robin, blackbird, skylark, yellow hammer, tree pipit and chiff chaff, not to mention the migrants such as whitethroats who will arrive from the South in May. This is also the habitat for small mammals and reptiles. Birds which already face so many threats will abandon nests and nestlings if disturbed, thereby putting at risk the next generation of that species.

You can make a huge difference by keeping your dogs on leads and keeping to the main paths across the site.



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

Video Door Cameras

Following a wonderful response we will be ordering Ring Doorbells for those residents who have registered and will confirm a collection date in our next Newsletter.

Defibrillator

A Defibrillator will be installed very soon outside the Post Office. Full details to follow.

Hothfield Village Hall Bowls Tournament

22nd March 2026

Winners Hamstreet Bowls Club



Hothfield Village Hall

Bookings via
www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Regular weekly events

Mondays @ 16:30

Target Shooting School
www.targetshootingschool.co.uk/ashford

Tuesdays @ 19:00

Bowls Club
Contact: John 07492 862974

Wednesdays @ 17.30

Koba Dog Training
Contact: justine@kobadogtraining.co.uk

Thursdays @ 10.30am

Dance Visions Zumba
Contact: bookwhen.com/dancevisions

Fridays @ 18.30

Bowls Club
Contact: John 07492 862974

Hothfield Village Hall (KCHFT Health Visiting Team)

Tuesday Drop-in Session Weekly 9.30am to 12.30pm

These breastfeeding drop-in sessions are supportive, social, and welcome all pregnant and breastfeeding women and their families, including partners. Trained Breastfeeding Champions from the local Health Visiting Teams will be able to provide information and help if you have a breastfeeding concern. Get more information and support for parenting under-fives at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/kent-baby



Steps to CPR

Less than 1 in 10 people in the UK survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

A cardiac arrest is the ultimate medical emergency. Follow these steps to help save a life.

Call Push Rescue



1

Shake and shout

Check if the area is safe, if the person is responsive and shout for help.



2

Call 999, send someone for a defibrillator

Continue CPR and follow the defib's instructions.



3

Check for signs of life

Lay a piece of material over their mouth and nose, if there's risk of infection.



4

Give continuous chest compressions

Repeat until the ambulance crew has taken over.



5

Wash your hands

Thoroughly wash with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel.

To learn life saving CPR
[bhf.org.uk/cpr](https://www.bhf.org.uk/cpr)

Katie Lam MP



We're very fortunate to live in such a safe and beautiful rural area, but in the crime survey I ran last year, hundreds of you shared concerns about issues that chip away at that sense of security – including fly-tipping, speeding and dangerous driving, antisocial behaviour, shoplifting and unauthorised encampments.

One of the most common things I heard was that people rarely see police officers locally, and that reporting crime can sometimes feel pointless if nothing seems to happen afterwards. I completely understand that frustration, but we must continue to speak up when these problems occur. Reporting incidents helps ensure the police know where issues are happening and where their attention is needed.

That's why over the past month I've been bringing local people and businesses together with the police to discuss these concerns directly and make sure officers hear first-hand how people in our area are feeling.

I hosted two meetings on crime and policing through my clubs – one focused on rural crime with the police rural taskforce and people from our farming community, and another looking at shoplifting and antisocial behaviour on our high streets, with the Police and Crime Commissioner and local shop owners in attendance.

Alongside this, I've been highlighting to Kent's senior police leadership and local beat officers the areas where people have told me they want to see more visible policing and better follow-up when crimes are reported.

Particularly across a large rural area like ours, it's naturally difficult for the police to be everywhere at once. But many of the problems people are worried about are already illegal – the real challenge is enforcement. That's why it's so vital that the police know where problems are happening so they can respond effectively and I'll continue to highlight to police areas in the Weald that need better support.

So please do continue to report incidents, even when it feels frustrating. And as always, if you're experiencing an ongoing issue and need help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk.

**Celebration Cakes for all occasions
including Weddings**

**Special bakes include personalised
cupcakes, Brownies, Blondies,
chunky cookies and personalised
biscuits**

**You can find me on: Instagram -
@flossysfussybakes**

**Facebook - Flossy's Fussy Bakes
Whatsapp/text - 07769 228842**



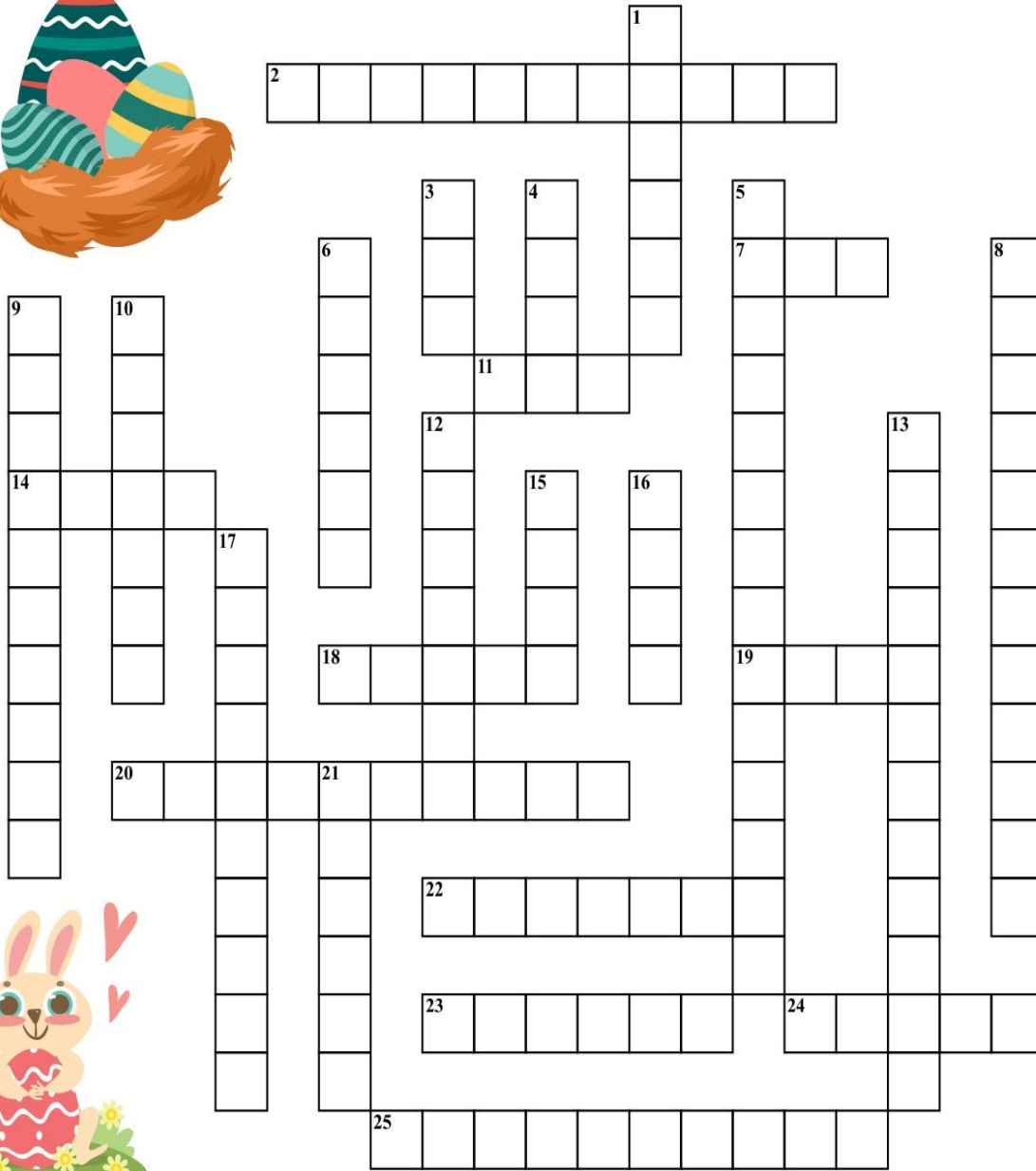
**HOTHFIELD POST
OFFICE**

**New Opening
Hours**

0700—1900

7days

Easter Crossword



Down

1. What day of the week does Easter fall on
3. The first Easter eggs were dyed what color?
4. What flower is associated with Easter?
5. What is one of the most popular American Easter candy
6. What is color is the grand prize egg
8. Which country has the tradition of eating hot cross buns at Easter?
9. What do Americans consume over 16 million of on Easter
10. The idea of the Easter bunny, originated in what country in the 1700's?
12. There is 90 _____ chocolate bunnies produced each year?
13. In which state did the Easter bunny first appear?
15. The idea of the Easter bunny, which originated in Germany in the 1700s, was not a rabbit originally, but a:
16. Easter is set according to the phase of what?
17. Buying what for Easter is said to bring good luck for the rest of the year?
21. Easter is the _____ largest holiday for eating candy

Across

2. Who hides the Easter Eggs
7. What is one of the Traditional meats in the US for Easter
11. How do we color the eggs
14. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
18. What color of eggs are best for coloring
19. Most Americans bite off what part of a chocolate bunny first?
20. The Sunday before Easter is called what?
22. How many Peeps do Americans eat during each Easter season? 600 _____
23. How many states consider Good Friday a holiday?
24. Easter Island is part of which country
25. What is the Friday before Easter called

Word Bank

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|--------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Easter Bunny | Dye | Sunday | Good Friday | Golden |
| White | Moon | Ham | Jellybeans | Hare |
| Lily | Second | Great Britain | Chocolate bunny | Germany |
| Million | Red | Chile | Ears | Lamb |
| Pennsylvania | Million | New clothes | Twelve | Palm Sunday |



THE ARTS SOCIETY EGERTON

The Arts Society brings people together through a shared curiosity for the arts



Wednesday 8th April: POTS AND FROCKS – THE WORLD OF GRAYSON PERRY presented by **Ian Swankie**, guide at Tate Modern, Tate Britain, the Guildhall Gallery and St Paul's Cathedral and London Tour Guide

2.30 pm (doors open from 2.00) at Egerton Millennium Hall, Elm Close TN27 9DS

Visitors are always very welcome at £8 (just turn up and pay on the door), refunded if you join.

For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via

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or 01233 756377.

See also our website:



www.theartssocietyegerton.org.uk

Educational Grants

Uniform



Scouts Subs



Dance



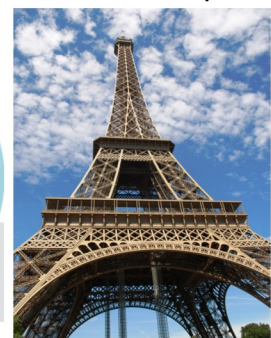
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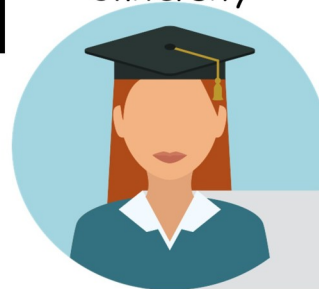
Travel



School trips



University



If you live in Hothfield and think that Hothfield Educational Foundation could help with your children's education, or know of someone else who could benefit, please do contact us via HothfieldEducation@gmail.com

Saint Margaret's Church

For weddings, baptisms, etc. contact the Parish Office calehillpcc@gmail.com 07395 910317

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

Services in April

Sunday 5th 11.00am The Eucharist

Sunday 12th 11.00am BCP Matins with Hymns

Sunday 26th 11.00am Informal Morning Worship

For services in our other churches, see www.calehill-westwell.uk

GARDENING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!

JOIN THE GARDENING GROUP AT CHARING SURGERY TO GET FRESH AIR, EXERCISE, MEET OTHER PEOPLE, HAVE FUN & ENJOY BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

OPEN TO ALL PATIENTS AGE 16+ GREEN FINGERS NOT ESSENTIAL!

COME AND JOIN US! TUESDAYS 9AM-12PM POP ALONG & SAY HELLO!

THIS IS A CHARING SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP INITIATIVE

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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.

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