

Hothfield



News

BY THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY VOLUME 10 NUMBER 2 February 2019

COMMUNITY SPIRIT STRIKES AGAIN

When I appealed in the January edition for help with producing Hothfield News, I honestly thought I would get two or three volunteers for the eight jobs on offer. Instead I got sixteen – and more still coming in!

Perhaps it was the sob story about my heart attack that did it, but I don't think so. I think it's because Hothfield is what I call a Proper Village, a place where neighbours are always willing to help each other out.

A fact for which, believe me, volunteers, I couldn't possibly be more grateful.

HGB



We had a Super Blood Wolf Moon in January, and of course Val Butcher was out there at 5am to capture it.

FUN QUIZ NIGHT
AND
HEARTY SUPPER
CHOICES INCLUDE VEGETARIAN



Saturday 6th April
Hothfield Village Hall
All welcome!

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From Hothfield Post Office
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Sunday 3 February Presentation of Christ in the Temple
11.00 The Eucharist
A Service of Holy Communion in modern English, with hymns

Sunday 10 4 before Lent
11.00 Matins
Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns

Sunday 17 Septuagesima
11.00 The Eucharist
A Service of Holy Communion in modern English, with hymns

Sunday 24 Sexagesima
H4; an informal service for all the family

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Hothfield manor centre

JUMBLE SALE

HOTHFIELD VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2019
14.00 – 15.30

We hope you will support us and help us raise funds for our clients to have extra activities and trips

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 now parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

January Draw

1st prize £25.25 no. 42

2nd prize £15.15 no. 157

3rd prize £10.10 no. 73

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

Collect a form from HOTHFIELD POST OFFICE

Who's making Bina cross?

I was in the Post Office the other day, and saw a most unusual sight. Bina, normally so even-tempered, was looking worried and, frankly, angry.

It turns out that some clown has decided that the Patels' garden is a handy rubbish dump; they've been tipping their garbage over the fence, presumably because it's too much effort to walk a few yards to the public bin.

You might imagine it would be kids doing this, but kids don't usually have empty baked bean tins and general household refuse to dispose of. It's not a seven-year-old doing this, it's an adult with the social skills of a seven-year-old.

Whatever. The only thing to say to this revoltingly idle person is:

For Heaven's sake, GROW UP!

1st Charing Scout Group



**Terry Lister, Group Scout Leader,
1st Charing Scout Group**

With the new year we are thinking about our programmes for the year. We want to ensure that our young people are exposed to an interesting and challenging range of activities that are also fun. Cubs are exploring world religions and festivals. Chinese New Year should be fun. Scouts are working on their DIY badge and are making a few useful extras for our new headquarters.

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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 Squad 26 Youth Club 6.30 to 8.30pm.
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

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Prices: Village £10 per hour, Outside Village £12.50/hour

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FEBRUARY ON HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS ⁴

Why is there heathland at Hothfield? Because of the sandy soil (Folkestone Beds) and underlying clay (Sandgate Beds). Sand is inert, free draining so can't hold on to nutrients, dries out in summer, is easily eroded. In places the clay creates an impervious pan preventing water from draining away and bog or fen results from the partial decay of plant and animal material. As living things create order out of disorder in even the most inhospitable environment, each soil type becomes colonised by the plants that are adapted to the available level of anchorage and sunlight, of water, air and accessible nutrients in the soil and conditions for root growth. The mutually dependent micro-organisms, insects, birds and animals adapted to these specialist conditions follow.

Encroaching trees and scrub, animal and human activity including air pollution, all gradually alter soil

composition, usually enriching it. Warden Ian Rickards explains: "Low nutrient in the soil are incredibly important for a heathland, as nutrients increase it becomes more attractive for more vigorous plants and grasses which then out-compete the rare fragile plants like heath spotted orchid, hare bell, sundew and lousewort. When we have machines available we carry out scrapes, taking off the top layer of nutrient enriched soil, often dominated by stinging nettles and willow herbs, to reveal the poor sandy soil beneath. This will then get re-colonised by the heathland plants."

One sunny sandy scrape near the old football field is now early-stage heathland, with just ground-hugging plants but much insect and micro-organism activity. Scrapes made in the more nutrient-rich fen in autumn 2018 will colonise more quickly. Bare soil is also space for reptiles to bask

on, beetles to hunt across, and bees and wasps to dig into for nests. Plus the myriad invisible burrowers aerating, breaking down and transferring dead plant and animal material or just hibernating, a niche habitat just below your feet.

Ian continues: "We often use the scraped material to improve the paths and trails around the reserve. It is understandable that visitors will want to avoid wet and muddy paths, and will often walk on the edges or create new routes. It is easy to see how this damages the heathland vegetation, with heather being particularly sensitive to trampling." (Heather can grow for up to 40 years and all stages of growth are essential to different insects. MT) "Very quickly paths get wider and wider, or new paths become established with the solid blocks of heather becoming divided up into smaller and smaller areas. Improving the paths is hard work and done with spades, wheel barrows and our wonderful team of volunteers. When visiting you can make a big difference, please stay on the main established paths and wear footwear suitable for putting up with the muddy sections

we haven't been able to improve."

Hothfield Heathland is open to everyone. Please keep dogs in check especially around children and animals, and clean up including in the Triangle compartment. Trails are signposted and marked on entrance maps, along with the location of livestock. The noticeboard down the main slope from the Cade Road car park gives recent wildlife sightings. For email alerts on the location of the livestock on Hothfield contact Ian Rickards on 01622 662012 / ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk.

If you would like to come and join us on one of our volunteer task days, we will be out on Sunday 10th February, starting at 10am, baked potatoes provided !

Margery Thomas



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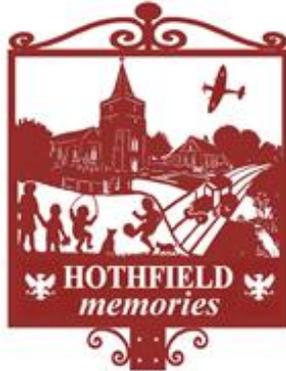
Hothfield History Society

Fun Quiz Night and Hearty Supper

**Saturday 6th April,
Hothfield Village Hall**

Come along to our fun quiz night and hearty supper on 6th April. The supper will comprise a choice of homemade tasty dishes with something for everyone including a vegetarian option. Tickets cost £6 per person (£3 for under twelves) and are available from Hothfield Post Office. Teams of six people (eight at a cosy squeeze) or come along and join in with others. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes including fabulous hampers, wonderful Sunday lunch at The Swan at Little Chart and at The Black Horse at Pluckley, pitch and putt tickets at Great Chart Golf and Leisure, bottles of wine and more.

If you would like to reserve tickets or have an enquiry, please call 01233 625942, leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. Proceeds shared between Hothfield Village Hall and Hothfield History Society.



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Here are our events for the first part of the year – please come and join us.

Entrance to our talks is £2 for members and £3 for non-members and includes refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Membership of the society is just £3 a year which includes a 60-page annual of our events, articles and show schedules, free entry to member only events and discounts at various local businesses. Annual membership renewal is now due.

Monday 21st January - 2pm- Church Barn, Charing
"The Winter Garden" Hilary Newman, M.Hort (RHS).

The talk covers a mix of flowers, foliage, fruit and bark which all give interest in the winter garden. Also, winter tasks and warnings (weather precautions for tender plants), winter pruning, glasshouse maintenance and other preparations for the spring.

Saturday 16th February - 2pm – Church Barn, Charing

"Weather Lore – Fact or Fiction" Ian Currie, weatherman, speaker and editor of Weather Eye Magazine.

"An amusing and informative talk for gardeners and all other folk!"

Wednesday 13th March – 7.30pm – Church Barn, Charing

"The Gardens of the Impressionists". Martin Heard. Monet and the other impressionists as gardeners and painters of gardens in the context of the craze in France for horticulture as a middle-class leisure activity.

Martin is an independent art historian who lectures and gives short courses on art, architecture, cultural and garden history.

Saturday 6th April – 2pm – Parish Hall, Station Rd, Charing

"Spring Show" – Our first show of the year. Please see our website for the schedule. Entries to be staged by 11.15am for judging. Classes for flowers, pot plants, veg, fruit, floral art, cookery, handicrafts and children's classes. Entry free.

Wednesday 17th April – 7.30pm – Church Barn, Charing

"Small Meadows for Gardeners". Maureen Rainey from Kent Wildlife Trust. Everyone seems to want a wild-flower meadow, but in a small garden making one can prove difficult. Gardeners want their plot to look good all year round, the site conditions might not be suitable. Meadows require a lot of management. But don't give up, there are lots of things you can do in even the smallest space to replicate a meadow type habitat and still have an attractive garden which will give you lots of pleasure.

More dates to follow for the rest of the year

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Don't worry about what people will think; they don't do it very often.
It isn't the jeans that make your bottom look fat.
Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
No evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the holiday.
Bills travel through the post at twice the speed of cheques.
Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
No man has ever been shot in the process of doing the dishes.
A balanced diet is a biscuit in each hand.
Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
By the time you can make ends meet, the ends have moved.
Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three days before it's needed.
There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.

STAY SAFE during Severe Winter Cold

STAY PUT - STAY SAFE - STAY WARM but if you need to be out, then

- **Plan! Don't get caught out in the first place.** Be informed and heed severe weather warnings ([Met Office](#));
- **Stock Supplies.** You might be caught out for several days with no power and no heat. You must stock enough [Food for Survival](#) and have your [Emergency Plan](#) and [Emergency Kits](#) in place.

Minimize cold exposure, avoid hypothermia. Get out of the elements as soon as possible, [shelter](#), stay warm. See videos on hypothermia, know the signs, e.g. on YouTube.

- if you are stranded in a vehicle in severe weather, safety experts recommend:

Move your car off the roadway as far as you safely can; turn on warning flashers, call for help, put on a high visibility vest, use an emergency beacon and other essentials from your [winter car kit](#) to secure your vehicle and location.

Make a reasoned judgement about whether to stay or abandon your vehicle. Consider factors like your health, clothing and supplies, distance to nearest help, likelihood of your vehicle being hit while you shelter inside etc. It is generally recommended to stay with your car if you think help will come within a reasonable timeframe.

If you decide to abandon your car, leave a note in the window with your contact information. Take your most valuable items with you including all personal information. Set the emergency brake and lock the doors.

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