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Photo By Lucy Baldwin

MARCH-ING INTO SPRING

Personally I'm pathetically grateful for the few days when the sun shows its face and usually abandon other jobs to drive out with my husband and enjoy the countryside, keeping in the middle of the road nowadays, avoiding puddles that may hide tank traps, the new style of English driving.



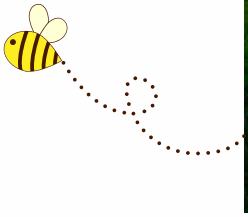


POTHOLE SEASON!!

Back in Hamstreet I'm still pleased to realise how many independent businesses are in this area, from car maintenance to chocolate; pizzas to portraits of Labradors; weeding to wine – all locally available. Some are already advertising in this magazine and I'd welcome the opportunity to promote more. Yes, you pay a small fee for an advert, minimum £3 per month, because an income is necessary to keep the magazine going but mainly to give local businesses another opportunity to tell us what they can offer.

One local business is featured this month, others will follow.



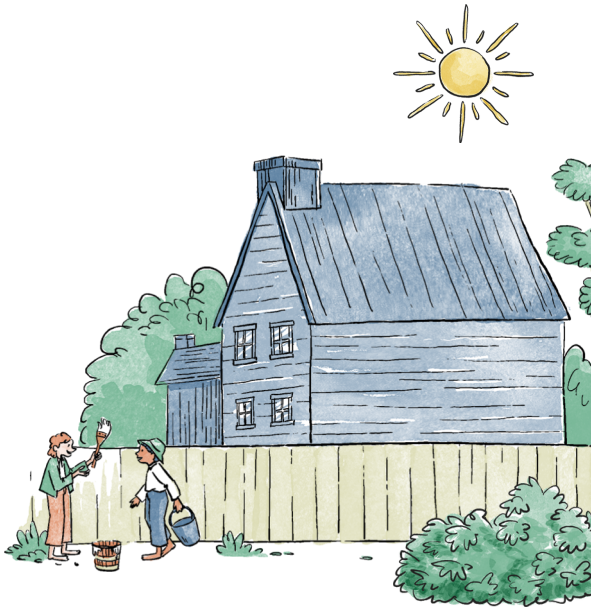




Contribute your updates and photos at editorparmag@gmail.com by the 21st of the month

Village Halls - Weekly Timetables & Events









ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, RUCKINGE



Well, what an exciting time at the church!

Not only are we back in the church but we're enjoying the new facilities – running water at last, an accessible toilet complete with baby- changing, a hot water machine to make providing coffee and tea much easier. All clean and bright and new! There's a simply beautiful oak staircase leading up to the ringing platform – which is the only dampener on our joy because we've learned that the work to restore the bells to ringing condition could cost around £5,000 and of course we don't have that spare at the moment. Thinking caps on again!

However, everyone was so pleased to be able to serve refreshments for Janet Homewood's funeral last month, knowing that she would have been delighted with the completion of the work.

This month sees a baptism, when baby Bessie is welcomed into the Christian family, and the family can enjoy refreshments after the service. A memorial service is also planned in March, with a similar following occasion.

We will be holding a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication on Sunday 1st March, which will be led by Bishop Rose, Bishop of Dover but, before that, the church opened its doors on 22 nd February for a 'thank you' afternoon to all who had supported and were interested in the developments within the building.

The church was full from 3 – 5pm and the atmosphere was joyous; it's so wonderful to feel the love that is given to this little village church that still serves the community as it has done for centuries. On behalf of the PCC and all the worshipping congregation – Thank You, very much indeed.

Mary Sillibourne, Churchwarden 01233 732615

Food for Thought

Mothering Sunday



Sunday 15th March

10am

join us for Bacon rolls



10.30am

Informal children's service







ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WAREHORNE

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRAIL

A 10.30am service of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, 29th March, will see the start of a Holy Week and Easter Trail in St Matthew's Church, Warehorne. We welcome everyone to this service when palm crosses, small crosses woven from palm leaves, will be distributed.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna", recognizing him as a king and the Messiah. Jesus did notgo as the conquering hero, but, by riding on a donkey, demonstrated humility and peace.

Palm Sunday is the start of the final, intense week of Jesus' life. The Church will be open 9am to 5pm every day during this week for visitors to follow the trail, a depiction of the Bible story of this important week for all, culminating in a celebratory Easter morning family Service with Holy Communion in St Matthew's Church, Warehorne, followed by light refreshment, to which all are welcome.



Meriel Bailes
Churchwarden





St Peter & St Paul's Church, Bilsington

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Charlotte Kerr

at St Peter & St Paul's church on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm. All are welcome.



There is a book of memories on the table at the back of the church for you to write your memories any time

If anyone would like to contribute their memories during the service, please get in touch with Rev Geoff Abasolo-Munnery on 07743 598896 or Linda King on 01233 720554



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

Come and see through following the

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRAIL

in

St Matthew's Church, Warehorne

depicting this intense week of Jesus' life from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Easter.

29th March through 5th April
Church open throughout this week from 9am to 5pm

You are also most welcome to join us for:

Holy Communion Service on Palm Sunday
with distribution of palm crosses.

Followed by tea and coffee.

22nd March | 10.30am

Easter Sunday Morning Family Service
with Holy Communion.

Followed by light refreshment.

5th April | Time TBC*

**please see the April edition of the Parish Magazine.*

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

SAY IT WITH SAM

Sam Bourner has been painting and crafting for many years, everything created individually and often using reclaimed items. The tree slice portraits and Christmas decorations that are so popular with her customers are on locally sourced logs from either storm damage or pollarded trees.



Sam writes:

I enjoy making things for people to treasure and that have sentimental value. I've created memory boxes, portraits, clothes hangers, house signs, pub signs – even portraits of people if they dare to sit still for long. Walking around Hamstreet you can see a lot of signs that I've painted. I also love hand sewing little decorations, cutting out by hand and mostly using remnants and all kinds of materials that have a vintage feel. A recent project has been to paint children's coat hangers to order, using colours and themes that will mean something to the child. A recent order is pictured here.



You can visit Sam's page on Facebook and Instagram @sayitwithsam





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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Hamstreet continues to remember with immense gratitude the self sacrifice of Lt William (Bill) H Johnson USAAF, whose selfless act on 13th April 1944, saved so very many lives.

A Remembrance service takes place each year on 13th April at Johnson's corner, Hamstreet, where wreaths are laid by Orlestone Parish Council and by the Hamstreet Branch of the Royal British Legion.

This service is attended by villagers, friends and enthusiasts from as far as Suffolk, Norfolk and America, who come along to give their support and remember a very special man who gave his life to save others.

PLEASE JOIN US AT 11am on MONDAY 13th APRIL FOR THE 82nd ANNIVERSARY

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HAMSTREET & DISTRICT BRANCH

The aim of the Royal British Legion is to support ex-service personnel, but you do not need to be ex-military to belong.

Notable commemoration dates for 2026 are:

Monday 13th April - 82nd Anniversary of Johnson's Corner, to honour the memory of Lt William Johnson USAAF, on site.

Sunday 13th September - 86th Battle of Britain service (location TBA)

Saturday 31st October - our Annual Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning in the Victory Hall

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Service in Ruckinge Church

Wednesday 12th November - Armistice Day service at the Hamstreet War Memorial

The Hamstreet branch welcomes new members, who may or may not have any armed service links, but share the aims of the Royal British Legion to provide welfare & support to service personnel & their families. If you feel you could support such aims, please contact our Chairman, Dennis Seton, 0788076806. Thank you.

Peter Gostling 07713104488

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Our tour and tasting experience can be booked online on our website.

ORLESTONE WI

Our February meeting took many of us back to the early 1970s and gave us the chance to chant the ending to several adverts. Can you add to last words to 'A Mars a day helps you …' ? and 'Now hands that do dishes can be …' or can you join with Tommy Steele with 'what a picture, what a picture, what a photograph …' As well as stirring memories there were some interesting discussions regarding the good and bad about those times and the present. Oh, and why those born between 1928 and 1945 are called The Silent Generation. **

At the end of the month a group went to Jempson's Supermarket, Peasmarsh to enjoy a very interesting visit to the headquarters of the Rye Bakery. Jempson's began as a bakery in 1935 and has expanded since then across East Sussex and Kent. Tours can be booked **every 3rd Wednesday of the month and costs £15**, which includes a hot drink and a jam doughnut and a mini loaf. You hear an informative and interesting talk while watching the bakery at work. Highly recommended – details on the flyer pictured to your right. **Bookings must be done online and paid in advance.**





March is our Annual Meeting month when a new Committee and President is voted in. Because Orlestone WI sets a maximum 3 years period of office before taking at least a one-year break there's always the need for some new committee members who can bring their own ideas and experience to ensure that the WI is always moving forward and never grows stale.
Currently we're celebrating our 60th Anniversary Year by supporting various good causes and members will be bringing toothpaste, toothbrushes and other items of dental hygiene which will be donated to Rising Sun to help women fleeing domestic abuse.

Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 orlestone.wi@outlook.com

** because the children grew up 'to be seen and not heard', becoming traditionalists, more likely to conform and not question authority. Hmmm, as one who falls into that category, I'm not entirely sure about that!

Come as a guest for 2 meetings, paying just £1 per month, before becoming a member. The WI is a national organisation, existing to improve the lives of women and the things that matter to them. You can become involved at a local, county or national level – the opportunities are there for you !

Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 or hanlon1@btinternet.com

1st Ruckinge & Hamstreet Cub Pack

Two themes have dominated Cubs recently, nature and playing games.

Cubs have been learning a few common trees, birds and wildflowers to help them feel connected to our local environment as they explore this. Most can now point out and name at least 6 of each. We visited the woods and looked for signs of Spring. They were few and far between but we did notice new growth on the woodbine. What we could see was branch structure. Combining observing this with looking at bark, we discovered different trees have developed different ways of trying to direct as much rain water as possible to their roots. In particular, we compared oak, silver birch and hornbeam. It's worth taking a look next time you're wandering in the woods. Games and nature came together as we played a wide game in the woods. We got really muddy running between bases, collecting 'treasure' (gathered sticks), but being hindered by the opposition pulling off our 'tails' (HV vests tucked into trousers or pockets), hanging loose.
Games were varied but with a focus on team games. A new game to us was introduced, usually known as 'bench ball' but we used chairs. It involved throwing a ball from one half of the hall, over the heads of the opposition to be caught by a team member standing on a chair. If caught, your throw was rewarded by you going and standing on the chairs. The first team with all members on chairs wins.

Games involved a tabletop game from China and one from South Korea. These went down well and introduced the idea of Chinese New Year ready for our last meeting of the term. Cubs learnt about the story of the Jade Emperor and the animals crossing the river for the order of animals in the Chinese lunar calendar to be decided. They also helped prepare and cook a stir fry with a sweet and sour sauce. We fried prawn crackers too. It was the first time some had eaten noodles. Parents had to hang around and encourage their Cubs to leave, the food was such a hit!

We'll focus on skills next term, e.g. using a drill and a hammer, ironing, setting table, peeling a potato etc. We touched on this last term with each Cub sewing on one triangle of fabric to our homemade bunting with some of the fabric having been tie-died by us.
There may now be three leaders but we can't all make it each week so need a supportive team. Cubs getting the most out of activities demands adult attention to be on hand quickly and for there to be enough adults to spot Cubs needing support before they feel bad about the experience. Leaders can also spread planning and they bring different skills.

Could you join us?

The Cub programme is hugely varied. There are traditional activities like hiking, cooking over fire, camping, playing team games, but there are other aspects such as thinking about serving the community, protecting the environment, finding out about other faiths, learning about being healthy, team building and reflecting on ourselves and our lives.

Do you have a skill or interest you'd like to share with Cubs?

You can take a look at the main badges online to see if you can fit your skills into our programme, search online at www.scouts.org.uk then Cub Awards. We concentrate on earning the Challenge Awards but would be happy to work with you on an Activity Badge.

Susan Hanlon
Akela
susanhanlon@live.co.uk preferred contact route
01233 730884 (usually answer phone)

Pit your wits against our Cubs! Can you decipher which tree is which?
Answers to be found on page 17

1


2


3


The Begging Bowl is still in action ...

Many will have seen my regular appeals on the local Facebook pages for all sorts of things for all sorts of good causes.
No apology but a reminder of what I'm happy to receive and pass on :

Used stamps please leave at least 5mm around them for the Pilgrims Hospice.

Old foreign and British coins & bank notes. I'm continuing to collect these and the next collection will raise funds for the Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides group, helping to build a useful, thoughtful and caring new generation.

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Ashford Sport

All the latest sports news for Ashford

Welcome back to the **Ashford Sport** column in this month's **Orlestone Parish Magazine**. Below is a roundup of some of our latest top highlights of local sports news from across the district.

Ashford's **Sean Trumper** recently made his long awaited professional debut when his Team FOG Næstved defeated Holbaek-Stenhus 120-87 in the Basketligaen, Denmark's top professional basketball league. The **Woodchurch** born, and former **North School** Lions player, had been sidelined since fracturing his foot in September during pre-season training but he has battled his way back after months of rehabilitation and got a raucous reception after scoring his first points as a pro.

Kingsnorth's **Rick Walton** completed this year's Arc of Attrition 100 mile trail race, a challenging coastal race along the stunning and dramatic South West Coast Path - the UK's longest National Trail. 630 people took part, only 260 managed to complete it, and Rick finished a very impressive 103rd overall, which was also 9th in his age group, with a time of 30 hours and 50 minutes. Very impressive Rick, well done!

Chris Littlejohn recently endured a 12 hour challenge in Lanzarote, which consisted of a 6 hour run/walk into a 6 hour sea swim. This has enabled the **Southtons Fitness**, **Ashford Tri Club**, and **Ashford Town Swimming Club** member to be selected for the attempt of the world's hardest triathlon in 2027, the Arch 2 Arc challenge. The Arch 2 Arc challenge is a journey that connects two of the world's most beautiful cities, London and Paris, by running, swimming and cycling. The clock begins ticking when the athlete sets off from Marble Arch in London and doesn't stop until they reach the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. It's 87 miles of running, 21 miles swimming and 181 miles cycling.This race is one of the hardest to get into and only a maximum 15 people try each year around the world.

In the Dymchurch 10k, **Ashford Striders' Frank Remigio** finished a strong 2nd place overall with a new personal best of 33:52, winning silverware in the Striders' red kit.

Stewart Grant of **Ashford Tri Club**, and **B & I Cycles** won Silver in the 200m and 50m Breaststroke earlier last month in the South East Regional Masters, congratulations!

We recently took part in the Charity Darts Night at **Ashford Railway Club**, where they raised over £1,300 for the Celia Blakey Chemo Unit at the William Harvey Hospital. It was a fantastic night, congratulations to blind pairing **Matt Jackson** and **Jack Dickinson** for winning the event.

31 year old **Kyah Lee** ran an independent marathon around Ashford in memory of his best friend Tommy Hill who sadly passed away last year. He started his run in Singleton, running a loop around the outskirts of the town (Kingsnorth, Willesborough, Kennington, and Great Chart to name a few of his routes) and ended at Victoria Park where he was greeted by over 100 of his friends and family.He completed this challenge in an incredible 3 hours and 36 minutes. Well done Kyah!

The **Ashford junior parkrun** course record has been beaten once more! **Oscar Barker** celebrated in true style by winning his last ever junior parkrun, and setting a new course record in the process. It was his final race before turning 15 years old (the age limit for official junior parkrun recordings), and he ran it in 6 minutes 27 seconds, beating the previous course record which he set back in July 2025, by 7 seconds.

And a massive congratulations to **Ashford Tri Club** member **Yiannis Christodopoulou** for qualifying to represent the Great Britain Age Group Triathlon team at the European Middle Distance Triathlon Championships 2026 in Spain, which takes place in July.

As always, please visit our Facebook page for more local sport news across Ashford and surrounding areas. Thank you for reading.

Alex Perseval
Founder of Ashford Sport CIC

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OVER 60S MEET

The March programme for the Over 60s will commence on 6th with us painting our chicks that we had made earlier (sounds like Blue Peter), under the watchful eye of Fiona just in time for Easter.

On 20th March singer Geoff will make a welcome return.

Please note there will be **no Over 60s on 3rd April** as it's Good Friday, but on 17th April Chicory Tip will be here.

The Over 60s meet at Cotton Hill House commencing at 2pm. If you would like further information please contact June McKay on 07799984110.

New members are always welcome. We are a friendly lot!!



Example of a pottery chick
(not ours)



Chicory Tip joining us on the 17th April

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This cash helps the hard-working leaders and helpers of Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides to continue to offer a wide range of activities for the youngsters who attend weekly.

Those same youngsters will grow up and become doctors, dentists, engineers, scientists and other vital and useful members of society.
What better way to begin than in the Scouting and Guiding movements.

Answers for pg11. 1. Silver beech 2. Oak 3. Hornbeam

VILLAGES' BARGAIN OIL NETWORK

Prices are still rising but slowly, at least for us. I got 54.46ppl on 2 nd February then 55ppl on 16th, fingers crossed there's no sudden leap forward come the next orders, 2nd and 16th March.

The number of orders through me are continuing to be low, at the moment. Possible factors could be the move to online of this magazine or maybe more people are finding online groups to order through. Is this service slowly becoming irrelevant?
During the colder months I order twice a month on the 2nd and 15th (in both cases on the next working day if these dates are at the weekend). However, April will see the return of once a month ordering till October, 2nd or next working day.
Please get your orders to me by the early evening of the day before. I always try to add latecomers but it's an unwelcome extra job for me and the winning company could say no to orders over and above those they've quoted on the basis of.
Any queries or to order, please e-mail me, where possible. I always acknowledge messages no matter how I receive them so please chase me if you don't hear from me. I'd rather people don't contact me via other routes, e.g. messenger, text.
Any household within a 5 mile radius of Hamstreet can access this service. You're welcome to pass on my details. I know that means some people who are in Aldington Parish fall outside the area but there's really nothing I can do about it, it's not my rule.
Please be reassured, there's no additional cost or on-going commitment to ordering your oil through me. I am just a member of the community and this is a voluntary, not-for-profit service that I slot in around my work, family and other activities.
Contact me for more information.

Susan Hanlon ordermeoil@hotmail.co.uk (preferred contact route)
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07810436191 – usually voicemail (absolute last resort, please)

BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDARS FOR MARCH

SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR March 2026		
1st Sunday: 1st March Lent 2 St. David's Day (Purple/LA)	9.00am Holy Communion 9.00am CW Holy Communion 10.30am Methodist Communion 10.30am Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication with Bishop Rose	St. Matthew, Warehorne St. Rumwold, Bonnington Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
2nd Sunday: 8th March Lent 3 (Purple or LA)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30 am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Matthew, Warehorne St. Martin, Aldington
3rd Sunday: 15th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday (Purple or LA/Rose)	9.00am CW Holy Communion 9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Food for Thought 10.45am Worship Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Orlestone Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge St. Martin, Aldington
4th Sunday: 22nd March Lent 5 (Purple or LA)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong (followed by APCM)	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne
5th Sunday 29th March Lent 6 Palm Sunday (Purple/LA/Rose)	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Palm Sunday will be the start of a Holy Week and Easter Trail in St Matthew's Church, Warehorne, depicting the story of Easter.	St. Matthew, Warehorne

Key Events: Lent course being run on Thursdays at 7pm at Various Churches please speak to your Church Warden re: Venues.
Saturday 14th March Table Top Sale from 10am at St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

Midweek Benefice Holy Communion Services at 12 noon, Wednesdays at St. Mary Orlestone all welcome.

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