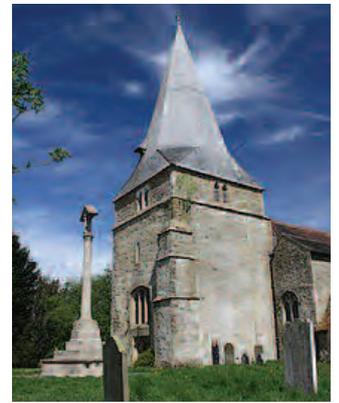


# The Sundridge Village News

## April 2019



In this issue we bring you an invitation to tidy up your village, a free flower workshop to learn easy flower arranging, money saving offers if you join the Horticultural Society, read what hymn books are really for and a report from Sundridge & Brasted Primary School.

### Other uses for a hymn book

Some people turn initially to the headlines or sports pages of a newspaper, I prefer the obituaries. I read the other day about Noel Rawsthorne who was organist from 1955 to 1980 of Liverpool Cathedral, a building which for much of that period was incomplete. The Willis organ in Liverpool Cathedral was completed in 1926, and in Rawsthorne's time was one of the largest cathedral organs in Europe, with 9,704 pipes, five manuals and 145 speaking stops. Despite its size, Rawsthorne described the console as "compact and comfortable to manipulate".

Once, he was asked to help with a recording of Verdi's Otello conducted by von Karajan that was being made in Vienna. It required a deep, 10-minute rumble during the opening storm scene, but no organ in Vienna was suitable.

The producer, John Culshaw, who had been born in Southport, 20 miles up the coast, remembered the Liverpool organ and sought assistance from Rawsthorne. He insisted that it could only be done in the dead of night, but then balked at sitting with his foot on a pedal all that time, so wedged it down with a hymn book!



### Parish Services for April 2019

#### Sunday 7th Lent 5

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

#### Sunday 14th Palm Sunday

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill All Age Worship  
starring Pedro the Donkey

#### Friday 19th Good Friday

10.30 Ide Hill Morning Worship  
14.00 Sundridge Church open for quiet reflection

#### Sunday 21st Easter Day

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

#### Sunday 28th Easter 2

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

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*Coffee is served at the 10.30 service every Sunday. Everyone is welcome!*

## Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Following the article in last month's Sundridge Village News, the Loaves and Fishes box in the Tower Room at Sundridge Church has been overflowing with gifts of food. Our special thanks go to one villager who very generously donated 40 items for the 40 days of Lent. This charity supports up to 40 families with young children, giving them a large bag of non-perishable food every week of the year. Please keep giving.



## Great British Spring Clean

Sundridge Parish Council are organising a Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 6th April. Radnor House and Sundridge & Brasted Primary School have been approached to take part. Landowners will allow free access across their land off public paths and are providing guides. The White Horse pub will host this event. Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council are involved and will provide all the necessary equipment. Meet at the pub at 2pm on Saturday 6th April for kick off.



## The May edition

If you have any information for the "Dates for your Diary" section or an article that you'd like included in the February edition, please email by Monday 22nd April 2019 to:-  
[sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com)

## Flower Workshop

Carol Edmonds, who organises the Flower Festival at Ide Hill Church, has agreed to demonstrate easy flower arrangements at a Flower Workshop in Sundridge Church on Wednesday 15th May at 10.30am.

Places are still available if you would like to attend. Even those people who think they can't arrange flowers will find that with Carol's gentle encouragement, they can. Please do join us. Coffee and biscuits will be served and there is no cost.

Please contact Beryl Norman to book a place:  
telephone 01959 563585  
or email: [beryl.norman16@icloud.com](mailto:beryl.norman16@icloud.com)



## April Dates for your Diary

### Friday 5th Friends of St Mary's AGM

7pm at St Mary's Church, followed by a talk "Trekking in Nepal" by Nick White

### Saturday 6th Great Sundridge Clean Up

2pm White Horse pub. All welcome to tidy up our village

### Saturday 6th Sevenoaks Philharmonic Choir

7.30pm The choir will sing Joseph Haydn's The Creation at St Nicholas Church Sevenoaks

### Wednesday 10th Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7.00pm Ide Hill Village Hall

### Wednesday 10th Sundridge & Brasted Horticultural Meeting

8.00pm Brasted Village Hall "More Garden Impact for Less Effort" by Alison Marsden

### Thursday 11th Mobile Library

10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

### Thursday 18th Agape Meal

7.00pm for 7.30pm Ide Hill Village Hall

### Thursday 25th Mobile Library

10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

## News from Sundridge and Brasted Primary School

Once again we have been very busy at Sundridge & Brasted with lots of learning activities going on. As I have said in previous newsletters sports, play a huge role in the welfare and education of the children and we are fortunate to be enrolled in master classes run by Sevenoaks School in various sports. Years 3 and 4 have already benefitted from coaching in tennis and hockey, with golf to look forward to next term. These classes teach them the rules of the sport and develop their skills. Alongside inviting professionals in to teach the children and upskill teachers, we are also keen to get the older children involved in coaching the younger children and to that effect we ran a schools game sports initiative aimed at upskilling our year 5 and 6 children so that they could run competitions in the school. Once again, our football and netball teams have been in action with mixed results but displaying great sportsmanship qualities. I am hoping to add orienteering and fencing to the list of sports offered at the school, so watch this space.

Before the Christmas break we ran a Parliament Week which looked at British Values and our democratic institutions. To follow that up, Sir Michael Fallon MP came to visit the school to talk to the children about being



are very important to us at Sundridge & Brasted and with that in mind Elm Class visited the Masjid Al-Noor Mosque in Tunbridge Wells. The Imam spoke to the children about the faith of Islam and he was very impressed by their knowledge of his beliefs. Throughout, the children behaved with the upmost respect and asked lots of thoughtful and insightful questions. Elm Class also visited Sevenoaks School to take part in an electronics workshop, which was part of the science week programme held there. The staff at Sevenoaks commented on how well behaved and polite the class were and we were very proud of them all.



a Member of Parliament. He was most informative and it was a pleasure to meet him. The children were superb and asked searching questions. He also visited Maple class at Forest school and was impressed with the work going on there. Learning opportunities outside the classroom



The children and staff are constantly aware of those less fortunate and immerse themselves in fund- raising for good causes. In February, we held a Wear Red Day in aid of the Royal Brompton Hospital which is the largest specialist heart and lung centre in the United Kingdom. The children wore red for the day and raised a commendable £122. On the recent Red Nose Day we organised a 'Healthy Living Day' with the children taking part in 4 workshops. In the afternoon the children took part in a trail, based on all we had learnt during the day, for a contribution of £1 each which raised £89 for Comic Relief. What was also remarkable about this day was that the idea came from the prefects and all the activities and the trail were organised by them. I was very proud of their compassion and organising skills!



The Healthy Living Day came at the end of Kindness Week. We started the week by reading ‘Have you filled a bucket today?’ that spoke to the children about being kind to each other to fill an imaginary bucket with good feelings and explained that you can also be a ‘bucket dipper’ if you are unkind to others. Throughout the week, each class took part in a variety of activities focusing on kindness, ranging from making kindness paper-chains and researching heroes of kindness, to basing our writing on books surrounding acts of kindness and reflecting on our own kindness.

On the 7th March we celebrated World Book Day which was given over to a wonderful medley of bedtime stories and a passion for books and reading as well as being a day for pyjamas in school! All sorts of fun and learning took place during the day. An excellent day with lots of fun learning!

I am looking forward to informing you of what we get up to in the summer terms in future issues so please keep reading and supporting your local school. We are keen to increase our links within the community and to that end I invite anyone or organisation to talk to me about linking with the school.

If you feel you can help us or have a particular skill that may be useful then please get in contact with Mrs Prestage on 01959 562694.

*Anil Gaiind, Head Teacher*



## Hygiene Bank

In a previous edition of the Sundridge Village News, I wrote about a Sevenoaks mum-of-two who had started working out of her living room collecting essential toiletries for disadvantaged families in Kent. In the four months since making the first appeal, the Hygiene Bank has grown to become a national registered charity with 150 drop-off points in 65 projects across the UK.

The organisation is made up of more than 125 regular volunteers who work as trustees, area project co-ordinators, administrators, warehouse packers and delivery drivers. The Hygiene Bank has distributed over 13

tonnes of hygiene and personal care products. That's more than the weight of a London bus, amounting to a conservative retail value in excess of £182,000.

Each Hygiene Bank is mapped with one or more local beneficiaries so that everything donated stays in the area and helps that local community.

Our Parish is supporting this charity and collecting boxes are in both churches. The Hygiene Bank collects all new, unused and in-date hygiene essentials, beauty and personal care products. If you need them and use them, then it is likely someone else needs and uses them too.

## Reverend Andrew John Reid

The Churchwardens attended the funeral service for Andrew recently and found it extremely moving. For those who weren't aware, Andrew was very special to us in the Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill during our interregnum, with Toys Hill almost adopting him.

He planned his own funeral service, from choosing the hymns, the readings, the music and writing his own sermon. The service therefore was in the first person and Andrew was very much present.

In his Funeral Address, which was read by the Rev Kevin Barnard, he began by thanking everyone involved in taking the service and said, "but above all, thank you to all you sitting out there, who didn't expect to have to listen to me going on for just one more time!" His message to

us all was very simple, that we should love one another. I would like to share his closing words with you –

"Please take to heart my words. I have had so much genuine love and care from so many people. Thank you to all who have supported me over so many years. If my words have meant anything to you: Go out and love your neighbour and in doing so you are loving God."

Rev Kevin Barnard then was instructed to turn to the choir to read this: "Don't start complaining until after the service. I know that this funeral is about twice as long as the average one but take heart - these are positively my final words ever.

GOODBYE – GOD BE WITH YOU ALL. Amen"

## Sundridge and Brasted Horticultural Society

Anyone who lives in Sundridge or Brasted, has a garden which they love and may also grow their own fruit and veg is missing out if they are not members of our Horticultural Society. We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and are in possession of their card which admits two people (either both members or one member and their spouse) to any of the RHS gardens any day of the week for TWO THIRDS off the admittance cost. Our Secretary, Beryl Norman, has the card which you may borrow.

Our Society is also offered discounts on certain purchases from Newlands Nursery at Goathurst Common, Ide Hill and from Sevenoaks Garden Centre, Main Road, Sundridge. Both are very popular and well stocked nurseries.

The annual subscription to join our Society is £10 or just £7 for those of us slightly older. Obviously our membership card has to be presented at any of the above locations. It must be worth it. Please ring our Chairman, Elaine Moss, on 01959 564750 or me, Mary Walford (01959 563718), to join.

Our first talk this year will be in Brasted on Wednesday 10th April and is a talk "More Garden Impact for Less Effort" by Alison Marsden. The meeting starts at 8 pm with tea and biscuits at the end - for no cost. It sounds worth a visit.

Transport as usual can be arranged.

Happy Gardening! One tip - prune roses and also summer flowering clematis now before they start to get going.  
*Mary Walford*



## Save the Date

**15th May Guided tour of Rochester Cathedral**  
2pm - 4pm Rochester Cathedral

**15th May Flower Workshop**  
10.30 St Mary's Church Sundridge

**14th September John Rutter 'Come and Sing' Day**  
[Click here for more details](#)

### **Friday 5th April Friends of St Mary's Annual General Meeting**

The Friends of St Mary's will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Friday 5th April in St Mary's Church, Sundridge, The AGM is usually a short formal occasion and will be followed by a talk Trekking in Nepal kindly given by Nick White.

**Entrance is free and all are invited.**

*Refreshments available after the talk.*

## The Friends of St Mary's events

**Wednesday 15th May 2019 from 2 - 4pm**  
**A guided tour by John Bailey of Rochester Cathedral**  
John is an Accredited Architect in Historic Building Conservation and his knowledge of Rochester Cathedral is immense. He has the great gift of being able to explain both the obvious and the obscure with the clarity which only comes when you know and love the subject very well. His passion for the building is obvious and he is a wonderfully engaging and humorous guide.

Tickets £15.00 to members, non members £18.00

**Saturday 14th September 2019**  
**John Rutter Come and Sing Day**  
**St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks**

## And finally . . .

Question: What kind of car did the disciples drive?

Answer: A Honda . . . Because the Bible says they were all in one Accord!