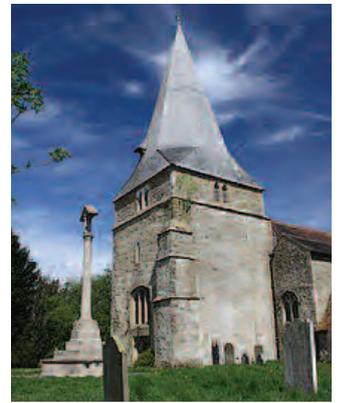


# The Sundridge Village News

## July and August 2019

In this issue we bring you an end-of-term report from Sundridge & Brasted Primary School, Horticultural outings to tempt you out and about, a plea for any historical photographs of St Mary's Church, Sundridge and many exciting dates for your diaries. Have a happy summer!



### Open Air Service

Flames and a howling wind contributed to a rousing Open Air Service on the Green at Ide Hill. We were celebrating Pentecost, the flames being decorations and the howling wind courtesy of a sound effect. We were told that at Pentecost the Holy Spirit enables us to live godly lives and gives us gifts so that we can help people and take God's message to the world. We celebrated our gifts by becoming entangled in brightly coloured balls of wool. If you weren't at the service, you missed our foray into Fun, Faith and Fellowship. Make a date for next year when we'll once again be having fun on the Green with the Edenbridge Town Band.



### Parish Services for July and August 2019

#### July

##### Sunday 7th Trinity 3

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

##### Sunday 14th Trinity 4

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill All Age Worship  
*with dog walkers most welcome*

##### Sunday 21st Trinity 5

08.00 Ide Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Morning Worship

##### Sunday 28th Trinity 6

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

#### August

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##### Sunday 4th Trinity 7

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

##### Sunday 11th Trinity 8

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

##### Sunday 18th Trinity 9

08.00 Ide Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Morning Worship

##### Sunday 25th Trinity 10

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

### September

##### Sunday 1st Trinity 11

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

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

## News from Sundridge and Brasted Primary School

The last term of the academic year tends to be the busiest and this year has been no exception. We are definitely finishing the year with a lot going on! Once again this term has included a myriad of sporting events. The term started with the swimming gala where our fantastic team came second in the small schools group, showing great determination and skills. They were absolutely superb, impeccably behaved and their sportsmanship was something to be really proud of, encouraging and supporting their competitors as well as each other. Following on from last term's tri-golf masterclass, our team of golfers took part in a tri-golf



tournament with other schools. They were first-rate, demonstrating a range of excellent skills, determination and great fortitude in the persistent rain! This term also included a number of our older children taking part in the annual District Sports event at Knole Academy. It was great fun and, as always, the children's behaviour and team spirit were exemplary. The team took part in sprints, relays, the firemen's chain, tunnel ball and many more, with children and parents alike cheering them on! They



were all superb and our three sports captains were brilliant ambassadors and helpers on the day. Six of our Year 2 children took part in a heptathlon event organised by Riverhead Primary School. They tried speed bounce, long

jump, chest presses, dishes and domes, an obstacle race, hurdles, target throwing and a sprint. It was extremely hot but the children were all superb. We join in this event every year as it is great preparation for the Year 2 children to prepare for Key Stage 2.

This year we have been extremely lucky to have had a huge amount of support from Sevenoaks Schools' Outreach programme. This has also included sports provision. Our Year 5 children went to Sevenoaks School this term for an Alternative Sports day. The children had the opportunity to try boxing, fencing, karate, yoga and squash and had a great time. We also sent a team of Year 4/5 children to Sevenoaks School for a Paralympic Sports

day. The children tried different paralympic sports from Boccia to blind hurdling and, again, had a great day. At Sundridge and Brasted I am keen for the children to have as many opportunities as possible and, with that in mind, we are looking to include orienteering, boxing and fencing in our provision next year, so watch this space! As if that was not enough, this week also saw Year 6 complete their Bikeability training, learning how to look after their bikes and how to ride safely on the road in preparation for secondary school. Once again, we have taken advantage of the offer for two Year 5s to learn sailing down at Chipstead Lakes and this year the two girls picked have

taken to the sport with vigour and are set to achieve their Level 1 and 2 sailing proficiency.

Also included in Sevenoaks Outreach programme was Year 5 and 6 being given the opportunity to watch a performance of 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' being performed at their school. The play included singing and music to portray the story and is described as a 'roller-coaster of a journey through magical lands in the company of some of the strangest characters you could ever hope to meet!' The performance lasted two and a half hours during which the children were enthralled and very courteous. Our Year 6 children also took part in the Church Schools' Festival, held at Rochester Cathedral. The theme of the day was 'Remembering how God is with us'. The children took part in a number of workshops and activities, including music and prayers, and the day culminated in a lovely service. As always, our Year 6 were

a credit to the school. During the period between Ascension and Pentecost there was a global initiative in which the Diocese was involved to light up the world and for everyone to pray and come to know Jesus Christ more fully. With this in mind, all of our prefects joined St Mary's Church one morning this term for prayers and readings by our two House Worship Captains.



This term also saw Maple Class (Reception) enjoying a wonderful day visiting The Rare Breeds Centre in

Ashford. The sun was shining and there was so much to do! The children enjoyed seeing and handling the animals and learning all about how to care for them. They saw two-day-old piglets and beautiful little chicks, goats, horses, cows, rabbits and guinea pigs. They heard from one of the farmers about how to care for the animals and had the chance to ask questions. They even met a very cheeky lamb who tried to eat their map! They had fun in Creepy Crawly World seeing tarantulas, huge pythons and lizards. They saw beautiful birds of prey, walked through the new butterfly tunnel and had an exciting tractor ride! At lunchtime, two children volunteered to be pig handlers for the pig race and guided our pig along the course brilliantly. They all finished the day within the huge play area and everyone had a go on the very large zipline (even the adults!) This trip and many others this year have

complemented and assisted the children in the varied topics covered. I look forward to telling you about further opportunities next year.

As I said – a busy term indeed! And it is not over, with our sports day and summer production to follow. In addition, our Years 5 and 6 are off to France for their residential trip later in the term. More of that in the next issue. I would like to thank the local community and the legion of helpers for all the support you have given us this year. You make a huge difference. I would like to remind you again that, if you feel you can help us next academic year, or have a particular skill that may be useful, then please get in contact with Mrs Prestage on 01959 562694. May I wish all you and your families a lovely summer.

*Anil Gaiind, Head Teacher*

## Sundridge and Brasted Horticultural Society

A lovely warm and sunny early June evening and a visit to a lovely country garden. What could be better? Unfortunately, the weather on this particular evening was very cold and wet from a day full of heavy showers. Anyway, a good number of our members joined the Ide Hill members of their Society and all enjoyed the visit to Hever Flowers at Bough Beech. They were beautifully entertained by the owners of the garden and were given delicious drinks and home-made eats. Thank you to everyone who made this visit so good.

Our next outing will be to the Lavender Fields and Hop Shop at Castle Farm in Shoreham. This visit is at 2pm on Wednesday 17th July.



In August we have a visit to the Gardens at Penshurst Place, again at 2pm on Wednesday 14th August. As usual, transport can be provided to either or both of these visits. Do please support us. We need it.

**This is very important information for all of our members, so please take special note.**

During the last few years, although our membership numbers are still very good, we do have far fewer people attending our meetings. This is a shame as we do have extremely good speakers. You may have noticed that, for the past two years, we have joined up with the Ide Hill Gardening Society for some meetings and outings.

Following recent discussions with officers of both Societies, it has been agreed that, subject to the approval of members, amalgamation would be the way forward. This would mean increased numbers at meetings and enable a more interesting programme to be provided.

Members of Sundridge & Brasted Society are therefore invited to attend a joint Social Evening at Ide Hill Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July, at 8 pm, when an Extraordinary General Meetings of both Societies will be held for all members to give their views and hopefully approve the proposed amalgamation which, it is suggested, would take place in March 2020.

Details have yet to be decided but the Committee of Sundridge and Brasted H.S. urge all members to agree to this proposed amalgamation, or the future of the Society will be in doubt due to lack of members and the reduced number of people willing to serve on the Committee.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting on 10th July, please let a member of the Committee know your views



so that they can be taken into account at the meeting.

Everyone, please continue to give us your support to ensure that we can continue to serve all the enthusiastic gardeners in both our villages. They are worth it.

*Mary Walford*

## Heritage Open Day

St Mary's church is taking part in England's largest Festival of History and Culture. Every year 1000s of events take place across the country, encompassing walks, talks, plays and recitals. Hundreds of buildings that are normally closed to the public are unlocking their doors. We will be unlocking our church doors on Friday 20th September to invite you to try your hand at bell-ringing. We have invited Year 6 pupils from both primary schools in the afternoon and they are really keen to join in the fun. From early evening we are inviting adults to give it a go. Anyone can ring a bell, the only requirement being that you're mobile enough to climb the spiral staircase to reach the bell tower. This task is made far easier by the beautiful hand rail that has been recently installed. The Bell-ringers are hoping that, by having this informal evening, more people might be encouraged to join them. Refreshments will be served once you're back on terra firma.

We're also endeavouring to make a pictorial timeline of recent past events associated with the church and would be pleased to receive any photos you have lurking in a drawer. Were you baptised in the church, or perhaps married? This idea will only work if we have your help.

If you are interested in either the bell-ringing session or have any archive photos that we could use, please contact - Barbara Lockey - 01959 564249

## Dates for your Diary July and August

### July

**Thursday 4th and 18, Mobile Library**  
10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

**Wednesday 17th July Visit to Lavender Fields**  
The Hop Shop, Castle Farm, Shoreham

### August

**Wednesday 14th 2pm Garden Visit - Penshurst Place**



## Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting was well attended by residents from both villages. Cllr John Evans began the meeting by welcoming the new Parish Councillors and thanking the retiring councillors for their hard work. Following the Chairman's report outlining the Council's achievements over the last year, questions were taken from the floor. Areas of concern were the general untidiness and unkemptness of some of the verges, speeding through the village with motorbikes doing 'wheelies' with no apparent means of law enforcement to stop them, 'puddling' from the recently re-tarmacked road surface causing water to collect, allowing motorists either pleasure or embarrassment in driving through at speed, soaking anyone in their wake, and fly-tipping, especially north of Combe Bank near the motorway bridge.

The Chairman and Councillors were given a vote of thanks from the floor.

## Save the Date

### September

**14th John Rutter 'Come and Sing' Day**  
Click here for more details

**14th Ride and Stride**  
Parish Council AGM, Ide Hill Village Hall

**20th Bell-Ringing Open Day at St Mary's Sundridge**  
**21st Tea Dance-Sundridge Village Hall 3pm**

## Fundridge Events

The 'Fundridge' team is looking to organise a 'beer tasting', a Christmas decorations afternoon and a clothing sale - all to be held at the White Horse pub in the autumn. More details available in the September issue.

## The September edition

If you have any information for the "Dates for your Diary" section or an article that you'd like included in the July/August edition, please email by Friday 23rd August 2019 to:-  
**sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com**

## Obituaries

Obituaries in the newspapers have always interested me and this one that appeared a while ago is no exception. It concerns The Very Reverend Peter Haynes, who was Dean of Hereford, having previously been Archdeacon of Wells and a notable parish priest. He became the Vicar of Glastonbury in 1970, which coincided with the revival of the Glastonbury Festival in a hippy style. Fifteen hundred people attended the first year's event, creating some unanticipated problems. The Bishop of Bath and

Wells agreed to finance 100 sleeping blankets, while Haynes and his wife helped to transport to hospital a woman who was in labour. When Haynes later baptised the infant, one of the godparents arrived at church in a suit of armour. "When he had to make his promises, he lifted the visor and said 'I do' and then snapped it shut again," Haynes recalled. The child's chosen name was Amen because, according to the father, "He's bloody well the last!"

## And finally . . .

Overheard from a member of the Ministry Team struggling with adding a contact to her new phone:  
"Saved - does it mean theologically?!"