

The Sundridge Village News

June 2019



In this issue we bring you flowers galore - glorious pictures from the Ide Hill Flower show and from the recently held Flower Workshop in St Mary's Sundridge, a report from Sundridge & Brasted School and local exhibitions to improve your mind without harming your wallet!

Ide Hill Flower Festival & Songs of Praise

The theme of this year's Flower Show was 'Sing to God' and was dedicated to the memory of Decima Grundy. The church was filled with an amazing display of floral talent. An enormous amount of time goes into this annual event and special credit has to go to Carol Edmonds who gently steers her team towards the weekend without seemingly becoming stressed or concerned. The flowers arrive and are conditioned by flower fairies, the boards are put out across the pews by more fairies (sorry, Andy!) and then there is the most peaceful calm in the church, only broken by the snip of secateurs as

creations are started. The camaraderie amongst the exhibitors is wonderfully encouraging, especially if you're a novice like me! Crises are swiftly and deftly averted with a gentle tweak of a flower, or perhaps adding a simple piece of ivy. Everyone is friendly and encouraging. The Sundridge flower team were again invited to create a display and pooled their talents to create the hymn, 'I, the Lord of the Sea and Sky'. This hymn was apparently

written in two days and in 2013 a survey conducted by BBC's 'Songs of Praise' named it the fifth most popular hymn in Britain.

The 'Songs of Praise' service was a joyous service with the church full of the scent of flowers. We sang many of the hymns that had been florally recreated in the church, interspersed with readings and verse.



Parish Services for June 2019

Sunday 2nd Easter 7
 09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP
 10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

Sunday 9th Pentecost
 08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP
 10.30 Ide Hill Open Air Service
with Edenbridge Town Band

Sunday 16th Trinity Sunday
 08.00 Ide Hill Holy Communion BCP
 10.30 Sundridge Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd Trinity 1
 08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP
 10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd Trinity 2
 10.30 Sundridge Morning Worship

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



Flower Workshop, Wednesday, 15th May

A happy and instructive morning was spent when a number of local ladies congregated at St Mary's Sundridge for a Flower Workshop, under the guidance of Carol Edmonds, who co-ordinates the Flower Festival at Ide Hill, and who kindly gave up her time to help us in this new venture. Rev. Pam called in and welcomed everyone and said she was pleased that this new event was taking place in the church.

Carol had brought a large quantity of flowers, including roses and carnations, and gave us a few tips on the care of flowers. She then demonstrated a simple design, using a block of oasis and a tray, and showed how to cover the oasis with greenery. Soon, everyone was using the mass of greenery that had been brought in and set to work individually. The design she demonstrated can be used at all times of the year, using flowers in season.



Carol used roses to create a central line of flowers and recommended that an odd number be used, probably 3 or 5 with flowers of the same colour. The design was completed with carnations at either side.

As will be seen from the photographs, all designs appeared different, and produced a colourful display, with everyone feeling the morning was worthwhile. The display remained on view in the church for a while.

Our special thanks to Carol and to everyone who took part and I hope they feel they have learnt something from the workshop, also thanks to those who helped with refreshments and for helping to clear up afterwards. We are grateful that a few have volunteered to help the Flower Team from time to time and look forward to working with them, especially at Festivals.

Beryl



Note to future volunteers:

Please contact Beryl Norman on 01959 563585 or email: beryl.norman16@icloud.com for further information.

June Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th Annual Parish Meeting

7.00pm Sundridge Village Hall

Wednesday 5th Sevenoaks Camera Club Exhibition

Continues until 15th June at Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery, Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1LQ

Thursday 6th, Mobile Library

10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

Friday 7th-23rd Art in June

See article for more information

Sunday 9th A Celebration on the Green

10.30 - Morning Worship. Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 12th Garden Visit: Hever Flowers

7.00pm *See article for more information*

Thursday 20th Mobile Library

10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

Sunday 23rd Sundridge Awards Ceremony

12.00 Sundridge Recreation Ground, *see Sundridge United Junior F. C. article for more information*

Save the Date

17th July Visit to Lavender Fields

The Hop Shop, Castle Farm, Shoreham *see article*

14th August Visit to Penshurst Place

See article for more information

14th September John Rutter 'Come and Sing' Day

[Click here for more details](#)

14th September Ride and Stride

Parish Council AGM, Ide Hill Village Hall

21st September Tea Dance-Sundridge Village Hall

Postponed from 8th June - more details next issue

News from Sundridge and Brasted Primary School

Although this term at Sundridge and Brasted has been the shortest this year it has been packed full of a myriad of activities and learning opportunities. *Never a dull moment!*

Once again, sport has played a major role with lots of new events to encourage the children to be active. We have been very fortunate this year to be able to take advantage of sports training organised by Sevenoaks Independent Schools. Years 3 and 4 have taken part in a number of masterclasses, starting with hockey. They



learnt the rules of the game and, at a later date, took part in a competition with 18 other groups in which they did very well. This event was followed by a tennis masterclass and tournament held at Hollybush Tennis Club. The children worked exceptionally well as a team and came 6th out of 18 schools, which was a fantastic result for a school with extremely limited sporting facilities. Next the



class tried out tri golf before finishing the afternoon with a run out on the race track. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

We also have a very popular judo club at the school and several members joined Chevening Primary School children for a judo grading where they had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. They were all excellent and coped really well with the different environment and extra children.

Not to be outdone, our team of Key Stage 1 children joined lots of local schools for an Infant Agility event held at Knole Academy. Our team was great, showing a range of skills and determination. Our work in encouragement of sport within the school appears to be having the desired effect of encouraging more pupils into being active outside school as well, hopefully, producing a long-lasting legacy of health and fitness.

The school also took part in the Westerham Schools' Music Festival this year. Our Willow children joined local schools to form a wonderful choir for a single performance at St Mary's Church in Westerham. I was very proud of them. In the meantime, Elm children were excellent on stage at the Stag Theatre when they took part in an annual 'Love to Dance' event which included 800 children across two days of performances. Elm class looked great, danced well and had fun!

Also this term, our Year 6 children attended a 'Safety in Action' event, organised by a task force of agencies to develop the competence and confidence in responsible citizenship and safety awareness of young people aged 10-11. The children had a great morning, learning and working together as a team.

Continuing our journey into making the school a Maths Mastery Hub, the children were invited to take part in a "Where's The Maths?" photography competition, looking at how Maths is so relevant to everyday life. The competition proved a huge success with lots of very interesting entries.

Once again, we held our Easter Service at St Mary's Church centred on Christian Aid's Lent campaign. Each class presented a prayer, poem or reading for Easter and it was lovely to see so many parents and relatives attend. Our retiring collection was donated to Christian Aid's Easter Appeal.

More recently, Cedar Class (Years 1 and 2) focused on a 'Memory Box' topic which they started with a Victorian Day. All the children came to school dressed as Victorian children and they looked great. In class, they looked at the differences between present-day schools and schools in the past. As our school building is Victorian, we thought it fun to transport the class back to that era! They wrote in chalk, covered up the interactive boards and tried to recreate Victorian teaching conditions. Miss Williamson, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Stone looked very stern! The children wrote about Queen Victoria, did some rote maths and then finished their Victorian Day with a craft activity: sewing for the girls and the boys made their own toy. The children decided that they would much rather be

in a modern-day school! They also recreated a photo of the school from that era by lining up on the road in the front of the school in their Victorian costumes.

The last term of this academic year promises to be even more action-packed and I look forward to updating you later on in the year. I would like to thank the community for their response to our appeal for help in school with activities such as reading. Quite a few of you have come



forward. I would like to remind you again that, if you feel you can help us or have a particular skill that might be useful, then please get in contact with Mrs Prestage on 01959 562694.

Anil Gaiind, Head Teacher



Sevenoaks Camera Club

Sevenoaks Camera Club is holding its Annual Exhibition in June, between the 5th and 15th, in the Kaleidoscope Gallery of the Library in Buckhurst Lane. Do pop in and view members' pictures, and make your



choice for the 'best of the show'. Camera Club stewards will be present and can give information on joining.

The Club meets from September through to May on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month (except public holidays). Meetings start at 8.00 pm (people usually arrive from about 7.45pm) and finish by 10.00 pm, with an interval

halfway through for a coffee and chat.

Membership is open to anyone. We see and treat you as an individual, sharing interests in aspects of photography. As well as the social side of meeting and talking with other enthusiasts, a key benefit of our meetings is seeing a wide variety of work, whether 'competitively' or not. This helps us all by seeing some of the things that are possible and giving us new ideas for our own pictures. Competitions are held throughout the season for prints and digital slides.

Meetings are held at the Mencap Hall, 71 Hitchen Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks.

Bryan Lockey, (Newbie member of two years standing)

On Yer Bike!

What are you doing on Saturday 14th September this year? This is your chance to visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with your family and friends.

Ride + Stride is a sponsored bike ride in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. Half of all the money raised comes back into our parish to help finance our repairs. Please do sign up for this, either by sponsoring or participating. *Forms and more information from Neil Arnott, Churchwarden at St Mary's Ide Hill telephone 01732 750221.*



Sundridge United Juniors FC

The Junior Football Club will be holding their end of season Awards Ceremony at Sundridge Recreation Ground on Sunday 23rd June starting at midday.

This is a fun day for all the family. There will be a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Live Music, a Beer Tent and lots more.

Please come along and support them.



- SUJFC Awards Ceremony**
- 23rd June at the Rec 12-4pm**
- Awards presentation**
- Live Band**
- BBQ**
- Beer/Pimms Bar**
- Raffle**
- Bouncy castles**
- Sweet stall**
- Football Games**

Please bring all your family and friends

Cash only all money raised will help develop the club

Sundridge and Brasted Horticultural Society

36 Thousand Tulip Bulbs - the number planted every year in the magnificent gardens at Sissinghurst. The bulbs planted the previous year are dug up and passed on to knowledgeable homes where they will be nurtured for the remainder of their lives!

We had a brilliant talk on the Sissinghurst Gardens and, indeed, the Castle as well and all the events held there for many months in the year, by Helen Wren, a very enthusiastic volunteer at the property. It is well worth a visit. Helen suggested that a good time of day to arrive is at about 3pm, when most of the earlier visitors have departed and walking around taking in the amazing vistas of the gardens is so much easier. Thank you so much to the Ide Hill Gardening Society for inviting us to join them.

On Wednesday 12th June at 7pm, we are again joining Ide Hill for a visit to Hever Flowers at Bough Beech (over the bridge, turn right towards Hever Castle and Hever Flowers is not far along, on the left, close to a Public House). We hope to see many of you there.

Tip for May and June-when planting up your pots, mix flowers which last for varying lengths of time so that the pot has no gaps appearing during the season.

Mary Walford

Sundridge and Brasted Horticultural Society

ATTENTION, PLEASE, ALL MEMBERS OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Will any member or their friends who would like to join our two outings this summer, please let the Secretary, *Beryl Norman* on 01959 563585, know as soon as possible.

Wednesday 17th July at 2pm - visit to the Lavender Fields at Castle Farm, Shoreham. The Hop Shop is also there.

Wednesday 14th August, also at 2 pm - Garden visit to Penhurst Place

Please support these forthcoming visits. Transport can be arranged.

Mary Walford

The July/August 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 21st June 2019 to:-
sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com

Art in June Open Studios 7th - 23rd June

There are 60 artists in 18 studios scattered across the Sevenoaks and Eden Valley area, offering the opportunity to see work that will not usually be on display, talk to the artists, purchase or even commission a piece.



At Dibgate Farm in Sundridge, 9 Artists will show an exciting array of different mediums including painting, line printing, textiles, jewellery, glassware, felt pictures, ceramics, screen-prints, and indoor and outdoor sculpture. The display set in 3 rooms and studio which surround the specially grown June garden of roses, foxgloves and lupins.

There is a very useful guide book covering the whole event. Look out for the striking yellow cover. It is available at many shops, pubs, libraries, schools and churches. The guide shows images of the artwork and gives information on addresses, exact directions to studios, opening hours and contact details of artists, including their websites. Not all artists are open every day. www.artinjune.org gives all the information.



And finally . . .

Taken from a geography exam paper

Question - Explain what is meant by the term 'pastoral farming'. Answer - It's when the farm is run by vicars.