

The Sundridge Village News

September 2018



In this issue we bring you a selection of photos from the village fete, good news that a new youth football club has begun training in Sundridge, an invitation to everyone to get on their bike and raise money for their local church, what the Bellringers have been up to, a call to all knitters to knit a poppy for Remembrance and an end of term report from Sundridge & Brasted School.

Sundridge Village Fete August 2018



What glorious weather we had for our fete. The ice-creams melted, the children forgot their dance, the teddies wilted in their cellophane, there were many hot dogs, though not the edible kind and still the band played on.

It was a wonderful afternoon that stretched into the early evening as people were reluctant to leave. Gratitude as ever to Bruce and Irena for all the work they do to make the garden such a delight to visit. Thank you to the stallholders and, of course, to everyone who donated and turned up on the day.



Harvest

It is one of the oldest and most traditional of British festivals taking place at the time of the Harvest Moon but, other than gathering up tinned goods and taking them to church, what is Harvest Festival all about?

The Harvest celebrations pre-date Christianity but it has always been seen as a very spiritual time to give thanks for the year's crop. Symbolic corn dolls made out of the last sheath were placed on banquet tables when parishes had their huge feasts. The doll was then kept until the spring to ensure the continuation of a good crop the following year.

Harvest normally makes us think of agriculture but many harvest celebrations exist around the country that

celebrate another type of reaping. There are about 24 festivals that give thanks for the seasons. In October in Billingsgate there's the Harvest of the Sea Thanksgiving where fish and netting decorate the church. These festivals arose in many fishing towns and villages where the locals depend largely on fishing for a living. A tradition in North Shields during the Blessing of the Salmon Fishery is to give the first salmon catch to the vicar!



Please join us for our Parish Harvest Lunch in Ide Hill Village Hall on Sunday 30th September from 12.30.

If you can, bring a plate of food to share, details from any of the Churchwardens.

Sundridge United Junior Football Club

The village of Sundridge is very pleased to welcome our newest children's sports club to the community, Sundridge United Juniors Football Club.

SUJFC are looking for boys & girls of all abilities aged 5-9 to join them at the Sundridge Recreation Grounds on a Saturday morning between 9am-12.30pm where they will be offered FA qualified coaching and the chance to play in a team at league level.

SUJFC has been formed by a passionate & enthusiastic group of parents & coaches whose main focus is developing the fun aspect of the sport that all can enjoy. For more info please call Simon Connolly on 07866 940400



Parish Services for September 2018

Sunday 2nd September

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion BCP
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

Sunday 9th September

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP
10.30 Ide Hill All Age Worship

Sunday 16th July

08.00 Ide Hill Holy Communion BCP
10.30 Sundridge Morning Worship

Rector

Rev Pam Davies
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01959 467223

Churchwardens

Sundridge
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Sunday 23rd September

08.00 Sundridge Holy Communion BCP
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

Sunday 30th September

10.30 Ide Hill Harvest
Followed by the Parish Harvest Lunch

Sundridge

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

Save the date

Sunday 2nd September from noon, Great Sundridge Hog Roast, White Sheiling, Dry Hill Lane, Sundridge Hog Roast and Vegetarian option and a bar. Details from Richard or Sally Dunckley 01959 563421

Saturday 15th September A concert by Fever Pitch Fever Pitch are a brilliant choral group who will be giving a concert in St Marys Sundridge

Sundridge and Brasted Primary School

It is hard to believe that another year has passed at Sundridge and Brasted School and that I am writing this during the summer holidays.

It has been a very successful year, both academically and pastorally, with our Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS results improving on last year. The last term of the academic year was, as usual, full of events and activities that enhance the children's learning and development.

On the sporting front, a group of Year 2s attended the Heptathlon event organised by the Sevenoaks Sports Partnership. 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. Their behaviour was, once again, exemplary and a credit to the school. On another hot day we held our annual Sports Day at the recreation ground with all the children taking part and representing their houses. There was a carousel of field activities to start, with lots of fun had, followed by track events and year sprints. Once again the children helped each other and supported their houses with vigour. What was also lovely to see was the efficient way that the Year 6 House Captains and Sports Captains ran the day. This year the Year 6s have been given more responsibility and events like this highlighted the skills they have learnt throughout the year which will greatly assist them in secondary school. During the last term we also had the opportunity for Years 5 and 6 to attend the Hever Triathlon. At this event they were introduced to the three disciplines: swimming, running and cycling. However they were also shown how the transitions between these events are equally important and a particular skill. I was so pleased to see them all enter the lake for the swimming part, which is no mean achievement. Once again their behaviour and attitude was commented on favourably by the event organisers. I have highlighted our sporting achievements all this year as this is an extremely

important part of the all-round education we provide at the school and I was therefore very proud when we received confirmation of having achieved the Gold School Game Mark for a school devoid of proper sporting facilities!

We had two further trips in our last term with Elm Class (Years 5 and 6) visiting the Dibgate studios in Sundridge to learn about the art techniques employed by the local artists exhibiting there.



As a reward for their excellent work this year, our Reception class took a trip to the seaside and was treated to all sorts of beach activities culminating in ice creams at the end of a successful day. Our Years 3 to 6 performed a country dance at the Sundridge Fete despite having little practice this year. We also had a great turnout at the Sevenoaks Festival on the first Saturday with the children singing two songs from our Summer Production: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This year's Summer Production was excellent! Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has never looked better! This was a challenging production but the children's hard work really paid off to produce an entertaining show



staged at Knole Academy to a full house. The previous week Maple Class (Reception children) successfully sang and danced a routine from the production at the Step Together Festival for Reception Classes in Sevenoaks. They were real stars and enjoyed an early foray into the dramatic arts.

As I mentioned - a busy term! We even managed to fit in fantastic and talented piano performances from the children learning this instrument this year, alongside a visit from boys at Solefields School who spent the day reading with the children and discussing literature.

Our last event was the Leavers Service at St Mary's which, as usual, was an emotional event. I wish the Year 6s all the best in their journey through secondary school and also would like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff who have been outstanding this year and all the members of the community who have assisted in various ways throughout the year. We pride ourselves in being a community-based school and value assistance from all local people. I look forward to another eventful and successful year at Sundridge and Brasted.

Never a dull moment! *Anil Gaiind, Head Teacher*

Ride and Stride Sundridge and Ide Hill



It's time for the annual **Ride and Stride** day to support local churches throughout Kent, and indeed many other counties. By arranging for sponsorship and enjoying a fun

day out visiting all the many and beautiful churches that we have in Kent, you will be helping to support our local church as 50% of the money raised goes to our church and 50% to all the other churches and chapels in Kent.

Please do consider joining me and hopefully arranging sponsorship. Please ask me for a form if you wish to participate on the 8th September 2018. For further information see the website www.rideandstride.org.uk.

Dr Neil D Arnott

Churchwarden

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Sundridge and Brasted Horticultural Society

Congratulations to Greystone Park for providing us all with such a lovely and sociable afternoon on Wednesday 11th July. Thank you to all the residents who so kindly opened their gardens to visitors. You had obviously worked so hard to make them so beautiful, despite the long drought from which we have all been suffering. Well done!

Particular thanks go to Alison Parr who, as well as opening her gorgeous garden, entertained us, along with all her helpers, to afternoon tea and a good sit down. This was followed by a huge raffle with most people winning something to take home with them.

We are pleased to report that the afternoon raised over £300.00 which has been sent to Hospice in the Weald, an extremely worthwhile local charity. Thank you, everyone, for your support.

On Wednesday 8th August, another fairly hot day, a group of us visited the beautiful gardens at the very extensive Titsey Estate near Oxted.

On Wednesday 12th September we start our Autumn programme with a talk in Sundridge on a Plantaholic's Garden given by Dr Peter and Dr Gillian Regan. Do join us. I am sure there is plenty that we can all learn and enjoy hearing about. Happy Gardening. *Mary Walford*

Plea for Poppies

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War I'm aiming to decorate the church with knitted poppies. Judging by the knitted poppies outside and inside the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, it seems as if others have had the same idea. If anyone would like to get involved and knit a poppy, or several poppies, I'd be very grateful, otherwise I'm going to have quite a few sleepless nights! I have a very basic pattern, but I'm sure many of you would prefer to use your own. Any style, any size. Every poppy will be used. For details, please contact Barbara Lockey - 01959 564249

The October edition

If you have any information for the 'Dates for your Diary'" section, an article that you'd like included in the October edition, please email by Thursday 20th September to:- sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com



Sundridge and Westerham Bellringers

The Sundridge and Westerham bellringers recently enjoyed a visit to St George's Church, Ypres to ring the newly installed set of change-ringing bells.

St George's Church was built in 1927 at the request of regiments as a memorial dedicated to their fallen comrades. The bell tower was built by Sir James Knott in memory of his two sons who fell in the Great War.

2017 and it was our privilege to be able to ring in this historic church.

The kneelers, windows, banners and plaques all show regimental badges and emblems.

We attended the evening ceremony at the Menin Gate and also visited the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Passchendaele.



1,400 bellringers died in the Great War and it was thought that a fitting memorial to them would be to install a ring of bells for the 100 year anniversary. This was completed during

All of us who visited found the experience to be quite emotional and thought-provoking.

Maggie Amos
Bellringer

September Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th Country Market, Ide Hill Village Hall
And every following Wednesday 9.00am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 8th Ride and Stride - sponsored bike ride
(see additional information)

Thursday 13th Mobile Library
10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

Wednesday 12th Sundridge & Brasted Horticultural Society

A Plantaholic's Garden by Dr Peter & Dr Gillian Regan

Saturday 15th A concert by Fever Pitch
St Mary's Church Sundridge (see article)

Sunday 30th Harvest Lunch
12.30 Ide Hill Village Hall (see article)

Thursday 27th Mobile Library
10.30 - 11.00 Chapmans Close

26th, 27th and 28th October Kent Painters exhibition
Sevenoaks School TN13 1HU

Fever Pitch 15th September 7.00pm

The Friends are delighted that Fever Pitch are coming to St Marys, Sundridge. The Fever Pitch choir is nearly 20 years old and has sung, amongst other things the Mo Mowlam Tribute at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, 'This is your life' for a retiring FTSE chairman and Trial by Jury in Court No 4 in the Royal Courts of Justice.

The choir has a core of 50 members, the number of singers is changed depending on the venue and the event. We can look forward to a magnificent evening of brilliant singing. The theme will be Fire, Earth, Air and Water and will include amongst other pieces 'Fyer fyer!', 'Smoke gets in your eyes', 'Bednall - 2 of 3 Songs of remembrance', 'My love is like a red red rose', 'Wonderful world', 'Leaving on a jet plane' and 'Singing in the Rain'. Something for everyone and every piece sung beautifully and with passion. Tickets are £5.00 for members of the Friends and £8.00 for non members, light refreshments will be served.

Tickets from Richard Dunckley 019459 563421, email: richarddunckley@hotmail.com or on the door.

And finally . . .

Taken from an exam paper on Religious Studies

Question - "Who was Solomon" Answer - "He was a very popular man who had 700 wives and 300 porcupines"