

The Sundridge Village News

February 2022



In this issue, we have thank you notes from Beryl Norman and Jill Johnson, lots of forthcoming events from Fundridge, updates from the Parish Council, the Brasted, Ide Hill and Sundridge Gardening Society and the PCC, news from Sundridge and Brasted School, a little poem that might amuse and even a user manual for a pair of gloves!

Whilst Rev Pam Davies continues to be on sick leave, the Revd Tim Edwards, Rector of the United Benefice of Knockholt with Halstead, has very kindly offered to provide the parish's pastoral support, including weddings and baptisms. He can be contacted via email: rev.tim.edwards@gmail.com or telephone 01959 532133 or mobile 07980 826365

Parish Services for February 2022

Sunday 6th
09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

Sunday 13th
10.30 Ide Hill Holy Communion

Rector
Rev Pam Davies

Sunday 20th
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

Sunday 27th
10.30 Ide Hill All Age Worship

Churchwarden, Sundridge
Althea Chapman
email: althea.chapman@outlook.com

Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill PCC Meeting January 2022

The PCC had its first meeting of the year on 24 January 2022 where the following issues were discussed as we continue to further promote and attend to the Church issues in our Parish.

The incumbent, Pam Davies, is still on long-term sick leave and the PCC has again been asked not to discuss this issue by the Diocese.

We have requested a visit from the new Archdeacon and this is being arranged.

We would like again to thank all those who continue to support our Churches financially and in other ways and our Hon Treasurer, Robert Skone James, is writing to our loyal supporters in this regard.

We have very sadly received the news that Sally and Peter Bawn will be leaving the area - they have made a huge contribution to our Church and Village life and will

be greatly missed. Anyone who would like to get involved in our PCC, please contact our secretary, Trevor Davies.

A discussion was held with regard to the churchyard Memorial Stones and how best we proceed with the times in this sensitive area.

Good progress is being made with regard to the start of Forest Church services and they will be starting soon.

We are still looking for Churchwardens to serve both at Sundridge and Ide Hill and would welcome anyone who is interested to contact our Secretary, Trevor Davies.

Lastly, the PCC wishes our congregations and all friends and visitors of our three churches a Happy New Year and stay safe.

P J Rutherford
Vice Chair PCC Sundridge, Ide Hill and Toys Hill

Coming to Rochester Cathedral Luke Jerram's Gaia arriving May 2022

Readers may recall the article in the December Village News announcing the proposed dates for "Gaia". After careful consideration the difficult decision has been made to postpone displaying Luke Jerram's Gaia this February at Rochester Cathedral.

Instead, Gaia will be on display from 24th May to 12th June. The Cathedral will release more information about events and tickets over the next few weeks. The link to their website is: <https://www.rochestercathedral.org/gaia>



Alan Norman 13th March 1936 - 9th December 2021

I would like to express my thanks, and those of my family, to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Service for Alan on 7th January at St Mary's Sundridge. With so many people there, it was a very uplifting occasion. Also, my thanks for all the messages and cards that I have received over the past few weeks. I am also very grateful for the amount raised in the Church for Hospice in the Weald, which will be added to that raised online. The Hospice Outreach team helped us for many months at home, and then the amazing doctors, nurses and volunteers at the Hospice looked after Alan and the family so well during the last 3 weeks of his life. We were fortunate to be allowed into the Hospice at any time, with numbers unlimited. It was interesting to see dogs and cats being brought in to see patients, and we heard that even a horse went in on one occasion.

Beryl Norman



Fundridge Events 2022

A belated New Year to you all from the Fundridge team.

We have a fun-packed year of events planning, in fact we have at least 12 events planned, some for the young, some for the old, but mostly for the whole village to enjoy.

The first one is a Quiz Night at the White Horse on Thursday February 24th at 8pm: if you are interested in joining us then you need to book a table directly with the pub. The 5th of March brings you 'Around the World in 80 minutes'. This is a re-make on the cheese and wine event which we usually run. If you

come along, you will be offered food and drink (and some quiz questions) from 6 of the countries that Phileas Fogg passed through during his voyage.

In April we will be holding a Murder Mystery and Meal at the White Horse. Enjoy a two-course meal while The Sevenoaks Players perform a murder scene around you, leaving clues for you to solve. Also in April, on Easter Saturday 16th in the afternoon, there will be an Easter egg treasure hunt, followed by a duck race on Coronation Gardens.

Start collecting all your good-as-new clothing for the New for You Women's Clothing and accessories sale on 21st May in the Village Hall. Also in May we are organising an adult Scavenger Hunt around the village.

In the second half of the year we'll bring you a family camping weekend, a car boot sale, an open air cinema night, a Halloween party for the kids and the usual Christmas festivities.

Don't forget to keep the August Bank Holiday Sunday (28th August) free as we are organising another 'Funstock' on Coronation Gardens with entertainment for the whole family.

If you want to be kept up to date with any of these forthcoming events, then email us at fundridgesundridge@gmail.com and we will put you on our mailing list so that you don't miss out on further details of any of the above.

Fundridge: "A group of villagers who believe in 'Friendship, a better community and bringing neighbours together'"

Committee Members: John Banbrook, Vikki Allgood, Kate Henry, Ally MacMillan, Henry Nicol, Fiona Parkin



Fundridge Presents:
An Itinerary of Foreign Delights

AROUND THE WORLD

Enjoy an evening of circumnavigating the world, tasting food and drink from many of the countries Phileas Fogg passed through.

A maximum of 48 passengers can take part in this journey. The trip will comprise of 8 tables, seating 6 per table. Book early via email, to avoid disappointment. £18 per ticket (cheaper than the £20,000 Phileas wagered!)

Date: Saturday 5th March, 7.15 for 7.30
Place: Village Hall, Sundridge

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IN EIGHTY Minutes (approx.)

Email: fundridgesnotice@gmail.com

Parish Council Update

Christmas

28th November saw the Annual Christmas Carols and Christmas light switch-on in Sundridge. This was another wonderful evening as many of the village came together at The White Horse pub and took part in singing some traditional carols. Ellie at The White Horse had laid on some very tasty mince pies and there was even a surprise visit from Santa and one of his elves, much to the children's delight. It's a firm favourite in the village events calendar and a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas period. Everyone then ventured outside to countdown for the light switch-on. Hopefully you will agree that the display in Sundridge was looking even more beautiful this year. Huge thanks to all the volunteers in the village who gave up their time to help.



On a crisp chilly December 11th evening, around 100 adults and children (plus the odd dog or two) from Ide Hill and Sundridge gathered on Ide Hill village green to sing Christmas songs and carols, fortified by mulled wine and mince pies supplied by the Parish Council. The Christmas Tree and Well were decorated to brighten the festivities and everyone was in fine voice. The event was helped by volunteers from Ide Hill, and the Parish Council was requested by many attendees to make plans for this to become an annual event, which we hope to arrange.



Stubbs Wood

The coppicing at Stubbs Wood in Ide Hill has been temporarily halted while a new contractor is sought to continue the work later this year. Unfortunately, the original contractor was unable to continue and that contract has now been terminated. The Public Footpaths and Bridleways have been made safe by local volunteers, with particular thanks to Dominic Rossi and Richard Don. However, walkers and riders are advised to continue to take care and to report any concerns to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Platinum Jubilee

Along with Parish Councils all over the country, Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council is planning events to celebrate the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Whilst exact details are still being worked out, it is hoped that each village will be having a street party over the long weekend of 2nd to 5th June. If you wish to get involved, please contact one of your local councillors.

Community Award Scheme

Every year the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) hold a Community Awards Scheme. Nominations for the scheme in 2022 are made by Parish Councils but these can be received by the Clerk of the Council from any resident of the parish. Therefore, Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council is ready to receive nominations for anyone that you feel merits an award for making a significant contribution to our local community. Send these to the Clerk (clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk), together with a short reason for your recommendation by no later than the end of Friday 11th February for consideration by the Parish Council.

Ide Hill Toilets

Following a significant grant from the Ide Hill Community Shop, topped up by the Parish Council, new eco-lighting, with improved motion sensors and emergency lighting, has been installed in the Public Conveniences at Ide Hill, enhancing this valuable amenity for residents and visitors to our village.

Would you like to join the Parish Council?

A vacancy exists for a parish councillor from Sundridge for the Parish Council. Anyone who wishes to be considered for this important position is invited to contact the Clerk (clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk).

Please subscribe

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News from Sundridge and Brasted CE Primary School

Greetings from Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School!

Greetings from Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School! Belated Happy New Year to you all!

As some of you may know, we suffered a little with COVID at the end of last term with one teacher testing positive and a number of children too, which in most cases went through the whole family. Chicken pox also struck a number of our younger children and so numbers were somewhat depleted as we headed towards our Nativity Play and Carol Concerts but, as always, we rose to the challenge! With just one minor change to our scheduling, we were able to go ahead with two Nativity performances and two Carol Concerts and were delighted to invite our parents into school to watch. The children were wonderful and the feedback from our parents has been lovely.

Continuing with the Christmas theme, staff and children supported Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children UK by wearing our rather fabulous Christmas jumpers in exchange for a donation to the charity. And what a splendid variety of jumpers there were! A sight to behold indeed!

This term, we have students from Sevenoaks School coming to us each week to share their expertise in coding and robotics equipment with the children, which is proving to be a fantastic experience for them all.

Sevenoaks School has also lent us a set of Djembe drums for the term, which are in use throughout the

school and much enjoyed by all!

Forest School is due to start again, led by Kent Wildlife Trust and with the kind permission of Lady Plender who allows us to use the top end of her property, opposite the school. The area is a wonderful source of flora and fauna and an excellent environment for learning outside the classroom.

A representative from Kent Fire and Rescue also joined us in January with a range of equipment to demonstrate and talking to each year group about fire safety: the dangers of fire, how to keep ourselves and our families safe in school and at home and what to do in an emergency. Valuable lessons for us all.

We hope to attend a number of sports events throughout the term, subject to COVID restrictions, and we have a residential trip for our Year 5 and 6 children booked for March at Hindleap Outdoor Activity Centre which will be a fantastic experience for the children and eagerly anticipated. As always, we are staying busy and productive!

We send our very best wishes to the community.
Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School

We know that we can make a difference by showing kindness through our words and actions. We strive to have a positive impact every day.

Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School

Telephone: 01959 562694

email: office@sundridge.kent.sch.uk www.sundridge.kent.sch.uk

A Little Poem for Seniors

Another year has passed
and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
about 'Living in the Past'
We used to go to weddings,
football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes,
and after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining,
and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
come home and take a pill.
We often used to travel
to places near and far.
Now we get sore backsides
from driving in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
and watch the evening news.
That, my friend is how life is,
and now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're much too old!



DO YOU LIVE IN THE PARISH OF SUNDRIDGE WITH IDE HILL?

**There is a fund in the parish, to help
residents who have financial
difficulties.**

If you (or anyone you know) are experiencing hardship and would like to know more about the fund, please do contact one of the Trustees listed below. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Mrs J Rutter
52 Chapmans Road
Sundridge TN14 6DS

Tel: 01959 565334
e:jorutter@hotmail.co.uk

Mrs L Denbigh
3, The Pantyles
Nightingale Lane
Goathurst Common
Ide Hill TN14 6BX

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e:liz.stagecoach@btinternet.com

Brasted, Ide Hill and Sundridge Gardening Society

There may not be much to do in the garden at this time of year, but there are signs of life everywhere, with spring bulbs starting to push through and the first snowdrops are beginning to open on the bank leading into Greystone Park.

Longstanding residents may have known Harold Syms who lived in Greystone Park for many years. Harold was a keen plantsman and made several plant hunting trips, including to the Himalayas, in search of interesting species of his favourite plant group – alpine. His beautiful back garden was once featured on “Gardeners World” with Geoff Hamilton and he was apparently ‘a natural’ in front



of the cameras. Unfortunately, Harold is no longer with us and his beautiful garden was destroyed a few years ago by the developer who made a lovely modern home out of his little bungalow. However, Harold left a wonderful legacy by planting bulbs along the bank in Greystone Park and, at various times of the year, fortunate residents and visitors are reminded of Harold and his love

of gardening as we enjoy the many snowdrops, crocuses and cyclamen which have now naturalized.



Following our AGM in November, we have been taking a break over the last couple of months when most of us don't fancy going out on the cold, damp, dark evenings of deep winter. However, we do hope that

people will be happy to come out for a social afternoon

Ide Hill Singers – Come and Sing!

After a short break following our performance at the Christmas Tree Festival concert, the Ide Hill Singers will resume our weekly meetings at the beginning of February.



We are a community choir and you do not have to live in Ide Hill to join our choir. We expect to sing at community events in the summer and we will be starting new songs when we meet. Everyone can sing

and the opportunity to sing should be given to everyone. The group is open to anyone aged 18 and over.

No previous experience of singing in a choir or any other music group is necessary

There will be no auditions

You don't have to be able to “read” music

Even if you think you can't sing, please give it a go.

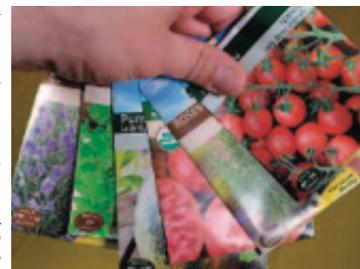
The first meeting will be held in the Ide Hill village hall on Friday 4th February between 7.30 pm and 9.15 pm. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. There will be seven further meetings before we take a break over the Easter period. Please email me at idehillsingers@gmail.com if you would like further information or just turn up on the night.

I look forward to seeing you for an evening of fun, friendship and singing.

Anne Beasley

to kick start the new year in February. We will be meeting for Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 2.30pm at Ide Hill Village Hall (please make a note in your diaries!) It will be a good opportunity to catch up with each other over tea and home-made cake, to renew subscriptions and pick up a programme for the year ahead.

We would also like to encourage everyone to sort out their seed tins and bring along any full or half-full packs of viable seeds that you don't intend to sow this year. Perhaps someone else will fancy having a go, so it's a good opportunity to do some seed swaps and pick up something different before you place your seed order for the new season.



If you're not a member but are interested in joining, we have a programme of monthly meetings, talks, visits and socials from February to November. This includes talks by a member of the team at Coblands Garden Centre and the Head Gardener at Emmetts, a visit to Pashley Manor Tulip Festival and a trip to RHS Wisley and, closer to home, visits to two members' gardens in Ide Hill. Annual membership is just £5, and members also receive 10% discount at Newlands Nursery, Goathurst Common and the Sevenoaks Garden Centre in Sundridge. If you'd like to join us, please feel free to come along to the Afternoon Tea on 16th February or contact our Membership Secretary for more information by emailing juliaricci@rocketmail.com or calling 01959 569795.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Julia Ricci

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 16th February, Gardening Society

Afternoon tea, 2.30pm Ide Hill Village Hall

Thursday 24th February, Fundridge Quiz Night

White Horse 8.00pm. See article for details

Saturday 5th March, Fundridge “Around the World in 80 minutes”

7.15pm Village Hall. See article for details

April, date tbc, Fundridge “Murder Mystery & Meal”

at the White Horse. See article for details

Saturday 16th April, Easter egg treasure hunt and duck race

in the afternoon on Coronation Gardens

Saturday 21st May Fundridge New for You Women's Clothing and accessories sale.

See article for details

2nd to 5th June. Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Parish Council's proposed street parties over the long weekend

August Bank Holiday Sunday 28th August Fundridge ‘Funstock’

on Coronation Gardens. See article for details

The March edition

If you have any information for the “Dates for your Diary” section or an article that you'd like included in the next edition, please email by

Tuesday 24th March to:-
sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com

User manual for a pair of gloves?

BlueSpot[®]

Nitrile Grip Gloves - User Manual

Thank you for purchasing a BlueSpot product, you can find further information on our range at www.BlueSpot.uk.com. Please ensure that you are using the product correctly and that all guidance and cautions are followed in accordance with the instructions. Please retain these instructions for future reference.

Safe use

Please make sure that you read these instructions carefully in order to avoid injury when using the nitrile grip gloves. Follow all health and safety rules and regulations. If in doubt and available please contact a more knowledgeable source.

DO NOT use if damaged.

1. Before use always check the gloves for any damage. If any damage is found (abrasion, cut tear etc.) do not use as this could cause damage to injury and make the gloves ineffective.
2. If working near moving machine parts the gloves should not be worn as there is a risk of them becoming caught.
3. **NEVER** subject the gloves to serrated or high speed blades.
4. **NEVER** use these gloves with/near chemicals.
5. **DO NOT** use the gloves with/near a naked flame.

The BlueSpot Nitrile Grip Gloves have been designed to protect hands against mechanical risks in accordance with the PPE regulation 2016/425. The gloves are compliant with the PPE directive as well as the applicable technical European Standards.

Introduction

Hand size defined in EN420:2003+A1:2009	Glove Size
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8	8 / M
9	9 / L
10	10 / XL
11	11 / XXL



Protection from mechanical risk

Protection from mechanical risk

3 Abrasion resistance (0-4)

1 Blade cut resistance (0-5)

2 Tear resistance (0-4)

1 Puncture resistance (0-4)

X Cut Resistance Method (ISO 13997) (A-F)*

(X - Not tested)

The levels of performance have been tested on the palm of the glove. These levels of performance are obtained from tests done according to conditions defined by applicable standards.

The levels of performance are only valid for new gloves that have not been washed or regenerated.

Allergies

Our gloves incorporate a biocidal product and are also treated with SANITIZED[®]. Biocidal treatment helps to protect the gloves against a broad range of bacteria and fungi. The zinc pyrithione (the active biocidal substance) removes odours from the gloves. SANITIZED[®] has no products with nano material.

These can be known to cause an allergic reaction or irritation. Seek medical advice immediately if an allergic reaction occurs.

Cleaning & Maintenance

If needed the gloves can be cleaned with lukewarm water using soap. **NEVER** use bleach to clean the gloves.

ALWAYS allow the gloves to fully dry before being stored.

Storage

ALWAYS store the gloves in a cool dry area that is out of reach from children. Store the gloves away from direct sunlight.

Contact

Tel: 0800 093 0115 Email: sales@bluespot.uk.com Address: Orme Business Centre, Greenacres Road, Oldham, OL4 3NS

EU type examinations carried out by: Intertek (Notified body 0362).

I will admit I am not the best at reading instructions. Along with so many other males I tend to think I can work any and every thing without reference to instructions or user manuals. In case of desperation, there is always U Tube. My latest purchase, a pair of gloves, came complete with a User Manual and, for once, I think I can be forgiven for assuming that I know how to use the product without further reference to the wonderfully detailed and exceptionally polite instructions of which below is an excerpt - the full leaflet appears alongside.

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I will now be checking all future purchases of gloves for a User Manual.

Thank you

Jill Johnson would like to thank her friends and neighbours for all their kindness shown to her during her recent illness. All the telephone messages, flowers and presents have been much appreciated.

She received a lovely Christmas lunch from a member of the Support Group and a Christmas hamper containing lots of goodies from Fundridge. She's also received many offers of help.

Jill added that she loves this friendly village and wants everyone to know that she's now out and about and would love you to stop for a chat if you happen to spot her.



And finally . . .

