

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

HOTHFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN26 1EG

7PM FOR 7.30PM START

- £5 PER PERSON
- TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE
- PRIZES FOR WINNERS & LOSERS
- RAFFLE
- BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINK
- TEA/COFFEE & HOMEMADE CAKES AVAILABLE



To reserve your tickets

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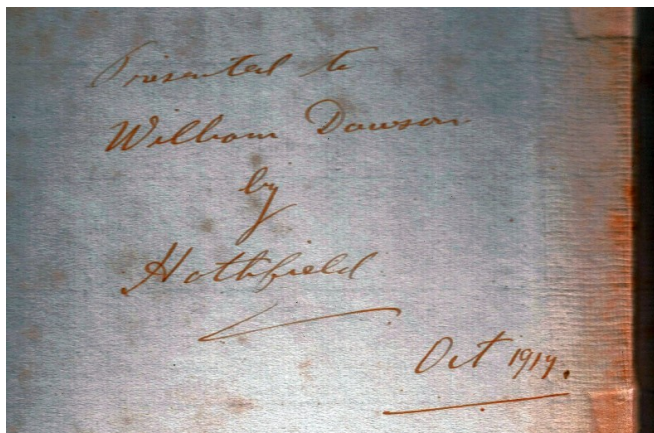
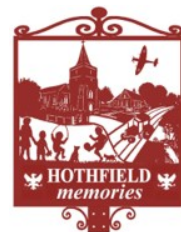
Hothfield Parish Council next meeting 7pm 10th Sep Hothfield Village Hall

Harvest Lunch St Margarets Church 12noon 6th Sep

Fun Quiz Night 7pm 16th October Hothfield Village Hall

Rare find: Catalogue of Lord Hothfield's collection of miniature portraits

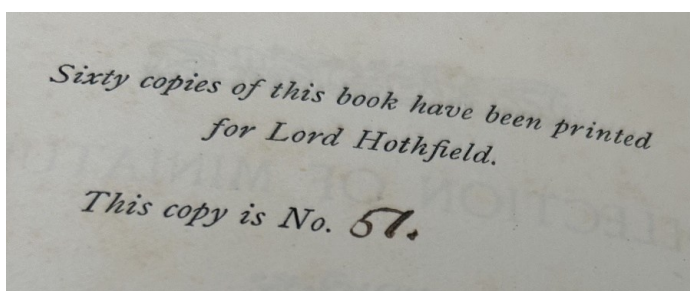
David Boyd has contacted the History Society to ask if we know anything about a William Dawson who was presented with a limited edition book by Lord Hothfield in 1917. David bought a job lot of books at Kendal, which is not far from Lord Hothfield's home at Appleby, and it contained a book describing the collection of miniature portraits that the Lord had collected. The book is called "Catalogue of a Collection of Miniatures belonging to the Lord Hothfield". The book's inside pages state that only 60 copies were printed, and David has no.57, which also includes an inscription to William Dawson simply signed 'Hothfield'.



The church's records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials do not include many Dawsons, and none around this time. It's quite probable that William was an acquaintance from any part of the country as Lord Hothfield had an estate that crossed England, and the Lords moved in influential circles. With only sixty copies to give away my guess is that William was a special or close friend or maybe a member of staff, or perhaps himself an art collector.

A copy of the book can be found on line published by an American library; others have been sold for high prices at

auctions. Interestingly the ones sold at auction and on line do not have their copy numbers, so maybe there were a few more than sixty printed at the time.



The catalogue describes miniatures of fine quality from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries from a wide variety of artists, and some unsigned. The book explains that Lord Hothfield himself collected the miniatures after first acquiring two or three miniatures of his own family, and decided to add to the collection any portraits that he liked for their 'intrinsic beauty'. The

author congratulates the Lord on a series of portraits "of rare beauty and remarkable excellence".

New release from Hothfield author

Hothfield author Melody Foreman has just published her latest historical book. Melody was born in Hothfield and her father ran a local shop. She moved away from the village but came back a few years ago and has published a number of works relating to World War II. Melody has also kindly given interesting talks at the village hall.

She has recently released her latest publication entitled "Love As Strong As Death: Ravilious, The Pilot and the Missing Aircraft" about a famous Sussex war artist Eric Ravilious. The book also features an RAF Coastal Command pilot from Maidstone named Flt. Lt. Alfred 'Ginge' Culver DFM and includes his evocative letters home. Both men, along with three crew of RAF 269 Squadron were on board a Hudson aircraft flying over Icelandic waters on 2nd September 1942 when it disappeared without trace. The story charts one of the greatest mysteries of the Second World War.

It is published by Fighting High Books and is available from all good bookshops, online, etc. but if anyone would like a copy signed by Melody they can get in touch via her website - www.melodyforeman.co.uk

'Paddy' Little – First World War soldier and Hothfield resident

Next month I hope to tell you something of the interesting life of Frederick Little who was born in Ireland and fought in World War 1. He was known as 'Paddy' and moved to West Street with his wife Doris where he died aged 101 in 1997. If you were in the village before then did you meet him? Melody recalls that he visited her dad's shop, and his neighbour Penny were close friends.

Hothfield Parish Council

For full minutes of meetings of Hothfield Parish Council, please either see the noticeboard outside the village shop, or visit www.hothfield.org.uk
PLEASE NOTE: The email address for the Parish Council is parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE

The Worshipful, The Mayor of Ashford, Cllr Winston Michael MBE
Invites you to attend his 'Civic Service of Celebration'

Sunday 25th October 2026 at 1pm
Parish Church of St Mary The Virgin,
Tufton St, Churchyard, Ashford TN23 1QG



More details and official invitation to follow...

Hothfield Village Hall

Bookings via
www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Regular weekly events

Mondays @ 16:30

Target Shooting School
www.targetshootingschool.co.uk/ashford

Tuesdays @ 19:00

Bowls Club
Contact: John 07492 862974

Wednesdays @ 17.30

Koba Dog Training
Contact: justine@kobadogtraining.co.uk

Thursdays @ 10.30am

Dance Visions Zumba
Contact: bookwhen.com/dancevisions

Fridays @ 18.30

Bowls Club
Contact: John 07492 862974

Charing Scouts Group

August is a unique month in scouting. Many of our leaders have had a well earned break to recharge batteries. This is often a time when good ideas to make next term even better slowly surface so our planning meetings are always great fun. It's not all rest though. Scouts are camping by Bewl water so I'm looking forward to hearing about all their adventures.

Explorers have had the pressure of exams and results lifted and went on camp feeling relaxed and ready for fun.

Our headquarters haven't been idle over the summer. Several community groups use the hall regularly and we're delighted that the Calehill Dementia Friends coffee morning is already proving to be a great success. September is the time for new members to join in the highest numbers. All our sections are busy but we are always happy to hear from young people who wish to join.

Terry Group Scout Leader 07748818660

Katie Lam MP

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In July, I spent an entire day with the palliative care team at the William Harvey hospital. The patients there, their friends and family, and the doctors and nurses, were all incredibly generous in showing me the work that they do.



Sadly, there was a lot of the day that was frustrating to watch, but it was also deeply moving to see just how much people love one another, and how, when everything is coming to an end, it's this simple fact which matters most. I was most touched by the patients who'd been married for decades, sitting in the wards holding hands, who just wanted to end their days as they'd spent them: at home, together. Unfortunately, the system makes this much, much harder than you would hope.

The doctors and nurses that I met were not only talented professionals, but incredibly compassionate and attentive. They dedicate their professional lives to making sure that people can live a quality life or spend their final days, weeks, and months as they wish – which usually means with family and friends, rather than in a hospital bed.

But what I saw that day in the hospital, was that while they were trying to do so, they were faced with obstacles at every turn. Hours are spent writing reports and filling in details which have already been filled in elsewhere, because of poor data storage and sharing, and hopelessly outdated systems.

The result is that doctors and nurses spend less time dealing with patients, and more time navigating the NHS system. Patients, in turn, have to wait longer for the care and attention that they need – and when it does arrive, they're often made to repeat answers to questions that they've provided before.

I raised what I'd seen with the Health Secretary and told him how much time the team at William Harvey spend gathering and sharing information, clicking through on really old systems, all on PDF – time that could instead be spent on clinical care. When are we going to move beyond a situation in which every single time a doctor sees a patient, it's like the whole interaction with the NHS is happening for the very first time?

People don't go into medicine, committing themselves to years of training, in order to navigate complex bureaucracies. They do it because they want to help people. The current system is failing healthcare professionals as much as it's failing patients, precisely because it stops them from doing what they're best at.

World Suicide Prevention Day 10th Sep

Every year in the UK, around 1,400 to 1,500 young people under the age of 35 die by suicide, with around three-quarters of these tragic deaths being boys or young men. Suicide is the leading cause of death for young people aged 20 to 34 in England and Wales.

This World Suicide Prevention Day, we're sharing one important message: If you think someone might be suicidal, take action, interrupt their thoughts and show them you care.

Every 90 minutes, someone in the UK or Ireland dies by suicide and 1 in 4 of us has had suicidal thoughts.

Let's prevent suicide today. Because tomorrow's too late.

Suicidal thoughts can be interrupted

The Samaritans surveyed people with lived experience of suicide and the majority told us that their suicidal thoughts have been interrupted.

- 60% said their suicidal thoughts had been interrupted by someone close to them, like a friend or family member.
- 14% said their suicidal thoughts had been interrupted by a stranger or someone they didn't know.

Anyone can interrupt someone's suicidal thoughts

Small interruptions you make and actions you take could help someone who is suicidal. You don't have to be an expert to save someone's life.



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including Weddings

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**HOTHFIELD POST
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New Opening
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0700—1900
7days**

Late evening, late June, one of those very hot weeks. A nightingale singing near the A20, silence otherwise. KWT volunteer and moth expert Terry Dunk sets up his moth trapping equipment. As the light faded the insects and moths arrived, initially the smaller species, then after 11pm the big moths. Two of us gently caught moths around one trap in cardboard tubes with a perspex cover, to be transferred to a net while the other trap held the moths. In the early hours Terry took everything home to identify and photograph the moths and then release them on the reserve the next evening. He said 'there were too many moths to pot around the traps to count species, so I concentrated on different species rather than high numbers of individual species.' Moth of the night was four-dotted footman, a new match for 1976 data; also, *Argyresthia brockeella* (gold W), a moth not seen since 1976, a tiny insect and easily missed; one new moth was *Zelotheresa paleana* (Timothy tortrix), which hadn't been recorded before. Terry reports the findings to KWT and Kent Moth Group which feeds into the national database.



Terry and colleague David Rayner have been trapping since 2017, their data collated into a master spreadsheet plus some historical data. Terry emphasises 'no scientific trends can be determined from this due to too many variables, but it gives an idea of what was present on Hothfield today and in the past. I always like to see the same species year after year, it's kind of like seeing old friends. Some moths don't have long adult lives so if you do not trap at the right time they can be easily missed. Also, flight times vary from year to year, depending on the weather, difficult to predict due to climate change, variable weather patterns making it difficult to plan future moth trapping sessions.'

On a late June day volunteer Rob Insall counted 406 butterflies and 60 dragonflies/demoiselles on a walking survey.

In July volunteer Anne Rowe 'came across the first of the wasp spiders, many labyrinth spiders now sitting in their webs in the gorse' and Rob 'while cow-searching' found a purple hairstreak, widespread in Kent but which Rob had never seen on the reserve before. Soon after, Terry trapped 258 moths of 82 species, 'the surprise - a purple hairstreak butterfly, (the same one Rob saw?) probably settling down for the night in a nearby oak.' New to their spreadsheet was latticed heath, Kent tubic, hawthorn knot-horn, chequered pine knot-horn, tufted oak knot-horn and orange pine tortrix. **Reminder:** No one wants to catch a tick however, and they are very prevalent at the moment, so check two-legged and four-legged walkers.

August sightings include labyrinth spiders, hummingbird hawk moth, jersey tiger moth, clouded yellow and a vibrant pink meadow grasshopper, the pink colouring caused by a rare genetic condition, erythrism, affecting females more often than males. The large circular webs of wasp spiders have been obvious; the spiders have black white and yellow striped abdomens, and can be seen wrapping their prey in silk before giving it a fatal venomous bite. Area Warden Will Glasson filmed a wasp killing and beheading a grasshopper, to feed larvae in a nest. David Rayner reminded us that the narrow digestive tract of wasps is designed for liquids only – nectar, honey dew, jam, coca-cola...



Other updates: The pigs came on site briefly, but due to the drought, have had to be removed. Without muddy pools to wallow in, pigs' skin can get badly damaged in this hot weather. Our Highland cattle have been replaced by a herd of Dexter cattle, a short-haired black breed, with little horns. The volunteers have worked carefully but steadily through the very hot days, prioritising bracken scything to weaken it, plus brush cutting, tree popping and installing or mending fences and gates. A volunteer commented 'Huge amount of work in some serious heat'.

Margery Thomas, KWT volunteer

Wildfires are devastating for healthy heathlands, damaging the entire ecosystem. We grieve for the habitats already damaged across the country this summer. Please continue to take great care of this wonderful wildlife reserve through September: as ever, no bonfires or barbecues, no cigarette butts, no littering (particularly glass or disposable vapes). Thank you! **Ian Rickards, KWT Area Manager**

THE ARTS SOCIETY EGERTON

The Arts Society brings people together through a shared curiosity for the arts



We meet at 2.30 at the Millennium Hall, Elm Close, Egerton TN27 9SR

Wednesday 9th September at 2.30 pm: CREATING AN IMAGINARY WORLD – THEATRE DESIGN FROM TEMPLE TO PLAYHOUSE presented by **Bertie Pearce**.

Bertie has written articles for newspapers and magazines on entertainment and theatre and has toured the world with a magic cabaret show.

Visitors are always very welcome at £8 (cash; just turn up and pay on the door), refunded if you join.

For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via cmwillis75@gmail.com or 01233 756377.



See also our website

www.theartssocietyegerton.org.uk

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If you live in Hothfield and think that Hothfield Educational Foundation could help with your children's education, or know of someone else who could benefit, please do contact us via HothfieldEducation@gmail.com

Saint Margaret's Church

For weddings, baptisms, etc. contact the Parish Office calehillpcc@gmail.com 07395 910317

Rector: Rev. Sandra Marsh The Vicarage Pett Lane Charing Kent TN27 0DL Phone: 01233 713996 email: revsandramarsh@btinternet.com

Services in Sep

Sunday 6th 11.00am Harvest (followed by Harvest Lunch)

For services in our other churches, see www.calehill-westwell.uk



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A friendly space for people living with dementia or memory loss, together with their family and carers.

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a relaxed chat and gentle, dementia-friendly and reminiscence activities in a warm and welcoming environment.

WHEN: Tuesday 9th June (and every second Tuesday of the month)

TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WHERE: 1st Charing Scout Headquarters
Pett Lane, Charing, TN27 0DW

COST: FREE to attend

PARKING: Free parking available on-site

This café is run in partnership with



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Art Group

There is a small group that meets twice a month on Monday afternoons in Westwell Village Hall.

We enjoy painting, drawing etc, together with a cup of tea and a chat.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Penny Sutcliffe on 01233 634191 for more details.

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