

## **FUN RACE NIGHT**

**Saturday 11th November**  
**7pm Hothfield Village Hall**



Hearty Supper

Tickets £7 (under 12s £3.50)

For sale at Hothfield Post Office

Please purchase tickets by 7th Nov (for catering purposes)

Bring your own drinks and glasses

For more details

call 07510 944 055

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Proceeds to Hothfield Village Hall & Hothfield History Society

Visit [www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk](http://www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk)

### **Dates for your Diary**

Hothfield Parish Council next meeting 7pm Wednesday 11 Oct at the Bluebells Centre

Harvest Lunch Sunday 15 October Church of St Margaret (see page 8)

Hothfield Residents Meeting Village Hall 11am 28 October

Fun Race Night Saturday 7pm 11 November Hothfield Village Hall (see page 7)

Hothfield History Society Talk 7pm Thursday 30 November Hothfield Village Hall (see page 4)

Christmas Carols around the Tree: Bluebells 6pm 15 December

## Nine Oaks Vineyard – October Update

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It is all about harvest this month in the vineyard. All roads and all activities are in preparation. Martyn has been busily spraying and mowing to keep the vineyard in the best possible shape. Martyn and Chris have been netting the grapes to prevent birds eating the ripening crop and green harvesting so that no underripe grapes make it into the crop that go to the winery. Underripe grapes would have significantly lower sugar levels the the point of picking which would seriously impact the final taste of the wine that we want to make.

At the time of writing we are anticipating harvesting on the 1st, 7th and 14th of October - three separate harvests because the grape varieties all ripen at slightly different rates/times.



At Nine Oaks we

have four varieties of grapes - Chardonnay, Bacchus, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. The first two are white grapes, the second pair are red. The grapes destined for still wines need higher natural sugar levels than those heading for sparkling wines which contributes to the staggered harvest.

We are looking for additional volunteers for our harvest days so do please get in touch on [info@nine-oaks.co.uk](mailto:info@nine-oaks.co.uk) if you would like to get involved. You need only a basic level of physical fitness and a willingness to get stuck in! It is always a really fun day.



Thanks to everyone as ever for the continued support, here's to another batch of Nine Oaks wines in 2024.

Helen Matheson-Pollock  
Nine Oaks Vineyard

# 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](http://www.hothfield.org.uk)  
PLEASE NOTE: The email address for the Parish Council is [parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk)

## Residents Meeting 11am 28th October Hothfield Village Hall

The Parish Council will provide an update of actions and activities we have worked on this year including the Speed Restrictions. Great opportunity to ask your Parish Council questions and let us know of your concerns.

## Charing Scouts October Magazine

Autumn means the start of a new year of scouting.

All sections have started with huge enthusiasm and everyone is having fun. My fingernails are still black from the natural dyes that we made with cub scouts. We are getting ready to enter our scarecrow in the Hothfield scarecrow extravaganza.

Our beaver scouts are hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan on Saturday 7th October at the scout hall. They will be serving between 10.30 and 12.30. Please come along to support them and see how grown up they can be.

Headquarters are making changes to the role descriptions for adult volunteers. Instead of Group Scout Leader I will now officially be Group Lead Volunteer. It won't make any difference to what I do, but we hope that it will be easier for people to join us without worrying about having to do too much training.

All of our sections need help. Do you fancy helping with beavers (6-8), cubs (8-10), scouts (10-14) or explorers (14-18). Please get in touch.

Terry Lister Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer)  
07748818660

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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.

## Hothfield Village Hall

Bookings via  
[www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hothfieldvillagehall.co.uk)

### Regular weekly events

Mondays @ 16:30

Target Shooting School  
[www.targetshootingschool.co.uk/ashford](http://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 @ 18.30

Bowls Club

Fridays @ 18.30

Contact: John 07492 862974

## Free talk: "Ashford's Worst Day: the 'Great Raid' of 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943",

Local historian, author and publisher Ed Adams will be giving a talk starting at 7pm in the Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Free entry, everyone is welcome.



On 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943 Ashford experienced the worst single air-raid, in terms of death and injury, to occur in Kent during the Second World War. Fifty-two people died as a direct result of that day's events, with three times as many injured. Ashford was a key objective for the Luftwaffe because of the Newtown railway works, which that morning was targeted by twelve Focke-Wulf fighter-bombers using the new tactic of 'tip and run'. They had taken off from St. Omer in enemy-occupied France, each with a 500kg bomb. They flew just above the sea and then across Romney Marsh at tree-top level to avoid detection.

Some hit the objective; others, harassed by anti-aircraft fire, overshot the railway works and dropped their bombs indiscriminately over the town, firing cannon shells and machine-gun bullets as they went. Four of our Bofors guns nearest to the railway works claimed five hits between them.



London was defended by concentric rings of anti-aircraft guns, several of which were stationed near Hothfield including at Tutt Hill. No doubt on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943 these were pressed into action. Hothfield was spared any bombing or aircraft crashes on that day but some of the bombers carried on after bombing the railway works to attack the REME stationed at Repton Manor. Vickers guns had just been installed there three weeks before and hit one of the attacking aircraft. Casualties from the REME camp were taken to the hospital at Hothfield where they recovered.

Ed Adams, author of the recently-published 'Ashford at War', will present a comprehensive account of those three minutes of horror, together with an analysis of the causes and consequences, and many rare and unseen photographs which include comparisons of scenes as they were then and are now. Copies of 'Ashford at War' will be available to buy.

There will be refreshments for which donations would be welcome. Ed has offered to give the talk for free and the Village Hall Committee is also providing the hall without charge this time, for which we are very grateful. We look forward to seeing you there, no booking necessary.

Chris Rogers, Hothfield History Society



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I have some exciting news. My sister-in-law and brother are having another baby in the new year. They shared images of the scans yesterday and it is truly amazing the detail that can be seen. We may live 5000 miles away, but thankfully, they involve us every step of the way.

Life is truly a miracle, our bodies are a science of wonder, our personalities unique. We should embrace and appreciate what amazing individuals we are!

- Be appreciative of what you have
- Don't focus on what you don't have!
- Count your blessings
- Be grateful
- Take the time to smell the roses
- Make a gratitude list

*"Once you start appreciating life, that's when you realise how much you truly have to live for"*

Love, Georgia x

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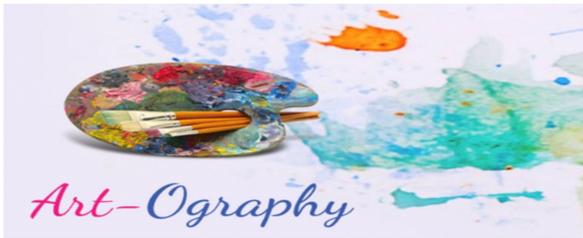
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# Hothfield Fun Race Night with a Hearty Supper

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

Back by popular demand, Hothfield History Society and Hothfield Village Hall are again hosting another fun Race Night on 11<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for both community groups.



Come along to Hothfield Village Hall and enjoy a flutter on the races and a fabulous hearty supper! Tickets cost just £7 (under-12s cost £3.50) and are available from Hothfield Post Office. Our previous Race Nights have been extremely popular, so to avoid disappointment and to help us plan catering, kindly purchase tickets by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 7.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses, and of course some loose change. These are fun nights of pre-recorded races (chosen at random) and you can place a bet, if you want, on your chosen horse; bets cost £1. There will also be a raffle with great prizes.



The supper will comprise a choice of hot, tasty meals including vegetarian options, and will be served mid-way through the evening.



You or your business can also sponsor a race for just £10 in advance of the event. Your name would appear as a sponsor and advertised in the programme and would also be announced on the night. You can also name the race and dedicate it with your choice of words. If you are unable to come along on the night, you can sponsor a race instead.

To sponsor a race please contact us on (01233) 624 105.

You can also email us at [hothfieldmemories@hotmail.com](mailto:hothfieldmemories@hotmail.com) or visit [www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk](http://www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk) We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Proceeds shared between Hothfield History Society and Hothfield Village Hall.

Chris Rogers, Hothfield History Society

# Saint Margaret's Church

For weddings, baptisms, etc. contact the Parish Office [calehillpcc@gmail.com](mailto:calehillpcc@gmail.com) 07395 910317

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

## Services in September

Sunday 1st 1100am The Eucharist

Sunday 8th 1100am BCP Matins

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

We meet at Egerton Millennium Hall, Elm Close TN27 9DS on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.30p.m. (doors open 2pm). Our next lecture will be:

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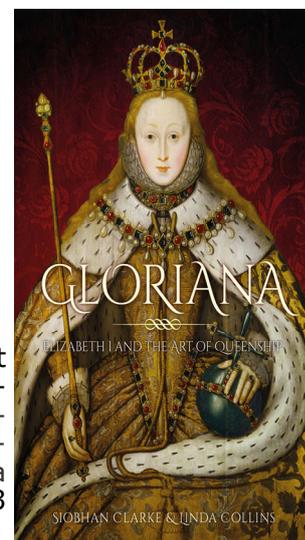
**ON Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 p.m.**



We will view Elizabeth's queenship through paintings. Art was a powerful device for royal magnificence and propaganda and Elizabeth knew how to use it.

Our lecturer, **Siobhan Clarke**, worked for Historic Royal Palaces for 20 years delivering tours and lectures. She has also written several notable books on Tudor history.

Visitors are always very welcome at £6, refunded if you join. Membership costs £40. For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via [cmwillis75@gmail.com](mailto:cmwillis75@gmail.com) or 01233 756377.



See also our website [www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk)

**Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Please join us for a

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Church of St Margaret, Hothfield

**ALL WELCOME**

Lunch at 12.00pm, following the

Service at 11am

**Suggested donation £6.00 per person**

Contact: Pamela Howard 01233 623568