

# Hothfield News

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## Good news, Bad news and a Question

**Good News:** A reduced speed limit of 50mph has been proposed on the A20 from near the Holiday Inn to the Hare & Hounds in Westwell, and is under consultation. I am sure this will be welcomed by many who live near this stretch of the A20.

**Bad News:** The Southern Water sewer repair works in the Village are now planned to start again at the end of June and will take up to sixteen weeks.

**Question:** As residents may be aware, Hothfield receives money from the Solar Farm, which has been used previously for the installation of high speed broadband to the village. We would welcome suggestions from residents for other future community projects this could benefit, please contact [parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk) with your thoughts.

*Ian Lloyd  
Chairman, Hothfield Parish Council*



Tree, poppies, daisies – Val Butcher



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Churchwardens Hedley Grenfell-Banks 01233 421149, Malcolm Wood 01233 623090



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## Services at Saint Margaret's

**Sunday 7 July Trinity 3 11.00 The Eucharist**  
A Service of Holy Communion in modern English, with hymns

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**Sunday 14 Trinity 4 11.00 Matins**  
Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns

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**Sunday 21 Trinity 5 Easter 5**  
No service in Hothfield

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**Sunday 28 Trinity 6 11.00 H4**  
an informal service for all the family

## JOINT EXHIBITION

The Friends of Saint Margaret's Church proudly present, in conjunction with Hothfield History Society, an exhibition of Hothfield's History. Keep Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September free to visit our beautiful 13th-century church to see the interior and exterior displays illustrating the past history of this lovely village. The church bell tower will be opened specially for this event.

There will be a children's treasure hunt and scavenger hunts with prizes, and we will be having one of our fabulous raffles with super prizes. Our famous Café will be open on both days serving light lunches, coffee, tea, glasses of wine and superb homemade cakes.

Open 10.30 to 4.30 on both days. Plenty of parking.



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We've had a very successful AGM in June. We said a sad farewell to Sue Palmer who has been our Group Secretary through our fundraising and building. We are delighted to welcome Marie Norris who is taking over.

Beavers had a brilliant day at Gilwell Park, the home of scouting. Summer term is always a highlight for us as we can spend our evenings outside in daylight. Scouts are starting a big pioneering project and getting ready for camp.

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**Terry Lister, Group Scout Leader**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

The email address for the Parish Council is  
[parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@hothfield.org.uk)

## Village Hall



### Regular Activities

Mondays	Toddler Sense 9.00 to 12.00am.
Tuesdays	West Coast Swing Dancing 8. to 10.30pm.
Wednesdays	Hothfield Play-Days a soft play session for children under 5 and their parents
	Dog Training 5.30-9pm
Thursdays	
Fridays	Toddler Sense 9.00 to 12.00am.
Saturday	Rugby Tots 9-11.45am.

To book the Village Hall for your Parties, Get-togethers, etc., please ring Paul on 07719 227542, or email [hothfieldhall@outlook.com](mailto:hothfieldhall@outlook.com) Or visit [www.hothfieldhall.online](http://www.hothfieldhall.online)

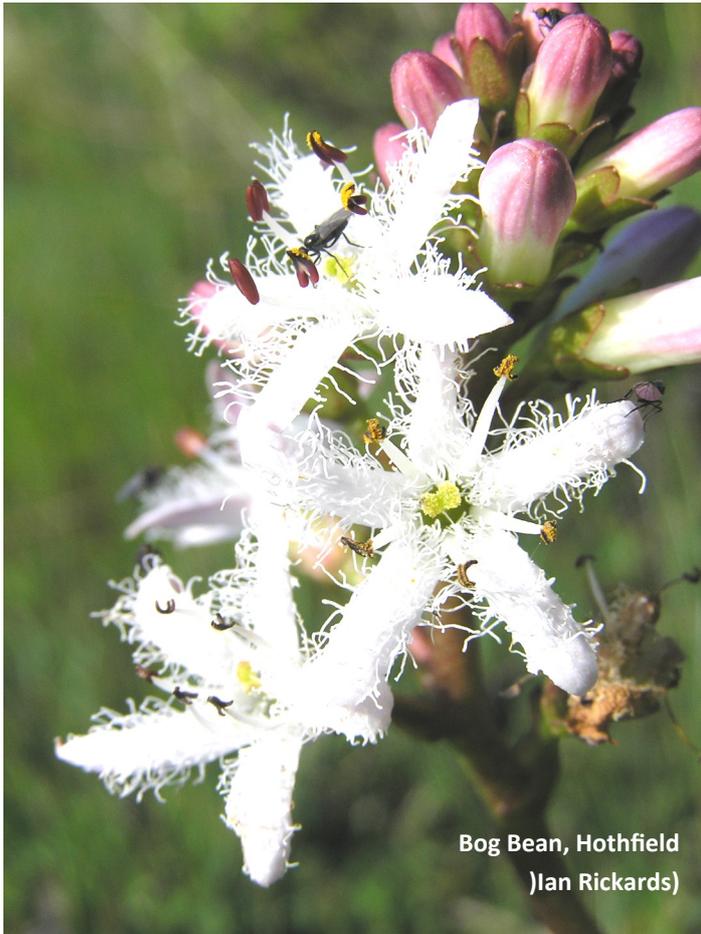
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 (£175.00 deposit required).

All Day Hire – Outside Village     £250.00  
 (£250.00 deposit)

Children's Birthday £35.00 first 4 hours,

# JULY ON HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS



Bog Bean, Hothfield  
(Ian Rickards)

The worrying spring drought broke in early June, bringing on the Heath and Southern Marsh orchids at last, but probably giving some fledglings a soaking. The bees nesting in a hollow tree, caught on camera by Val Butcher (Hothfield Heathlands on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/360156841000304/>) would be well protected. I wonder if they had displaced a woodpecker?

Despite the dry spring, Warden Ian Rickards was pleased to see that the very pretty bog bean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*) has spread widely, with lots of plants now to the west of the causeway for the first time ever.

By July early leavers such as the cuckoo will be heading south, and there will be less cheeping and chirruping from young broods of birds. Any rain is welcome (except on volunteer days); Ian Rickards reported that many of the (usually) permanent pools in the main bog had dried up

already in May, but have now filled up again. The ponies went off site for a few days in May to have their hooves trimmed. The 72 sheep that arrived on the Extension earlier in the Spring are settling in nicely with signs at all entrances reminding walkers that dogs in these fields should be kept on leads at all times.

Staff and volunteers, including regular local volunteers, keen youngsters from school and university students building up their CVs for future careers in conservation have been very busy; three intensive training sessions were given by ecological consultant Alex Lockton, on identifying the flora of the different habitats on the heathland. Botanists from across the county came to these as the

habitats are unique in Kent. The methodical botanical survey of the whole reserve got off to a flying start in early June, covering a large section of acid heathland and finding a good selection of the indicator plants including some of the tiny ground-hugging species with names larger than the actual plant (Fenugreek, Bucks Horn Plantain and Clustered Clover), many of which can be found on the old football field. A regular walker from Westwell commented that we looked 'very scientific' with clipboards and GPS gizmos, books and identification sheets, as opposed to the usual heavy brush-clearing equipment used by the Green Team volunteers.

The surveys continue to the end of July.

The year-round effort of the Kent Wildlife Trust Green Team was recognised in May by outgoing mayor Jessamy Blandford who awarded them the Borough's Environmental Achievement Silver Award, saying it is no exaggeration that the last bastion of heath in Kent, Hothfield Heathlands, would almost certainly have been lost without them. Congratulations to everyone involved for well-deserved recognition. New volunteers are always welcome!



Hothfield Heathlands is open to everyone; trails are signposted and marked on entrance maps, along with the location of livestock. The noticeboard down the main slope from the Cades Road car park gives recent wildlife sightings. Please keep dogs in check, especially around children and livestock, and keep them away from the heather and undergrowth where they will disturb sensitive wildlife. Please remove dog mess, including in the Triangle compartment. For email alerts on the location of the livestock on Hothfield contact Ian Rickards:

[ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk)  
or 01622 662012.

The next volunteer task day will be on Wednesday 10 July, starting at 10am – all welcome.

**Margery Thomas**

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# 5 Hothfield History Society

## "Step in to Hothfield's History" Exhibition

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September, St Margaret's Church**

Hothfield History Society will be holding an exhibition of Hothfield's history with a difference. This free event will be held over two days from 10.30am to 4.30pm at St. Margaret's church, arguably our biggest, if not oldest, historic artefact! There will be displays of past Hothfield inside and outside the church to tell the stories of notable past residents now in the churchyard and of interesting features of the church. Further displays in Church Lane will compare past views of

the country estate with the current scene. There will also be a rare opportunity to visit the bell tower, and children's competitions with prizes. The Friends of St Margaret's will be providing light lunches, delicious home-made cakes and refreshments at the church café.

There won't just be pictures and words at the exhibition but also items from the Manor and its stables; bell ropes used at Hothfield that are thought to have previously been at Canterbury Cathedral, and other glimpses from the village's past.

Please keep the weekend of 7 and 8 September free in your diary to come along. To find out more information please visit [www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk](http://www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk)

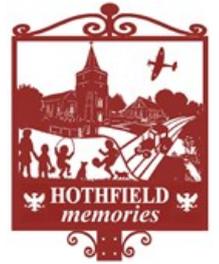
## Who's in the churchyard?

A small but enthusiast group of residents from Church Lane and nearby gave up a Saturday to tidy up part of the churchyard at St. Margaret's. We cleaned ivy off headstones and removed bramble and weeds that had overgrown several graves. A few headstones were revealed that we didn't know were there and small 'footstones' were reunited with their headstones. At the Exhibition in September we will have some potted family histories to accompany a few of the well-known historic names from Hothfield and you will be able to compare postcards showing the church over 100 years ago with the current scene.

On the corner of Church Lane is a tree that was hit by a doodlebug, and you will see a photo taken soon afterwards when the army, billeted at Hothfield Manor, were tidying up. The army also had to repair the roof of the church and nearby stables belonging to the Manor, damaged by the blast.

Other unexpected discoveries in the churchyard were plaques under yew trees, one stating that the tree was planted in June 1887 for Queen Victoria's jubilee, and another smaller yew was planted in 2000 to mark the start of the third Christian Millennium.

**Chris Rogers**



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2019 Prices	Adult	Children (under 16)
Garden Only	£5	Free, except on some event days
House and Gardens	£10	Free, except on some event days



### OPEN AIR THEATRE, THE PANTALOONS

Event

13th July 2019  
18:30 – 21:30

Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility", remember to bring your chairs, rugs and picnics! The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons present their innovative and hilarious performance. Tickets can be purchased from [www.thepantaloons.co.uk](http://www.thepantaloons.co.uk), adults £15.00, children £6.00. Picnics from 5.30pm, performance 6.30pm.

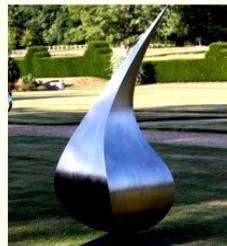


### JANE AUSTEN AND THE SEARCH FOR HOME

Workshop

19th July 2019  
10:00 – 15:00

A Study Day looking at the impact of home on the life and work of Jane Austen. As an unmarried woman with no independent means Jane lived wherever her family could afford, even when this suited neither her temperament nor her writing. Combining the biographical with the literary we shall discover how her personal experience of home informs her work. £35 including tea/coffee, home-made cake and all printed material. [wardroper7@gmail.com](mailto:wardroper7@gmail.com) 07873726005.



### SCULPTURE IN THE GARDENS

Event

27th July 2019 – 18th August 2019  
13:00 – 18:00

Godinton's annual exhibition of contemporary work. This long-established summer's sculpture show is now a popular fixture in many diaries. For three weeks a selection of new work is shown adding an exciting element to the 13 acres of beautiful and varied gardens.

## Not your average market

The little town of Cadours, not far from Toulouse, has a magnificent market hall, built of the red brick characteristic of the region, but in the neo-classical style of the First Empire. It was under Napoleon, in fact, that the market of Cadours first came into prominence, though it had already been going for a few hundred years before that.

No ordinary market, though. In Cadours they're single-minded. This is a garlic market. Not just any old garlic, either; Cadours specialises in the violet rather than the white.

We arrived in good time, to find the market hall almost deserted. A few stalls selling general produce, but no garlic. We went back outside and sniffed the air. Not a trace. So we gave in and asked a stallholder. Tsk tsk, she said, garlic is odour-free; it has no smell. Well, not until you break it open, anyway. And the market? In the car park, where else?

And so it was. The grandiose hall has been superseded by modern practicality.

You see, a garlic market works the opposite way from all the other markets. There, the produce arrives in bulk and leaves in small portions. But garlic is a crop that can only be grown in



tiny market gardens, labour-intensive. It needs love, and watching, and tender care. So it grows on patches the size of allotments and arrives at the market in the back of people's cars, is sold to the wholesalers and leaves in vast trucks.

And there the producers were. The big operators had trailers, but most had simply opened the back of the family car and filled it with beautiful violet garlic.

Just as well it's odour-free, considering.

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