

HOHFELD NEWS



Flower & Craft Show at the Village Hall 5 August
Drop off entries from 10:00 - Viewing 12:00 to 15:00
Prize Giving 15:00

Dates for your Diary

Flower & Craft Show at the Village Hall 5 August (see page 7)

Hothfield Parish Council next meeting 7pm Wednesday 13 Sep at the Bluebells Centre

Nine Oaks Theatre 20 August presents 'Peter Rabbit' & 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'

Scarecrow Saturday St Margarets Church 30 September (see page 8)

Nine Oaks Vineyard – August Update



July has been an exciting month with the most important phase in the vineyard calendar – flowering in full swing. Despite the cold, wet and often windy weather we have had good pollination this year and as you walk through the vineyard you will see small green berries have formed making up miniature bunches.

As we move into August we pray for some nice settled warm weather as the grapes begin veraison. This is the beginning of the ripening process and is where green

grapes will either turn gold/yellow colour for white varieties or red/purple for red varieties.



August will also see the second round of open-air-theatre at Nine Oaks Vineyard. We will have productions of The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny and Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, both on Sunday 20th Aug. Please do book in advance via:

QUANTUM THEATRE & FREDERICK WARNE & CO
PROUDLY PRESENT

**THE TALE OF
PETER RABBIT
AND
BENJAMIN BUNNY**

BY BEATRIX POTTER
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY
MICHAEL WHITMORE

WWW.PETERRABBIT.COM

Nine Oaks Vineyard
Hothfield, Kent TN26 1EP

Sunday 20th August - 3pm

Booking: www.quantumtheatre.co.uk | 0845 450 5157

Adults £16
Child £11
Family £46

The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny

Join Peter and his naughty cousin Benjamin at Nine Oaks Vineyard on their hair-raising adventures in Quantum Theatre's delightful adaptation of Beatrix Potter's much-loved Tales.

<https://www.quantumtheatre.co.uk/event-details/nine-oaks-vineyard-peter-rabbit>



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Shakespeare's classic comedy of love and intrigue, magic and mayhem comes to Nine Oaks Vineyard where fairies are abroad and nothing is as it seems...

Quantum Theatre's enchanting production will have you spellbound so grab a picnic and a blanket and join in the fairy fun and frolics. <https://www.quantumtheatre.co.uk/event-details/nine-oaks-vineyard-a-midsummer-nights-dream>



QUANTUM theatre

**A MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S
DREAM**

by William Shakespeare
directed by Michael Whitmore

Nine Oaks Vineyard
Hothfield, Kent TN26 1EP

Sunday 20th August - 7pm

Booking: www.quantumtheatre.co.uk | 0845 450 5157

Adults £16
Child £11
Family £46

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

1st Charing Scout Group

With the end of the school term many of the leaders are looking forward to a few weeks off. The beaver sleepover was a great success. It was animal themed and much enjoyed by all. I'm not sure if the beavers or leaders were more tired at the end. The scouts adventure hike took place on the weekend of the gales. They still managed to complete it and had a brilliant weekend. Scouting is in the middle of rebranding itself to make things easier for the volunteers and even more fun for young people. They say volunteering will be more fun and easier. If you'd like to give it a go please get in touch.

Terry Lister Group Scout Leader 07748818660

Friends of the William Harvey Hospital

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In the Friends Foyer Shop

Give Back to your local hospital and community

Urgently Required—Full Training Given—Fun & Sociable

Call Kim 01233 633 331 EXT 723 8269

Dog owners reminded of responsibilities

Dog owners are being reminded of their responsibilities following recent dog-related incidents in the county and a predicted rise with the summer months upon us.

It is against the law to allow your dog to be dangerously out of control. This includes the dog injuring someone, or just making someone worried that they might be injured and where the handler has no control of the dog. The owner is also liable for the same offence even if not present.

You can find more information about dogs, and what constitutes a dangerous dog by visiting [Controlling your dog in public: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) More information about how to keep children safe around dogs can be found here [Dogs and Children | Top tips to keep them safe and happy together \(capt.org.uk\)](http://capt.org.uk)

Further advice

- Owning a dog is a big responsibility and people have a duty to both their dog and the public to keep their pet under control at all times.
- Ensure your gardens are safe and your dog cannot easily escape, and manage your dog when someone calls at your home.
- If you know your dog reacts to the doorbell then ensure steps are taken to keep your dog away from the front door, particularly when deliveries are being made to avoid injury.
- If you know your dog is particularly jumpy, anxious or has a tendency to bite, keep it on a lead when you take it out and consider using a muzzle.

New Kent Police Neighbourhood Policing Model

New Beat Officer ~ PC Natalie Faiers

New Supervisor ~ Sergeant Richard Batten

Police Station, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1BT

Email : csu.ashford@kent.police.uk

Hothfield Post Office

Convenience Store ~ Off Licence

Mail Services ~ Driving Services

Travel Services ~ Foreign Currency, Travel Insurance

Banking

Lotto Tickets

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

Regular weekly events

Mondays @ 16:30

Target Shooting School

www.targetshootingsschool.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

HOTHFIELD HEATHLANDS IN AUGUST

The heathland is buzzing with insects, vibrant with flower power, as the Cross-leaved Heath continues, the Ling comes into full bloom, the Devil's Bit Scabious starts, while gleaming yellow Tormentil continues to power on. It's been very dry. The volunteers have been scything bracken, clearing paths, fixing broken water pipes, replacing gate posts and repairing lots of fences. In late June immediate Reserve neighbours Kim and Peter treated the team to another delicious BBQ, with the added pleasure of a video call from former warden Christina Juan, now in Costa Rica.



Moth experts David Rayner and Terry Dunk continue to trap, record then release moths regularly. On 11 June they trapped 247 moths of 45 species. Terry reported: '124 of the count was a micro moth Green Oak Tortrix (*Tortrix viridana*). When I say 124 - that's all we recorded. The traps and surrounding area were full of them so impossible to record every one.' The yellow-green caterpillars of this moth are important food for young blue tits, the more they can eat, the better their greenish-yellow plumage. The catch of that night was the Goat Moth *Cossus cossus*, which is listed as a Nationally Scarce species. The heaviest UK moth, its larva, which smells of goat, spends up to five years burrowing into and eating the wood of broadleaved trees like oak and ash.

Volunteer and keen-eyed photographer Anne Rowe has recently identified a new mushroom, on the pile of woodchips; the Magenta Rustgill, *Gymnopilus dilepis*. She reports: 'It's a relative newcomer to the UK, first recorded in 1995 slowly becoming more common. Originates from tropical and sub-tropical climates, and does contain toxins.' The scientific name is derived from the Greek, *gymn* means naked, *pilus* means cap, hence baldcaps; *dilepis* means with two scales, or scales in pairs. There are some scientific bird names that just stay with me. *Emberiza citrinella* is one; maybe it's the z. I may not remember it first thing in the morning when gazing down from a window at what look like bright yellow canaries foraging under the bird feeder. With my glasses on and a cup of coffee in hand I know of

course that Yellowhammers are gracing my garden. One of the first bird-calls my father taught me to recognise was the Yellowhammer's *a-little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese*, the territorial call of the male from some prominent perch. Heard so frequently in the open countryside in the 1950's, they were already heading into free-fall, due to the loss of their farmland and grassland habitat, resulting in a drop of over 400 million across Europe. The Yellowhammer is now one of the sixty-seven British species on the Red List of Conservation Concern.

This is one of the Reserve's ground nesters and ground feeders that needs our help by keeping humans and dogs on paths and leaving them undisturbed. The nest is a neat cup of grass and leaves lined with fine grasses and hair (another benefit of the grazing animals) either on the ground at the foot of a bush or low down in a hedge or thicket. The female builds the first nest in April, incubating the eggs for up to two weeks then feeding nestlings for up to two weeks. With luck there will be three broods. After all that the adults moult, which may take eight weeks to complete. They feed on starchy wild flower seeds, cereal grains and fruit, adding insects, larvae and small invertebrates during the breeding season, to provide protein and moisture for nestlings. Resident all year round, look for them in winter feeding in communal flocks with finches and other buntings and sparrows. The yellow plumage is a beautifully complex and subtle mix of greys, brown, black, tawny red and white, yellow top of head and undersides in the male. They are the most widely distributed of the European Bunting family, *emberiza* being derived from the German *Embritz*, for bunting, *citrinella* the Italian for a small yellow bird, *ammer*, another German word for a bunting. Margery Thomas





IMDT TRAINED
FULLY INSURED
BASED IN HOTHFIELD, ASHFORD

GRACE'S PAWSOME POOCHES

DOG WALKING
GROUP OR SOLO

1-2-1 DOG TRAINING

RECALL AND LOOSE LEAD
TRAINING WALKS

WELFARE POP-INS

DOG BEHAVIOURIST

PUPPY CLASSES

1-2-1 PUPPY TRAINING



www.gracespawsomepooches.com
07507703287 gracespawsomepooches@icloud.com



MAKE IT A SELF-CARE SUMMER

THE GRANARY SPA
Holistic & Beauty

Awesome August

55 minute Spa Ritual
£69 per person or £128 for two

PLUS choose either a nourishing hair mask OR a hydrating facial mask to enhance your spa treatment experience

BOOK ONLINE
www.thegrararyspa.co.uk
or by calling 01233 647647

Follow us on: 

HOTHFIELD POST OFFICE STORES

Sunday	0900 To 1200			Post Office closed
Monday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Tuesday	0900 To 1300			
Wednesday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Thursday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Friday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1730
Saturday	0900 To 1300	1400 To 1800		Post Office closes 1230

Sheila's Homemade Jam: Damson with Damson Gin

Delicious and ever-so-fruity jam made with lovely Hothfield damsons and homemade damson gin.

Large (13oz/370g) £3.50
Makes an ideal gift
Made in small batches
Deliciously fruity

Delivered free to Hothfield

 Sheila: 01233 624 105
hothfieldhoney@outlook.com

Michelle's Furry Tails Dog Grooming

- Full Grooms
- Part Grooms
- Bath & dry
- Puppy grooms
- Nail clipping
- De-matting
- Hand stripping
- Eyes and ears cleaning
- Sanitary trim

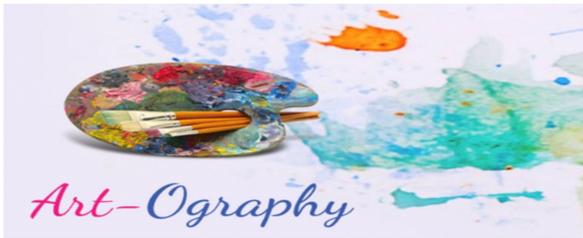


professionally qualified and insured

By Appointment Only
Open - Mon - Sat 8:30 - 5:30pm
Sundays - closed

furrytailsDG@gmail.com
07923 448187
Bylands, Maidstone Road,
Charing, Kent. TN27 0JS

10% off first time customers



*Beautiful original portraits
professionally painted by local artist
Lyndsay Matthews BA (Hons)
at prices that won't break the bank
Call Lyndsay on 07517 911606
www.art-ography.co.uk*



Tel 07769 228842

Flossyfussybakes@gmail.com
Instagram: Flossyfussybakes

NATIONAL ENGRAVERS
More than just engravers

• LABELS • AWARDS • SIGNS • TROPHIES



01233 840999

www.national-engravers.co.uk

Learn Italian in Kent

The site for private Italian tuition in the mid-Kent area.

Whether you are interested in simply learning the basics for a holiday in Italy, need help in preparing for GCSE or AS/A2 exams, would like to improve and update your current knowledge for use in the Italian work market, or simply have a passion for Italian language and culture, individually tailored courses can be created focussing on your own specific learning needs. Tuition is offered by PGCE and CLTA qualified, native speaker tutor, with over 15 years' experience teaching Italian to adults of all backgrounds.

For more information on courses, areas covered and tuition fees, please go to www.learnitalianinkent.co.uk

Sarah-Jayne's
Mobile Hairdresser
Providing friendly Service
Affordable prices without
leaving your home
Contact Sarah-Jayne 07545 460270
Established over 30 Years

Enhanced
DBS
City & Guilds

RENEW Gardening Services

Joseph Ellis

Phone number: 07753174115

Email: renewgardeningsservice@gmail.com

£15 per hour

Free no obligation quotes



HOTHFIELD NEWS

is edited by Ian Lloyd and financed and published by Hothfield Parish Council.

Email: ian.lloyd@hothfield.org.uk

Letters and articles for publication are always welcome, deadline for inclusion is 20th Monthly. Advertising is free to businesses working in, or for, the Parish of Hothfield. Email the Editor for information on advertising prices for outside companies.

Hothfield Craft and Flower Show 5 Aug 2023

Growers, bakers, candlestick makers - join us on the 5th of August at Hothfield Village Hall for the first annual Hothfield Craft and Flower Show! Free competition entry for a wide range of categories covering everything and anything (not quite) that is grown, made or produced in Hothfield. A full list of categories is detailed below, but if you have something that you would like to enter that we haven't covered then do drop us a line. Children are welcome to enter all categories, but there are some specifically for children too. Drop off entries from 1000. Viewing 1200-1500, Prize Giving 1500 12 – 4 PM in the Village Hall, come throughout the day to view the best produce. Light refreshments available. Please register your interest in a specific category not detailed below with Helen at hjmathesonpollock@gmail.com.

Category A: Flowers

- 1) 3 Annuals, stemmed in a vase
- 2) 3 Perennials, stemmed in a vase
- 3) 3 Pansy heads 4) 1 Rose
- 5) A perfect but lonely flower in a vase
- 6) 3 Gladioli 7) 3 Dahlias, any type
- 8) 6 Sweet peas 9) Pot Plant (Max. pot 8")
- 10) Tallest sunflower (photograph with measurement will suffice!)

- Category B: Vegetables** - Collection of 6 different types of veg on a tray, only one of each
- 11) 3 White potatoes
 - 12) 3 coloured potatoes
 - 13) 3 beetroots, globe or round
 - 14) 3 carrots, any variety
 - 15) 3 parsnips
 - 16) 1 cucumber
 - 17) 2 courgette
 - 18) 1 squash
 - 19) 6 Runner beans
 - 20) 6 Dwarf beans
 - 21) 3 onions from set, dressed
 - 22) 5 shallots
 - 23) 3 garlic bulbs
 - 24) 3 peppers, sweet or chilli
 - 25) 2 sweetcorn
 - 26) 3 leeks
 - 27) Vegetable Marrow
 - 28) 1 Lettuce with root
 - 29) 4 Tomatoes
 - 30) 6 Plums
 - 31) 4 Cooking apples
 - 32) 4 Dessert apples
 - 33) 6 soft fruit, e.g. raspberries, blackberries, etc.
 - 34) Spray of culinary herbs in container (min. of 3, max. of 6 varieties)
 - 35) **The biggest specimen** 36) **The best oddity!**

Category C: Preserves & Cooking

- 37) 3 Eggs (1 cracked into a saucer)
- 38) Marmalade 39) Jam or Jelly
- 40) Lemon Curd 41) Chutney
- 42) 4 Scones - plain, fruit or cheese
- 43) Fruit Cake (any recipe)
- 44) Loaf of Bread – specify variety
- 45) Apple pie 46) 3 Biscuits and recipe
- 47) A Victoria Sandwich cake – *recipe provided in the July newsletter*.
- 48) Chocolate cake 49) Shortbread
- 50) A novelty/celebration decorated cake

- Category D: Alcohol** 51) Homemade Beer 52) Homemade Wine 53) Country Spirit (Sloe Gin, Damson Vodka etc)

- Category E: Handicrafts & Art** 54) Artwork, painting or drawing – portrait 55) Artwork, painting or drawing – Landscape 56) An item of needlework 57) Any handicraft item

- Category F: Flower Arrangement** 58) Best Buttonhole 59) A jug of Flowers

Category G: Crafts—Age 10 & Under (state age on entry)

- 60) Favourite fictional character (model, painting or collage)
- 61) An animal made from fruit and/or vegetables and/or pasta
- 62) A drawing or painting created at home or school
- 63) Any kind of handiwork created at home or school 64) A Lego (or similar)

Category H: Crafts—Age 11 plus

- 65) Favourite fictional character (model, painting or collage)
- 66) A drawing or painting on a subject of your choice
- 67) Any collage or sculpture made from recycled things
- 68) Any kind of handiwork created at home or school
- 69) Create a poster for your favourite band or singer

- Category I: Cookery—Age 10 & under** 70) Chocolate brownies – *recipe in the July newsletter* 71) Decorated biscuits – 2 digestives per entry

- Category J: Cookery—Age 11 & over** 72) 3 decorated cup cakes
73) A cake of your choice 74) 3 biscuits (sweet or savoury)

Category K: Photography - Adults

- 75) Landscape/Seascape 76) Funniest – including caption 77) Buildings/Monuments 78) Gardens 79) Special occasions
- 80) Hothfield Village Life 81) A sporting event 82) Trees 83) Portrait; human or animal

Children

- 84) Family Photo 85) My Holiday 86) Funniest Photo 87) Pets 88) Hobby or pastime

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 August
 Sunday 6th | 100am The Eucharist
 Sunday 20th | 100am BCP Matins

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

Scarecrow Saturday

On September 30th 2023 at
 St Margarets Church TN26 1EL

Please make a scarecrow using anything you like. Use all those odds and ends that get taken to the shed or garage! Bring to the church on Friday September 29th



The church will be open on Saturday 30th September from 10:00

to 16:30 for everyone to admire your scarecrow. The Friend's of St. Margaret will have their usual wonderful selection of home made snacks and cakes. There will be a Raffle, Home Produce Stalls and a Prize for best Scarecrow. Also I hope your sunflowers are growing well for the sunflower competition. Take a photo, measure it and bring along on the Friday to go on our display board. Prizes for the Tallest Sunflower

For more information email Karen or Pamela at fsmhothfield@gmail.com

THE ARTS SOCIETY EGERTON

We take a break during July and August. Our 2023-24 season begins in September.

The cost to join remains £40 (visitors £6). In addition to

the lectures listed below we will be offering our members an exciting programme of visits to places of cultural interest including walks in London. Please share this with anyone who may be interested in joining. New members and visitors are always very welcome.



2023-24 PROGRAMME

Lectures are held in the Egerton Millennium Hall, Elm Close, TN27 9DS and begin at 2.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday in the month. Parking is free.

13th September: Simon Whitehouse 'Artistic and Literary Chelsea'

11th October: Tyler Butterworth 'An Actor's Life'

8th November: Siobhan Clarke 'Gloriana: the art of Elizabeth I'

13th December: Tony Rawlins 'The 3 Kings – the Real Story'

14th February: Susan Kay-Williams 'The History of the Royal School of Needlework'

13th March: Russell Nash 'The Men who made Menswear'

10th April: Bertie Pearce 'The Dancing Faun – a personal Story of a Masterpiece'

8th May: Fiona Rose 'Uncompromising Genius: the Life and Work of Frank Lloyd Wright'

12th June: Dr John Snelson 'West End Winners – the rise of the British Musical from Noel Coward to Lionel Bart'

To find out more please see our website at www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk or contact our Membership Secretary Christine on 01233 756377