

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
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- BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINK
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To reserve your tickets

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Friends of St Margaret's Church charity no.1198602

Dates for your Diary

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

Volunteering at Hothfield



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Our volunteer team works in the Ashford area every Tuesday and Thursday with a Sunday task the 2nd Sunday of the month at Hothfield Heathlands. Volunteers need to be over 18, but apart from that there are jobs that everyone can get involved with.

For more information, this is the link for our volunteer paggers, or search for "Kent Wildlife Trust, Volunteering".
<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities/ashford-area-practical-team-volunteer>



As we move towards the autumn (though the summer drought has caused many of the trees to already go brown) we begin our scrub control tasks across the heath, reminiscent of the commoners who would have harvested birch off Hothfield for winter firewood. Our amazing volunteer team will nonetheless be out regardless of the change in weather to enhance this unique and important habitat. We have also started our monthly Sunday tasks which happen September to March on the second Sunday of the month. If this is something which interests you please get in contact with our volunteering team on our website (see link details above). With your help we can continue to make Hothfield an amazing place for people to connect with and enjoy wilder spaces.

This month is a time to keep an eye open for migratory birds heading back south towards their wintering grounds as far away as sub-Saharan Africa looking for opportunities to feed up on the berries and bugs present on the reserve. Recently this has included a hobby using the pond glade we cleared last year to hunt dragonflies. As our weather becomes cooler and more rainy once again fungi will begin to fruit across the reserve providing food for many species of animal before the lean months beyond. Whilst we begin to notice the days drawing in earlier the butterflies and other insects which have basked in the summer rays will become less abundant as they begin to hunker down.



These turning seasons in the year are also an opportunity for us to look back at what has been achieved so far. Vast areas of bracken were cut allowing the heather plenty of space to grow and flower in spite of how dry the summer was. This was helped by our regular group being joined by a Nordic walking group, run as one part of Kent Wildlife Trust's wilder wellbeing programme.

Whilst bird nesting season has drawn to a complete close we would like to remind visitors that free roaming livestock are present across the reserve and ask that dogs are kept under close control or on a lead particularly around our animals.

Thank you

Will Glasson (Ashford Area Warden)

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

Motorbike & Untaxed Vehicle Seized in Hothfield



Beat Officers were involved in an incident whereby a motorcycle rider thought it would be funny to make rude gestures to passing patrol cars and then fail to stop once the blue lights and sirens went on. During a pursuit involving this same motorcycle and a second car, the bike ended up getting away after travelling at speed through rural Ashford.

Whilst Beat Officers were out in Hothfield, they sighted the suspected motorbike from yesterday and following the stop search of an individual thought to be involved, the bike was located tucked down the back of an alleyway and was probably moments from being hidden beneath a tarpaulin given him having one in hand.

The bike which has quite clearly been getting ridden whilst notified off-road and without insurance, has since been seized due to its involvement in the fail to stop incident. Much to the dismay of its alleged new owner that knew nothing of its antics only some 24 hours earlier.

No ownership documents could be produced and the number plates had kindly been removed, with it being very likely the 'new' owner may now struggle to prove sufficient ownership in order to recover the bike.

The driver of the second vehicle involved in the fail to stop incident is due to attend the Police Station for an interview, with his vehicle having been seized at the roadside yesterday. A number of road traffic offences are being considered for those involved.

Nuisance bikes remain a priority for Kent Police and we will continue to work towards disrupting those that use them to cause Anti-Social Behaviour in your communities.

Recently, Beat Officers were on patrol in Hothfield and located a vehicle that was being driven on the road which was found to have no Tax.

With no valid Tax, the vehicle should not be on the road and was seized. As a result, the owner/driver will be liable for the unpaid fees which will have to be settled before the car can be released.

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

The King's Head or Thanet Arms?



Caroline Little contacted the History Society via our website to tell us that her great-great-grandfather, Henry Bean, had been the Landlord of the King's Head pub in Hothfield in 1880 until he died young in 1883 when his widow Ellen continued to run the pub for many years until 1905.

Henry and Ellen's daughter married a footman employed at Hothfield Manor.



Henry Bean – former landlord of the Thanet Arms

Caroline wrote to Whitbread back in 1984 who kindly replied with a list of some of the landlords that they could find in their records, and their own account of the history of the Inn. The extensive research into Hothfield parish by Reverend Harry Russell provided a few more names of tenant landlords and owners. Rev. Russell also comments that it was the only pub in the parish.

It seems that the pub was one of the few buildings in the village that was not owned by the Lords of Hothfield. In 1677 the King's Head had an acre of land, used as a hopgarden at one time, and in 1731 there was a cottage in the back garden when the pub was owned by an even earlier generation of the Bean family.

The owner until 1776 was a Mr Rickard who also owned three cottages between the pub and Post Farm – he sold the cottages to Lord Thanet for £350, but not the pub.

In 1834 the pub was renovated and a new extension added to the front. At that time the pub changed name to the Thanet Arms in recognition of the Lord Hothfield (Earl of the Isle of Thanet), but in 1995 it was changed back to the King's Head.

Previous correspondents who lived as children in Hothfield in the 1950s affectionately recall Richard Manson, who was landlord from 1948, as being friendly and generous to them. John Roders wrote: *"Mr Manson, the local publican, where my mother would send me to pick up her favourite "Milk Stout," when she felt like celebrating some special occasion."*



Sadly the pub closed in the 2000s, and reopened for a short while as a fish restaurant before being left vacant again. Ashford Borough Council were keen for the property to be retained a business or commercial use, and it started to deteriorate while being offered for sale. Eventually the Council accepted that no commercial or business buyer was interested and gave permission for it to be changed to a house. Permission was also subsequently given for a pair of semi-detached houses in the car park next to the pub, and a larger house in the back garden.

Our publication "Hothfield in the 20th Century" says very little about the pub and there wasn't much on our website until now – I'm grateful to Caroline, and Whitbread brewery's correspondence in 1984, for their valuable insight into the pub's history. A new page is now on the website (www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk) with a few images of the village pub.

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Charing Scouts Group

Our new term is now well under way and seems to have started at full pace Beavers climbed the Charing Church tower where they were amazed by the huge bells and the stunning views. We are so grateful for the opportunity to enjoy this.

Cubs are getting ready to learn about guide dogs for blind people. I think they are most looking forward to meeting Rosie who is a wonderful pet, friend and guide dog. They will then be organising a fundraising event for Guide Dogs. Scouts had a fabulous long weekend camp at Bewl water.

I know the leaders were exhausted so it looks like they were on the go non stop. After months without rain our explorers managed to find some on their weekend theme park camp (We never did anything like this when I was a lad). They arrived back with wet tents which had to be hung in the hall to dry. We are so grateful to Mondays art group and hope it didn't inconvenience them too much.

Terry Group Scout Leader 07748818660

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HOTHFIELD POST OFFICE

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0700—1900 7days

Celebrating the Very Best of the Weald

In early September, I hosted the second annual Weald of Kent Awards at The George in Bethersden, (who also happen to be one of last year's winners)! We were also very lucky to have previous finalist Bun Buddies catering the event with their delicious burgers.



It was a wonderful evening celebrating some of the brilliant people, businesses and community groups that make the local area so special. This year, we had nearly 200 nominations for just 20 finalist places, and almost 2,000 of you voted. That's a remarkable amount of effort just to say thank you to somebody else, and I think it says a great deal about the generous and warm community we're so lucky to have here in the Weald.

Our finalists for Farmer, Grower or Producer of the Year were Sissinghurst Cherries at Aragon Farm, Wayfarer Wines at Woodchurch, Lovejoy Farm in Wittersham and Kingcott Dairy in Staplehurst. The winner was Kingcott Dairy, where Steve and Karen Reynolds make a Kentish Blue that Cambridgeshire's Stilton has nothing on.

For Independent Shop of the Year, our finalists were Frank's Bakery in Headcorn, TN17 Food & Wine in Sissinghurst, Loddington Farm Shop and Webb's of Tenterden. The winner was Webb's, where you can walk in, describe the thing you need without the first idea what it is called, and somebody will find it.

For Local Business of the Year, our finalists were Rockits Sensory in Tenterden, Cranbrook Vets, Olive Tree Vets in Charing and The Hawkhurst Bread Shed, who took home the award. Julian and Lauren's sandwiches and salads now seem to be in every café for miles around.

Our Local Hero finalists were The Mildred Trust, Matthew Knoesen, the Staplehurst Emergency Help Team and the Wealden Community First Responders (who won the award). They're all volunteers who step away from their own jobs and give up their evenings to help people at some of the very hardest moments in their lives.

And for Pub, Café or Restaurant of the Year, our finalists were The Queens Head at Sutton Valence, Willows End Tearooms near Marden, The Flying Horse at Smarden and The Bell and Jorrocks at Frittenden. The winner was The Bell and Jorrocks, where Sean and Rosie Croucher have been behind the bar for twenty years, and where it feels as though almost everything in the village is organised.

All of these people represent the very best of the Weald: people who work hard, look out for others and make our communities better every day. Many thanks to Alex and the whole team at The George for letting us take over their pub garden, and to Bun Buddies for the food, and to David Catt and Ragstone Ridge Wine for the bottles our winners took home. Most of all, thank you to everyone who came. It was great to see you all in person, and after an afternoon like that I'm already looking forward to next year.

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 14th October: FROM BATTLEFIELD TO THE BIG SCREEN
presented by **Melody Foreman**, author, journalist, cultural historian and biographer. Melody's talk will tell of the wartime experiences of world-famous cinema and theatre artists.

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.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk

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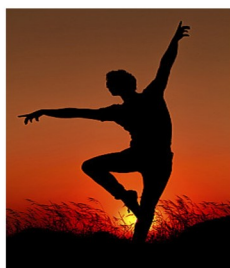
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Saint Margaret's Church

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

HARVEST LUNCH AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

We would like to thank all those who came to the Harvest Lunch and helped with donations of food, decorating the Church with flowers and helping to make it a very enjoyable occasion. We received donations of £160.00 which go towards the upkeep of the Church and are gratefully received.



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TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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COST: FREE to attend

PARKING: Free parking available on-site

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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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