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Please send your notices,
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hearing from you.

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SPRING FAIR



The Spring Fair was held on Saturday 9th April at the Community Hall. This was a little later than usual and therefore the reason for the name change from Easter to Spring Fair. The weather forecast was not at all promising and was actually proved right for a change – raining quite heavily at times and really chilly. This, however, did not put off our loyal residents and friends from turning out to support us, thank you all so much.

Our Hall was warm and inviting with lots of things to peruse and decide on which to spend plenty of “pennies”. Kiddies Pocket Money stall went down

well with the youngsters plus a few “young at heart” too. The refreshments stall did a roaring trade with their tea / coffee and cake, always a necessary part of the proceedings for customers and stallholders alike!

It was Grand National Day so we held the obligatory sweepstake. The race was at 5-15pm, so we assured entrants that we would telephone the winner and deliver the prize money of £15 that evening.

“Rule the World” won the race and the sweepstake winner was ME! Having forgotten what horse that I had drawn until halfway through the race, it was a delightful surprise.

Tombola was, as always, a great attraction, beautifully laid out, very varied and good quality prizes, and again with very little left over. Always a favourite. Guess the name of the Teddy was won by Luisa Williams, the name “Teddy” - original eh! He was dressed with hand knitted clothes and had a little friend with him. Also a fine box of biscuits accompanied him to his new home.

Bargain Buys was very well stocked with plenty of home knits of baby coats and jumpers, hat and glove sets, toys, toiletries, stationery etc., together with beautiful pansies in pots, and other plants. Cake Stall – well what can one say? A delicious, attractive display of so many different items.

Easter nests, raspberry puffs, sausage rolls, cupcakes, tray bakes of various recipes, cheese scones and that is only naming a few. Many thanks to all our bakers, who always, “slave over the stove” for us again and again. **Stall ladies Judy Butler, Jan Armishaw, Margaret Burch**



The Raffle consisted of 24 prizes and made a wonderful display. A giant teddy took centre stage. Also there were various bottles of wine, toiletry gift sets, boxes of biscuits, groceries, cat exercise tree, a holdall and many more. All donated generously by local people. Thank you very much.

1st Prize: Teddy won by J. Armishaw.

2nd Prize: Bottle of Cava won by R. Cheeseworth.

3rd Prize: Homemade Simnel cake won by C. Ives.

Face painting was a new try out and earned its place, with most children liking “hand painting”. Last but not least, we had a small £1 Puzzle and Game table which worked well and sold out.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all the people who helped to make this another successful event. The providers, the labour forces, planners and most of all – YOU, for all your support.

(See page two for Easter Hat Competition results.)

Diary of Events

Monthly Events:

Craft & Chat afternoon
Second Tuesday of month
14.00 all welcome

Coffee Morning
Last Thursday of month
10:30 just come along

Wellness Clinic
Wed May 11th 10.00 & 19.30
Wed June 8th 10:00 & 19:30
Wed July 13th 10:00 & 19:30

Coming Events:

HCA Main Committee
Wed May 18th at 20:00
Wed July 20th at 20:00
Trustees meeting
Wed May 18th 19:00
Wed June 15th 19:00
Wed July 20th 19:00

Church Services at 18:00
Hall Evening Service
Sun May 1st
Sun June 5th
Sun July 3rd

Children's Workshop
Sat June 4th 10:00—13:00

Big Lunch Event
Sat 11th Jun 11:00—15:00

Summer Family BBQ
Sat July 9th 15:00

Hilltop News deadline
Sat Jun 23rd
please send articles, notices and
photos to bmttd@live.co.uk

To book the hall please contact
Terry Maple on 01227 761329

Hall Hire Charges

Private Parties and Functions:

HCA Residents: £10:00 per hour
Non-Residents: £12:50 per hour
Security and damage Deposit £20:00
CASH

Returned after 7 days if no damage,
cleaning required etc.

Business / Exhibition Uses: Details on
Hire Charges available on application.

EASTER HAT COMPETITION REPORT & RESULTS

We ran our usual Easter Hat Competition for children and adults at the Spring Fair. Unfortunately there were not so many entries as we have had in recent previous years—we hope this was down to the slightly later time of the Fair this year. Those who did make hats did a grand job and here are the winners:

Adult: Barbara Markham, picture right
Child: Annabel Beaumont, pictured below



HILLTOP PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2016 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR AMATEURS

Now in its third year, and we really welcome your participation!

The categories are:

ADULTS: 'ASPECTS OF TRANSPORT'

£2.50 per photograph, size 7 x 5 inches

CHILDREN: 'I SPY SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH 'C''

£1.00 per photograph, size 7 x 5 inches

There will be a prize for the winners and certificates for all entries, presented at Hilltop Community Centre on **Saturday 22 October 2016, 2pm—4pm.**

Refreshments will be on sale alongside an exhibition of all the entries.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- As many entries as you like accompanied with the appropriate fee.
- All photographs submitted must be taken by the person entering the competition.
- Any friends or family of Hilltop residents are also welcome to enter.
- **Please state on a label attached to the reverse side of the photograph: name, address, category (adult or child) and caption.**
- We will endeavour to return photographs after the event, **but cannot take any responsibility should this prove impossible.**

More information can be obtained from Carole Davis (01227 451485) or Cheryl Ives (01227 760707). An entry form can be obtained from either Carole or Cheryl.

Completed entry forms must be submitted with photographs and fee.

Closing date: **Monday 19th September 2016**

All entries must be taken to **HILLTOP COMMUNITY HALL** between **5.30pm and 7.30pm**

There are 3 100 Club numbers available if you would like one ring
Roger Cheeseworth 01227 761642—£2 per month

Winter and Spring

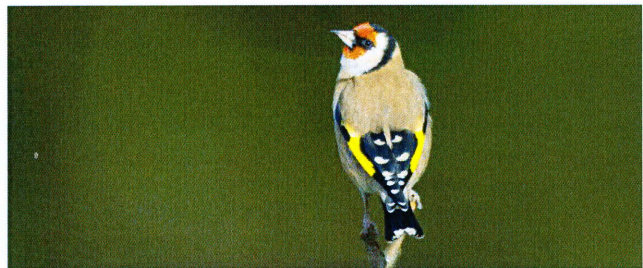
What an extraordinary winter we have had, on the whole mild and wet. Plants have certainly been confused. In January this year in a garden in Iffin Lane, acornites, primroses and snowdrops were in full bloom as well as Canterbury bells and grape hyacinths. Just a few miles from here in early January I also saw daffodils in golden splendour. I even had healthy flowering geraniums in my hanging basket in January a first for me.

Spring time is well and truly here with a host of nodding bluebells in Larkey Valley woods along with wood anemones and primroses a beautiful sight. Harder to see is the more unusual moschatel with green flowers at right angles to each other. Hawthorn is now



in bud with the occasional flower in full bloom. It's so welcoming to see the various catkins swaying in the breeze.

A friend of mine further up the lane near the fruit farm has noticed a couple of robins are being very territorial and in spite of coming from two different directions are now nesting in her garden. She has noticed lots of gold finches and recently was surprised to see a pheasant parading in her garden. She encourages birds to come to her by buying black seed for them. Green finches and a greater spotted woodpecker occasionally visit her. I had a text yesterday telling me that she had seen two wild rabbits in her garden, a first for her.



If you have seen anything of interest, birds, plants, animals etc: do e mail me jan@jarmishaw.freeserve.co.uk or phone 761204

News from the Editor.

Hello, I have taken over the editorship from Trisha Cheeseworth, and here is my first edition of the Hilltop News. Although I am a relatively new resident here I now find myself not only a trustee and secretary of the Hilltop Community Association, but also now editor of the newsletter!

There are still many people in this community who I have yet to meet and I look forward to getting to know lots of you much better in the future. If there is anything you would like to add to the newsletter please e mail or phone me with details. This is a community newsletter and I am here to include what you provide me with. I look forward to hearing from you soon! Bonnie

SUMMER FAMILY BBQ AT HILLTOP COMMUNITY HALL, NEW HOUSE LANE

SATURDAY 9th July starting at 3pm

Tickets available from trustees

See community noticeboard for further information



1 Iffin Cottage Weather Records - January to March 2016



Note: 'rain' means any precipitation

Another mild winter: -4.5 was the lowest temperature we recorded but there were a lot of dull, grey days.

The highest day's rainfall (16.2 mm) was on 27 March.

Over 8 and 9 February it was very windy thanks to storm 'Imogen' and at the end of March storm 'Jackie' brought more high winds.

Hilary Spon

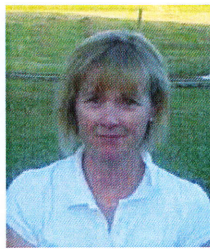
Month	Max. temp. °C	Mean (Av.) Max. °C	Min. temp. °C	Mean Min. °C	No. of days with rain	Max. rain in 1 day in mm.	Total rain in month
January	12.2	7.7	-4.5	2.8	19	14.8	92.1
February	11.9	7.9	-2.9	2.4	12	7.1	31
March	13.9	9.8	-1.8	4.6	11	16.2	69.2

From your Parish Council



Councillor
Graham Page
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Outgoing
Chairman

Sarah Guest

From HCA Trustees



Chairman HCA
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The Parish Council is pleased to announce that David Smith of Iffin Lane has been co-opted onto the Parish Council at the April 2016 meeting.

The Parish Council recently instructed Bruce Bamber, Director of Railton Transport Planning Consultancy, to review the transport information relied on by the planning officer when the application for Thanington Park was reported to CCC Planning Committee. Mr Bamber has visited the site and discussed the matter with Kent Highways. He has formed the view that there have been serious failures in the assessment of the traffic impacts and he has set out a summary of his views which have been expanded in his newly published report. Mr Bamber's concerns are:

1. Inaccurate baseline for traffic growth.
2. Incomplete trip generation assessment as a result of excluding those associated with the primary school.
3. Lack of background information on traffic distribution.
4. Incomplete information on modelling of the A28 corridor.
5. Inappropriate exclusion of the Wincheap roundabout from the traffic modelling.
6. Significant increase in traffic along the A28 leading to possible severe adverse impacts which are under-reported.
7. Improper lack of a Saturday assessment when traffic movement is expected to be much higher.
8. Lack of design for critical mitigation measures including the proposed A2 slip road.
9. Inaccurate assumptions on bus usage.
10. Inappropriate assumptions as to deliverability of the new park and ride scheme and reliance on the P&R on the new slip road when timing as to delivery is mismatched.
11. Lack of alternative sustainable transport options from the development's first occupation.
12. Lack of a full environmental assessment of transport impacts.

Following this interim report the Parish Council's solicitors have requested that the City Council agrees to take the application back to the committee following receipt of Railton's full report after the outcome of the local plan process is known.

Pentland homes have shown an unwillingness to answer any questions asked by any of the local action groups and all of these points have been raised with the City Council who seem to have ignored them in the planning process.

The Parish Council have also written to Heritage England, and are currently still awaiting a response.

Most of us know that this transport plan will be a disaster and using estate roads for construction traffic will make life unbearable for the residents of St Nicholas Road, Strangers Lane and Cockering Road.

The air quality in and around Wincheap and Thanington Road is already very close to extreme levels. With the extra traffic coming off the A2 and out of this estate children will be put at risk from air pollution as they go to and from school each day.

Everybody realizes the highways issues on this application are extremely serious. This just proves it.

Graham Page - Chairman, Thanington Without Parish Council

Hello everyone

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Hilltop AGM. There are a few changes in the Trustees: John Richardson is to take over as Chair and I shall support him as deputy for the next year, Terry Maple will continue as bookings coordinator, Roger Cheeseworth as Administration clerk, Bonnie Tillotson is now the Hilltop secretary and Hilltop News editor, Dave Sackett continues as buildings and safety manager, we welcome Andrea Williams as our new treasurer, and Jackie Bush as a co-opted member.

We look forward to another summer of events look out for the notices and flyers, all proceeds of course going to the refurb of our hall.

New plans have been drawn up and the building & planning sub committee are progressing well. If you would like to put forward your ideas or become involved please speak to any of the trustees.

Welcome to all our new residents, Hilltop community association is a registered charity for the benefit of the residents centered around our community hall. Please email or speak to any of the trustees if you would like any more information. Sarah



Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for all of her hard work over the last 5 years and guiding HCA to obtaining the lease from the church.

There are also three other people stepping down as trustees. These are Richard Armishaw (treasurer) after 11 years, his wife Jan (secretary) after 16 Years and Trish Cheeseworth who looked after the publishing of our newsletter for 5 Years. I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the years and wish them all the best for the future and seeing them at Hilltop community Hall in the future.

Looking forward, I am glad to say that I have the support of Sarah Guest, Roger Cheeseworth, Terry Maple & David Sackett to show me the ropes. I also have three new trustees to help me take on the tasks of the day to day running of HCA. These are Bonnie Tillotson (secretary and newsletter), Andrea Williams (Treasurer) and co-opted Jackie bush. John



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100 Club Winners

February, March, April

Prize	February	March	April
£50	Tracy Smith	Colin Sherwood	Tracey Smith
£30	Jo Dawkins	Barbara Markham	Kate Homersham
£20	Tony Pringle	J. McMillan	Mrs Richards
£10	Dave Sackett	Chris Silk	Craig Guest