



Hilltop News

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The Boules and Bat & Trap Fun Afternoon

The Boules and Bat & Trap Fun Afternoon organised by Chris Ives on Sunday 11 June in the garden at Hilltop Community Hall. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all the adults and children who participated, and by the spectators, who were able to have a cuppa and wonderful home-made cakes made by some of our Hilltop ladies. It wasn't meant to be a fund-raiser so the event itself was free, except for the refreshments. Amazingly these raised a profit of nearly £80 for Hilltop Community Association Funds.

Chris would like to thank everyone who made the delicious cakes and cookies and also everyone who came along to make it such a happy event. We certainly had some serious Boules players who were really good, but the Bat and Trap players, many of whom had not played before, excelled themselves, with Ross Gurden being named as 'Man of the Match!'

It was great to see the children also having a great Bat & Trap event on their mini- pitch. Same time next year?

HILLTOP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. "HILLTOP PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2017"

CATEGORIES: ADULTS: 'A PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION OF A SONG TITLE.

£2-50 per photograph. Size 7 x 5 inches.

CHILDREN: [Age 13 or under] 'I SPY SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH 'P' '

£1-00 per photograph. Size 7 x 5 inches.

Conditions of entry. 1) As many entries as you like, accompanied with the appropriate fee. **2)** All photographs submitted must be taken by the person entering the competition. **3)** Any friends or family of Hilltop residents are also welcome to enter.

Please state on a label: name, address, category [Adult or Child] and song title on reverse of photograph

Print the name of your song on a separate slip of paper and submit with photograph

We will endeavour to return photographs, but cannot take any responsibility should this prove impossible.

Completed entry forms must be submitted with photographs and fee.

More information and Entry Forms can be obtained from:-

CAROLE DAVIS 01227 451485.

CHERYL IVES 01227 760707.

Closing date: Tuesday 5th September 2017 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm at the HALL

AWARD CEREMONY SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 2pm - 4pm at the HALL

This year's judges will be Olly Knight, Lyn Gregory and Julian Hart

COME ON FOLKS- LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER!

Diary of Events

Monthly Events:

Crafty Girls Meetings afternoon 14:00

Second Tuesday of month. All welcome

Coffee Morning 10:30

Last Thursday of month. All welcome

Wellness Clinic

Wed 9th Aug 10:00 & 19:30

Wed 13th Sep 10:00 & 19:30

Evening Church Services

Sun 6th Aug at 18:00

Sun 3rd Sep at 18:00

Forthcoming Events:

HCA Main Committee

Thu 27th Sep at 19:00

Trustees meeting

Wednesday 30th Aug 20.00

Wednesday 27th Sep at 20.00

Summer BBQ Saturday 12th August

Fish and Chip Night Saturday 21st October

Hilltop News deadline Saturday 21st October

To book the hall please contact

Terry Maple on 01227 761329

100 Club Winners

Please contact: jackiegreenbush@sky.com

Prize	May	Jun Double month	July
£50	M&E Gurden	Patrick Downs	T Smith
£30	D Smith	David Sackett	L Pymm
£20	A Allen	Bonnie Tillotson	R Armishaw
£10	R Beatty	David and Louise	H Smith

Hall Building Update July 2017

Just a brief note this time, to let you know all the hall curtains have now been fireproofed to make the hall a safer place. All old fabrics have been removed.

The portable appliance annual testing has been carried out and all the kettles, microwave etc. are safe for use.

Dave Smith has very kindly given the shed a coat of preservative recently to extend the life of this building.

Enjoy the rest of the summer

Dave Sackett

Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Hilltop residents, Chris and Cheryl Ives were delighted to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 23 May. They had been invited because of their voluntary work for Rethink Mental Illness, a charity of which they have been members since 1990, and for which they have jointly coordinated the Canterbury & Coastal Rethink Carers' Support Group Voluntary for the last 17 years. Chris loved the Palace gardens and Cheryl enjoyed people watching and especially loved all the hats and fascinators. Although they only saw the Queen from a distance, it was lovely just to be there, especially as Cheryl has been an avid royalist since the age of 5!

Chris and Cheryl would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Hilltop residents who support their Rethink group as Honorary Friends, and especially Betty Wallis, Christine Bates and Pam Wood who regularly come along to meetings to make and serve tea, etc.

If you would like to know more about Rethink Mental Illness visit www.rethink.org or email Chris & Cheryl on rethinkcanterbury@googlemail.com



Environmental assassination of Poplar trees off New House Lane

The poplar trees stand like vigilant sentinels surveying the surrounding fields.
Over two hundred of them
In February bronzed leaves quiver in the gentle breeze and sunshine.
Later in spring the vivid verdant heart shaped leaves proudly welcome the summer
As they have for over fifty years.
We will miss the whispering Autumnal rustle.

Originally the poplar trees were planted as a windbreak between fields,
Not for long:-

These glorious giants will be killed, cut down in September.
Why this environmental assassination?
Why destroy nature in this brutal way?

I can understand the need for houses even over one thousand of them
The housing boundary is so close to the poplars..
Yes, new trees have been planted but why wait twenty five years for their fruition
When we already have these proud poplars?
Is life really all about profit?

We should not be destroying.
We should be preserving.

Jan



1 Iffin Cottage Weather Records - January to June 2017

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	10.1	5.5	-5.3	-0.6	16	12	51.6
February	15.8	8.8	0.1	2.6	11	9.8	33.8
March	19.6	11.1	2.2	6.3	6	11.1	17
April	21.7	15.2	-0.1	5.1	5	1.4	42
May	28	18.3	1.6	9.5	10	16.9	43.4
June	31.3	24	9.4	13	5	12	30.4

*means any precipitation recorded in last 24 hours

January - 16 days when the temperature failed to reach 0°C and there was a 3cm covering of snow on 13th.

February - high winds and storm 'Doris'

March - hail on 5 March followed by a long spell of sunny and dry days resulting in a very low rainfall total for the month.

April - 16 consecutive dry days, many of which were sunny

May - unfortunately we were away for the hottest 8 days, so only the maximum temperature recorded for this period

June - 13 consecutive dry days and a clear, sunny spell mid month. (July should see higher temperatures)

Hilary Spon

Note from the Editor

A big, heartfelt thank you to those people who so reliably provide the articles for our newsletter. You really do keep the spirit of the community alive.

Please feel free to send me your articles about local experiences and events, they would be gratefully received and shared through our newsletter.

If you are interested in advertising on our website, or in our newsletter please either contact us through the website, www.hilltopca.org or contact me on bmttd@live.co.uk, thank you.

I look forward to hearing from more of you in the future with your articles and ideas for our newsletter.

Bonnie Tillotson, Hilltop News Editor

Disco Night

Although not many people attended the Disco Night on Saturday, 27 May, those who did go had a great night. Music provided by John Richardson and Colin Sherwood was great to dance and sing along to, and some people were on their feet nearly the whole time, though older Hilltop dancers had a few stretched muscles the next day, and decided that maybe their 'Twisting' days are now over! Thanks John and Colin, and who knows, perhaps we can mobilise more 'Dancing Queens' to come along next time!



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