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Hilltop Harvest Celebration 2014

This year the annual Harvest Service at St Faith's was taken on Sunday 5 October by the Rev. Ron Preece with the theme of 'The Sower,' and much in evidence on the beautifully decorated Harvest Table was the amount of sowing that had been done throughout the year by Hilltop residents. The floral displays by Tracey Smith, our resident florist, were as beautiful as ever, and local cake-maker, Anita Rubin, came up with the brilliant idea of two cakes in the shape of square and round bales, on a wooden haywain The following evening, all the preparation by organiser,



Chris Ives, and his faithful team of

helpers came together, culminating in a delicious supper enjoyed by over 40 people. Cold meats, eggs, cheese, a variety of salads, jacket potatoes, pickles, bread, and dressings, followed by apple and other fruit pies

with cream
graced the
elegantly laid

-up tables. Raffle Queen, Carole Davies, organised a super raffle for the evening and later, as always, there was much hilarity during the auction of produce which followed with bargain donated fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants and The event raised a grand profit of £342.55 and like to thank all the wonderful helpers without whom this event could not happen. Also the lovely



people who donated produce and last but not least all those who attended and so generously parted with their money at the auction.



offers on the generously jars of jam and pickles. once again, Chris would



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

At St Faiths Hall, New House Lane

Saturday 22nd November 11am -1pm

Father Christmas is making a stopover, so bring the children to have their photo taken and receive a present. Raffle with £100.00 hamper. £100.00 in cash plus many other prizes. Also super Tombola, cake stall, 'Name the teddy', Treasure map, Handmade Christmas cards and as always refreshments. Tracy will be there to take orders for her beautiful Christmas wreaths and floral decorations.

Please come along and make it a super event for everyone.

Diary of Events

Weekly Events:

Friday Open House
Community Evening

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 Oct 8th 10.00 & 19.30
Wed Nov 12th 10:00 & 19:30
Wed Dec 10th 10:00 & 19:30

Coming Events:

HCA Main Committee
Wed Nov 17th at 19:30
Trustees meeting
Wed Nov 19th 20:00
Wed Dec 17th 20:00

Church Services
Hall Evening Service
Sun Nov 2nd at 18:00
Sun 7th Dec at 18:00
EVERYONE WELCOME
Carol Service
Wed 18th Dec at 18:00

Wine & Wisdom
Sat Nov 15th at 19:30

Christmas Fair
Sat 22nd Nov 11am
Raffle Draw

Bingo
Sat Nov 29th 18:30

Hilltop News deadline
23rd January 2015
To Trisha

To book the hall just 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.

Hello again. It is now late September as I write and the evenings are drawing in. I can never decide whether I am sorry that it is dark or whether I am looking forward to drawing the curtains and sitting snugly inside and forgetting that it is cold outside. We have been lucky so far and not really cold. My garden comes to its peak in the autumn, with lots of colour. Michaelmas daisies in several colours, lots of different gold and bronze daisies, dahlias, hostas and a huge variety of plants too many to name. It was well worth waiting for. Personally I have only seen a few of the summer butterflies, but did see two or three of the late flying yellow butterflies which I believe are clouded yellow, not the brimstone which flies earlier in the year. A neighbour heard an owl calling the other day and looking round saw a tawny owl on my roof. A close neighbour in Iffin Lane has a plant in her conservatory called a Gloriosa, which she has had now for some years. Each year she counts the exotic flowers and each year the total is more. This year the total so far is 230. she is really thrilled. A most unusual scarlet and yellow flower of the lily family from South Africa. One neighbour rang me and asked if I knew why there were so few blackbirds around. In short, no, but it is certainly true. Usually we have lots, with males chasing each other and coming into the porch when the door is open to steal bites out of the fruit in the rack. Has anyone any idea where they have all gone? Two people rang me fairly close together, one to say that she had just seen a sparrowhawk take a sparrow, and another to say that a sparrowhawk had aborted an attempt to take a bird when it saw the plumber doing a repair. Sparrows in all directions. The same lady puts out food for hedgehogs and tells me they are eating really well. Another regular contributor in Iffin Lane saw several large dragonflies while her husband was cutting the hedge, but they were nowhere near their small pond. Peculiar. The same lady watched with great pleasure whilst three green woodpeckers chased each other round and round a pole for several minutes. Another sighting in the same garden was of what she believed to be a yellow wagtail walking along a wall., but having looked it up in her book found it to be a grey wagtail. The book told her they were often confused, but the yellow needs fast water and is only seen in the North. That's all for now, give me a call if you have any news, Joan. tel:451492



Fish & Chip Supper

followed by a quiz was a great evening. Over seventy people were there. Colin Sherwood's quiz was a perfect balance of easy and harder questions. Jan and John would like to thank their team of helpers very much.



Hilltop Photographer of the Year 2014

On Saturday 25 October, keen amateur photographer, Ian Hufton, of New House Lane, was announced the winner of the Hilltop Photographer of the Year 2014 competition, having submitted a stunning photograph entitled "New House Lane, Storm Front at Sunset." Judges Julian Hart, Anita Rubins and Cheryl Ives were impressed with the extremely high standard of all the entries but commented that Ian's photo had that special x-factor quality with its dramatic composition, exciting colour contrasts and movement, and the implicit notion of man-made power set against the formidable power of nature. Pamela Firth's eye for composition and colour accents in her "Boats for Hire" and Jackie Bush's cheeky and delightful "Santa's little Helpers" gained them a Highly Commended certificate, and Commended certificates were awarded to Jan Armishaw ("A Moment"), Sue Morgan ("Pure Innocence") and Lyn Gregory ("Material girls"). Organiser, Carole Davis, was delighted with the success of the competition and also the Award Ceremony Tea and Cake afternoon at the Hilltop Community Hall, especially as a total of £145 profit was raised by the competition and event.



A VIEW TO A CHANGE?

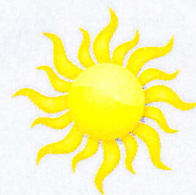
I well remember the early meeting held in St Faith's when the first news of a potential major housing development was on the

cards, in the fields opposite New House lane. I remember the number of people who were moved to attend the open meeting and express their and obtain information. So interest was obviously very high Time and Tide have moved on and various discussions, & documents, have passed through the mill. The final item, being the draft District Local Plan. (DLP) This set out a strategy with a large proposed development at Barton/Dover Road area with various other smaller scale proposed developments. It also included a transport strategy to support the proposed developments. This plan, developed by the council, is then put before a national inspector to ensure it passes certain levels of soundness. At this stage it can be challenged by parties. It can be rejected by the inspector if deemed unsound. If the Council does not have DLP in place then effectively it becomes a developers charter re local development with very little control over what is done locally. As can be expected, those parties interested in the development proposals for the land opposite New House Lane to Cockering road, Pentland Homes, could be guaranteed to challenge to Council's proposals. It would now appear that is what they are gearing up to do so. It is believed QUINN ESTATES, Mark Quinn & Alistair Cracknell, are acting on behalf of Pentland Homes in their pursuit of their application. HIMN believe any comments to them should be directed via a public meeting, and not as individual parties. It is their basic plan that is attached. The plan (on our notice board) is their latest submission. Thanington Without Parish Council and ARCA have had approaches from their agents, Quinn Estates, to discuss the matter. They have not approached HIMN, probably knowing that they would receive a certain level of opposition. It would appear that this proposal will be used as part of their approach to challenging the DLP submitted to the inspector by Canterbury Council. This meeting was requested by them as a round table discussion, but ARCA, TWPC, and HIMN have **strongly** replied it must be an open meeting. The date for this meeting is still to be fixed. There have always been reservations regarding the soundness of the Council's DLP, and that is what was likely to be challenged. Pentland Homes certainly could bring together some strong arguments for challenging the DLP and are most certainly likely to do so. HIMN has always existed to represent the views of our local community, whatever they are, and also keep it informed, particularly relating to this matter. As you can see, just because the DLP proposed one solution, does not mean that is what will happen, and there could be many a twist and turn on this story before the final scenario is fixed. When more information is known the HIMN committee will advise and also seek your views on this. **Dave Smith (Secretary HIMN) Sept 2014**



By the way.....

- Special thanks to Joan Gower for our lovely new notice board. Hopefully she is now recovering well after her 'minor op', best wishes for a speedy recovery from all of us.
- The new floor has now been installed in the Hall and is a great improvement our next job will no doubt be the new roof.
- The Fish & chip Supper made £430.50. Well done everyone.
- **Weather report from Hilary Spon of Iffin Cottages**



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Carole wishes to thank all the competitors, the judges and those who dropped in for tea and cake and is hoping that more local residents will now feel inspired to enter next year's event. The exhibition of all the photos will remain on display until the Christmas Fair on 22 November.



For Sale: Great Price

Ideal for beginner: Only £120 Stag drum set. Excellent Condition Bass and pedal, snare, floor tom, 2 central toms, hi-hats and pedal, crash cymbal, stool, music stand. Call Martin on 0771 574 9621
Free delivery within 5 miles

Month	Max. Temp °C	Mean Max. °C	Min. temp. °C	Mean Min. °C	Days of rain	Max.rain in 1 day in mm.	Total rain in month in mm.
July	29.9	24	8.1	14.4	9	13.4	50.8
Aug.	25.7	21	6.9	12.5	14	26.1	75.6
Sept.	22.8	19.9	6.5	12.3	4	19.1	21.9
Total for quarter							148.3

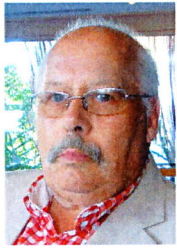
July to September 2014

July: Hot and very humid in the middle of the month, followed by a storm on 18th.

August: The wettest month of this quarter, with 26.1 mm. recorded on Bank Holiday.

September: Pleasantly warm with only 4 days of rain; 19.1 mm fell during a storm on 18th.

Help with Planning



Parish Clerk
Roger Cheeseworth

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If you are putting in a planning application with Canterbury City Council development control the first port of call for your application is Thanington Without Parish Council. The Councillors make their decision based on what they have in front of them, any feedback from parishioners/neighbours. Often they have no visit or feedback from the applicant themselves. It is important that an applicant gets their views to the Councillors and the best way is to attend the council meeting. These are usually held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 19:30 at the Thanington Resource Centre. If the Parish Council objects to an application and says its prepared to attend the committee the application will be sent to Development Control Committee and cannot be granted under delegated powers.

Often the first call I get is from an applicant is asking why the PC has recommended rejection. So coming along and talking to the PC is a good way of insuring the council has all the information before making their recommendation.

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From HCA Trustees



Chairman
Sarah Guest

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Hello everyone

As we reach the end of the year in anticipation of the Christmas Fair, we can look back on some very successful events this year. This has increased the funds for hilltop which is fundamental in improving the facilities at our Hall. The new floor looks wonderful and there are plans in progress to improve other areas. Principally our concern is the roof and we are seeking quotes and solutions for dealing with an old asbestos roof. Does anyone have any expertise in this field?

One way of contributing is the 100 club, 2 new numbers have become available please contact Jan Armishaw 5 New House close if you are interested, £1 a month goes into the prize fund and £1 to Hilltop Community Association. It is drawn every month and there is a double payout in June and December.

The hall is available to rent for private functions please contact Terry Maple :

4 New house close tel no761329.

Finally there have been a few house sales recently, a warm welcome to our new residents please contact any of the trustees if you would like information on local or hall events.

From your Parish Council



Councillor
Graham Page

Chairman TWPC

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Thanington Without Civil Parish was created in 1894 from that part of the parish not in the Canterbury County Borough. Local Government responsibilities were exercised by the Bridge Poor Law Union and Rural District (1894-1934) later Bridge-Blean Rural District Council (1934-1974). The first recorded Annual Parish Meeting was held on 11th August 1899. Following the 1933 Local Government Act, Kent County Council ordered there should be a parish council for the rural parish of Thanington Without. A Parish Meeting held on 19th February 1935 elected 7 parish councillors, to come into office on 15th April 1935. The 1980s brought a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission looking into parish boundaries. From 1st April 1987 the Parish doubled in size, from some nine hundred electors to around two thousand. This meant there would be seven representatives from the North Ward and two from the South Ward. The parish boundary runs along the centre of the A2 by-pass, crosses Hollow Lane to the Canterbury to London railway-line, and then runs south of the line to the A28, after passing through Howfield Farm to the eastern side of Howfield Manor. It then runs along the bridle paths through Milton Manor, Larkey Valley Wood and New House Farm until it meets Iffin Lane. From there it runs down Iffin Lane and Hollow Lane to the by-pass. The result of the boundary change meant that all the houses to the south of Thanington Road and Ashford Road which had not been parishes became part of the parish. Some land in Hollow Lane was returned to the city, whilst a strip of land south of New House Lane, which included part of Larkey Valley Wood, was added to the parish of Chartham. The Parish Council devotes a good deal of attention to the functioning of street-lights, dangers of over-hanging hedges and trees, potholes and the state of footpaths. Planning applications require comments from the Parish Council to ensure that sensible developments are not obstructed, but changes that seem likely to add to traffic congestion or otherwise adversely affect the quality of residents' lives are firmly resisted. The Parish Council currently meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm - (apart from August when there is generally not a meeting) - at the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre. September meetings are held at St Faith's Hall. Details of meetings are always clearly displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

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100 Club Winners August, September, October

Prize	August	September	October
£50	Joan Cross	Colin Smith	Colin Firth
£30	Richard Armishaw	Joyce Burt	Brendan Troope
£20	Jan Gilling	D Buontempo	R & A Withal
£10	Hilary Spon	Terry Maple	Trisha Cheeseworth