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St John's Electoral Roll - Under the Church Representation Rules, a new Church Electoral Roll for St John's Church is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 28 April 2025. Applications forms are available from the Church or Church Office.

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From the Church



Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday and focuses on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

- **Palm Sunday (13th)** commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

- **Maundy Thursday (17th)** commemorates the Last Supper.

- **Good Friday (18th)** is a day of solemn reflection and remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion.

- **Easter Sunday (20th) c**elebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central tenet of Christian faith.

Why do these days matter? We remember these dates not out of tradition alone. You will likely hear some of these dates talked about in all kinds of places. Easter is a big season for those who make Easter eggs. We see All sorts of Easter products being sold in this season. But why does it matter to us in the Church? Why does it matter to the world? We remember these dates and times not out of tradition alone. It's far more than that. They remind us of who Jesus is, what He has done and what He calls us to do as a response. These dates, services and events help us remember and stay centred on the real message of Easter and the reality of those events for the whole world.

At **Easter**, Jesus declared that the death of human beings is not the end. There is more, there is another place where we dwell after life on earth. Jesus' resurrection confirms that He is the Saviour who has conquered the power of sin and death for all humanity, offering eternal life to all who believe in Him (John 3:16).

At **Easter** we have a hope for today and the future. We can walk through life with God Himself as our friend and guide and that journey continues after death. Death is a transition into the fullness of life with God.

At **Easter** we are given power to live to our full potential, as God always destined for us. The resurrection of Jesus is for us today a present reality. Jesus offers to live in our hearts today if we invite Him in, with His Holy Spirit supporting us and helping direct our lives.

At **Easter** we are invited to a new way of living. A life that is no longer dominated by fear, guilt or shame. Jesus takes that from us so we can start again. Now we live with a life characterised by love, forgiveness and freedom. That's why Easter is so special, vital and significant for us in the Church. Special for the world, and for you and me. The real message of Easter is that Jesus is alive, and in His resurrection we find victory over sin and death, the assurance of eternal life, and the promise of new life today.

Easter reminds us that through Jesus' sacrifice and victory, we can have hope—not just for the future, but in our daily lives, empowered by the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead. You are welcome to join us at our services.

Rev. Tim Saiet

ST JOHN'S CHURCH - Directory

Tel: 01732 833 596 **Website: www.stjohnshildenborough.co.uk**

Please ring the church office or email any time, if you would like to discuss any pastoral or administrative matter.
Office Opening Hours: Tuesday - 11am to 3pm, Wednesday - 9am to 3pm and Friday - 9 to 12:30

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Sunday services
9:15 - 10:30am - Contemporary service with breakfast served in the Church from 8:45am
Refreshments served between services in the Church Centre. All welcome.
11am - 12pm - Traditional service

Tuesday service
11:15am - 12pm Morning Prayer

Contact the office to receive Church News and Notices or follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stjohnshildenborough



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Easter Saturday

Do join us and some puppets for an afternoon of Easter fun as we explore the story of that first Easter Sunday and the events leading up to it.

Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy Slide, refreshments and more....

Saturday 19th April, 2pm. Starting in the Church. £6 per family. Please book....

SCAN ME

Forget-me-not Cafés

Companionship over a cuppa

At our March café we noticed that a fire engine had arrived in the car park and four firemen were heading our way. They had kindly come into the café while on duty to give everyone some fire safety advice and chat to anyone who had any concerns about fire hazards in their homes.



The Kent Fire and Rescue Service offer free Home Fire Safety visits to the people of Kent and Medway, helping everyone to lead safer lives at home. They offer a free visit to your home and provide helpful advice tailored to your needs. The visit is carried out by a member of the specialist Safe and Well Team. The visit takes about 45 minutes and can be arranged at a time convenient to you. The officer attending can provide you with lots of useful support and advice and can fit a new free battery-operated smoke alarm if you wish.

To book a home safety visit or to find out more please call Freephone 08009 237 000 or email home@kent.fire-uk.org. You can also find information about staying safe on their website www.kent.fire-uk.org/homesafety. Please also be aware of scams – you will never be asked to pay any money, this is a free service. All officers carry identification and if you are concerned, do not engage with the person. The appointment can always be rearranged.

We were also entertained by the talented Santino who played his guitar and sang familiar songs that had us tapping our feet. His last two rock n roll songs had us on our feet!

If you are feeling lonely and would like some company, please come along as the Café is open to anyone who would like to get out of the house for a couple of hours and meet other people for a chat. Whilst some of those who attend the Café live with a dementia diagnosis, others have mild memory loss, others care for a person with dementia.

We meet at 11.00 am – 12.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Family Room of the Church Centre at St. John's Church Hildenborough. There is plenty of free parking and disabled facilities on site.

If you would like more information on the Forget-me- not Cafés or would like to be put on the mailing list for the monthly programme of all the Cafés contact Elaine on forgetmenot.sadfc@gmail.com or 07946 534 476.

Julie Rhodes

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
HILDENBOROUGH

CAFÉ THEO IN THE FIELD

Exciting Changes for Café Theo This Spring & Summer!

We've noticed that during the warmer months, many of our young people grab refreshments from Café Theo before heading to the park to enjoy the sunshine. So, we're bringing the café to them!
From the end of March, Café Theo will take a seasonal break from the church centre. Instead, we'll be setting up 'Café Theo in the Field'.
Offering free refreshments from 4-5 pm, in the field at the bottom of the church grounds, which backs onto the recreation ground.
Come and visit us on the following Fridays:
April 4th, May 2nd, May 16th, June 6th, June 20th, and July 4th.
If the weather doesn't cooperate, Café in the Field will be cancelled.
We look forward to seeing you there.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
HILDENBOROUGH

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For school year 6-13
£5 for this session

The Hive Youth Group
April 2025

Only one Youth Group in April due to the school Easter break. We return on ...

April 27th – Dino Golf, Tonbridge.
4-5:45 pm

Booking onto this event is essential. If you would like to join us email or collect a booking form from Lisa

All youth leaders hold a valid DBS

For more information please contact
Lisa Glasscote
lisa@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk

The Study Sanctuary at St John's



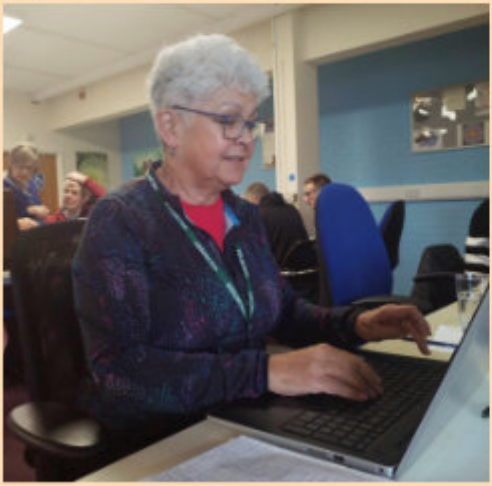
Every Term Time Tuesday from November, 4-6pm.
The Family Room, St John's Church Centre.

This space is designed for teenagers particularly in the GCSE and A'Level years.
It is hoped this space will help students to focus and study effectively, providing a calm atmosphere , comfortable chairs and tables and plenty of refreshments to sustain and enhance their learning experience.

No need to book, just turn up.
For more information email ; lisa@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk

Meet the volunteer – Paula Stack - Volunteer administrator at Compaid

Hi, I'm Paula and I live in Hildenborough with my husband, Tom. I have lived here for 30 years.



I started volunteering with Compaid in 2023 and my general administration role covers the small but essential jobs which sometimes get sidelined or put off indefinitely. I spend 3 hours on a Monday in this role.

The best bit about volunteering is the enthusiasm and excitement of the clients and staff. No day is ever dull. Volunteering is so important for the local community.

It's taught me general computer skills, improving my use of Word and also learning Harlequin and Publisher.

If you'd like to get to know more or explore volunteering yourself, please contact judithwilliams@compaid.org.uk or visit our website compaid.org.uk. Compaid are always looking for volunteers for a variety of roles.

More about me

What is an interesting fact about you? I play golf at Hever Castle Golf Club and have been Lady Captain there twice.

If you were Prime Minister for the day, what would be the first law you passed? Compulsory Home Economics in all schools, including financial management.

What is your favourite section of Keys Magazine? TMBC news. I get a lot of local information from those pages.

Which 3 people, dead or alive would you invite for a dinner party and why? Seve Ballesteros, Bradley Walsh and Muhammad Ali. Interesting stories and I imagine there would be some good banter.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why? To understand all languages so I could follow everything being said and avoid misunderstandings.

Paula Stack

Volunteer interview - would you like to be featured?

If you would like to feature in the magazine, please get in touch with me at **editor@keysmagazine.co.uk**. My aim is to celebrate those that give up their time to make our community better. I hope this will inspire more people to get involved, as we have a wide variety of organisations in our village which are often in need of new volunteers.

Rob Mansfield

Help a 'Friend in Need' and become a Compaid Volunteer!

We are looking for friendly people like **YOU** to join our team in Paddock Wood and make a real difference in the lives of older, disabled, and vulnerable people in our community.

As a volunteer driver, you will help people across Kent travel safely to reach important hospital appointments, pick up groceries, or simply enjoy a day out with friends and family.

Or as a volunteer digital skills trainer, you will help people use the internet and their devices confidently to bank and shop online, stay in touch with loved ones, access important health and support services and more, whilst having fun.

You don't need to be an expert; Compaid will provide complete training for both roles, so all you need is compassion and a willingness to help. For more information, call our HR Manager Judith at 01892 351 055 or email her at judithwilliams@compaid.org.uk.

www.compaid.org.uk. Unit 1 Eastlands, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6BU. Registered Charity No: 1064160

Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra – Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2

18th May 2025, 19:30 - 21:45

Don't miss the chance to hear Rachmaninov's famous 2nd piano concerto played in the purpose built Pamoja Concert Hall at Sevenoaks School! Your local semi-professional orchestra is playing there on Sunday 18th May at 7.30 in the evening. Please see May Keys for booking details.

Hildenborough Gardeners' Society



Our second talk of the year will be on April 7th, on Sissinghurst Castle gardens. **The talk will start at 7pm at the Village Hall** and tea/coffee will be available from 6.45. Once again it will be free to members and £2 for guests and non-members. The first talk of the year was well received and appreciated by members and others, setting the tone for the year.

Our Spring Show on March 29th will have taken place by the time this article appears, and a report on it will appear next month. Later in the year we shall have 2 more shows and a couple of coach outings to places of interest. Our garden store is open to members on Saturday mornings, and is well stocked with a wide range of products at low prices.

HGS membership is only £7 per year and comes with a lot of benefits, including discounts at Coolings Nurseries. You can join at the store on Saturday mornings, at any of our shows, or via our membership secretary Carolyn on 01732 838 550.

David Haugh

HILDENBOROUGH FARMERS' MARKET

Happy Easter everyone! It is that time of year when we think of chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies and spring flowers. The Market will be holding free craft activities during the school Easter holidays on Tuesday 8th April and Tuesday 15th April. If you are looking for ways to occupy your little people come along during the market times for coffee, cake and craft.

Have you visited the Ivydene Preserves stall? There are so many jams, relishes and chutney to chose from: "*The Red Onion Thing*", Tomato and Chilli Relish, Mustard Pickle, Apple and Mint Sauce Jelly, Pink Grapefruit Marmalade, the list goes on and on. If you're not sure which one you would like you can always have a taster to help you chose. All seasonal preserves made locally in Paddock Wood. An ideal gift too.

Our Kent Honey stall is also worth a visit. Why not buy a gift of a jar of honey from local beehives with beeswax candles or a figure made from the beeswax. It certainly is an original present.

Talking of gifts
the Market has Gift Vouchers that you can purchase to give to your friends and families and can be redeemed at any of our stalls. Just buy the voucher from us, they are £5 each and can be made up to the amount you require. The recipient of the voucher just hands it over to the stallholder that they wish to purchase from and hey presto it's done!

Contact the Market manager: Nick Aldridge on: - managerhildenboroughfm@gmail.com

Also follow us on social media for your weekly update on what stalls will be at the Market.

We are open from 8.30am to 11.00 am every Tuesday at the Hildenborough Village Hall in Riding Lane.

Facebook – Hildenborough.Farmers. Market

Instagram – hildenboroughfarmersmarket

FARMERS MARKET RECIPE

Jelly-filled Easter eggs recipe

Looking for a fun Easter activity? Make these jelly-filled Easter eggs with the kids to make your chocolate Easter eggs into a fun dessert.

Ingredients

For the berry-filled eggs: 135g pack raspberry jelly, 1 large Easter egg, 150g raspberries, 50g blueberries, sliced in half

For the strawberry and milk chocolate eggs: 135g packs strawberry jelly, 1 large Easter egg, 100g strawberries, hulled and chopped, 1 sprig of mint, leaves separated, 30g white chocolate chips

For the chocolate orange eggs: 135g pack orange jelly, 1 medium chocolate orange Easter egg, 2 satsumas, peeled and segmented, 1 tbsp shredded mint (see next page)

Method

1. Make up the jelly according to pack instructions in a large measuring jug and set aside for 15 mins until cooled to room temperature.
2. Meanwhile, press gently at the seam on either side of the chosen chocolate egg to pop open into 2 halves.
3. Arrange the eggs flat in shallow bowls, using foil to support the sides so that they don't rock.
4. Divide the fruit, extra chocolate or mint between the eggs. Pour over the cooled jelly to the top of the Easter eggs. Chill in the fridge for at least 2hrs, or overnight until set.



From our MP: Tom Tugendhat

On **Thursday 1 May 2025** we will all have the opportunity to head out and vote in the Kent County Council (KCC) elections.

It is important we all have our say. KCC are responsible for spending more than 70% of our council tax and are responsible for key services including our roads, our schools, and social care.

But voting matters, regardless of which Council delivers our services. It is our chance to have our say on how we want services delivered in our community. We are lucky to have County Councillors, of all parties, who have worked hard for their communities over many years.

It won't be a surprise who I will be voting for, but I didn't want to use this column to persuade you to vote for one candidate or another. I wanted to make sure everyone has the chance to vote.

You need to be on the Electoral Register to do so. To sign up visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council on 01732 844 522. You must do this by **Friday 11 April** to vote on **Thursday 1 May**.

If you are not able to vote in person on **Thursday 1 May**, then you can apply for a Postal Vote. The deadline for this is **Monday 14 April 2025**. You can do this by visiting www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or calling the Council on the number above.

Our ancestors fought hard for the right to vote for every adult in our community. Please make sure you use it. Councillors have their own mandate to deliver in our village, but they can only represent our views if we have our say at elections.

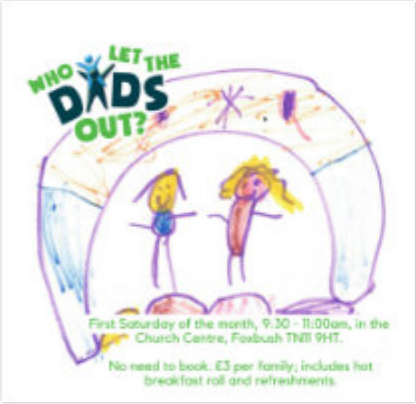
My contact details are as follows:

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Social Media - @TomTugendhat

Tom

Whats on in and around our village?

Arts and culture are flourishing in the local community often with little by way of external funding - please read through the following events and try and get to one if you can!



Who let the Dads out is a play group for kids (0-6) and their male carers. Whilst 'dads' is in the name, we're a broad group, welcoming dads, grandads, foster dads, uncles etc.

We have: a bouncy castle, a bouncy slide, ride on toys, colouring-in, toy cars, bacon sandwiches (vegetarian option available), food and drink.

£3 per family, 1st Saturday of each month.

9:30 - 11am in St John's Church Centre

Sevenoaks Philharmonic – 5th April Pamoja Hall (Sevenoaks School) 7:30pm

For our spring concert on Saturday 5th April at the Pamoja Hall in Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks Philharmonic present an evening of French choral music contrasting the ethereal beauty of Gabriel Faure's 1887 Requiem with Maurice Durufle's setting, written shortly after the second World War in 1947. Both Requiems embody a sense of optimism for the hereafter, distinguished by their differing musical treatments. We complete the programme with two short works – Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and Durufle's Ubi Caritas et Amor.

Tickets: Standard £17, Over 60's £16, Students and U21 £5 – NB £1 booking fee per ticket applied by external box office system (https://sevenoaks-philharmonic.org.uk/)

Hildenborough History Society – Friday 25th April

Our speaker at our next meeting on Friday April 25 is Dr Geoff Doel and his talk is entitled "Legendary & Ghostly Kent"

Geoff & Fran Doel's bestselling 'Folklore of Kent' (History Press) has recently been republished, and their research draws extensively on Kent's fine legendary heritage. Geoff's illustrated talk will range from Saints' Lives, to ghosts of celebrities and legendary beasts & Devil Lore in the Kent landscape. Geoff is a Fellow of the University of Kent and lectures for the University of Christchurch Canterbury.

The meeting will start at 7pm in the Jim England Room at the Village Hall and if you wish to attend but are not a member of the Society the charge will be £2 per head.

Pat Davies

Tonbridge U3A – 25 Years in Tonbridge

Meet some of our members. Come along to our *Coffee Mornings o*n the 3rd Friday of the month at **Christchurch** (Tonbridge High Street) from 10:30 am

Not working full time? – TU3A may have something for you.

Find out about us at www.tonbridgeu3a.uk

Ollie Johnson

Hospice in the Weald - Open Gardens Season

Explore some of the best-kept secret gardens in West Kent and East Sussex, which are opening their gates this spring and summer to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald.

During the season over thirty gardens across the community are available for you to visit. Take in the sights, sounds, and scents of some of the finest private gardens in the area. Enjoy refreshments in the spring and summer weather and pick up a few gardening tips along the way.

A new annual pass is being introduced this year offering a way to enjoy many more gardens at great value. For just £50, you can gain entry to sixteen of the beautiful gardens in this season's collection.



The first garden is open on the 1st of May, with the season going through until mid-September. All funds raised through these events help Hospice in the Weald to support adults and children with life-threatening or life-limiting illness when they need it most. As ever, we give our heartfelt Thanks to all the garden owners, volunteers, and visitors who make the open season possible.

The events section of our website provides full details of the gardens, their location, and open times. **Visit the events pages at hospiceintheweald.org.uk**

Alternatively, for more information you can contact us at fundraising@hospiceintheweald.org.uk. or call the fundraising team on 01892 820 533.

T.M.B.C. News

Anti-Social Behaviour (A.S.B.)

Last year between April and September, TMBC instigated the Anti Social Behaviour Enforcement Team. This delivered a high profile, visible presence throughout the Borough helping to reassure residents and businesses and visitors to Tonbridge and Malling. This year the team of 4 will be working from May till October. They are accredited under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme by Kent Police giving them powers to request names and addresses, seize alcohol, deal with begging and stop a moving vehicle. Last year in Hildenborough Ward there were 14 ASB incidents reported, down 2 from the previous year.
Across the County TMBC recorded a reduction of 342 cases reported to Kent Police. This is a 32.60% reduction to 2023 (1,049 cases.) At the March 2025 Public Sector Transformation Awards held in London, TMBC were awarded a Silver Trophy in the Working Together category, this soundly reflects all the work put in to the 2024 ASB pilot project. Congratulations to all.



Green and Blue.

Not opposing political parties, but a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy. This helps to provide evidence for the Local Plan and is a strategic framework for protecting, enhancing and connecting the borough's natural infrastructure to achieve benefits for communities and local places. The work was compiled by TMBC and Environmental Consultants Adonis Blue. The report runs to 87 pages. There is much information within the report, for example there are 8,910 acres (3,606 Hectares) of deciduous woodland in Tonbridge and Malling equating to a 81.29% coverage.
The attached picture (right) gives a good indication of built confines, Tonbridge to the South, Kings Hill, East Malling centre and Snodland/Larkfield etc to the North. Please let me know if you would like an electronic copy of the Strategy.

Planning.

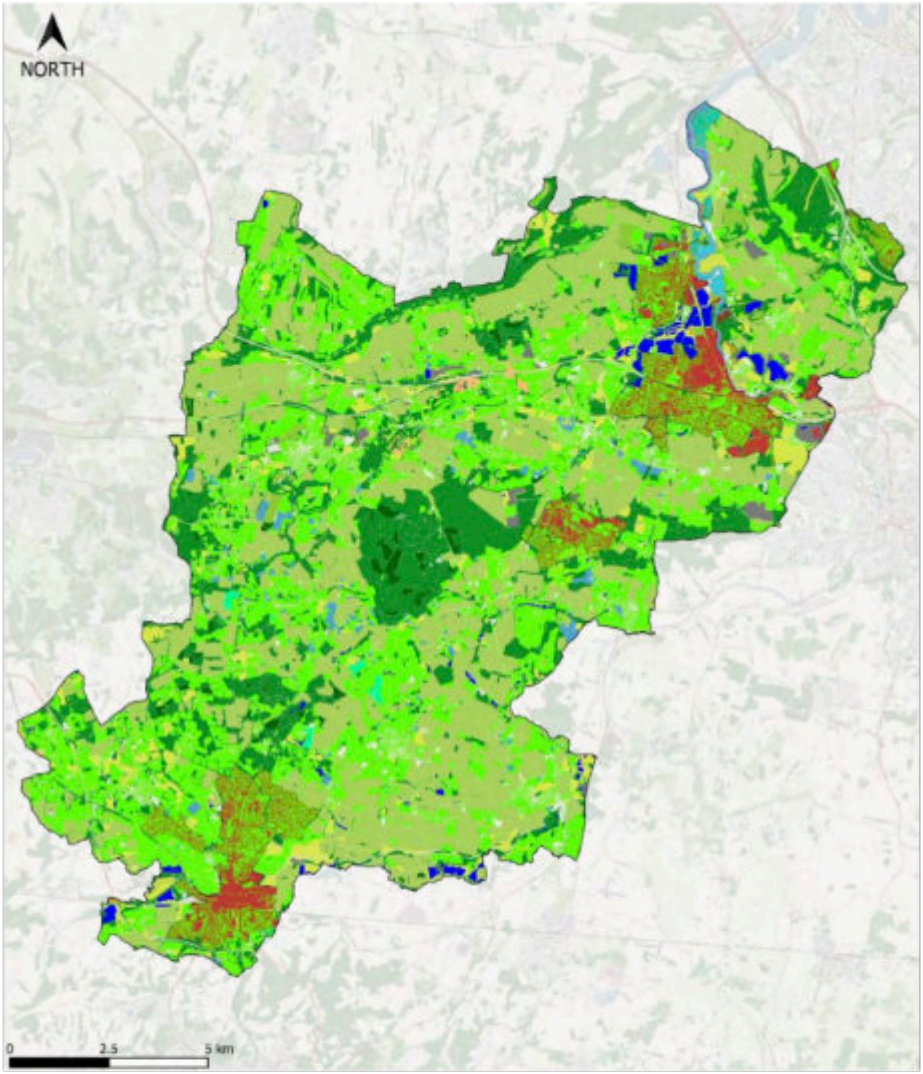
I wrote last month about a planning palaver, I can add that as well as members being thought of as pre-determined because they may have written some notes on a planning application, it seems we are also at fault if we did not attend a deferred meeting whilst subsequently attending a second meeting on the same planning application.
It was not like this in the old days!

Contact me.

Please do not hesitate for one minute, about contacting me on Borough Council matters. If you would prefer a home visit in private, just let me know.

Council Meetings.
Please remember Council meetings are still streamed on YouTube, however public attendance is permitted in the Council Chamber.

Cllr Mark Rhodes



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Contact the Parish Council via **clerk@hildenboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**
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Hildenborough PC, Riding Lane, Hildenborough, TN11 9HY

Evening WI: Our March meeting started by welcoming our members and guest speaker, Jo Livingston who came to give us an interesting and informative talk, "What it's like to be Face Blind." Jo explained that this is a condition she has been living with all her life, although she wasn't diagnosed until later in life. She wasn't aware that she had it and had learnt coping strategies to deal with it, as well as finding herself apologising a lot when she ignored people who she knew well. Since her diagnosis she has stopped apologising and started explaining about the condition and the impact it has had on her life.

The medical term is Prosopagnosia, *Face Blind*, and it affects 2-3% of the population but many of them will be unaware that they have it. It can be acquired because of a brain injury however, following research in the 1960s it was also found to be genetic. There is a spectrum of the condition, where people have extreme cases of face blindness to the other extreme where someone can be called a 'super identifier' due to their skills of recognition. There are several famous people who have been identified as face blind, including Mark Twain, Oliver Sachs, Brad Pitt, Stephen Fry and Joanna Lumley.

Jo explained that she could walk past her own children in the street because she wouldn't recognise them purely by their face. She tells friends about her condition so that people who go to speak to her always introduce themselves by name, so she has a context to remember them by.

Jo has been interviewed by several journalists and was flown over to Boston to speak on a television programme called 60 minutes. She has also appeared on British television to discuss her condition.

It was a fascinating insight into the condition and how it has affected her but also the ways she has dealt with it. More recently she has been part of a group who have set up a website to offer support and advice, and she had been to schools and other groups to give talks.

Following Jo's talk, we had a break for a welcome drink and a chat before we went through some general WI business and updates of forthcoming events and activities.

Our next meeting is ***Tuesday 8th April 2025,*** and we will be having a talk from Stuart Robinson- **"The London of Charles Dickens".**

The evening WI meets once a month and gives members the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and have fun. We always welcome new members, so please feel free to just drop in and say hello, even just for one evening to see what we are all about.

Please note our meeting time, we meet in the family room at the Church Centre at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Lorna Stapley-President.

Remembering Miss Jacqueline Dungay – a force to be reckoned with!



I met this lovely lady when Hildenborough Farmers' Market first opened in 2008. We bonded over what was to become regular coffee and chat, in the beginning about Silent Witness, which we both loved and then she told me how it reminded her of work! She was very unassuming and fiercely independent. She had a love of the arts, being a member of the Arts Society and Royal Opera House, going to London regularly to attend performances. She soon became part of the Market and would be only too willing to help with raffles and any special days we were holding.

Latterly she suffered badly with arthritis in her spine and became less mobile and you may have seen her in the village negotiating the shops on her two sticks. Sadly, she passed away in November, but I thought you might like to know a little about this amazing woman and what she had achieved in her lifetime which nobody knew about fully until her funeral!

She had told me that she had been a nurse – but no ordinary nurse it turns out. – after training at various London hospitals, she returned to Guys to pursue operating theatre nursing where she rose from junior staff nurse to clinical instructor. In 1969 she won the Johnson and Johnson Travel Award and visited hospitals in Sweden to exchange knowledge with her Theatre colleagues and attend the Swedish Theatre Nurses Congress. In 1972 she was appointed nursing officer in theatres at St. George's Hospital when it was at Hyde Park Corner where she was combining theatre management and teaching responsibilities, and in fact went on to help establish new posts and systems.

In 1980 Jacqueline moved with the Theatres to the now larger Tooting site, opening the Theatres in one wing and taking responsibility for those in another. It was said on her retirement that "one could safely say that she had more than played her part in redesigning, planning, commissioning and upgrading operating Theatres throughout St George's". Wow! She had gone on to be part of the Cardiothoracic and Neurosciences Units relinquishing her Theatre duties to take over manpower planning in Nursing – a huge post in those days for a woman.

At home she was a regular attendee at St John's Church in Sevenoaks serving on the PCC and Father Robin, the current Priest, vividly remembers her very astute questioning at his interview! Similarly, she was just as likely to be involved in Messy Church, or buying toilet rolls, as well being Treasurer. Incidentally, this also included swinging into action with her nursing skills once more when Father Robin's wife suddenly delivered their baby in one of the Church rooms!

She didn't stop there. She was also a very active member of the WI in the Village being President for 3 years from 2009. She belonged to the Drama Group appearing in their pantomime and plays (these were well known in the Village back in the day); ran a Knitting Group and monthly lunches and organised monthly group visits to the Oast theatre.

What an amazing life of dedication and service to the community – who would have known. ***Thank you Jacqueline.*** The bye-line of this must surely be not to judge the elderly – there's no knowing of their achievements.

Julie Kury

The Night Sky in Hildenborough – April 2025

The balance of power is shifting once again with the planets beginning to leave the evening sky as they transfer their allegiance to the early mornings instead. Mercury, Venus and Saturn have done this already though they are still too close to the Sun to be observed. Venus, thanks to its brilliance, will be the first to appear in the east before dawn although it is likely to be mid to late May before even this happens. However, both Mars and Jupiter are still well placed in the evenings although both were at opposition a few months ago and so have now passed their best. Opposition refers to the time when a planet, who's orbit lies further from the Sun than the Earth, is at its closest to us. Planets that lie inside the Earth's orbit do not experience opposition but instead have alternative points where they are best viewed.

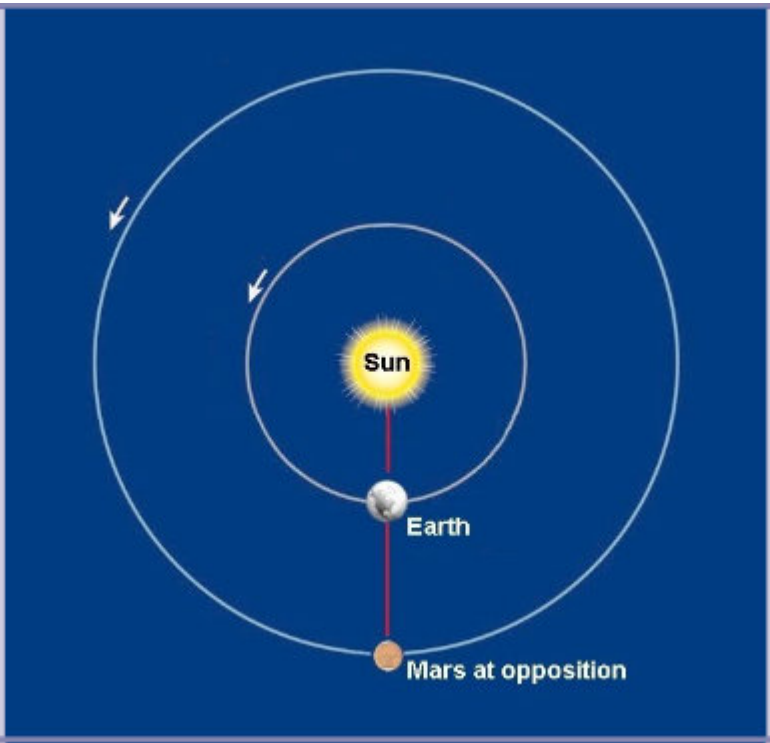
For the planets that lie beyond the Earth - Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, (we call these the superior planets) there are two important points that they reach alternately as they pass around their orbits. These are known as opposition and conjunction. In the diagrams, I've taken Mars as my example but the same holds true for all the planets I mentioned above.

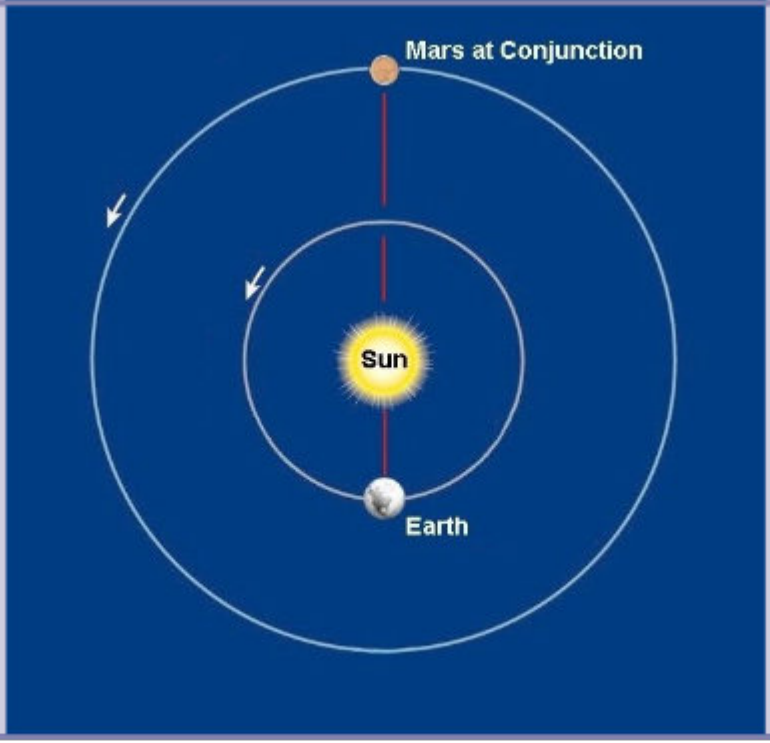
In the first diagram I've shown the circumstances of opposition whereby the three bodies are in a line with Mars and the Earth are on the same side of the Sun with the Earth in the middle. At that time Mars is as close to the Earth as it can get so it will be at its brightest and largest making observation easier. The other advantage of observing Mars, or any of the superior planets, around opposition is that because it is opposite the Sun in the sky (hence the name "opposition") it rises as the Sun sets and itself sets at sunrise meaning it is visible throughout the hours of darkness.

The second diagram shows how the bodies are positioned at the time of conjunction. As seen from Earth a conjunction is a serious nuisance because the planet is behind the Sun and unobservable. In fact, it will be unobservable for some time after the event because of course it will be lost in the glare even after it has emerged from behind the Sun.

If you want to look for Mars and Jupiter this month, then on the 1st at 10pm Mars is exactly south west at an elevation of 55° whilst Jupiter is exactly west with a height above the horizon of 30°. Alternatively, if you wait until the 15th and look at 9:15pm then both planets will be in the same directions and altitudes given for the 1st. By the last day of April, we need to look later as the twilight encroaches earlier into the evening. Try looking at 10:15pm to find Mars in the WSW, 40° in altitude and Jupiter in the in the WNW at a little over 15° high.

Brian Mills FRAS


Sun
Earth
Mars at opposition


Mars at Conjunction
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Earth



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Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6)

4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)

8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)

9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)

11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)

12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)

17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)

19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)

22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)

23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)

2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)

3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)

5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)

6 11 Across is certainly this (5)

7 He reps (anag.) (6)

9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)

13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

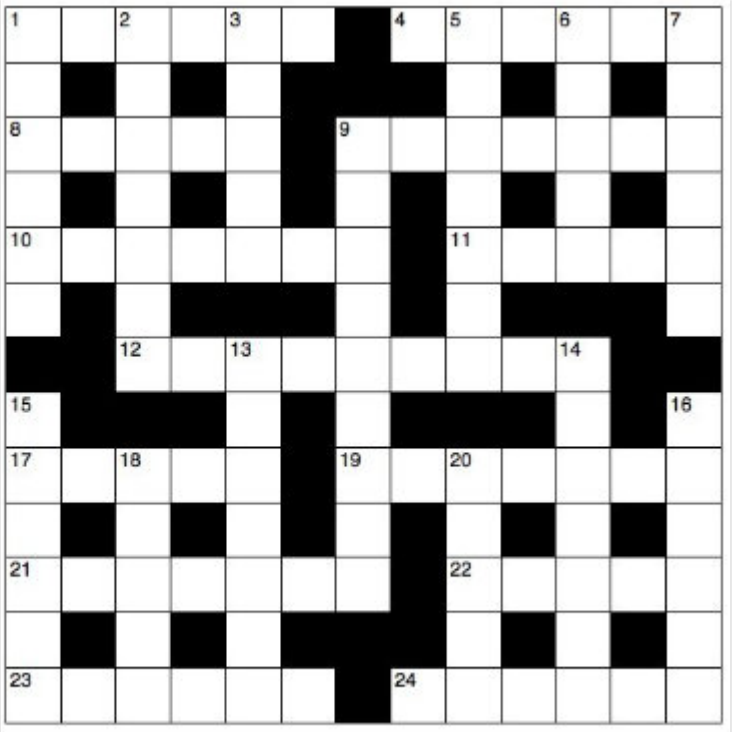
14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

15 The human mind or soul (6)

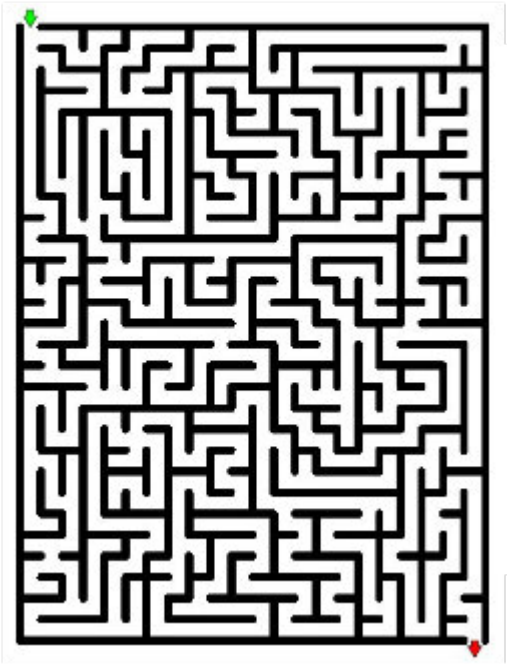
16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

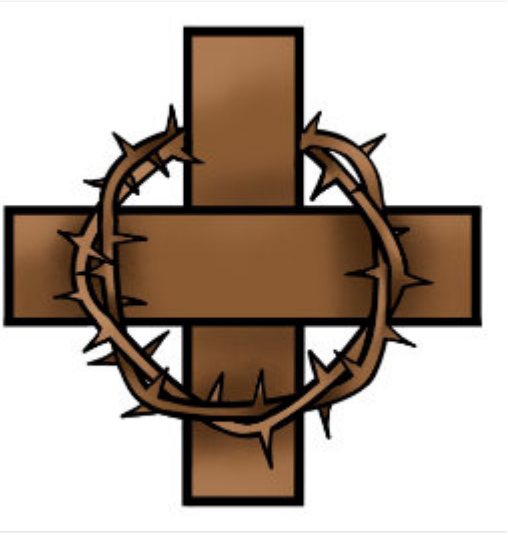
18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)



Can you find the path through the maze?





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Sudoku (Medium)

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Community Groups

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Beavers (Ages 6-8) Thurs 5.15-6.30 pm	**hildenboroughbeavers8thtonbridgescouts@hotmail.com**
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ANNUAL TAX ON ENVELOPED DWELLINGS (ATED)

ATED is payable by 'non-natural persons', such as companies, that hold an interest in UK residential property valued at over £500,000. The ATED charge is based on the value of the property and applies unless an available relief is claimed.

One such available relief is for dwellings that are let to a third party on a commercial basis and are not, at any time, occupied, or available for occupation, by anyone connected with the owner. If this relief applies, it should be claimed in an ATED return.

ATED is payable for a chargeable period ending on 31 March each year. Returns must be filed within 30 days of the period commencing, so returns for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 must be filed on or after 1 April 2025, and no later than 30 April 2025.

Over the coming months, HMRC will be sending letters to companies that own one or more dwellings valued at over £500,000, declared no profits in their Corporation Tax returns between 2017 and 2020 and either filed no ATED returns or claimed the relief outlined above. The letter explains that as the company's tax returns show that it did not make a taxable profit, it may not have been run on a commercial basis, with a view to a profit. In such cases, the ATED relief will not apply.

The letter asks companies to review their ATED position and respond within 40 days, either providing further information, making a disclosure or filing any outstanding returns. If HMRC do not receive a response within the set time, they may raise a discovery assessment and penalties may apply.

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11am Traditional Service

13th April - Palm Sunday

Holy Week

9:15 - Contemporary Service
11am Traditional Service

17th April - Maundy Thursday

Once Service only - 7pm

18th April - Good Friday

"An Hour at the Cross"
Vince Leading and Preaching
one service only ***2pm***

20th April - Easter

He is Risen

27th April - Ten Week Sermon Series

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1 Corinthians 12:4-7
James 1:17

Easter Saturday

19th April
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