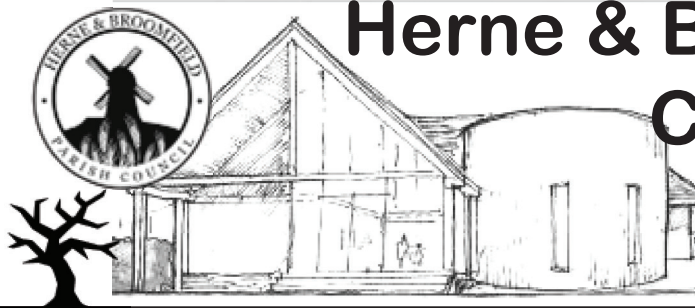




Herne & Broomfield Community News



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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th October

HERNE AND BROOMFIELD SCARECROW TRAIL

Sunday 5th October

Art Exhibition

Friday 17th October

QUIZ NIGHT

15th November

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Details of these and more inside

Join our Lunch Club - see page 8

Save the date (details in next newsletter)

Christmas Party (adults) Saturday 13th December

Children's Annual Christmas Party Sunday 14th December

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Update on Local Government Reorganisation

We are in conversation with Canterbury City Council about the reorganisation and how it will impact us as a Parish. We are meeting City Council officers in September and will update you further. There is likely to be a public consultation.

Some of us are undertaking training to understand the complexities going forward and have set up a working group for this purpose. If you would like to be involved please contact assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk or call 01227 742700.

Garden Safari & Treasure Hunt

Thank you to the volunteers that took part in this year's garden safari and the visitors who came along to enjoy the gardens. We have received a lot of positive feedback for the event, and it raised a total of £1867.71! This year's beneficiaries were the Strode Park Foundation and Crossroads Care East Kent receiving £470 each. Thank you also to Vincents Nurseries for again sponsoring our event.

Thank you for those that took part on our treasure hunt. Unfortunately, this wasn't as well attended as last year but those that took part seemed to really enjoy it. For £5 for a few hours' entertainment, it is good value for money. In total we raised £492, with £250 going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Curtis Wood Tree Work Update

On the 1st July the Herne Centre hosted a meeting on behalf of Canterbury City Council to consult on works planned to the woodland. The residents that attended were able to ask questions about the works and be involved in the consultation process. We will advertise any updates on Facebook and our Parish Council webpage; works are due to take place later in the year and not be as invasive and destructive as last time.

Broomfield Community Park and BMX Track

You are reminded that the entrance to Broomfield Community Park and BMX track must be left clear for emergency access at all times. It could be YOU that needs help!

Resilience planning

Over the past few months, different areas within the town have been subject to water shortages and power cuts - are you prepared?

Check out www.the-psr.co.uk, where you can register your needs with the utility companies. Are you blind or partially sighted? Deaf or hard of hearing? Do you have a disability or chronic illness? Do you use medical equipment that's reliant on electricity or water?

We at the parish council are drawing up a register of facilities that would be helpful in an emergency. Do you own a chainsaw or 4-wheel drive vehicle that could be called upon, for example? Are you part of a network that could be used to spread information if needed? Are you trained in first aid?

Also, take a look around your area. Are you aware of anyone living near you who would be vulnerable?

What preparations could you make, as a vulnerable person or to help others who are?

Our Parish Councillors

Our Parish Council Office is located at the Herne Centre
☎ 01227 742700, access via School Lane Car Park.



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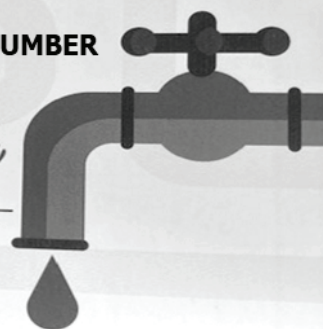


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1st Herne Brownies was formed in 1952 and we meet in Herne on a Saturday morning.

We are open for girls aged 7-10 years of age

There are lots of things to do as a Brownie, including badge work, learning new skills such as cooking, singing, crafts, playing parachute games, completing challenges and fundraising at our annual coffee morning.

This term we took our Brownie Bear, Betty to the windmill to take part in the zip wire challenge and she had a fab time and even got a certificate for her achievement!



We took a trip to Howletts Wild Animal Park on another warm day to look at the animals, play on the play park and of course enjoy an ice cream.

We held a morning of fun water games and traditional sports day races out on the grass.

To finish our summer term, we held our annual Brownie breakfast which included bacon, egg, sausages and croissants cooked by our leaders and 2 of the oldest girls.

We are always looking for new members to join and welcome anyone to come along for a taster meeting to see what we do.

Just drop an email with your daughter's name, date of birth and contact number to:

alison1owl@hotmail.co.uk

Alison – Brown Owl –

1st Herne Brownies



1st Broomfield Guides

We've been busy this term making the most of the light evenings - we cooked outside, went for walks, made our own energy snacks and explored East Blean Woods as part of our Explorer Stage 4 Skill Builder badge, as well as a sleepover at a Guiding site near Canterbury and decorating biscuits (always popular!).

We wish good luck to our youngest members who are changing schools this term, and say thanks and (hopefully only temporarily) goodbye to one of our unit helpers, who is off to university.

Over the next term we're tackling basic first aid skills and basic woodwork - in that order!

If your daughter is interested in finding out more about Guides (or any of the stages, from Rainbows up to Rangers), or you're thinking of volunteering, please check out the website

www.girlguiding.org.uk



Scarecrow Trail and Art Exhibition

We have two wonderful events on the same day at the Herne Centre. Sunday 5th October from 11am.

Scarecrow Trail - Follow the trail and see all the locally made scarecrows dressed as book characters. There is still time to take part in making a scarecrow, please use the QR code on the poster to find out how and complete an entry form to be added to the list. A prize will be awarded for the scarecrow that is voted the best in show. Half the funds raised will support the Herne Book Share. The scarecrow trail will run from 11am - 4pm.



Art Exhibition - We are holding our first art exhibition at the Herne Centre - lots of works of art will be on display from local artists from Broomfield Art. It is free to come and have a look at the talent in our local community. Our cafe will be open offering drinks, rolls and cakes.



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Herne WI

Hello again everybody. Summer eventually arrived and then we all started moaning about it being too hot! At the moment it is comfortable, so hope you all are too!

In May we had a most informative talk by Trevor Sayer, explaining how donated blood reached its destination, either by Rapid Response car or motor bike. It certainly gave us all something to think about - I'm a blood donor, and really appreciate how vital it is to do this.

June was our 72nd Birthday meeting and we were entertained by Reg, who did some table-top magic, a bit of singing but, best of all, had everyone laughing with their attempts at balloon dogs. Everybody enjoyed the tasty buffet provided (thanks to Morrisons for their unexpected contribution). Two of our members, Sue and Anne, were totally surprised and delighted when they were presented with our "unsung heroine" cup for all their hard work at refreshment time, always provided with a smile. Thank you, ladies.

At our recent meeting in July, Judi Knight gave a wonderful talk on the role played by the W.I. during WW2. The skills they learned included forming The Produce Guild, and they were trained to grow, preserve and cook food and raise small livestock (which included rabbits and pigs!). They learned how to preserve food by canning, and had specially trained members for this dangerous procedure. Judi was dressed in 1940's style, but had to forgo the thick lyle stockings as it was such a hot day!

We don't have a meeting in August, but we are going to Stoneyfields for afternoon tea, with time to meet the animals they have rescued.

Our next meeting on 17th **September** will be a visit from the Whitstable Lifeboat (not literally, of course!), and in October we are having a return visit by Jane Napper (known as "the chocolate lady") when she will be demonstrating her wonderful skills with chocolate - and, yes, there will be sampling of her products!

November is the date for welcoming Jim Foad of Men's Sheds, telling us about their efforts to help men to learn or hone their carpentry skills. This might be the only outlet for some men who do not socialise easily - an essential aid in men's mental health.

December will finish off the year with our annual Christmas celebrations with the usual Christmas fare.

Our membership is growing slowly in our new venue, and we are always happy to welcome new members. Your first three visits are free, so please give us a try.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 in St. Peter's Church Hall in Greenhill Drive, or you can contact me, Brenda Hackett, on 01227 367471. We would love to see you. Meantime, enjoy the summer and see you in the Autumn!

Brenda xx

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The Strode Park Foundation Classic Car and Pop-up Model Railway Show

We are thrilled to announce our Classic Car Show in September and cannot wait to welcome you all to our grounds.

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Location: Strode Park House, Lower Herne Road,
CT6 7NE

Date: Saturday 20th September 2025

Time: 10am to 3pm

Tickets: Adult £3 and Child £1

Buy your tickets now at

www.strodepark.org.uk/events

All proceeds support people with disabilities. With thanks to East Kent Model Railway Society, East Kent Morris Minor Club, MG Club, and the BSA Club.

Book early to avoid disappointment!



The poster features a dark background with a white car in the foreground. At the top left is a stylized white car silhouette. At the top right is the Strode Park Foundation logo with the text 'Caring since 1946'. The main title 'Classic Car and pop-up model railway show' is in large white font, with 'and' in smaller font. Below it is 'hosted by East Kent Model Railway Society'. A photo shows several classic cars parked. A circular badge on the left says 'Adult- £3 Child- £1'. The date 'Saturday 20th September 2025' and time '10am - 3pm' are listed. The location 'Strode Park House, Lower Herne Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7NE.' is given. A paragraph describes the event: 'See amazing classic cars, motorbikes, and model railways. Enjoy live music from the Useless Pluckers, refreshments, games, raffle, and more. A fun day out for all the family!'. A photo of a motorcycle is at the bottom left. A paragraph states: 'All money raised goes to supporting people with disabilities. Book your tickets today at www.strodepark.org.uk/events'. At the bottom, it says 'With thanks to East Kent Model Railway Society, East Kent Morris Minor Club, MG Club, and the BSA Club.' and 'Registered Charity No 227794'.

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Return of Lunch Club



We are trialling the return of the popular lunch club at the Herne Centre. For only £5 for a main meal including a free tea or coffee, and £3 for a pudding we believe this to be great value. Games will be available, so you do not need to rush off after your meal.

We can cater for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan diets as well as other dietary restrictions - but bookings **MUST** be made in advance, so we know how many we are catering for, but payment will be taken on the day. Food will be served upon arrival, starting at 12pm, main meals must be seated before 1.30pm.

Lunch Club dates are: 10th September, 8th October, 12th November and a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 10th December.

To book email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk or call 01227 742700. The menu will be changed each month, and we are open to requests or ideas.

HERNE ROSE AND GARDENING CLUB

Are you looking to join a friendly club that welcomes anyone with a keen interest in gardening at any level of expertise? Then look no further.

We hold monthly meetings throughout the year (excluding August) which cover a wide range of horticultural activities. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at St. Martin's Hall Canterbury Road CT6 7EH

We host a number of enthusiastic speakers from all walks of horticultural life at our club evenings accompanied by a cuppa, homemade cake, a raffle and a plant stall.

We arrange trips to local gardens and those further afield, and host social and fundraising events.

Recent events round up.

- We were delighted to take part in the hugely successful Garden Safari organised by the Parish Council on the 8th June. 2 of our members gardens were included in a fine assortment to visit in and around the village. We were blessed with great weather and a large throng of visitors. The Club took part in the displays in the Herne Centre and a good amount was raised for the charities.

- On June 17th we had our Mini Summer Rose Show which was kindly judged by our good friend Kevin Tooher who also gave us a fascinating presentation "The History of the Rose"

We had a good number of entries which made a glorious display of blooms in the Hall.

- At our July meeting the members were treated to a social evening which included a snack buffet, games and quizzes.



Before our August break the members have the treat of an afternoon tea on 31st July at the Golden Lion Broad Oak.

For further information please see our Facebook page and our website online which has all sorts of interesting facts relating to the club's long history.

Happy gardening !

Elaine Maslin



10 things you might not know about the Herne Centre

- During the holidays we have been having a spruce up at the Herne Centre. Fresh paint throughout and the main hall floor has been re-surfaced, pop in & have a look – everyone is always welcome, including dogs on leads, we'd love to see you
- Anyone resident in Herne & Broomfield Parish (who gets this newsletter delivered to them by our wonderful volunteers) is eligible for a discount of 15% on Main or Small Hall hire at the Centre when it is for personal use
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- Our centre is regularly hired for so many different sorts of occasions: gender reveals, baby showers, Christenings, children's parties, milestone birthday celebrations, wedding receptions, vow renewals, celebration of life, wakes, group quiz nights, exhibitions etc why not find out more if you are planning an occasion yourself?
- We have a café that is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays every week, last food orders by 1.30pm – it's a community café where we try to keep our prices to a minimum, with a growing reputation for excellent toasties & poached eggs in particular!
- We have a busy timetable of regular weekly & monthly activities – from those aimed at babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers, daytime exercisers, daytime hobbyists, evening and weekend exercisers or dancers to evening & weekend karate students & Pokémon collectors, check out the timetable & see what you could try!
- Some of these activities are community groups who we keep costs as low as possible for so they are accessible to all: Knit & Natter, Al Anon, Sewing Group, Art Group, Tea Dance & we are starting a lunch club the second Wednesday of each month with a main course from just £5 (booking essential)
- We have baby changing facilities, high chairs, easy disabled access & very accessible toilets. Parking in our spaces is free when using the Centre – the lower car park is also free until 10am & after 4pm, between those times the charge is £1.60 for as long as you need
- Herne Centre was built for our Parish and Community, so it is here for YOU – we hope to give everyone a warm welcome, so do come in and say hello especially if you've never been in before!

**Broomfield Art
Group**



GREAT NEWS!

on SUNDAY OCTOBER 5th FROM 11a.m to 4p.m
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ART EXHIBITION

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Some paintings and prints will be for sale {cash or cheques if possible please}

The group meets every Thursday morning 10a.m-12noon at Herne Community Centre. If you would like to explore your artistic side, just drop in to meet us. Experienced artists and beginners are always welcome, or email anne@awaylaughing.uk

Looking for an allotment?



Herne and Broomfield Allotment Society runs the allotment site at Ford Road, near the BMX track. We have around 70 half-plots, with onsite parking, toilet and water supply.

If you want to join the short waiting list, email HABAS@coinlea.co.uk
or call Lin on 07910 570250.

What's Coming Up at The Herne Centre?

Activity	Date	Details	
Pop Up Toddler Group	Saturday 6th Sept	Merry Mates are back for another interactive playgroup after a summer break! Very popular sessions with good feedback.	Visit merrymates.co.uk for more information & to book
Book Share Pre-School Story Time	Friday 12th Sept	Come and join Herne Book Share for their successful free fun story sessions with craft activities.	No booking, just come along for 11am. A donation towards craft materials is welcomed if you can
Book Share Book Browse	Thurs 18th Sept	Our lovely Book Share team are on hand all day with the stock of books we hold all out on display for browsing and borrowing!	10am-3.30pm, cafe is open too
Pokémon Trading Club	Sunday 21st Sept Sunday 19th Oct	A walk-in event from 12pm to 4pm - an opportunity to trade spare cards with others. Advice available on collecting, trading & grading. Refreshments available to purchase – teas, coffees, soft drinks, bacon rolls, cake, snacks	No booking, £5 entrance ticket includes a mystery booster pack (Pokémon Vmax Ex or higher)
Blood donor sessions	Tuesday 30th Sept	The Herne Centre is a donation venue for NHS Blood Donation, these are our next dates – appointments are usually from around 1pm through to late evening.	Visit blood.co.uk to register or book an appointment, you can also drop in during the session for more info.
Family Scarecrow Trail	Sunday 5th October	Free entry by September 10th if you would like to make a scarecrow based on a book character to display on 5th October - the display locations for the scarecrows will be put together on a map & there will be a prize for the best scarecrow voted by those taking part in the trail.	The trail will be 11-4pm, the trail map will cost £5, with half of the money raised going to Herne Book Share who are organising the event.
Art Exhibition	Sunday 5th October	Free entry to see works displayed from local artists who are members of Broomfield Art Group. We have a wealth of talent locally so do come and see the amazing work with a chance to purchase items to take home. Our cafe will also be open serving drinks, rolls and cake.	11am-4pm, just pop along and enjoy.
Quiz Night	Friday 17th October (12 Sept sold out)	Our newly established regular fixture, our fun Herne Centre quiz (designed for adults), is back! Tables of around 8 – come as a group or make up a table with others - £5 a ticket, numbers limited.	Bring your own snacks, purchase soft or alcoholic drinks from the licensed bar (please don't bring your own).

More information & details at www.thehernecentre.co.uk

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NEW!

New Weekly Activities

We are delighted to welcome Kristy & BOOSTfit to the Herne Centre from 20th September, every Saturday morning 9-10am. BOOST yourself physically and mentally - easy to follow, high energy workout set to an incredible range of popular music.

BOOSTfit is described as 'a bit of everything in one class; punch, kick and strike with combat style stress bust section, let go and have a laugh with the BOOST your mood section, feel empowered and stronger with the strength section and then give your whole body a well earned stretch with osteopath-developed stretch. Everyone is welcome at BOOSTfit, judgment-free! Find out more at boostfit.com

Already underway since July, but not able to feature in our summer newsletter we have Heather from Wildshaped who is running puppy socialisation classes designed to help your puppy grow into a confident, resilient & well-adjusted dog.

Correct socialisation is one of the most important factors but can be easy to get wrong, so having professional guidance during this time is key to making the most of this small window in your puppy's development. Heather is a passionate dog training & behaviour specialist, a member of the Professional Association of Canine Trainers with numerous certifications - find out what the classes include at wildshaped.co.uk

The Herne Centre Public Activities Timetable from September

	Morning	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Evening
Monday	Football Futures Mini Ballers 9.30-10.30am weekly	Gentle Pilates 10.45-11.45am weekly	Knit & Natter 2-4pm weekly	Pilates 6-7pm weekly Al-Anon UK Group 6-7.30pm weekly	Salsa Class 7.30-9.30pm weekly Sewing Club 6.15-9.15pm 3rd Monday in month
Tuesday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Mixed Ability Pilates 9.30-10.30am	Café Orders till 1.30pm Gentle Pilates 10.45-11.45am weekly		Karate 6-7pm weekly	
Wednesday	Little Music Stars Times by age 9.30am - 12pm weekly	Lunch Club 12-2pm 2nd Wednesday in month from 10th September	Tai Chi 2-3pm weekly		Bounce 7-8pm weekly
Thursday	Art Group 10-12pm weekly	Café Orders till 1.30pm	Gentle Workout 12.30pm weekly	Karate 5-6pm weekly	Puppy Socialisation Class 6.30pm weekly
Friday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Hartbeeps Times by age 9.30am-1pm weekly	Café Orders till 1.30pm Community Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30am weekly	Tea Dance 1.30-4pm (3rd Friday of the month)		
Saturday	Boostfit 9-10am weekly Starting 20th Sept				
Sunday	Bounce 9.30-10.30am weekly	Pokidom Trade Club 12-4pm (3rd Sunday of the month)			

Our Community Café is now open three mornings a week!

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30—last orders 1.30

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Free parking for Centre/Café users around our building

Spotlight on our Councillors - Ann Blatherwick

I have lived in Herne since 1991 and have two children, both of whom attended Herne Infant and Junior schools.

I became a Parish Councillor in 2000 as I wished to use my skills as a Chartered Civil Engineer to benefit my local community as I believe in community service.

When an opportunity arose I became the Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee in 2001, a role I have held to the present time. This role has been very demanding at times due to the amount of development that has been proposed in and around the Parish, requiring many discussions with City and County Council officers, developers, parishioners and other interested parties to represent the interests of the Parish. It required attendance and representation at the Local Plan examination hearing that led to the 2017 Local Plan.



I also played an active part in various local public inquiries, most notably that for the Strobe Farm development, to try to get the best possible outcome for the parish. Sadly, the government overruled the Inspector who had recommended refusal! There are still ongoing meetings with the developers to ensure that the concerns of the Parishioners are heard and to try to limit the amount of disruption as far as possible. Ultimately these developments need to integrate into the Parish so that the needs of all residents, both existing and future, are considered and the best possible outcome is achieved.

Another aspect of this role has been to attend Canterbury City Council Planning meetings to represent the Parish Council's and residents views, also to liaison with City Councillors about our concerns.

I am also Chair of the Herne Centre Committee and have been very involved in this facility since its design and build, opening in 2018, but also the running of it by the Parish Council. As this need had been identified in a public consultation prior to my joining the Council, I am very proud to see it now completed and providing a much needed space for many varied activities for the community and much appreciated by all who use it, either for family events or even just as a place to meet to have a coffee. It is great to have a venue to take part in activities without having to travel outside of the Parish.

In 2014 I was given the honour of being elected Chairman of the Parish Council, a role I served until 2021, which enabled me to oversee all aspects of the running of the council including the build and opening of the Herne Centre.

As for the future, I hope to carry on serving the community to the best of my abilities, looking forward to the time when the Herne Relief Road opens, when hopefully much traffic will be removed from the centre of Herne to provide a safer and quieter environment! I am also sure that the Herne Centre will continue to provide a great venue for even more activities and be a suitable hub for the whole community.

If residents have ideas for new activities that they would like to see there we are always keen to hear from them and of course always welcome volunteers who are willing to run them!

Update on Assets of Community Value

With the anticipated change from the current dual level of administration - Kent County Council dealing with issues like roads and social care and Canterbury City Council and other district councils dealing with issues like rubbish collection and planning applications - to a number of unitary authorities across the county, there's a fear that some community assets may fall by the wayside.

The parish council has been registering various sites around the parish as Community Assets. This means that should any council decide to dispose of them, the community must have an opportunity to put a bid together before the asset is sold.

So far the parish council has listed the allotment site at Ford Road, the Cherry Orchard, the School Lane car park, the park at Savernake Drive, Broomfield Pond and local pubs.



Do you have any other suggestions on assets that could be listed?



Herne & Broomfield Local History Group

Founded 2003 – Member of British Association for Local History



We have had a variety of interesting talks in the first part of the year. We learned about residents and their occupations in past centuries living in Braggs Lane – a surprising variety of people. Herne's vicars in the 18th & 19th centuries not only looked after their parishioners, but carefully tended their rose gardens for which they won acclaimed national prizes, earning the title Herne's Bloomin Vicars. Further afield we heard about the development of the Cinque Ports – an ancient foundation protecting our county's coastline; and the current massive restoration project at Dover's Maison Dieu – a medieval building providing shelter for pilgrims and destitute soldiers amongst others.

Attendance at our meetings has not been as high as in recent years. Perhaps you have recently moved into the area and want to learn about Herne's past, or perhaps you are a long-time resident with village memories? Whatever your local interest in the past, we are always pleased to hear from you and welcome you to our meetings.



Our autumn 2005 MEETINGS are;

September 2nd MY TRIP ALONG THE STOUR
one time Blean Woods Warden, Michael Walter takes us on an 'armchair walk' to discover wildlife and nature's sights along the Riverbank.

October 7th How The Great War Changed Kent
with Remembrance Day in mind, Military Historian Dr Martin Watts explores the connections between Kent and the armed forces and its influences on our county.

November 4th Films from our Archives, including a selection of our archives; plus our AGM.

December 2nd Ringing the Bells; St Martin's Bellringing leaders Keith & Susan Record with help from their team members, demonstrate Handbell Ringing. Hands On for members! With seasonal refreshments.

We meet on the First Tuesday of each month (except January & August) 7.00 pm at the Church Hall Canterbury Road Herne CT6 7HE Members free, visitors £3.00

For more information about our Group; contact

Sylvia McKean 01227 281257

smckean22@tiscali.co.uk

Look for the Group's website Herne and Broomfield Local History, or find us on Facebook.

Official reopening of the MUGA

Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Carol Davis officiated at the opening of the refurbished Multi Use Games Area, also known as the Ball Court. She thanked everyone for coming and said "I am delighted to welcome residents, parish councillors, our parish clerk, city councillors Robert and Grace and our county councillor Mark.

"For many years we have sponsored free football coaching by William Lee of Sports Connect and his team. These sessions, for both boys and girls above 7 years old, are held in the Ball Court after school in term time.

"Thanks to our Parish Council and the National Lottery Communities Fund, we now have new LED lighting, fences, gates, basketball hoops and back boards. The pitch surface has been repaired and re-painted. A new bench, has replaced the Teen Shelter, which is much more comfortable.

"Thank you to Canterbury City Council who lease us this plot of land and the area where the fitness equipment is. Also, we would like to thank Solaris Lighting and Trevor May Contractors for their hard work.

"The original court has been a popular facility in our parish for twenty years and we hope that our residents, will continue to enjoy the opportunity to play sports in the rejuvenated court."

Cllr Davis then cut the ribbon, to declare the new MUGA open.

Participants then joined Cllr Davis at the Herne Centre for tea and cake.





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Monday Coffee at the Mill

Our village Monday coffee shop continues to thrive and make money for the Mill thanks to our team of volunteers and cake bakers (watch out Paul Hollywood, they're amazing!)

At the end of July, Kevin Kay-Bradley, our regular trumpet blowing and multi-instrument playing Monday coffee and cake customer, hosted a wonderful fund-raising Sunday afternoon Summer Concert on the lawn at the Mill.

Professional soloists Elizabeth Sillo (soprano) and Peter Ellis (tenor) were accompanied on piano by Kevin throughout the concert and delighted the audience of over 70 with classical, operatic and popular favourites. The concert finished with the audience joining in with numbers from 'The Sound of Music' and there was even some enthusiastic dancing.



Eileen's perfect home-made cakes and Margaret's scones followed by bowls of strawberries with cream were all offered free and disappeared very quickly in the interval!



The concert, the first of its kind at the Mill, was strictly donations only and the final count after expenses means that over £300 was collected in cash and in addition direct payments made to the website (n.b. next time we must have a card machine!)

We WILL get those sweeps back on our beautiful Mill!

Ann Lehane



Friends of Herne Mill

Well, here we are, heading in to the autumn already. So far no news on whether KCC are continuing with the previous members wish to divest the mills in Kent, and so far we have not met our new councillor but the CCC councillors did get a meeting and they seem to think it was quite positive.

We are still waiting for some work to be carried out on the mill, it would be really good to see something happening. We have been informed that KCC has raised the purchase order for the first phase of works.

This will be the crane hire and removal of the cap to bring it to the ground for the repair work to the front beam.

The phase also includes the fabrication and fitting of a temporary cap.

This is the first stage of the works covered by the listed buildings approval.

It is intended to be carried out this autumn, firm dates are awaited. So keep a look out, hopefully in a few months things will start to happen.

Once this is done the work will be followed by the repairs to the cap, the retarring of the smock and cap and then the restoration of the fantail.

The cap will then be lifted back in place and the stocks and frames restored. No time scale for this part of the work has been confirmed.

So far it has been quite a good year for attendances at the mill and the events that have been put on have been well attended and membership, although not as good as last year is stable. Residents enjoyed a concert in the mill grounds on 27th July, thanks to all those involved.

Our volunteer gardeners Robert & Tracey Jones have worked hard in the gardens and they are looking so much better, so many thanks to them for all their hard work.

As always our marvellous volunteers have worked hard, those who arrive on a Wednesday to carry out maintenance and repairs on the mill and those who help at events and when the mill is open to the public, a big thank you to them.

The Monday coffee morning is well attended and so a big thank you to all those involved with the running of that.

We will of course be holding our Halloween event as normal, so watch out for the details on social media, in October.

Hopefully the mill will be lit up once again for Christmas.

Monica Blyth

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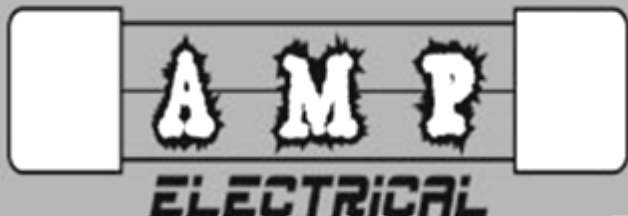


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Herne Bay Primary Care Network

We are an organisation which runs across the GP surgeries in Herne Bay (Heron Medical Practice & The Park Surgery) who collaborate with other healthcare and social care providers to deliver integrated services to the local community.

Dr Carter from Park Surgery who is our Clinical Director has just written an amazing article describing in more detail about this and I have included the link to the article below

<https://pulsepcn.co.uk/views/a-collaborative-blueprint-how-patient-power-builds-neighbourhood-health/>

A collaborative blueprint: how patient power builds neighbourhood health - Pulse PCN

We collaborated with an organization (Altogether Better) last year to help us develop projects for the community to address some issues that may arise from either long term health conditions, ageing, social isolation and mental health.

We recruited Health Champions from the surgeries, arranged DBS checks for all and these wonderful people are the people who run our groups.

We have a Walk & Talk group. We now have three walk routes to hopefully suit everyone's needs.

Bereavement Group- Cancer Support Group- both held at The Pier Ceylon Station Road Herne Bay.

BP@Home- we arrange the loan of BP machines to people that require readings to be taken in their own home for a required length of time but who have no access to a machine themselves and arrange for our Health Champions to deliver to a patient & collect once completed.

We also collaborated with "Head in The Game", a Mental Health Charity and work alongside & promote the groups they have in place which are mainly Sports based.

We are always looking to boost our volunteer numbers and anyone who is interested can email us directly at kmicb.hbchampions@nhs.net or alternatively through your GP surgeries as we have a Care Co-ordinator with both practices who are happy to help.



HERNE BAY PCN

Current PCN Community Projects

Head In The Game in collaboration with Herne Bay PCN

Talk it off: Every Tuesday @ 6.30pm starting from Herne Bay Pier Entrance. For the Men of Herne Bay (18+)

Table Tennis Talks: FREE! Every Thursday 5pm @ Herne Bay Table Tennis Club Swalecliffe Avenue Herne Bay CT6 8EJ For everyone 18+

Tennis Thoughts: FREE! Every Wednesday @ 12pm Herne Bay Memorial Park Tennis Courts for women aged 18+ Starting 23rd July (10 weeks only)

Football Sessions FREE! Every Monday @ 7.45pm Weekly drop-in football & mental fitness sessions. The Crest Stadium, Winch's Field, Stanley Gardens CT6 5SG Commencing 4th August

No need to sign up, just turn up. More info headinthegame.co.uk



HERNE BAY PCN

Current PCN Community Projects

In collaboration with Heron & Park GP surgeries

Walk & Talk: Every Tuesday @ 10am Starting at the Memorial Park, Kings Road. A gentle stroll at your own pace.

Walk & Talk 2: Every 2nd Saturday @ 10am Bishopstone to Reculver & back. Starting at Bishopstone Glen car park CT6 6RJ Every 4th Saturday @ 10am Herne.

Starting at Curtis Wood Park. For those who like to walk further.

All walks are supported by our Health Champions.

BP@HOME: We supply BP machines for patients who require readings to be taken but have no access to a machine themselves. Our Health Champions will collect from the UTC and deliver to the patient at home.

Bereavement Group: Meeting Mondays every 4 weeks 10am @ The Pier Ceylon Station Road. A chance to connect, share & support each other through the journey of grief.

Cancer Support Group: Every 2nd Tues each month 10am @ The Pier Ceylon Station Road. Whether you're currently undergoing treatment or in remission, you can share experience, support each other & find comfort among those who understand.

For more info: kmicb.hbchampions@nhs.net or call 01227 594819



SEPTEMBER 2025		
Wednesday 3rd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 7th 12th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 10th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 14th Education Sunday (13th after Trinity)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10am All-Age Worship - Bookbag Blessing	St Martin's
Wednesday 17th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 20th	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's
Sunday 21st 14th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday"	St Peter's
Wednesday 24th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 28th HARVEST 15th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Harvest Holy Communion	St Martin's



OCTOBER 2025		
Wednesday 1st	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 5th 16th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am All-Age Worship:	St Martin's
Wednesday 10th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 12th 17th after Trinity)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 15th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 18th	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's
Sunday 19th 18th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday"	St Peter's
Wednesday 22nd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 26th Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 29th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's

St. Martin's Matters

This is traditionally the time when we mark harvest in church* and school harvest services, although we see the combines and tractors busy in our fields over the summer months, gathering in before the weather changes.

Over two hundred years ago, in the days long before there were large seed drills and combine harvesters, a song was written to celebrate the harvest. It is still well-known today; it starts with the words: *'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land'*. It's probably the one you would think of if asked to name a harvest hymn and a high scorer if that was a round on BBC's *Pointless*!

What can we tell from those words? How was the seed sown? The words suggest the seed – or at least some of it – was sown by throwing it by hand after the field had been prepared with a horse-drawn plough. When it came to harvest time, the same horses would pull the reaper or cutter ready for the crop to be gathered in. What a change to the modern machinery of today!

But what happens in the next line of the song hasn't changed. *'But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'*. Once the seed is sown, we rely on the sun and the rain and the nutrients in the soil – everything that comes from creation. In fact, we rely on these things for all of our food – even that which comes in tins and

bags and bottles.

The more we know about the world and how it works, the more we see what an incredible, complicated and beautiful place the earth is. We are asked to care for it, to make sure that natural balance is maintained, rather than upset its equilibrium with the way we live our lives.

At harvest time we are appreciative not only of those who grow our food and tend livestock, but also the rain and sunshine and ecosystems we rely on. We might reflect on what we might do lessen our own impact on the natural world and perhaps prepare the ground to sow some seed of good habits. At St Martin's we are exploring how solar power might provide energy for a medieval building and our lighting may be more efficient, and we give thanks for the diverse environment of our churchyard – open for all to explore.

Chris

We invite you to celebrate **Harvest at St Martin's on **Sunday 28th September at 10am.***



The Rev'd
Chris Dyer

NOVEMBER 2025		
Sunday 2nd ALL SAINTS Translated (4th before Advent)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am All-Age Worship	St Martin's
	5:30 pm Songs for All Saints	St Martin's
Wednesday 5th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 9th REMEMBRANCE SUN- DAY	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Remembrance	St Martin's
Wednesday 12th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Saturday 15th	4pm Messy Church	St Peter's
Sunday 16th Safeguarding Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am "Sausage Sarnie Sunday"	St Peter's
Wednesday 22nd	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 26th Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
Wednesday 29th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's
Sunday 30th Advent Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10am Advent Carols & Communion	St Martin's



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