



Herne & Broomfield Community News



Winter 2025



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th November

The **Remembrance Service** will take place on 9th November.
Afterwards, refreshments this year will be served at the Herne Centre - all welcome.
Free tea and coffee, or the bar will be open. See page 6

**Remembrance
Sunday**

Join us at the
Herne Centre

for refreshments, after the remembrance
service at St Martin's Church and the war
memorial on

Sunday 9th November
Free refreshments and buffet open to all.
(The bar will be open for chargeable drinks)
11.10am - 1pm



Christmas is coming!



15th November CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

22nd November St Martin's Christmas Fair

28th November **Christmas with the Crooner**

Martin Farbrother

followed by **Christmas Quiz**

29th November Strode Park's Mission *Christmas*

7th December **Christmas Concert** with Invica Concert Band

13th December *Adults' Christmas Party*

14th December **Children's Christmas Party** - see page 9

13/14th December **St Martin's Christmas Tree Festival**

20th & 21st December **Santa's Float** - see page 13



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News on the Local Plan and Registration of Community Assets; reports on the Scarecrow Trail and Volunteers' Tea; round up of club and school news; details of church services; activity timetable for the Herne Centre

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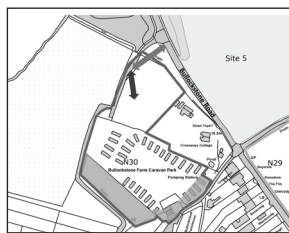
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Response to Local Plan

The parish council has submitted its response to the Draft Local Plan public consultation.

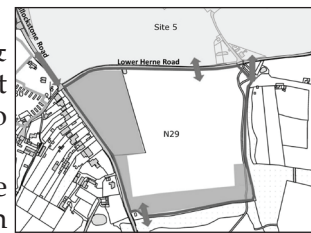
It stated that it was deeply dismayed to discover that two sites had been identified for development within the parish, despite previous reassurances from Canterbury City Council that no more significant development would be planned for the parish.



The proposed area at Bulluckstone Farm

Any further significant development within Herne & Broomfield would be totally unacceptable and every effort would be taken by Herne & Broomfield Parish Council to oppose it.

Issues regarding infrastructure, amenity provision, village identity and the surrounding environment were included in the objections to any future development.



The proposed area at Home Farm

Are Herne & Broomfield Community Assets at risk?

The Government asked the councils in Kent to submit proposals to them for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). This involves abolishing all the current councils in Kent i.e.: Medway Council, Kent County Council and the twelve district or borough councils, and replacing them with 'unitary' councils that will deliver all council services within their area.

In view of the fact that Canterbury City Council will no longer exist and its functions and assets will be transferred to a new Unitary Authority, Herne & Broomfield Parish Council was concerned that some of our local assets, like parks may be sold off or lost. We have been registering them as Assets of Community Value, which will give our community an opportunity to hopefully influence the future of these assets. Application forms were sent in with hundreds of signatures, gathered from residents.

These have included: Curtis Wood Park & Wood, School Lane Car Park, Cherry Orchard Playing Field and buildings, Broomfield Community Park & BMX Track, Broomfield Allotments and Broomfield Pond.

Following the closure of the Plough Inn at Broomfield, the parish council had previously registered the Smugglers Inn, The Curious Cat and the Huntsman & Horn Pubs as Assets of Community Value, again to give them some protection.

Herne Mill was registered by the Friends of the Mill, with the parish council's help.

Representatives of the parish council have begun discussions with Canterbury City Council regarding the assets that it owns. We have asked for information regarding any costs or income from these assets and whether there are any contracts associated with them, as well as any employed staff tied to these assets, plus any known covenants.

The parish council is working to gather as much information as possible, so that informed consultation can be made with residents to protect as many assets as possible for the future. As part of this process a working group has been set up to look at how this can be achieved, including what additional protections some of the assets already have. There may be the opportunity for responsibility for some assets to be transferred to the parish council, if this was viable and supported by our residents.

The Clerk and Cllr Davis met with William Hicks (CCC Director of Place) and Matthew Archer (CCC Head of Corporate Government) on 17th October 2025.

CCC has been able to provide further information regarding costs and contracts for the assets that it has in the parish. Although some of the information is limited, it is sufficient at the present time for the parish council to begin considering the assets in more detail.

Carol Davis, Chair, Herne & Broomfield Parish Council

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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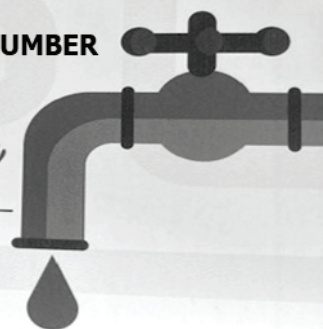


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Scarecrow Trail



If you were out and about in Herne and Broomfield on Sunday 5th October, you would have seen many different scarecrows appearing all over the village. We had our first scarecrow trail in partnership with Herne Book Share. It was free to enter, and we had 30 different scarecrows taking part dressed as story book characters. From Winnie the

Pooh to Percy the Park Keeper to the Tiger who Came to Tea and Room on the Broom, there was something for everyone.

We also had lots of groups taking part including Strode Park Foundation, Appletree Dental Surgery, Little Acorns Pre School, Herne Infants, Goldfinch Nursery, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Thank you all for taking part, everyone seemed to have a wonderful day out and every scarecrow received votes as the favourite. We sold 74 programmes at only £5 each with 17 scarecrow colouring sheets.

The winner of the Scarecrow



Competition was Pinocchio by Robert, second place was Stickman from 1st Herne Brownies, and 3rd was Worzel Gummidge by Chris.

The Scarecrow colouring competition, the winners were: Jacob, Niamh, Lola and Jamie. Runners up were: Arthur, Owen, Martha and Issac

We hope to repeat this event next year, with £210 raised for Herne Book Share for Marion to use in her storybook groups here

at the Herne Centre.



Festive family fun at Strode Park Foundation

Local charity, Strode Park Foundation, is delighted to announce the return of 'Mission Christmas', taking place on Saturday 29th November from 10am to 1pm at Strode Park House, Lower Herne Road, CT6 7NE. This much-loved festive charity celebration fundraising event promises a magical start to the Christmas season for families of all ages.

Visitors will be able to meet Father Christmas in his grotto, enjoy reindeer petting from 10am to midday, take part in Christmas crafts and games, and enjoy live music. There will also be a raffle, tombola, and plenty of delicious festive refreshments available. The charity is thrilled to share that the Lord Mayor of Canterbury will also be attending to join in the festive fun!

Tickets are £1 for adults and £2 for children. All proceeds from Mission Christmas will go directly towards supporting the Foundation's vital work caring for people with disabilities. Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment at www.strodepark.org.uk/events/



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Christmas Concert

Invicta Concert Band are putting on their own first Christmas Concert on Sunday 7th December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Tickets are £5 from rogers.trent@gmail.com or on the door

We are one of 3 local concert bands and rehearse on Tuesday evenings at Herne Bay High School. There is plenty of parking, tea and coffee and a large comfortable rehearsal room. If you read at around Grade 5 standard and play a concert band instrument, Ken our musical director would be delighted to hear from you.

music_director@invictaconcertband.co.uk

The band was formed in 1983 and has a friendly feel, we play for our own enjoyment as well as to entertain others, playing a variety of music from traditional overtures to new pieces added recently to our repertoire including selections from Musicals and Films. We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert and the opportunity to meet new local players and audience members. Kirstin Ralph

Please see our Facebook page

'Invicta Concert Band – Audience' for further details



Remembrance Sunday



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for refreshments, after the remembrance service at St Martins Church and the war memorial on

Sunday 9th November

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Little Acorns (Herne) Pre-School



Since the start of this academic year, Little Acorns have been busy with not only seeing existing children return but also welcoming many new children to the Nursery.

The children have settled well and are exploring all areas of the setting, learning new rules and boundaries and also making lots of new friends!

As part of our celebrations, the children are learning the history behind 'Harvest Festival'. Parents were asked for food and toiletry donations and we are looking forward to taking a small group of children to Herne Church to deliver these. We had a fun time making a Scarecrow for the Scarecrow Trail organised

by Herne and Broomfield Parish Council. The theme was based on a book character, so of course the children chose their favourite...The Gruffalo!

Term 2 will be equally busy for us with the preparation of Christmas. This will include a lunch for the children, a concert for parents and a surprise visit from Santa! We will also be selling raffle tickets ready for the draw to take place at the children's Christmas Party. If you are able to donate any raffle prizes we would be so grateful.

We are currently full for this academic term and have a waiting list in operation for September 2026. Please contact us if you wish to add your child to our list.

Herne CE Infant and Nursery School



We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. Our newest children in Year R have settled in extremely well and very quickly. The staff across the school have ensured all transitions have been smooth and

children continue their strong foundations of learning in each new year group. Lots of joy, music, singing and happiness can be seen, heard and felt around the school!

We were delighted to have a stand at the East Kent Ploughing Match at Quex park. This was an opportunity to showcase our outdoor learning and Mrs Stroud and the children came third! Well done.

We continue to be engaged in our community. You may have seen us getting on the bus for our swimming

lessons locally or walking to the Church for our Harvest celebration. We displayed our scarecrows at the community centre and hope to be decorating a tree at Church again this Christmas.

Congratulations to the Wellbeing team who have championed wellbeing across the school which last term involved Herne Infants achieving a 'Nurture School' accreditation. We understand that children need to feel safe, understood, valued and loved in order to best engage with their learning journey.

We continue to thrive, enjoy learning with our young children and continue to offer an incredible start to children's education and a celebration of childhood.

Miss L St.John, Head of School

1st Broomfield Guides

We've been looking at first aid and woodwork this term, joined in with the harvest service at Broomfield Church and considered how we can help our community. We joined in with the Bookshare's scarecrow trail, building a magnificent set of four scarecrows!

We're about to learn about how parliament works for parliament week and then start making bird or bat boxes, with the help of kits from the local Mens Shed team.

After Christmas we're looking forward to our annual trip to the pantomime at the Kings Hall.

If you're interested in learning more about Guiding, whether for your child or as a volunteer, please look at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> for further details - we'd love to have you join us!



Parish Facebook Group

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We have a Facebook group where information relating to the parish can be shared and discussed. We do check that people wishing to join actually live in the parish, so please respond to the group's question and make sure we are able to message you to verify. We do not allow commercial adverts.

Newsletter Deadlines

6th February, May, August
& October

for delivery March, June,
September & November

We welcome local news or events

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Short on ideas or no project? There are suggestions available for charity knits.

We look forward to seeing you.

Contact: Carol 07866264093



**Herne and Broomfield
Knit and Natter Group**

Return of Lunch Club



On the second Wednesday of every month, we are holding our lunch club. A hot cooked meal for only £5, and a dessert for £3 including a hot drink. Booking is essential and can be made on the phone 01227 742700 or via email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk We have had a lot of people that live alone coming along, it's a great way to meet people in the area. We also have some games out so there is no need to rush off afterwards.

We are also offering a special Christmas lunch for 40 people. This will be charged at £12 and will include a full turkey roast dinner with a pudding. Booking is essential and is offered on a first come first served basis. We will operate a waiting list if there is enough demand.

Herne Drive WI

Hello again, fellow Villagers. Here is a quick update from Herne Drive W.I.

At our next Meeting in October we will welcome Jane Napper who will demonstrate making chocolate - really looking forward to this as we will have the opportunity to sample her delicious wares!

Then in November we look forward to hearing about Mens' Sheds, such a wonderful outlet for our male friends. A great way to help with their mental health, and form friendships. My brother helps run one of the groups in Lincolnshire, and it has given him a new lease for life. Sharing skills is so very rewarding.

In December we will have our homegrown Christmas entertainment, with thanks to our mother and daughter team, Pauline and Claire. Naturally, there will be the normal Christmas goodies to enjoy,

along with a few festive songs.

As 2025 comes to an end, we at Herne Drive W.I. would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2026. And don't forget you will always find a welcome at our meetings.

We meet in St Peter's Church Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 1-3 and as your first 3 meetings are free, with no obligation to join, why not give us a try?

We would love to see you. Please contact me on 01227 367471.

Brenda Hackett.



Broomfield Art Group



Broomfield Thursday Art Group FIRST ART EXHIBITION

Our exhibition in the Herne Centre was a wonderful opportunity for our group members to show the public what we get up to every Thursday morning in the Centre. Because our event was held on the same Sunday as the brilliant Herne and Broomfield Scarecrow

Trail, we were busy all day and had the bonus of welcoming both art lovers and many local people with young families.

The children loved looking at paintings and many young artists told us how much they enjoy painting and drawing.

Our thanks to all those who helped make the day such a success - the teamwork was wonderful.

If you came along and were inspired to pick up a pencil or paintbrush, call in on a Thursday morning between 10am -12 or to find out more, phone Anne on 07747 080 675 or email anne@awaylaughing.uk



Children's Christmas

Party

For ages 3-6 years old
FREE and open only to
 children living in Herne &
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 or attending Herne Schools
Sunday 14th December

3pm—5.15pm (approx)

At the Herne Centre

Numbers are limited to 60 children with one accompanying adult per family, so book early to avoid disappointment. Please also only book if you are sure you can make it.

Please email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk with your child's name, age, address, contact number and any dietary requirements / allergies. Please also let us know if you do not want your child to be in any photographs that we may use in our newsletters or social media.

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Refreshments will be available and bar will be
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**Celebrating our community together
 this Christmas**



St Martin's Church Christmas Fair



22nd November, 2025

10am–2pm



**Crafts Tombola
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and come visit the man in red in

Santa's Grotto

**at St Martins Church
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Coming Up at The Herne Centre...

Activity	Date	Details	
Book Share Pre-School Story Time	Friday 7th Nov Friday 5th Dec	Come and join Herne Book Share for their popular fun story session with craft activities.	Starts at 11.30am. A donation towards craft materials is welcomed if you can
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 12th Nov, 10th Dec, 14th Jan, 11th Feb	Our popular lunch club providing a main meal with a tea or coffee for £5 and £3 for a pudding. We would love people to stay and socialise, possibly play games. Food served between 12 & 1.30pm, menu changed monthly.	Booking essential by the Friday before – ring 01227 742700 or email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 15th November	£10 stall if you would like to sell, free entry to browse & buy! Lovely range of handmade items, great for presents! Also games and a raffle	To book a stall – 01227 742700 assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Pokémon Trading Club	Sunday 16th Nov Sunday 21st Dec	A walk-in event from 12pm to 4pm. Advice available on collecting, trading & grading. Refreshments available to purchase – teas, coffees, cake, bacon rolls and more...	No booking, £5 entrance ticket includes a mystery booster pack (Pokémon Vmax Ex or higher)
Book Browse	Thursday 20th Nov Thursday 11th Dec	Our lovely Book Share team are on hand all day with the whole stock of books we have all out on display to be browsed & borrowed!	10am-3.30pm, our cafe is open too - last orders 1.30pm
Christmas with the Crooner	Friday 28th November	An afternoon of festive fun & music with Martin Farbrother – licensed bar open, light snacks included at tables	£15 per person – doors open 2.30pm for 3pm start - email bookings@thehernecentre.co.uk or ring 01227 204325 to book
Christmas Quiz	Friday 28th November	Join us for our fun Herne Centre quiz – Tables of up to 8, come as a group or make up a table with others - £5 a ticket	Bring your own snacks, purchase soft drinks or alcohol from our bar (please don't bring your own) 01227 742700 to book or assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk
Jewellery & Antiques roadshow	Monday 1st December	A valuation event with between 2-5 experts at hand ready to appraise your items and give you all the information you need to make an informed decision on whether to sell.	Times expected to be 10-3pm – check out webuyvintage.co.uk for details
Mini Rose moves - Festive Baby Massage & Baby Yoga Session	Tuesday 2nd December	Introducing a Christmas Baby Massage & Baby Yoga session 2 slots to choose from, depending on the age of your little one. You can expect: A mini baby yoga flow, Footprint Christmas card crafts, A calming Christmas massage to finish Please note: Little ones must be at least 8 weeks old to join	Contact millierosecollier@gmail.com The cafe will be open for anyone who wants to stay for tea/coffee after the session too
Invicta Band Christmas Concert	Sunday 7th December	The excellent Invicta Band will be bringing their Christmas Concert to the Herne Centre	Details at invictaconcertband.co.uk
Herne Centre Christmas Party!	Saturday 13th December	Come and celebrate Christmas here with us – Mama Feelgood will be providing the vinyl tunes to get us on the dancefloor, Christmas buffet included, licenced bar open	7-11pm, £25 per person – all adults welcome – email bookings@thehernecentre.co.uk, ring 01227 204325
Blood donor sessions	Tuesday 30th Dec Tuesday 6th Jan 26	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, on 30th Dec they are daytime appointments only.	Visit blood.co.uk to register or book an appointment, you can drop in during the session for more information.

Our Community Café is now open three mornings a week!

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The Herne Centre Public Activities Timetable from September

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
Monday		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	Football Fun Factory 9.15-10am	Little Music Stars Times by age 9.30am - 12pm weekly	Lunch Club 12-2pm 2nd Wednesday in month	Tai Chi 2-3pm weekly	Bounce 7-8pm weekly
Thursday	Café Orders till 1.30pm Art Group 10-12pm	Gentle Workout 12.30pm weekly	Karate 5-6pm weekly	Puppy Socialisation Class 6.30pm weekly	Yoga for Sleep 7.30-8.30pm 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	Melody Singers Choir 10-11am weekly	Tea Dance 1.30-4pm (3rd Friday of the month)	
Saturday	Boostfit Class & Assassin Class Alternate weeks 9-9.45am				
Sunday	Bounce 9.30-10.30am weekly	Pokidom Trade Club 12-4pm (3rd Sunday of the month)			

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

Follow us on **Facebook HerneCentre** or **Instagram herne.centre**

for daily updates and special events



DJ Mama Feelgood is bringing the vinyl beats & festive vibes so you can bring the sparkle & your dancing shoes for the Herne Centre Christmas Party on Saturday 13th December, 7pm-11pm!

Join us for a night of feel-good tunes and a Christmas buffet spread - come solo and make new friends, come with your group & have a giggle or it could be your office party!

Tickets £25 per person,
contact bookings@thehernecentre.co.uk



Spotlight on our Councillors - Linda White

It appears it's the turn of your newsletter editor this issue!

I've lived in the village of Herne since my marriage in 1990, having grown up in Herne Bay, and my husband has lived here most of his life. Together we've raised three sons who all attended the local primary schools.

A sense of community has always been important to me, as I grew up very involved in my local church and youth group. When my children were born I became active with the childminding associations at local, county and regional levels, which was my first experience at editing newsletters.

I've known Carol Davis since her days raising funds for a swimming pool in the town, and first started helping the local parish with things like delivering newsletters, before becoming involved with the plans for the new community centre, as a resident member of the committee. I was part of the team that helped shape the plans for the building and was privileged to be invited to tour it during the building works as well as being present at the formal opening. I'm immensely proud of the Herne Centre and love to see the way the community are getting involved with it and the variety and number of events that it houses. I help out occasionally when the Parish Council put on their own events, and love popping in for a chat with the friendly staff. The tea and cake are nice, too!

I joined the committee of the Herne and Broomfield Allotment Society (HABAS) shortly after the site was opened, and as well as working my own plot on the site, I have been secretary there for over ten years. As the main contact between the committee and plotholders, it's my job to maintain the waiting list, show potential plotholders around the site and organise all the paperwork, as well as the duties of taking minutes at the meetings and helping out around the site generally.

A couple of years ago, I decided it was time to take the plunge and join the Parish Council formally. I wasn't entirely sure at that point what I could offer apart from time and labour, but it wasn't long before I was offered the chance to take on the parish newsletter! That's a daunting task, but the articles come in and somehow I've managed to fill every issue so far!

At the beginning of this year, I also took on the leadership of 1st Broomfield Guides, after the previous leader took a well-deserved retirement. It's exciting being able to help shape the lives of young girls, but a little scary too! Especially since I was never in Brownies or Guides as a child (although I was in Girls' Brigade!), so most of the girls there have more experience of Guiding than I have...

I'm lucky to work for myself, as a freelance editor and proofreader, which means I can choose my own hours. A few years ago I qualified as a teacher, but these days the only teaching I do is tutoring in English and Maths for GCSE.

In my spare time, I enjoy amateur theatre, and am taking acting and singing lessons. I took part in Canterbury Shakespeare Festival during the summer, and am currently busy with rehearsals for my second experience on the King's Hall stage as part of the ensemble in the local pantomime, Dick Whittington.

I also run regularly at parkrun Whitstable and volunteer with the Herne Bay Memorial Park junior parkrun. I love being busy!



Christmas Craft Fair

This year we will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 15th November. We have local makers with their crafted items for sale. A great way to get into the Christmas spirit and to buy unique gifts. We have lots of different stalls including crochet, jewellery, paintings, craft and much more. We will also have a few games and a raffle. There will be an opportunity for children to see Father Christmas and receive a gift for a small fee. Our cafe will be open serving rolls, cakes and drinks.

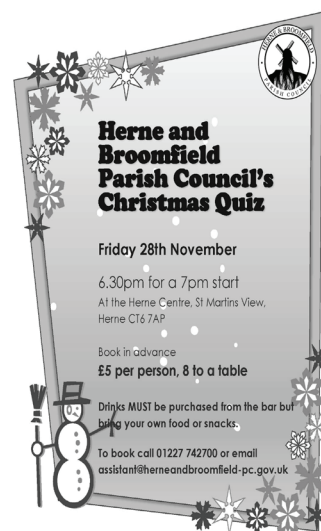
Note: all stalls now fully booked!



Christmas Quiz

We have an opportunity for all you quizzers to be involved with a Christmas quiz here at the Herne Centre. Only £5pp with tables of up to 8 people. 6.30pm for a 7pm start on Friday 28th November. Booking is essential and our quizzes sell out fast.

To book:
call 01227 742700 or
email assistant@herneandbroomfield-pc.gov.uk



Santa's Tour around Herne & Broomfield

Please wrap up warmly as times are approximate, depending on traffic delays and number of children at each stop.

Herne – Saturday 20th December

Start: 4.30pm - Strode Park Foundation

4.45pm - Wentworth Park, Redrow Estate,
Parkland Road (main road in from Thanet
Way)

5.05pm - **Stop 1** - Cooper Drive / Reynolds
Drive

5.15pm - Herne Place, Parkland Road

5.30pm – **Stop 2** - Canterbury Fields

5.50pm – **Stop 3** –Outside number 7 Curtis
Wood Park Road

6.10pm – Albion Lane

6.35pm – **Stop 4** - Junction of Forgefields /
Ridgeway Road

7.00pm – **Stop 5** –School Lane service
road

7.20pm – **Stop 6** –Mount View Road

7.35pm – Pigeon Lane

7.50pm – **Stop 7** - Junction of Hillcroft Road /
Ravensbourne Avenue

8.00pm – Mill Lane to Mill View Road

End



Broomfield – Sunday 21st December

Start: - 4.30pm - **Stop 1** - Broomfield Lodge,
Hunters Forstal Road

4.55pm – **Stop 2** –Willow Farm Way

5.10pm – Margate Road to Huntsman & Horn

5.20pm – **Stop 3** - Huntsman & Horn

5.45pm – Broomfield Road to The Meadows.

5.55pm – **Stop 4** – Outside 38 The Meadows

6.10pm – **Stop 5** – The Meadows to Harvest
Court

6.25pm – into Margate Road

6.30pm – **Stop 6** – Arden Road

6.40pm – **Stop 7** – Junction of Arden Road /
Halford Close

6.55pm – into Hawe Farm Way and Savernake
Drive

7.00pm – **Stop 8** – Junction of Hawe Farm
Way / Bramblefields Close

7.15pm – Hawe Farm Way to Hunters Forstal
Road

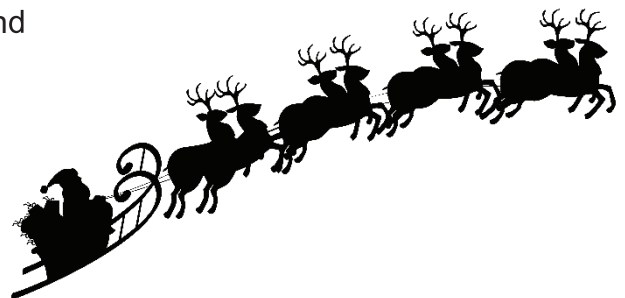
7.20pm Kingsfield Road

7.30pm – **Stop 9** – Junction of Peartree Road /
Kingsfield Road

7.40pm – **Stop 10** – Junction of Peartree Road
/ Holding Close

7.55pm – Mill Lane & Mill View Road

End



Try to gather at one of the official Santa Stops, as its often difficult to stop at other places. We will try to keep you up to date on the night on our Parish Facebook page, if we are running late or are ahead of schedule.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/herneandbroomfieldparish/>

A very special thank you to all our volunteers who walk in all weathers for several hours to accompany Santa's float, and to the two volunteer drivers that have stepped in this year. Without them we would not be able to do this. A very special thank you to Santa also.



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Herne & Broomfield Local History Group

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Our autumn 2005 MEETINGS are:

CAN WE HELP?

We have a small archive collection of photographs, house deeds, early school registers, maps and various local related ephemera and are always pleased to help with enquiries such as family - house history or anything connected with the social history of our area. Please contact our Archivist Gill Skinner at gillian.d.w.skinner@btinternet.com who will be pleased to help you.

Alternatively, perhaps you have recently moved into the area and want to learn about Herne's past, or maybe you are a long-time resident with village memories to share? Whatever your local interest in the past, we are always pleased to hear from you and welcome you to our meetings.

Local Newspapers are a good source for discovering information about our ancestors, what they did and where they lived. The following is an item by Margaret Burns about Colewood Farm House - still to be found in some form on the Old Thanet way en route to Whitstable, although now much sheltered by trees.

Colewood Farm by Margaret Burns

Looking through copies of old newspapers recently I came across this picture of Colewood Farm in the 1970's. This has since been converted into several private residences and is often passed by without a second glance on the old Thanet Way between Greenhill and Chestfield.

About 100 years earlier, on 28th September 1885 (which would have been the old Michaelmas Quarter Day marking the end



of harvest and traditionally when yearly farm leases finished), an auction of the farm by Cooper and Wachter lists a Sale of Live and Dead Farming Stock and effects as instructed by Mrs Stickings, whose lease has expired. The list of effects include Livestock: 7 active cart horses, 2 mares in foal and 5 cart colts. Implements: 4 horse wagons, 3 dung carts, 2 pairs Yorkshire harrows and many smaller farm tools. Another earlier auction notice dated 25th September 1862 lists the property owned by Mr Thomas Brin.

Colewood Farm is clearly an old agricultural site which warrants further investigation and could be an interesting subject for a research project.

HERNE BAY CEMETERIANS

We're currently working on putting together Volume 2 of the transcriptions, which will be available alongside Volume 1 for reference at the library and cathedral archives.



We're working closely with the Canterbury City Council Cemeteries department and lots of projects are being considered for the future, including resuming our historical guided tours for small groups at the cemetery.



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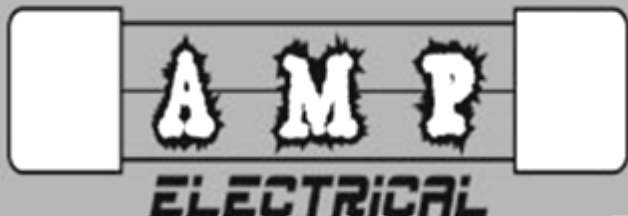


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HERNE ROSE & GARDENING CLUB

Well folks here we are in Autumn already! It has been a funny old Summer with the weather; we gardeners are very much kept on our toes these days and are having to find ways to adapt to the changing climate. If you are interested in finding out how you can make the most of your garden whether it be small, large or anywhere in between then we are the club for you.



We hold monthly meetings throughout the year (excluding August) which cover a wide range of horticultural activities and cater for all levels of gardening expertise. 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 followed 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.

If you are interested we would love you to join us for one of our evenings, maybe

bring a friend or two, the more the merrier.

Our September meeting featured a display of flowers and edible produce from our members which were entered in the table top competition. We were also treated to a presentation by Mr Chris Spree, President of The Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies which outlined the 10 years he and his wife spent restoring the walled garden at the National Trust property Owletts near Gravesend, what a story!

Remember gardening is good for the body and soul.

For more information please check out our website and Facebook page.

Elaine Maslin

Volunteer Tea

On 12th October the Parish Council held a thank you tea for all those in the Parish that help out throughout the year. We had over 70 people including volunteers that deliver your newsletters, plant trees at the community park, pick up litter in the village, work in the community cafe at the Centre, help at events throughout the year (including Santa), those that opened their gardens for the garden safari, councillors and staff.

We also invited The Strode Park Foundation and Crossroads Care to collect their certificates for the amazing £470 raised for each of them through the garden safari this year. At the end we presented the winners certificate for Pinocchio (the real life Geppeto) - Robert and Margaret, and the runners up to 1st Herne Brownies for Stickman in our scarecrow trail.

A big thank you for all the volunteers, we couldn't function without you.



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.

Please remember that an allotment needs a regular time commitment!

Autumn highlights

The golden light of Autumn sunshine highlights the leaves shimmering in the gentle breeze. It shines on the fruits and berries, turning orchards and hedgerows into a dazzling show of colour.

The breeze tugs gently at each leaf to test whether it is ready to fall. Long shadows hold on to the morning dew to wet unwary feet.

The last few wasps fly aimlessly around looking for the sweetness they crave. Do they know that their days are numbered and that it is only their mated Queens that will survive them and hibernate in our sheds or lofts to start new colonies in the Spring?

Carol Davis ©



Friends of Herne Windmill

The open season for Herne Mill has come to a close, and we have had approx. 587 visitors, between April and October.

During the summer a classical music event was put on in the mill garden, this was well attended and very successful. Hopefully it will be repeated again in 2026, so watch this space.

The Friends have taken part in the Scarecrow event that was organized by the parish council, on 5th October.

Halloween is next, the mill will be decorated and open on 31st October from 5pm to 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all in your Halloween costumes, come along and 'be scared'! No charge, but donations welcome.

The work party will decorate the mill for Christmas, so look out for the lights appearing during December.

Our wonderful volunteers have worked hard during the season, the committee, those who have been there when the mill has been open and those that have helped in the garden etc, things wouldn't happen without them, and its greatly appreciated. We mustn't forget those who run the weekly coffee mornings, which are well attended, who also raise funds for the mill.

The Wednesday morning workforce will continue over the winter and hopefully when the mill opens for Easter 2026 the mill will be complete again.

We understand that the cap will be taken off at the end of October for the repairs but we do not have a date when it will be put back together again, we hope that it will not be too much longer. It is understood a temporary cap will be put on in the meantime.

KCC are looking at retaining the mills by forming a trust, the windmill trust. The idea is that there will be a Kent windmill trust, with individual mills having their own stake holding. A central trust would be able to get funding from national lottery and the heritage

trust, as well as organising individual fund raising events and grant applications. KCC would continue to pay the insurance. The idea is in the early stages and the progress of devolution could impact on any decision made. We now wait for more clarification.

When we do hear we will let you know, and if you are a Friend of the Mill you will receive a regular newsletter, with any updates etc.

There are currently 89 Friends members and we would welcome anyone who would like to join and help support Herne Mill. If you are interested please go to www.hernewindmill.co.uk then the Friends of Herne Mill tab, where all the benefits are outlined.

There is a "Contact us" link which if completed sends a message to our Email so we can contact you with payment and any other details.

The Friends would like to thank everyone for their support and they hope that 2026 will bring good news. We will take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Monica Blyth



Monday Coffee at the Mill

Monday mornings continue to flourish at the Mill as locals enjoy meeting, sharing news, putting the world to rights and making friends.

Homemade cakes made by some of our amazing and generous regular customers are as popular as ever. We pass on all our proceeds to Friends of the Mill and we all look forward to seeing progress being made with the restoration project of our iconic village windmill.

We have a small team of faithful volunteers who share duties of clearing tables, serving coffee, dispensing cake or washing up. All this support has made it possible for us to run this popular Monday event for over 3 years

Due to team members' health issues and family commitments (not to mention that I have yet another birthday looming!) we would like to hear from

anyone who feels able to help out, either on a regular basis or as holiday cover. Sadly no salary is on offer, just as much coffee or tea as you can drink and the occasional piece of cake if there's any left over. It's a lot of fun, you'll meet lovely people and it's a great way to start the week.

If you are interested in joining our happy band, please ring Anne for a chat on 07747 080 675.



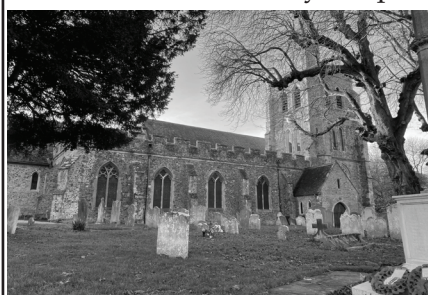
St. Martin's Matters

I wonder if you enjoy the TV show "Pointless"- trying to name things around a category which nobody else has thought of to score a pointless answer? Or perhaps you remember that perennial TV gameshow "Family Fortunes", trying to find the top answers for a category?

If the category for a round on either of these was naming something that makes you think of Christmas, I wonder what you would suggest?

Turkey?... Tinsel?...Trees?... and many other things not beginning with 'T'!

Maybe in the list is Christmas carols. They are sung in churches, cathedrals, homes, schools, pubs and outside - and of course played on the radio.



Christmas carols try to put into words what is almost impossible to express: that God has come among us as one of us. They attempt to explore the mystery of God opting into the world in Jesus and not exempting

himself from it. Carols are wonderful attempts to retell the familiar story of how God entered our world - not in a warhorse or a tank, but in a vulnerable baby in an occupied territory in a place of weakness. And this is how God decides to be with us- "God with us", which is the meaning of the name Emmanuel.

One of the carols we always sing in church is "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". In the Christmas story, the angels who came to tell this wonderful news did so with a song to ordinary people and began with the words to a complex world: "Don't be afraid!"

So, don't be afraid to explore the familiar story further this Christmas... and discover the joy and the mystery amongst lots of opportunities to sing, question and marvel at the wonder of the good news for a troubled world.

Blessings for a very happy Christmas when it comes,

Chris



*The Rev'd
Chris Dyer*

December Services & Events

Friday 5th	7:30 pm Yew Tree Carols	St Martin's, Herne
Sunday 7th (2nd of Advent)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's, Herne
	10.00 am Christingle (All-Age Worship)	St Martin's, Herne
	3.00 pm Memorial Carols	St Martin's, Herne
Wednesday 10th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's, Herne
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th	Christmas Tree Festival	St Martin's, Herne
Sunday 14th (3rd of Advent)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's, Herne
	9.00 am Bubble Church	St Martin HALL
	10.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's, Herne
Wednesday 17th	9:15 am Midweek Communion	St Martin's, Herne
Saturday 20th	4.00 pm Messy Church Nativity	St Peter's, Greenhill
	6.00 pm Carols around the Tree	St Peter's, Greenhill
Sunday 21st (4th of Advent)	8.00 am Holy Communion	St Martin's, Herne
	10.00 am Christmas Cake & Carols Café Church	St Peter's, Greenhill
	5:30 pm Lessons & Carols	St Martin's, Herne
Christmas Eve	3.00 pm Nativity	St Martin's, Herne
	5:30pm Carols at the Crib	St Martin's, Herne
	8:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion	St Peter's, Greenhill
	11.00 pm Midnight Mass	St Martin's, Herne
Christmas Day	10.00 am Christmas Day Communion	St Martin's, Herne
Sunday 28th First of Christmas	8.00 am Morning Worship	St Martin's, Herne
	9.00 am Bubble Church	St Martin's, Herne
	10am Carols & Communion	St Martin's, Herne



Parish Council Meetings

are held on the
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Details are on the Parish noticeboards and website

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All meetings are open to the public

Residents may address councillors in the adjournment but
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School Lane, Herne

Pre-Schools - Broomfield

Dan Dans Nursery, The Meadows. ☎ 07772 567501

Goldfinch Nursery, Ford Road. ☎ 01227 749957

- Herne

Little Acorns, Norton Ave. ☎ 01227 749317

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Religion

St Martins Church, Herne Street, Herne ☎ 01227 636960

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