

Alkham Monthly Newsletter

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FETE - A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Fete on Saturday 14th July, from bringing the tents on site and putting them up to the final clearing of the meadow. I hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did, especially the brilliant lunacy of the lamb racing! There are far too many people to thank by name, but I must single out Warren, Dave and Richard for the use of their vehicles and sponsorship of the beer tent and

Pimm's pavilion. Thank you also to all the committee members for their support and hard work over the last year; please come and join us at the next meeting in early September when we will sort out the finances - I'm told we took over £5,000 so after expenses we should have a tidy sum to divide between the church and the village hall. Finally, thank you for coming on the day and for selling the Grand raffle tickets to all and sundry! **Paul Tapsell 01303 892082**

THE PARISH PLAN – Your Village Needs You! On Saturday 1st September you are invited to come along to the village hall and have some input to the Alkham Parish Plan. The Parish Council would like to know what your vision for the future of Alkham over the next few years is and they want it to be a community led plan – so this is where you come in. Over the next few months there will be a variety of occasions for you to help formulate the plan from questionnaires, focus groups, one to one meetings etc. and you can email, text, write a letter, use the Parish Council web site or any other method of communication. The important thing is to make sure you have your say. The first event is Saturday 1st September, Village Hall, 10:00 am til 4:00pm. If you can't make it let us know and we will come and see you – that's how important it is! **(Den Barnard 824845, Martin Hibbert 07796444860, Dave Beaney 825355)**

TEA AND A CHAT – The second 'Tea and a chat' was held in the village hall on the 28th June and not many people turned up; however, those that did really enjoyed themselves and therefore we will continue with this free event. The idea is that people who are alone or isolated can meet up with other people in a friendly environment and have a chat plus tea or coffee and biscuits. We are happy to pick anyone up and bring them to the hall and take you home afterwards; if you'd like us to do this please ring 01304 824969 or 01303 892878. Tea and chat is held on the last Thursday of the month from 2 to 4pm in Alkham Village Hall.

ALKHAM VALLEY GARDEN CENTRE are holding their first Farmers Market on August 27th Bank Holiday Monday. There will be many stalls and great offers in house. Why not come along for a Big Valley Breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea.

ART EXHIBITION in Hythe Library 1st September to the 27th September 2018, showing work by Jacqui Botwright, Liz Lambourne and Helen Taylor.

ALKHAM HEROES TRIP September 11th Spaces are available but please book before the 3rd August - 01304 824845

HARVEST BARN DANCE - Dancing to Spring Barley, Alkham Village Hall Saturday 6th October 2018 19:30 to 23:15. Tickets £8.00 to include Ploughman's Supper. Tickets available from Graham Bissett, Bren Tor, Alkham Valley Road CT15 7BX 07789 690786 Graham.bissett@talk21.com

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THE MARQUIS has been sold to the owners of the Imperial Hotel at Hythe, which is part of the Ashford based GSE Group that has civil engineering and plant divisions. There will be no major changes and Tony Marsden says that it is time for him to move on to new projects and wanted to make sure he was leaving The Marquis in the right hands.

FILM NIGHT

July 31st

Finding your feet

Timothy Spall, Imelda Staunton

Aug. 28

The Shape of Water

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THE PARISH COUNCIL have appointed a new Clerk, Irene Bowie and would like to officially welcome her. Plans are moving forward to improve the fencing around the play area to make it safer for children. It is also hoped that the noticeboard nearest the Village Hill will go under some refurbishment in the near future. As always, if you would like to raise anything with the Parish Council, please email clerk@alkhamparishcouncil.org.uk. **Parish Clerk**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – At the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd July the new Parish Clerk, Irene Bowie was introduced, who is taking over from Janice Lambert. It was reported that monies for the repairs to the byways was likely to be made available this year. On September 1st at the Village Hall there will be an event, open to all, for people to give their suggestions as to what should be considered to be included in the Community Led Plan (CLP). The event will include entertainment and refreshments. More details will be made available closer to the time. The Traffic Action Group draft report has been accepted by the Parish Council and will now be discussed with the various emergency services and police to get their comments for inclusion into the final report before it is submitted to KCC. The draft report will be available to be viewed on the Parish Council website (www.alkhamparishcouncil.org.uk). As always, if you would like to raise anything with the Parish Council, please email clerk@alkhamparishcouncil.org.uk



CYCLING – Alan, Brian and Margaret Danstead have an electric bike each and they are all powered differently with the motor either in the back or front wheel or in the middle. Margaret is the unflappable scorer at the Annual Quiz and her first country ride was 16 miles starting at Slip Lane and onto Hawkinge, Acrise, Paddlesworth and back through Hawkinge. Great fun on a lovely day.

GARDEN TALK - Our next visit is on Friday 10th August, when we go to Thorn Cottage, Meggett Lane where we always find much of interest, and great hospitality from Rosemary and Geoff Hillier. All welcome from 7.30p.m. **Janet Adamson**



WALLABY – In last month's Newsletter there was an article regarding the sighting of a wallaby on the byway leading up to Chalksole. An adjacent resident has emailed to say that she disturbed one a few years' ago while living at Pluckley. The animal was outside the garden gate early one Sunday morning, but hopped away extremely quickly. It was seen several times in that vicinity for a couple of years and was thought to be an escapee from who knows where.

ALKHAM W.I. - Our July meeting was an enjoyable evening. We had a ukulele band and everyone was singing along with them; it was a fun evening. Our next meeting will be August 14th which will be fish and chip night. Any members who weren't at the last meeting and would like fish and chips ordered please can you let me know by the 5th August; please ring me on 07796360473 and bring a bottle of wine. Any members wishing to take part in a decorate your own hat competition please bring them on the night and the best one wins a prize. There will also be a quiz by the two Debbies; Raffle, Alison Warnock; VOT of thanks Beryl King. New members always welcome. **Debbie Griggs**

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ST ANTHONY'S Summer Evening Guitar Concert.

For the eighth consecutive year Jimmy d'Alton Bellas brought his past and present guitar pupils to St Anthony's for another highly successful concert. A packed church was treated to a

delightful evening of classical music from twenty students from the age of six. In the second half, invited guest Emily Renshaw (mezzo soprano) and Grant McFarlane Dowse (guitar) once again provided breathtaking performances. Jimmy also had on show his father's mandolin which had been returned to the family after many years (see picture). This instrument had been played all over the world by Hugo d'Alton with Igor Stravinsky and Julian Bream and many world-famous orchestras. The £700 that was raised has been donated to the Friends of St Anthony's. **Den Barnard**

OZ on PROMS (2018) – It's a busy time of year, both in the country, as harvest nears, and in the city, buzzing with tourists. Perhaps the only people who escape this seasonal pressure are children and the retired. Charles Lamb, in *The Superannuated Man* (1825), wrote "I have lost all distinction of season." For many, the summer season is marked by eating alfresco, drinking wine, and enjoying the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, either live or on BBC radio and television. The Proms were founded in 1895 by Robert Newman, manager of the Queen's Hall, who appointed a young singing teacher called Henry Wood to conduct the concerts. Wood composed the *Fantasia on British Sea-Songs*, incorporating James Thomson's *Rule Britannia*, for the Proms concert celebrating the 100th anniversary of Trafalgar in 1905. Elgar's *Land of Hope and Glory* was sung to end the first night in 1914, and was triumphantly repeated on the last night in 1918. Early in the next war, in 1941, the Queen's Hall was gutted in an air-raid, and the Proms moved to the Royal Albert Hall, where they have since remained. Each Proms season has several themes, and one of this year's, marking the end of World War 1, is the way that British composers responded to that war and its aftermath. Hence there is music by Hubert Parry, Vaughan Williams, Holst, John Ireland and Frank Bridge. I'll know when the season changes again, from summer to autumn, when committee agendas fall through the letterbox, and the Last Night of the Proms is over. As Barrie Hall says, "Sunday morning after the Last Night feels strange and hollow, like the sad ending of a lovely long holiday" and he looks forward to the next season "when like summer's flowers the glorious Proms will once more burst into bloom, all over again." **Steve Osborn**

RSPCA Canterbury are looking to build a community of alternative homes for some of their more outdoorsy cats, which have missed out on socialisation with humans at crucial stages in their development as kittens. In order to help these cats they need to find people with large outside space and shelter who would be willing to offer this as a home for a cat. This could be anything from a shed in a large garden to a barn in a farmyard. All you need to supply is shelter, daily food supply and fresh water. If you would like to know more, please phone 01227 719113 or email them at info@rspca-canterbury.org.uk

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Tuesday	Art Workshop from 10am – 1pm Yoga 1.10pm – 2.10pm
Wednesday	Keep Fit 9.30/10.30am
Thursday	Tai Chi 6pm to 7pm
Friday	Pilates 9.30 to 10.30am – check to make sure

Other Events in the village hall

Tuesday	7	White Cliffs Metal detectors 7 to 9pm
Tuesday	14	W.I. meeting 7.30pm
Saturday	18	SEK astronomical society 7pm to 10.00pm
Monday	20	Bird Club 7.30pm
Tuesday	28	Film Night 7.30pm – see page 1

Bus times from Alkham to Dover (top) and Folkestone (bottom)

8.00, 9.11, 10.11, 11.11, 12.11, 13.11, 14.11, 15.11, 17.04, 18.34
Sat: 9.11, 10.11, 11.11, 12.11, 13.11, 14.11, 15.11, 17.11, 18.41
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CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	ALKHAM	CAPEL	HOUGHAM
Sunday 5 th	Benefice Eucharist Hougham 10.00 am		
Saturday 11 th	Messy Church St Radigund's 3.00 – 5.00 pm		
Sunday 12 th	Benefice Eucharist Capel 10.00 am		
Sunday 19 th	Benefice Eucharist Hougham 10.00 am		
Sunday 26 th	Benefice Eucharist Alkham 10.00 am		

FROM THE VICARAGE - As we all know, certain things happen at the same time each year, almost without exception. Easter is over and done with for this year, but once summer is over Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day and the run up to Christmas seem to follow in quick succession. But before all that, there's August, when the annual ceremony of the Trimming of the Hedge takes place at the vicarage. May I say how much I appreciate the kindness of all those passers-by who are kind enough to smile, wave or pass the time of day during the ceremony when they see Yours Truly balancing on top of a stepladder. But August is about more than just trimming hedges. The church at Hougham is dedicated to St Laurence, whose feast day is on 10th August. He lived in Roman times at a time when the Church was being persecuted. Ordered to hand over its treasures, he produced a group of poor people – these were its treasures, he said. At Capel, the church is dedicated to St Radigund, a princess who turned her back on a life at court to set up an abbey and to look after the poor and sick. Her feast is on 13th August. Alkham is dedicated to St Anthony of Pamiers, or Antoninus as he is sometimes called. A convert to Christianity, he is said to have returned home as a missionary after being ordained priest in Rome, and to have been martyred. He is remembered on 2nd September. The Prayer Book describes saints as 'lights of the world in their several generations' – people whose devotion has been an inspiration to others to bring light to the world's dark places. Now you know what I'm thinking about when I'm trimming that hedge.

Brian Williams

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