



# PADDOCK WOOD & VILLAGES

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### DOWN YOUR WAY

#### Brenchley and Matfield



Beverley Holmans  
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beverley.matfield@btinternet.com

#### Film night

BRENCHLEY Memorial Hall are having their monthly film night on May 15 at 7.30 for 8pm. Wine, chocolate and ice cream available.

#### Bowls

BRENCHLEY and Matfield Bowls Club are having an open day on May 16 from 11 to 1pm. All you need is a flat pair of shoes. Just come along and give it a try. Or contact Beverley on 01892 722317 or beverley.matfield@btinternet.com

#### Police Contact Points

THE local Contact Point at Matfield Village Hall is now held on Thursdays fortnightly between 4.30 to 5.30pm.

**Brenchley Memorial Hall**  
TO HIRE this hall ring Lynne01892 832579 or e-mail [bmhcharity@gmail.com](mailto:bmhcharity@gmail.com)

#### Matfield Village Hall

TO HIRE this hall contact Beverley Holmans 01892 722317 or e-mail [beverley.matfield@btinternet.com](mailto:beverley.matfield@btinternet.com)

#### Capel



Lynn Robinson  
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#### Sunday worship

THE CHURCH service for Sunday at All Saints Tudeley, and is Rogation Sunday starting at 9.15am. This is Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer and then followed with refreshments. At 10.30am, an All Age Rogation Service.

#### Magazine subscription

IF YOU would like to subscribe to the Parish news magazine for our area, the cost is £5 for 12 issues. To arrange subscription and delivery contact Neil Ellis 01892 832825.

#### Parent and toddlers

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#### Ramblers walk

TONBRIDGE and Malling Ramblers walk is on Sunday starting at 10am Lamberhurst public car park in the village centre TQ676362/TN3 8DB. Six mile walk details 01892 539987 or 07952 485641.

#### Coffee morning

FIVE OAK Green in Bloom are holding fundraising coffee morning on Tuesday at Tides Reach at 9.45am to 1.30pm. Stalls, raffle and toys for children to play with.

#### Quiz evening

QUIZ night at the Masonic Hall, Paddock Wood is May 30 at 7.30pm. Booking essential, cost is £6 per head, tables up to eight. There is a cash prize. Details Linda Harrild for booking form 07711908345 or local357@aol.com

#### Afternoon tea

TEA At The Ritz hosted by the Paddock Wood Lioness is May 16 at St Andrews Church hall starting at 2 until 4pm. The cost is £6 per head, dress code is smart. Details and tickets Janet 01892 835845.

#### Gardeners' Society

CAPEL Gardeners' Society are holding the Plant bring and buy sale on May 16 from 10.30am to 2pm, at Lilley Farm East, Sherenden Lane, Tudeley. Proceeds divided between the club, Hospice and Macmillan Cancer support.

#### Orchard in blossom

THE COMMUNITY orchard just by the recreation ground in Five Oak Green is now in blossom and looking lovely thanks to the care and attention of the volunteers who work hard, especially now the village in bloom competition is very soon.

Visit the orchard relax and rest a while on the seat newly erected.

#### Costume study

THE FIRST ever costume study day is held at Smallhythe Place Tenderden on May 18 from 10am to 4pm, ticket cost £25.

This is a vast collection which is packed full of rare theatrical history.

The Victorian actress Ellen Terry's famous Beetlewing dress, which is covered with iridescent wings of the jewel beetles, will be on display.

For full details and booking 08442 491895 or 01580 762334 e-mail [james.faulkner@national-trust.org](mailto:james.faulkner@national-trust.org)

### HORSMONDEN



KINDEST CUT: Megan Roberts, 5, having her hair cut for charity at McQueen Hair and Beauty in Tunbridge Wells

## Little girl with big heart donates hair to charity

By Mary Harris  
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A LITTLE girl from Horsmonden has had her waist-length blonde hair cut off to raise money for Cancer Research UK and to donate her locks to the Little Princess Trust.

Megan Roberts, 5, of Morley Drive took a trip to McQueen Hair and Beauty in Tunbridge Wells for the hair cut which left her with an 11ins of ponytail to send to the trust, which makes wigs for youngsters who have lost their

hair through illness and treatment.

Megan, a pupil at Horsmonden Primary School, sat very still on a few booster cushions at the salon while her long wavy hair was transformed in to a chin-length bob last Tuesday.

#### WW2 Commemoration

AN EXHIBITION to commemorate the end of The 2nd World War, seventy years ago is at Capel Church over the weekend and from May 23 to 25, 10am to 4pm.

To add to this exhibition any memorabilia such as Women's Land Army and the Home Guard would be gratefully received, please contact Christine Langridge 01892 832265 or [Christine.lanbridge@tiny-world.co.uk](mailto:Christine.lanbridge@tiny-world.co.uk)

Senior director Liz Saunders at McQueen in Calverley Road had given Megan her charity cut for free.

Megan was watched by her mum and dad Christie and Paul Roberts, along with brother and sister, Jordan, 18, and Rhian, 16.

Mrs Roberts told the Courier at the salon: "She had wanted to have her hair cut and we said if she did, perhaps she could do it to raise money for Cancer Research UK and to help other children. We have raised £375 so far and are still counting."

She said the hair cut was planned for April 28 because it would have been the 58th birthday of Megan's grandfather Robert Moorfoot, who died in January this year from cancer.

Mr Roberts added that his sister Deanne had died aged just 13 about 20 years ago.

He said: "I explained to Megan that she had had to wear a wig." And what was Megan's verdict as she stared in the mirror in shock?

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To donate to Megan's fundraiser text code MRBC58 to 70070 and the donation amount.

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### YALDING

## Club's delighted to make pavilion revamp shortlist

By Jane Jardine  
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A FOOTBALL club has been shortlisted in a nationwide competition to win a makeover for their sports pavilion.

Yalding and Laddingford FC, based at The Kintons, Vicarage Road, were revealed to be on the shortlist on May 5.

The competition, being run by DIY company Wickes and talkSPORT, offers grassroots sports

clubs the chance to transform their facilities.

During the severe flooding of December 2013, the club's sports pavilion was left standing in 4ft of water.

#### Struggled

Club members have struggled in the last 15 months carrying out cosmetic work to keep the facility usable, and entered the competition to get some help addressing the water-damaged areas.

"At the moment we are struggling to accommodate our five sides but next season we wish to run three more sides," said Steve Faulkner, club secretary.

"By doing this refurbishment we will be able to provide weekly activity for another 50 children, so are thrilled to have got to this stage in the competition.

"We hope that anyone with a spare 30 seconds will show their support for the club so that we can get even more young people from

the area involved with our work."

If successful, Wickes will provide all the materials and tools necessary for free to the young people who'll be doing the work in association with social initiative Volunteer It Yourself (VIY).

Yalding and Laddingford FC are hoping for plenty of community support. To vote, visit [www.talksport.com/viy](http://www.talksport.com/viy)

Voting closes on Sunday at 11.59pm.



WATERLOGGED: In the flooding of December 2013, the club's sports pavilion was left standing in 4ft of water

We will hold our Annual Meeting when the new members of our new committee will be introduced to the group.

There will be a vote for a new President as Rita Brown is standing down after three years in office as is Connie Newman as Secretary.

There will also be a chance to discuss and vote on this year's National Resolution on the Long Term Care for the Elderly, and to mark the centenary of the WI Movement.

We look forward to seeing members and friends are most welcome.

#### Historical society

THIS TUESDAY the Historical Society are fortunate to have as speaker Peter Hartley, with his talk 'The Diamond Queens'.

Elizabeth and Victoria are two contrasting characters in many ways, but they leave an enormous imprint on our history. Come and join us at the Salvation Army Hall 8pm. Every-

body welcome.

#### Jazz club

THE Jazz Club is on Tuesday at the Brookers Oast.

The Rising River Jazzmen will be playing from 8pm, small admission charge.

#### Quiz night

THE weekly pub quiz is on Tuesday at the Bush, Blackbird and Thrush 9pm sharp, Bush Road, East Peckham.

#### For ladies

THE Ladies Pleasant Hour is on Wednesday at the Curran Hall 2.30pm.

#### Exploring Christianity

EXPLORING Christian faith is on Wednesday 4.15pm in the Village Hall.

#### CAMEO

CAMEO is at the Salvation Army Hall, Thursday 10.30am to noon. Please pop in for tea and a chat.

#### Choir practice

EAST Peckham Community Choir practice is Thursday 8pm in the Curran Hall.

New members always made very welcome.

#### Paddock Wood



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#### Ramblers information

TONBRIDGE and Malling Ramblers walk starts 10am on Sunday at Lamberhurst public car park in the village centre, grid ref TQ676362; postcode TN3 8DB, instead of Scotney Castle CP as initially indicated.

This is a repeat notification of the change but adding the grid ref and post code for the Lamberhurst CP.

THE next walk starts 10.30am May 17, Kensing CP opposite The Bell PH TQ555587/TN15 6NA 5% mile moderate walk with steep climb at start, dogs on leads please.

Details from walk leader 07850 562527.

#### Plant sale

PADDOCK Wood Horticultural Society plant sale is on tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am to noon.

It will be held at The Day Centre, Commercial Road, Paddock Wood in conjunction with the Allotments Association.

#### Quiz night

VENUE Masonic Hall Paddock Wood May 30 from 7.30pm.

Booking essential. The cost of entry is £6 per person, on tables of 8. Cash prize.

Phone 07711 908 345 for a booking form or alternatively you can email [local357@aol.com](mailto:local357@aol.com)

#### Tea at the Ritz

PADDOCK Wood Lioness Club are holding a Tea at the Ritz on May 16 at St Andrew's Church hall from 2 to 4pm. £6 per head.

Dress code smart. For tickets please phone 01892 835845.

#### Annual May fair

THIS will take place tomorrow at St Justus Church Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood from 10.30am to 2pm.

Lots of bargains to be had and fun for all the family.

Entrance is 50p for adults and free admittance for children. Do come and join us.

#### Paddock Wood Carnival

FOR details regarding this year's carnival please contact [carnival@paddockwoodlions.co.uk](mailto:carnival@paddockwoodlions.co.uk) or [pwccarnival@gmail.com](mailto:pwccarnival@gmail.com) or phone 0845 838 9564.

#### Funds needed

WARRINGTON Road Action Group need funds to support its legal fund.

They are currently fighting against proposed developments for 1,000-plus houses in our town that we cannot support because of drainage, policing, education, parking, healthcare, wildlife and many other aspects relating to everyday life.

This is an increase of approximately one third of the size of our town as it stands at the moment, totally unacceptable.

We are looking for money to help us if we need to go to court to fight off an ignorant Government and developers in trying to ruin our town for ever.

All proposed developments are on green field sites, not brown, so could if approved wreck our countryside for our future generations.

We as a group are in the process of setting up an online donation account and I will let the readers know when this is up and running.

In the meantime I would be very grateful if you could mail me if you are interested in making a donation to our desperate cause. We need your help!

#### Quiz night

FRIENDS of Paddock Wood Primary School quiz night is May 16, 7.30pm.

Teams of up to six people, tickets £5 if bought in advance or £6 on the night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a pubbing auction. Call Jane Love 07840 906556 for tickets.

#### Costume study

ON MAY 18, Smallhythe Place are holding their first ever Costume Study Day.

It runs from 10am to 4pm, costing £25 per person, and provides a unique opportunity to learn about Smallhythe's vast costume collection which is packed full of theatrical history.

The day will consist of various costume activities as well as the display of some costumes that very few people have seen before. As a special treat we also have an illustrated lecture on Ellen Terry by Veronica Isaac, Curatorial assistant at the Victoria and Albert museum.

This lecture is a great chance to learn more about the beloved actress and former owner of Smallhythe Place.

To book tickets please call 08442 491895 or 01580 762334. For any further information or images, e-mail [James.faulkner@national-trust.org.uk](mailto:James.faulkner@national-trust.org.uk) or call 01580 710700.



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