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October 2026

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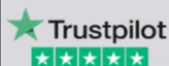


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I spent this weekend with other artists in Headcorn at their annual art fair, each with our stand laden with lovely artwork waiting for visitors. A huge range, pottery, jewellery, painting in all different mediums along with textiles and sculpture. A mini society really talking to each other, supporting when someone felt a bit fearful, as did the lass on the next stand at her first art fair, and, whilst you might say we were perhaps competing for custom, there was no aggression or anger evident. Our visitors were interested and asking all sorts of questions too on their journey round the very light airy hall looking to find something that interested them.

Why am I telling you this? Well, it fed into the fact that I have, as perhaps you have, been thinking a lot about how we function as a society, how we would like things to be and what really matters. Here as a village, or small town(!) now, what would we like from our neighbours, friends, the authorities and so on? What do we expect from our council, the church, social clubs and each other?

And does what we individually do make a difference? In reality what I do affects my immediate environment and can ripple out. Change from the anger, despair and disillusionment that many feel can begin in tiny ways where we are talking, encouraging and supporting each other practically. Jesus encouraged his disciples to think about their community. We may be familiar with the idea of 'love your neighbour as yourself', that itself is a challenge, but small niggles may grow into larger problems as we have seen recently.

What we know less about is how often shall I forgive? What could I do if my brother or sister has something against me? And the answer from Jesus of 'seventy times seven' for forgiveness was based on the belief that we all owe a debt of gratitude to God for our lives, and to all that contribute to them. In his parable in Matthew's Gospel (18:21-35) the person punished in the end was one exacting revenge on another for a small debt, where he owed much. If someone has a problem with us or vice versa, go and talk to them Jesus says (Matthew 18:15). These are known as the Hard Sayings of Jesus. The only way we will manage it is to ask Him for His strength and the grace to forgive, to love and to deal with our own anger and discontent.

Is it worth thinking about now as we go into autumn? Let's each find a way to make a difference here in our village and watch the ripples go out from us.

God bless

Elaine

Elaine Almond, Licensed Lay Minister

NOTHING FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS THIS MONTH



Monday Minis Toddler Time

Play and socialising for pre-school children and their grown ups. **Monday 12 October** 10 to 12 noon in COGS annexe. No charge, just a donation for tea and coffee please.



Games, Tea & Chat



On alternative **Mondays** (for dates see diary section) at 2 - 4pm in the annexe to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Come and enjoy board games, tea and a chat. Plenty of room for new folk so, if you are wondering whether it's for you, do get in touch and ask for more information or just turn up at 2.00.

Contact Elaine Almond on 886440 or etalmond@aol.com

Cinema at COGS



Wednesday 21 October 2pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please check the Church's noticeboard for this month's presentation. All are welcome so come for an afternoon of free entertainment. Refreshments available during the interval.

All Souls Service

In memory of those we love but see no longer

Sunday, 1st November, at 4pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green TN15 8RF

This service will give some space to remember, give thanks and hold those who have died before God and in our hearts.

If you wish for someone to be remembered by name as part of the service, then please forward their name(s) to me, either by phone or preferably email. Elaine Almond (01732) 886440 etalmond@aol.com

Before the service, from 3:30pm, there will be an informal tea, giving a chance to gather, chat and share some memories. All are welcome.





We will be celebrating Harvest
at the Church of the Good
Shepherd on **Sunday 4 October**
at our **10am** service.

Each harvest time we ask for additional contributions towards our Food Bank. If you are able to share your “harvest bounty” to help others then we would be very grateful.

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At the Church of the Good Shepherd

Christmas Fair

Saturday 28 November: 10 – 1pm

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Save the date

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Friday, 4th December

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Contacting the Church of the Good Shepherd

In the absence of a Vicar:

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Notes from Borough Green Town Council



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The Council met at 7.30pm Monday 7th September 2026 at the COGS Annexe. Matters raised included (and Local Plan consultation) :

- **TMBC Local Plan** - As you may have heard, Members of TMBC voted 33-10 to reject the Draft Local Plan. It was largely because Planning Officers ignored the instruction by Members across the Council to produce a Plan that shared the Government imposed 20,000 houses fairly across the Borough. Officers also failed to address the profound infrastructure failures in water supply, traffic, sewage, medical and parking. We voted to defer the Plan until these matters were addressed but the Government triggered an Intervention and will take over the Plan, and the Regulation 19 "Consultation" began on 11 September and can be accessed via www.tmbc.gov.uk/local-plan
- **The Regulation 19 Consultation** is an intensely complex document and is designed to help developers and planners, and fails to allow ordinary members of the public to set out their very real concerns and we believe this is a travesty of democracy. The most important element locally is Chapter 14 where TMBC Officers have tried to promote development of 2,000 houses in Plan period (3,000 overall) at Borough Green Garden City without the prior building of the Relief Road, set out at para 14.47. **This must be the focal point of our comments.**
- **Infrastructure** is also failing us miserably in particular but do not forget water supply, traffic and sewage. This is covered at Chapter 13: Infrastructure and Service of the Draft Local Plan and representations can be made via www.tmbc.gov.uk/local-plan.
- **TMBC Planning Officers** are still trying to reduce the role of the Borough Green Garden City Relief Road, by trying to make it an "aspiration" rather than an approved policy. The Relief Road **has** to be in place before any development or our villages will suffer 15 years of construction traffic on top of the current excessive traffic levels. This fight has only just started.
- **Remember Democracy in Planning?** It has long been a right for you to ask local TMBC Members to "call-in" a planning application to be heard by a Committee and that gives local people a voice in the planning process. The Government has changed the rules completely and very few applications will go to a Committee, and those that do will be allocated by Officers. And in a final insult any application for more than 150 houses that is refused will automatically go to the Secretary of State for decision.
- **Public Attendance** at this meeting was considerable, some asking valid questions about Public Liability Insurance on the Town Council assets in the High St and the Bike Trail at Isles Quarry, but mostly triggered by social media rumours. I am happy to assure people that our previous Clerk had put a huge amount of effort into ensuring we knew that every single Council asset was listed and that all the required insurances were in place. But unfortunately some were there simply to deliver unwarranted personal abuse. But that is one of the problems with real democracy, you have to allow everyone a voice, even when they deliberately abuse our hard won freedom of speech.

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Articles for the next magazine

The Voice is your community magazine and it relies on the people of Borough Green to make it as interesting as possible. Organisations, clubs and individuals are welcome to submit articles on their activities and subjects likely to be of interest.

The deadline for articles for the next magazine will be **Tuesday 13 October** and these should be sent to the address below. The next magazine will cover **November** so if you have any events planned for that month and you would like them to appear in the diary section please send to :-

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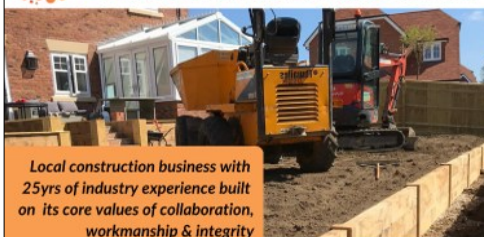
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- **Local Government Reorganisation** has thankfully been abandoned - what a waste of money!
- There have been 5 resignations from the Council and, if an election is not called, in six weeks we can co-opt - a chance to serve your community.
- We are also recruiting for a new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer - if you have the required experience, please get in touch.



The next Borough Green Council meeting will be held on **Monday 5th October 2026 at 19.30 in the COGS Annexe**. The agenda will include a period for public contributions and questions.

Council Contacts

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Full minutes are posted at [MINUTES](#) | [mysite \(boroughgreen.gov.uk\)](https://www.boroughgreen.gov.uk)

Regulation 19 Local Plan Consultation

(Press release issued on 11 September)



A consultation has launched for Tonbridge and Malling's Draft Local Plan, known as Regulation 19, following a legal direction from the Government to proceed with the plan-making process.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors had previously voted to pause the local plan at their meeting on 3 September. Whilst recognising the significant work that had been carried out to positively prepare a Regulation 19 Local Plan to meet the Government's requirements, including their prescribed housing target and timescales, councillors did not have confidence in the capacity of South East Water's infrastructure to support the significant additional housing numbers required.

The Council also had major concerns about wider infrastructure delivery including foul drainage and the sustainability of the 'vision led' transport approach required by national planning policy.

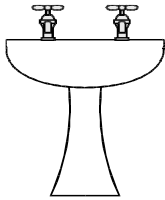
The consultation, which it would be unlawful for the Council to not now undertake given the Government's direction, gives residents, businesses, landowners and organisations the opportunity to make formal representations on the Plan before it is submitted for independent examination.

The draft Local Plan has been prepared using evidence gathered over a number of years and has been informed by comments received during the Regulation 18 consultation, which took place between November 2025 and January 2026.

The Regulation 19 stage differs from earlier consultations as it focuses on whether the proposed Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and whether it is considered "sound". A sound plan is one that is justified by the available evidence, has been positively prepared, is capable of being delivered and is consistent with national planning policy.

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Councillor Matt Boughton, Leader of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, said: "Councillors were firm that we should not pursue the Local Plan until there was clear evidence that a water supply can be provided to every property the Government wishes to see built across the borough. As a result of the Government's actions, we are lawfully bound to now proceed with this consultation and are inviting residents and interested parties to review the draft Local Plan and submit their comments. Our communities should rest assured however that we are also making the case to Government about the exceptional circumstances that we believe mean the Council should not progress further with the Plan at this time. The council remains deeply concerned about the availability of water supply and infrastructure capacity to support the level of growth required by Government housing targets. However, it is important that residents take this opportunity to have their say through the formal process. This is an important stage, and I would encourage everyone taking part to review the draft Plan and supporting evidence thoroughly before submitting their comments, particularly on the areas that matter most to them. "

Following the consultation, the council is required to review and present the representations received and submit the Local Plan and supporting evidence to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Details of the consultation, supporting documents and information on how to make representations are available at the council's Local Plan webpages at www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplan.

*(Editor's note: the consultation closes on **25 October**.)*

Borough Green sites in the draft Local Plan

As far as Borough Green is concerned the draft Local Plan (which covers the period up to 2042) includes the proposed development "BG1 Land North of Borough Green" (previously referred to as "Borough Green Gardens") but not that off Crouch Lane which was in the previous draft.

The BG1 proposal comprises 120ha to the north of Borough Green and Platt and details are on pages 422-429 of the draft. It is for "approximately 2,000 homes and around 33,200sqm of employment floorspace, alongside supporting infrastructure including education, healthcare, community, retail and leisure uses, and extensive green infrastructure". A key component is the delivery of a new road linking the A25 to the A20.

Hard copies of the Local Plan and supporting documents are available for inspection at Borough Green Library.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced that, in common with other areas of the country, the planned reorganisation of Kent County Council, Medway Council and the 12 district, borough and city councils in Kent into four unitary authorities is being paused pending a review to ensure the approach is robust and aligns with new Government priorities. Kent council leaders say that they have been given no indication of time scales but are asked to continue with some preparatory work. For more details go to www.kentcouncilleaders.org.uk

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Thank you, whoever you are. Margaret Vick

Events in the community for the month of October

- 1 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 2 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 3 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
BG Medical Practice - Flu and Covid Jab Clinic
- 4 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - All Age Harvest Festival - 10.00
BGBC - Service - 10.30
Bash the Trash - BGVH - 11.30 to 12.30
- 5 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
BG Council - COGS Annexe - 7.30
- 6 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 8 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 9 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
BG Library - Friday 2 Book Club - 2.15 to 4.15
Wrotham Historical Society - 7.45 - Wrotham Village Hall
- 10 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
Wrotham Church - Big Band Concert - 7.30
- 11 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - Holy Communion with Rev Fr Douglas Emmott - 10.00
BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 12 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Toddler Time - COGS Annexe - 10.00 to 12.00
BG Library - TLC Bookworms - 2.15 to 3.30
BGVH - u3a meeting - 2.00
- 13 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 14 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15
- 15 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 16 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 17 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
BG Medical Practice - Flu and Covid Jab Clinic
- 18 **COGS - Breakfast Church - 9.00**
SJCC - Mass - 9.30
BGBC - Service - 10.30



- 19 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
- 20 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 21 **COGS - Film Afternoon - 2.00**
- 22 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 23 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 24 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
 Wrotham Fireworks - (see below)
- 25 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - Holy Communion with collection of shoeboxes for Blythwood Care - 10.00
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 26 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
- 27 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 28 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15
- 29 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
 BGVH - Community Promotion - 6.00 to 8.30 (see page 14)
- 30 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 31 **COGS and u3a - Craft Fair - 11.00 to 2.00**



CRAFT FAIR

Note: COGS Services maybe be subject to change in the interregnum

Abbreviations

COGS	Church of the Good Shepherd	BGBC	Borough Green Baptist Church
SJCC	St Joseph's Catholic Church	BGVH	Borough Green Village Hall



Wrotham Cricket Ground

Saturday 24 October

Starts 5.30 Fireworks 7.15 Ends 9.00

This is a charity event with all proceeds donated to local causes.

Information on tickets is at www.wrothamfireworks.com.

November

Some dates in November

8	Remembrance Sunday
28	COGS Christmas Fair
28	BG Christmas Lights Switch on

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At last, we have a firm date for our heat-pump installation - and it can't come soon enough. It feels a long time since we were first committed to the project, but we know our hirers will notice the improvement straight away, whatever the weather. The hall will be far more comfortable for everyone: our older users will feel warmer and our more energetic groups will enjoy a much cooler space.

Inside the hall we have topped up the kitchens with new mugs and glasses, closing a gap that has been an annoyance for hirers. Little things make big differences.

We are now turning our attention to the outside of the hall, especially the car park. You may have spotted that we've recently become a popular overnight stop for campers and large vans. Unfortunately, these vehicles don't fit our marked bays and often end up taking more than one space - not ideal when we only have 35 in total. To help keep the car park available for the people who actually need it, we're planning to install a height barrier. This should make a real difference and ensure there's plenty of room for our regular users.

Further ahead we are planning to landscape the rear and side of the building with new shrubs. We wonder if planters would work at the front to give the hall a more pleasant outlook. If there is any local landscaping company or garden centre who could support this project we would love to hear from you.

A little less exciting, but just as important, we're also making sure that all the licences and insurance we need are fully in place. Although a few unnecessary obstacles have slowed things down, we're making good progress. Our aim is simple: to ensure that, if an accident ever occurs in or around the hall, everything is properly covered and the ownership of items on our land is clearly documented

Thank you, as always, for your patience and support while we continue working to make the hall an even better place for our hirers. Every improvement we make whether behind the scenes, inside the building or out in the car park is done with you in mind. We are grateful for the understanding you have shown as we have undergone our projects and your continued goodwill helps us to keep the hall welcoming, safe and comfortable for everyone who uses it.

BOROUGH GREEN LIBRARY

The library is open – with a wide range of services, from free access to books, computers, WiFi and information on the hire of music, audio books and films.

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10 - 1 and 2 - 5 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
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Events for which no booking is required see diary section

Ancestry - Monday 10 - 12 need to book an appointment

For more advice please call the library on 03000 413 131 or
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We look forward to seeing you.



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Borough Green & Wrotham u3a

The next meeting of Borough Green & Wrotham u3a will be held on Monday 12 October at 2pm in Borough Green Village Hall.

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We will welcome our speaker Andy Smith, a performance artist, entertainer, author and former business communicator, who has two artificial limbs, a wife, three children and a whippet. Andy engages audiences with stimulating poetry and related commentary, interspersed with humour, thought provoking insights and an occasional spattering of history. He also presents the lighter side of disability while motivating audiences of all ages and abilities to “make the most of what they have got”.

We look forward to welcoming existing and new members (free) and guests (£5). Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Parking is free for village hall users, so please remember to register your car in the hall lobby when you arrive.

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Tom Tugendhat MP's Column

September often brings surprises and new beginnings. For me, that has meant taking on a new role as shadow Foreign Secretary. Working alongside Kemi Badenoch, the Leader of the Conservative Party, I will be helping shape our foreign policy, working to make Britain safer and more prosperous, and boosting our role in the world.

Iran have targeted our infrastructure at home, Russia has sailed unregistered ships through our waters and China intimidates dissidents in Britain. It is clear that events overseas can threaten our security but those threats are not limited to conventional war. They also affect our food supplies, energy security and cybersecurity. Keeping our country safe requires Britain to stand up for its interests on the world stage.

After serving in uniform and in government, I want to see our country use every skill and talent to make us stronger and happier. All that to defend what we love at home.

I will continue responding to residents' concerns, supporting local businesses, charities and community groups. From improving phone signals to ensuring that upgrades are made to local water infrastructure, I am working for the people of Borough Green.

As always, I'm here to serve you. If you have a concern, suggestion or question, please email me at tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk.



Number Plate Thefts



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There have been several reports of number plate thefts in Borough Green and surrounding villages. Drivers are being reminded to take simple steps to protect their number plates from theft and misuse. Unfortunately, stolen or cloned number plates are often used to commit further offences, including fuel theft, traffic offences and other criminal activity. To help protect your vehicle:

- Use anti-tamper or security screws to make number plates more difficult to remove.
- Park in well-lit or secure locations whenever possible.
- Regularly check that both number plates are present and secure.
- Remain vigilant for suspicious activity around parked vehicles and report any concerns to police.
- Consider installing CCTV or a video doorbell if your vehicle is usually parked at home.

If your number plates are stolen, report the theft to police as soon as possible and notify the DVLA and your insurer. Prompt reporting can help prevent your details from being linked to offences committed by someone else.

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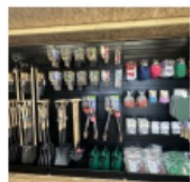
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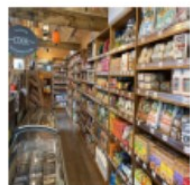
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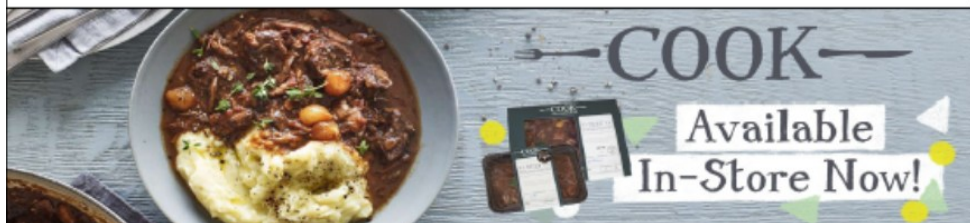
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Singing group – for people with dementia and their partner/carer to sing a variety of songs they know and love, in a fun and friendly environment. 1st Wednesday **AND** 3rd Monday of every month, 3pm until 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for a small donation.

Music and Movement group – a mainly seated exercise session to music for those living with dementia and their carers. 2nd Wednesday **AND** 4th Monday of every month, 2.30pm until 3.30pm with teas and coffees afterwards. There is a small charge of £3 per couple.

Carers Support Group – for anyone who is caring for a loved one with dementia to get support from others in the same situation. 4th Wednesday of every month from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for a small donation.

Arts and Crafts group – for people with dementia to attend alone. Assessment required. A variety of crafts projects including painting, model making, woodwork and collage. 2nd Monday of every month, 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Refreshments provided. Donations appreciated.

Walking group – open to everyone. Relaxed, easy walking around the local countryside. Every Wednesday morning, (unless the weather is really bad) 10-12 from Spadework car park entrance. Booking and registration form required.

Young Onset Peer Support Group – for people with a recent diagnosis of young onset dementia (under 65) to meet others in the same situation and get support, advice and information in a calm and friendly environment. 4th Monday of every month 10-12. Refreshments provided. Donations appreciated.

For more information about any of these services or to make a referral please contact Julie Negus, Dementia Services Manager on 01732 870002 or e-mail

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WROTHAM (ST. GEORGE'S) CRICKET CLUB

A late replacement fixture against Harvel proved Wrotham's undoing with a strong home team winning with 6 wickets to spare. Batting first, Wrotham got off to a strong start with Patrick Gregson and James Barrigan getting into the 40s. After that wickets fell cheaply with only Eliot Benn, with a hard hitting 34, taking the score to a respectable 172 from 28 overs, with one of the opposition bowlers claiming 6 wickets. The total didn't really challenge Harvel and Wrotham's bowlers found it hard going to contain the scoring.

Next week saw Kings Hill visit Wrotham in the continuing heatwave. With their openers each getting 50s, plus 2 others with good scores, Kings Hill's total of 255 off 40 was always going to be too much for the home side. When the time came to bat Wrotham gave their best, with Neil Pickford, Matt Crisp and Ricky Hussain all getting decent scores. 174 off only 34 overs was decent but not good enough under the circumstances.

Yet another home game on the arid savanna of Wrotham in 30 degrees plus. Hildenborough went in first and were all out for 137 off 35 overs. Some really good bowling kept a lid on things and Will Booth and Chris Harvey continued their successful seasons, Will taking 3 wickets for 26 and Chris 4 for 26. Wrotham got to 124 for 2 wickets thanks to a steady 47 from opener Bernie Galopin and a powerful 53 from Dom Humphrey. Bernie was out just short of his 50 in that most unfortunate dismissal - hit wicket. Victory was then assured and Wrotham came out winners with 5 wickets to spare.

In keeping with his normal strategy to avoid blame for wrong decisions, skipper Will Booth duly lost the toss against visitors Ash who put Wrotham in to bat. Decent scores by Mark Pestrige (a patient 43), Jon Hills (33), Neil Tompkins (23) and a blistering 29 from returning Steve Gosling took Wrotham to a respectable 154 for 7 off their 35 overs. However, hopes of blowing Ash away disappeared in 28 overs and Ash ran in with only 4 wickets down. With a threadbare bowling line up Will Booth again bowled well leading the attack taking 2 off 29 off his 7 overs.

John Humphreys

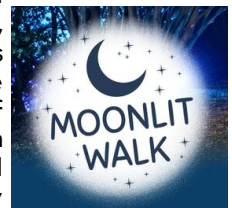


Moonlit Walk

Enjoy the 5 mile or 1 mile walk to support Heart of Kent Hospice on **Friday 2 October** (arrive 5.30 walk starts at 6.30) at Cobtree Manor Park, Forstal Road, Aylesford, ME20 7AG.

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Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

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October	Route	Distance in miles
Thursday 1st	Circular walk from Birling Church to Holly Hill viewpoint and return via steep descent through Crookhorn Wood. Mostly footpaths and bridleways, including parts of the North Downs Way and the Pilgrims Way. Moderate difficulty; two stiles; some steep climbs.	6.2
Sunday 4th	Markbeech Meander - an undulating walk through woods and fields with views across the Weald. Moderate difficulty.	5
Thursday 8th	Circular walk around the Speldhurst countryside along part of the Wealdway towards Bullingstone and onwards to the River Medway and Poundsbridge. A few stiles and some climbs; moderate difficulty.	6
Sunday 11th	Shoreham to Lullingstone with a scenic climb to the ridge of the Darent Valley, offering far-reaching views and open skies as we head towards historic Lullingstone. Some steep uphill sections; moderate difficulty.	7
Thursday 15th	Circular walk from Harrietsham Railway Station along the Pilgrims Way towards Ringlestone with wonderful views of the North Downs. Return through farmland, passing around the Ringlewood reservoirs. Moderate difficulty.	5.6
Sunday 18th	Brenchley lakes and orchards: leisurely circular walk towards the furnace ponds, a relic from the iron industry. We then continue to Cryals Farm, past the fishing lake and more orchards and farmland.	5.3
Thursday 22nd	Circular walk from Offham through woods and across fields to Offham Church, then onto Ryarsh Church. Return through West Malling meadows and farm fields. Mostly flat with one stile; moderate difficulty.	5
Sunday 25th	A relaxed, scenic walk from Chiddingstone Causeway towards Bough Beech Reservoir for some bird spotting. We usually catch sight of a variety of ducks, gulls and cormorants along the way. Moderate difficulty.	6
Thursday 29th	Leisurely circular walk along the Greensand Way from Linton Church taking in the deer park, goat sanctuary, orchards and some lovely views of the Kent countryside. A few stiles and a short steep stretch towards the end.	6.6
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