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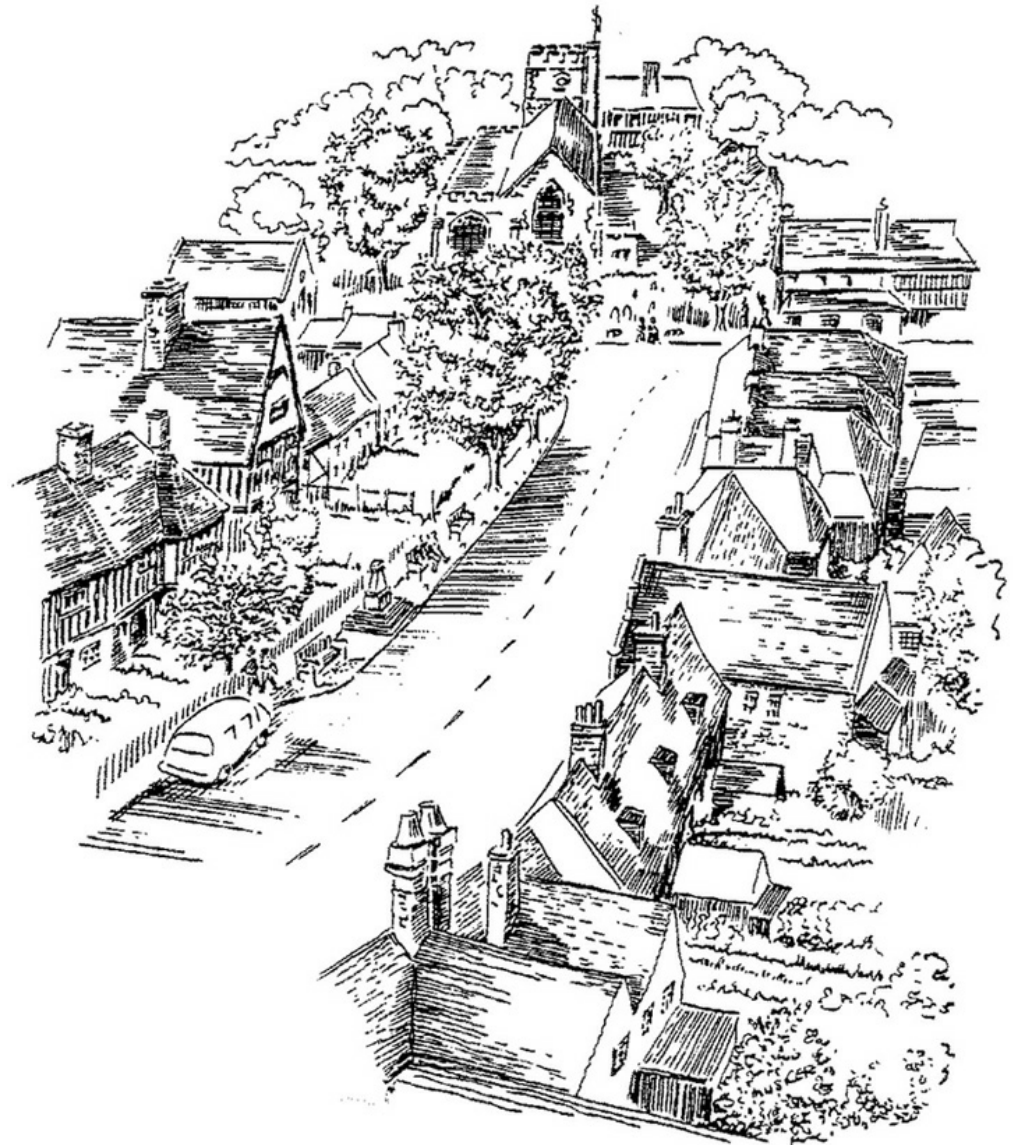
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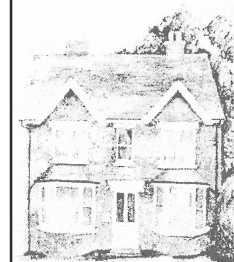


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East Sutton Youth Theatre	M .Dyer-Ball	07885 790781	V
Eldercare	Eileen Hale	01622 890400	V
Exercise Class - Over 50's	Lynne Coombs	01622 691966	V
Farmer's Market	Penny Kemp	01622 890601	V
Film Society	Paul Dickins	01622 890207	V
Fitness Classes	Tori	07885 749524	
Flea & Collectors Market	Ron Haggerty	01622 890735	M
Flower Arrangers	Jenny Gore	01622 890349	V
Football Club	Ian Barker	01622 890680	
Football Club - Juniors	Zoe Killeen	01622 891491	
Footpaths Group	Christine Dutton	01622 890142	
Friends Parish Church	J Munt	01622 891724	
Fun Train	Peggy Heron	01580 895326	V
Gardeners Society	Sue Chantler	01622 890313	
<b>Guiding</b> – Guides	Jess Milton	01622 850846	M
Brownies	Zanna Brown	01622 891425	Sch
Rainbows	Fay Westerbeek	01622 892240	Sch
Handbell Ringers	Jean Vidler	01622 890201	
HEADARA Retirement Club	Jane Stone	01622 891475	V
Hearing Aid Advice	Peter Rate	01622 891556	M

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**You can ring 101 and report crime and any anti-social behaviour.**

**Parish Websites** www.headcorn.org.uk (Village Hall)  
www.headcornvillage.org.uk  
www.headcornpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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Deadline for the receipt of items for inclusion in the March issue:

**NOON on Tuesday 10th March at the latest.**  
**Please send to [magazine@handschurches.org](mailto:magazine@handschurches.org)**

**Jean Hammond should be advised of any errors, amendments or omissions in the list of Headcorn Activities and Organisations, on 01580 891377 or [jean@rumcars.org](mailto:jean@rumcars.org)**

Dates and times of the regular bookings in the Village Hall can be found at [www.headcornvillage.org.uk](http://www.headcornvillage.org.uk) or on the noticeboard at the Village Hall or in the library.

This is your magazine and we are keen to encourage contributions from new writers around the village. If a subject is of interest to you it might also please others to read about it, so don't be shy, put pen to paper and you might just unleash a literary genius! We welcome all contributions for consideration, but do prefer that items be typed and, if possible, submitted by email. Items must be signed (but names can be withheld if requested).

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TO KNOW AND MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST.



# Parish Letter

## March 2015

Dear Friends,

From the churchwardens of Headcorn and The Suttons

We are all so pleased to welcome Revd Fiona as our new Vicar, and hope and pray that she and Graham will be happy living in the vicarage and working in our four villages.

This also seems a good opportunity to say thank-you to all those who have supported our parishes through the ten months of the interregnum. Without our clergy and readers who have prepared and taken our services, Sundays would have been very different; without all those who have made sure that the pastoral care networks have been maintained, many folk may would have been left feeling unloved and uncared for; without those who work faithfully with our children both in church and maintaining valuable links with local schools, we would have failed in our commitment to serving the young people of our villages; without those who have organised special events, and raised funds, and kept our finances on track, our funds would be significantly depleted; not to mention the great army of cleaners, flower arrangers, bell ringers, musicians and many others who keep our church buildings prepared and welcoming for worship. So, a big **THANK-YOU** to all of these people and many more who have kept the faith and flown the flag for our churches during the past ten months.

Church life has carried on well – but we are really pleased to have a church leader again to bring all the strands together, and give us a renewed vision for the future of our churches..

With four parishes to lead Fiona will continue to need our strong involvement and commitment. Hopefully this will be a time for us all to step forward rather than step back. We also need to be prayerful, so that God can breathe his Spirit into all our hearts at this time of great opportunity.

May God bless all in our churches and communities through the coming months and years.

**The Churchwardens of Headcorn and The Suttons**



## CALENDAR AND DIARY- MARCH

*Details of Regular Services are shown on page 10*

### **Sunday 1**

Tuesday 3 10.00a.m  
12 noon  
1.15p.m-3.15p.m  
Wednesday 4 7.30p.m  
Friday 6 10.30a.m & 7.30p.m  
Saturday 7 2.30p.m—4.30p.m

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Joint Benefice Service at Headcorn  
Prayer Half Hour  
Citizens Advice Outreach Session p18  
Flower Arrangers p15  
Women's World Day of Prayer p9  
Messy Church p5

### **Sunday 8**

Wednesday 11 10.30a.m  
8.15p.m  
Saturday 14 9.30a.m.-2.30p.m.  
9.30a.m- 12.30p.m  
9.30a.m-12.30p.m  
10.30a.m-1.00p.m  
10.00a.m-12.00p.m  
7.00p.m  
7.00p.m

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Headcorn Footpaths Group p15  
Parish Council Meeting p21  
Headcorn Flea/Collectors Market p15  
Farmers Market p15  
Model Railway Club p19  
Children's Sale p12  
Parish Council Surgery p21  
Irish Night p17  
Baroque & Roll p14

### **Sunday 15**

Tuesday 17 10.00a.m  
7.30p.m  
Wednesday 18 7.30p.m  
Saturday 21 7.30p.m  
3.00p.m

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Mothering Sunday p14  
Ulcombe History Society p16  
Headcorn W.I p16  
Scout Quiz p17  
Church Bonfire p13

### **Sunday 22**

Monday 23 7.00p.m  
Tuesday 24 10.00a.m-11.00a.m  
2.00p.m- 4.00p.m  
Wednesday 25 7.30p.m  
Saturday 28 9.30a.m-12.30p.m  
11.00a.m-6.00p.m

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)**

P. Council Planning Committee p21  
Hi-Kent Hearing Clinic p16  
HeadARA p19  
Headcorn Local History Society p16  
Model Railway Club p19  
Spring Art Show p14

**Clocks go forward by one hour**

### **Sunday 29**

Monday 30 10.00a.m-5.00p.m  
7.30p.m  
7.30p.m

### **Palm Sunday**

Spring Art Show p14  
Sutton Valence Choral Society p12  
P.Council Open Spaces Committee p21

## Save Headcorn Village February Update

### At last, some good news...

After hours of debate by MBC's Cabinet about whether the Hazelpits site should be included in their list of recommended sites for development, they voted to *"take the site back to Reg 18 to have it deleted from the Local Plan"* until such time as infrastructure issues are fully resolved. Votes in the Cabinet were equal, Leader Annabelle Blackmore had casting vote and voted to remove the site. Subsequent discussion about other Headcorn sites was guided by the need for consistent decision-making, therefore ALL sites discussed which don't have planning permission were recommended for rejection from Maidstone Borough's Local Plan.

The important principle established is that infrastructure issues (like highways and water) are severely beyond capacity and until that is rectified there should be no further pressure put on the community. If and when such issues are resolved then of course development might be considered once more.

**Be aware that this doesn't stop planning applications being processed, and that includes Hazelpits. Applications are likely to be undermined by this decision but Planning Agents have a lot of profit at stake. So we must still be vigilant and must still challenge the applications to be certain they are rejected.**

The outcome of the MBC Cabinet was the result of a monumental effort by the whole community. It wasn't the work of one person but a small army battling to get MBC to accept the irrefutable evidence. Thus thanks must go to: the expert volunteers within Headcorn Matters; the Parish Council; the Borough Councillors; the Save Headcorn Village Team & Supporters; those who have bravely spoken out publicly; our helpful Postmaster & Postmistress who have kept everyone informed, plus all the many individuals who have written, objected, donated and emailed.

**[headcornvillage.org.uk/saveheadcornvillage](http://headcornvillage.org.uk/saveheadcornvillage)  
email: [saveheadcorn@gmail.com](mailto:saveheadcorn@gmail.com)**

### PETER HOLMES AND NORMAN COOK

We were saddened to hear of the death of Peter Holmes on 6th February, 2015. Peter was well known in the village and a valuable member of the Parish Church for many years.

We are also sad to report the death of Norman Cook, a former server in the church.

Obituaries of Peter and Norman will be published in the April magazine.

### VALERIE GARRATT

Brenda and I first met Peter and Valerie when I began playing the organ at St. Mary's in January 1988. They had been singing in the choir for ten years before that. We soon discovered that we celebrated our respective wedding anniversaries on the same date in January and from that moment on, our celebrations became joint ones. We also shared many birthdays, Christmasses and enjoyable holidays in Cornwall near Falmouth where Peter and Valerie had a cottage. Valerie and Brenda went shopping or doing National Trust Houses and generally spending money, while Peter and I sailed around Falmouth Harbour.

Valerie was involved in just about every aspect of St Mary's life for 36 years, in the choir, as an active member of the PCC, organising the St Mary's after-service coffee rota and many social events, raising a lot of money for St Mary's. She and Brenda ran the preserves stall at the Christmas Market, Valerie making jams, chutneys and never-to-be-forgotten lemon curd.

She was the most thoughtful, considerate, kind, funny friend anyone could hope for, and she was a superb hostess. The choir enjoyed many happy choir parties in Munks Cottage over many years.

While Peter and Valerie devoted their church lives to St Mary's, they were, I know, very grateful for, and touched by, the welcome they received at St. Peter and St. Paul's church for their last months of living in Headcorn, after Peter had given up driving.

Valerie's Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's was very well attended, including a choir of over 20 from all four parishes, reflecting the love and respect in which she was held.

Valerie and Brenda had a special affinity and spent much time together. By happy coincidence, Valerie's ashes were interred right next to Brenda's. May she rest in peace.

**Gover James**



## From the Parish Registers

**There are no records for this month.**

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### Praying for the Community in 2015

Quarterly meetings in the Parish Church pray for the ‘Churches Together in Headcorn’. Also for all the residents of -

1st March	Orchard Glade
8th March	Kingsland Grove
15th March	Knowles Gardens
22nd March	New Road
29th March	Station Road

Please contact Jackie Collins 01622 890199 for special prayers when your area or street is featured.



### Editor's Scribe

On the 29th March, the clocks go forward 1 hour and that makes me happy, husband is not so grumpy with his daily commute to and from London, the horses can graze in their field for much longer into the evening and it also signals the return of the swallows to the stables to nest. I enjoy watching them swoop in and out with such speed and precision, Spring, my favourite season will have arrived!

The magazine is again full of news and details of up and coming events that are being held within the village and surrounding area, we hope that you can take the time to support one or two of them.

The trade directory is due to be updated and we will shortly be contacting our existing advertisers but if you are new and wish to consider placing an advert, then please do contact Dave Andrews for more information, his details are listed on page 1.

Full Council Meeting **Wednesday 11th March** at 8.15p.m preceded by Planning Committee at 7p.m in Longmeadow Hall.

Planning Committee Meeting **Monday 23rd March** at 7p.m in the Green Room, Village Hall.

Open Spaces Committee Meeting **Monday 30th March** at 7.30pm in the Green Room.

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** Councillors will be available in the Parish Office, Village Hall from 10am until 12noon and any parishioner is welcome to come along and discuss issues regarding the village.

Annual Parish Meeting **Thursday 23rd April** at 7.30p.m in Longmeadow Hall.

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### ILLUMINATING QUIZ – MARK III Sponsored by the Parish Council

**Saturday 11th April in Headcorn Village Hall (Andred)**

Doors open at 7p.m to start at 7.30p.m

Teams of six

Tickets available at £6 each from:-

The Headcorn Delicatessen, 17 High Street  
or [bridgetdungey533@bridgetdungey.plus.com](mailto:bridgetdungey533@bridgetdungey.plus.com) or 01622 890505

Raffle

(All monies raised will go towards the Christmas lights)



## Headcorn Parish Council News

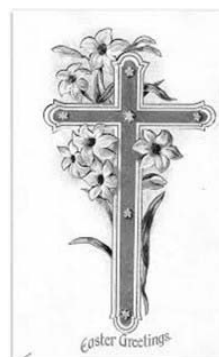
We should like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Caroline Carmichael, who started working with us as the new clerk to the Parish Council from the 2nd February. She was appointed after a lengthy search involving sending out 25 application packs, reading 12 applications and interviewing 5 worthy candidates. Caroline has lived in Headcorn for 30 years and is swopping the commuter life for a quiet stroll to work. She has set to with great enthusiasm and is skillfully sorting us out! We look forward to working with her over the coming months.

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that after a lot of hard work the Parish Office is now established in the Village Hall above the house meeting room. As from Monday 2nd March, the Parish Office will be open for visits and phone calls to the Clerk every Monday, Thursday and Friday between 10am and 2pm, and on Wednesdays between 1pm and 5pm. The clerk may be able to answer the phone or a message can be left on the answerphone (01622 892496) at other times. She can also be reached via email [headcornparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:headcornparishclerk@gmail.com). For absolute emergencies, a mobile phone number will be published.

New Parish Councillors are needed for co-option to serve until May 2016 when all the Parish Council will be up for election. This is a good opportunity to 'try-out' this role for a year. This is a chance to become involved in decisions affecting village life, especially in this time of change. You need an interest in village and desire to help make a difference. We will be co-opting at the 11th March meeting, for more details see the newsletter being delivered around the Parish or contact the Parish Office above.

Our apologies to Cllr Martin Round who was erroneously called by his late father's name, Cllr Malcolm Round in the February edition, this would not normally be an issue, but the family have on this occasion been upset by an aggressive contact from the press.

Diary date—We will be running another Illuminating Quiz on Saturday 11th April. Please see our advert on page 21.



## Easter Lilies

Each Easter we decorate the church with Lilies in loving memory of departed relatives and friends.

If you would like to commemorate a loved one in this way, please put the name of the person to be remembered in an envelope with a cash donation only.

Please deliver this to Annie Hawkes at Juffanie House, Dawks Meadow, to arrive no later than Saturday 28th March.



### CENTURIES CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW

1st	Mrs Jeanette Smith	£25
2nd	Mr Tim Thomas	£15

**Congratulations**



### Messy Church at the Village Hall.

You are invited to join us at Messy Church  
In Longmeadow Hall on Saturday 7th March  
from 2.30pm until 4.30pm

For fun and crafts. This promises to be Messy!  
The theme is 10 Lepers/ remembering to say thank you.

**Cake /biscuit decoration**  
**Face painting**  
**Worship**

**Craft making**  
**Hand Printing**  
**Food**

We look forward to see you there. Remember to bring a grown-up to carry all your great stuff home.

## Friends of Headcorn Parish Church

Please join us for a fun 'Evening at the Races' on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Headcorn Village Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5, available from Sweet William Florists, Headcorn Delicatessen or Jenny Munt (01622 891724). Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Come and have a flutter!



Once again we will be having a tombola stall at Headcorn May Fair on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. We would be very grateful for any contributions, big or small. They must be new and any food items need to be within their sell by date. Please leave your tombola items at the back of the church, at Sweet William Florists or give to any committee member. This is a big fund raiser for the Friends, so please do support us.

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## Battle of Britain Ball and Air Show

Headcorn Aerodrome

Saturday 11th July—Midday onwards

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the site will be open with attractions for all the family which include flight experiences, a funfair and stalls.

Late afternoon and early evening a Battle of Britain display will feature representative aircraft of the Battle of Britain era. During the evening and into the night a 1940's themed ball will be held.

For more information and tickets telephone 07432 421118 or go to [www.battleofbritainball.com](http://www.battleofbritainball.com)

## HeadARA

(Headcorn Active Retirement Association)

This month we have our AGM on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> to which all fully paid up members are invited. It is the time that we look back over our activities in the last year. We have had some excellent speakers and entertainers at our monthly meetings; pub lunches every month, various trips out and some excellent holidays. It is also the time to say goodbye to some hard working committee and hopefully to see some new faces on the committee so that the Association can continue to provide a wide and varied programme for the members.

It is nice to see some new members for Tai Chi on a Thursday in the village hall; if you would like to join then contact Wendy Rate on 01622 891556. Line dancing continues on a Monday afternoon and the contact is Jeanne Johnson on 01622 890214

Jenny Gore (Hon. Sec.)

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## Headcorn W.I Report



At the January meeting, Eric Spear took us on a whirlwind tour of New Zealand. An amazing slide show and interesting talk made a most enjoyable evening. Pat Cutting won the quiz and Wendy Rate won the competition for best holiday photograph.

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## \*NEW\* Model Railway Club

This new club has started at the Baptist Church, Station Road fortnightly on Saturday 9.30a.m until 12.30p.m. The next meeting(s) will be on the 14th March and 28th March respectively.

For more information please contact Yvonne or Brian on 01622 891178.

## Photography Club

Margarette Gilham would be keen to hear from any people who would be interested in helping to set up or interested in joining a Photography Club in Headcorn. Please telephone 01622 891281 or email headcornvillagehall@gmail.com

## The Garden in March



The gardener's activity mainly begins in March when most plants start to grow after their winter dormancy. Frost is possible on most nights but do not be misled by short spells of warmer weather into thinking that spring has finally arrived. It is often safer to delay sowings or plantings than to be caught by a subsequent cold spell.

The vegetable gardener will be busy sowing seeds for main crop Brussels sprouts, for parsnips, leeks, late summer cabbages, summer spinach and early peas. Early seed potatoes can be put into trays in a light frost free place in a shed or greenhouse to encourage them to shoot. How about some more slightly unusual vegetables and sow some kohlrabi seed or plant some Jerusalem artichoke tubers (they make a delicious soup later in the year).

Renewed growth may reveal the presence of perennial weeds (ground elder, couch and creeping grass) among old plants in the herbaceous border. Dig up the plants and carefully remove every trace of weed, dividing the plants if they are large and tough, then replant. Gladioli corms can be planted towards the end of the month. Allow 8 inches between the corms and plant about 4-6 inches deep, setting each one on a little sharp sand for good drainage. Seeds for bedding plants – lobelia, busy lizzies, petunias can be sown in trays and kept in the greenhouse or conservatory till ready to plant out. One of my favourite annuals is schizanthus, sometimes called the butterfly flower or poor man's orchid. The graceful flowers are in shades of pink, crimson, mauve and white.

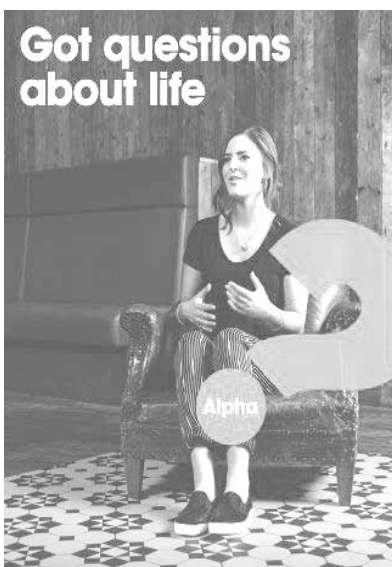
For me, though, March is the month for spring bulbs. Aconites and snowdrops have probably finished flowering but snowdrops can be lifted and divided. We are then treated to a wonderful display which starts with the early February Golds (often flowering in March) to the large traditional daffodils, available in so many different colour combinations these days, and then the delicate narcissus. Sissinghurst Castle Garden is not far away and opens generally from March 14. Treat yourself to a visit and the beautiful display of bulbs in the lime walk and the orchard.



### Maidstone Citizens Advice Outreach

Session will be held on Tuesday 3rd March and 7th April at Headcorn Library between 1.15pm and 3.15pm.

No appointments are necessary.



### ALPHA COURSE

Churches Together in Headcorn invite you to join their Alpha Course

*Freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No charge. Sessions include a meal, a DVD talk and a discussion where you can ask the big questions.*

When: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00p.m

Where: Headcorn Baptist Church

For more information or to book a place:-

Tel. Richard 01622 890464 or Stuart 01233 756383

Email: stuartandloisoth@yahoo.co.uk



## Children's Corner

In March we have two of the patron saints celebrations. St David on 1<sup>st</sup> and St Patrick on the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Welsh Cake recipe for St David's Day

In a large bowl rub 4oz butter into 8oz of self raising flour.

Add 2oz caster sugar,  
2oz currants or raisins,

1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon

And a good grating of fresh nutmeg.

Mix in 1 egg

2 tablespoons of milk stir to form dough  
then roll out the dough

Use a cookie cutter to cut out circles.

(Or you can just take a fist-full of the dough and form into a flat circle).

You want the cakes to be no more than about 1cm thick, as you want them to cook through in the middle before the outside burns.

Place a little oil and butter in a frying pan and add a few cakes at a time.

Cook slowly, flipping them over to brown both sides.

An extra sprinkling of sugar on the top finishes them off with a flourish.

### Saint Patrick's Day Lacing Craft

Materials:

Wool or ribbon,

Single hole punch,

Scissors,

Pencil,

Card stock or cereal box

Instructions:

Make a card template of choice, rainbow shamrock or pot of gold.

Trace onto a thick piece of cardboard or old cereal packets are good.

Cut out this template you may need some help if the card is thick.

Trace the template onto a piece of card

Cut out their card stock shapes

Make holes around their shape (about an inch or two apart)

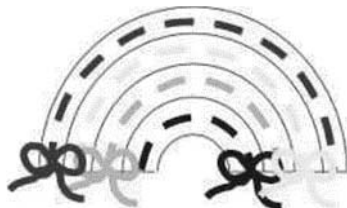
Provide the children with a length of wool or ribbon.

You can wrap some scotch tape around the end of the wool to make it more like a shoe lace.

Have the child thread the wool through the holes.

Practice tying knots and/or bows to tie off in the centre.

Optional: Let the children use glitter, paint or stickers to further decorate their completed project.



## MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 12p.m onwards

Headcorn Scout Executive Committee will be running the May Fair. All funds raised this year will go towards paying back the outstanding loan on our new building, maintain and the purchase of new equipment.

The fair as in other years will be held on Day's Green, May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2015.

Each pitch will be approximately 10 feet wide by 12 feet deep. We do however try to allow each pitch enough room to erect an average size gazebo. The price per pitch is as last year £20.

A full Colour Programme will also be distributed to all households, if you would like to advertise in this or would like to book a stall please contact

Mrs J. Vidler, Lowfield, Holm Mill Lane. Harrietsham. Maidstone Kent. ME17 1LA

Telephone: Home 01622 850506 Evenings/Weekends only.

Mobile 07887501526 E-mail [jvids@aol.com](mailto:jvids@aol.com)

 <p><b>Irish Night</b> Egerton Village Hall Saturday 14th March</p> <p>3 Course Meal Irish Music, Irish Dancing; Ceili.</p> <p>Tickets £20.00 each</p> <p>Doors open at 7p.m for sit down at 7.30p.m.</p> <p>Please contact Jo on 07950498522 or Martina on 07931733378 for tickets or further information.</p>	<p><b>Quiz Night</b> Egerton Village Hall Saturday 21st March 7.30pm Teams of 6 £9 per person</p> <p>Includes a homemade hot meal and cake. Bar selling various drinks. Tickets from Kevin Harper 01233 756659 Email <a href="mailto:kevinharper623@btinternet.com">kevinharper623@btinternet.com</a></p> 
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### Tuesday 17th March—Ulcombe History Society

A talk by Simon Elliott—Kent during Roman occupation. This starts at 7.30pm in Ulcombe Village Hall.

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### Wednesday 18th March—Headcorn W.I



Helen Allinson will talk about "The Diary of a Victorian Kentish lady". There will be a display of unusual glassware, and a bring/buy stall for any kind of ornaments. A raffle and refreshments will be held as usual. Guests are very welcome to join us for the evening.

Please see page 21 for our last meeting report.

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### Tuesday 24th March—Hi-Kent Hearing Clinic



Will be held between 10a.m to 11a.m. at the Methodist Hall.

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### Wednesday 25th March—Local History Society



'Old Maidstone' is the topic of an illustrated talk by Andrew Clarke at the Methodist Hall from 7.30p.m. New members always welcome.

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### Good Luck!!

To all the Stardust Dance students who will be performing in 'The Stars in our Eyes' production at 'Her Majesty's' Theatre in the West End of London on Sunday 29th March.

**The White Horse Crossroads** looking towards Moat Road around 1910. This view includes a group of people standing in the main road near to the White Horse public house. The hedge on the left is part of the meadow which later became Days Green and the site of the village sign. The weather boarded cottage beyond in Moat Road at that time had a shop next to it. To view more of these old photographs put together by Neil Aldridge, go to [www.flickr.com/photos/old-headcorn](http://www.flickr.com/photos/old-headcorn)



### Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March



This year's Service has been prepared by the women of The Bahamas. The theme is "Do you know what I have done to you?" (John 13: 1-17)

10.30a.m Headcorn Parish Church  
7.30p.m Baptist Church

**All welcome to attend.  
Refreshments will be served after the Service.**

# Headcorn Village Churches

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

For Special Services see page 23

### FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.00am Come and Worship;

### SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAY

10.00am Parish Communion;

**The Sunday Club** 9.45am, Longmeadow Hall:

Sally Harris: 01622 890027;

**Young People's Fellowship** (second Sunday only) 6.30-8.00pm,

Longmeadow Hall: Jane Hatley: 01622 891716

### THIRD SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.00am Family Communion Service;

### LAST SUNDAY

7.00pm Prayer and Praise half-hour

**WEDNESDAY** 9.30am Holy Communion

**FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY** 9.30—11.00 am—**Sunbeams**

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

George Swift 01622 891256

9.00 am Sunday Mass with Childrens Liturgy

9.30am Tuesday—Weekday Mass

7.30am Holy Days of Obligation

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning at 10.30am: 3rd Sunday inc Communion

Tuesday 10.30am Meeting Point for Coffee and Chat

First Sunday of the month at 6.30pm Praise, Prayer and Communion

DIY Arty Crafts Drop-in Wednesday 2.00pm

Monday 5.45-7.00pm Engage Youth Group

Wednesday 7.30pm Bible Studies & Thursday mornings at 10.00am. Please see our website for further details: [www.headcornbaptist.org.uk](http://www.headcornbaptist.org.uk) or contact Jean May,

01622 890271, or Richard Page 01622 890464

## METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Dr Philip Luscombe 01233 621216

Sunday morning Service 10.30am (Coffee every Sunday)

## Village News and What's Going On

### Saturday 28th February—Headcorn Film Society



will be showing 'Mr Turner' at the Village Hall (Andred).

Doors open at 6p.m and the film will start at 7pm.

Certificate 12a, Stars Timothy Spall, Lesley Manville and Ruth Sheen. It is directed by Mike Leigh

### Wednesday 4th March—Headcorn Flower Arrangers



Headcorn Flower Arrangers are holding an In-House Workshop at Headcorn Village Hall (Longmeadow) starting at 7.30pm. For further details please telephone Jenny on 01622 890349.

New Members and Visitors are always welcome.

### Saturday 7th March—Messy Church



At the Village Hall—Longmeadow, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. All welcome. Please see page 5 for more information.

### Sunday 8th March—Footpaths Group



Meet at the War Memorial at 10.30a.m. and go by car to Rye. Approx 5 miles. Optional lunch of fish and chips.

### Saturday 14th March

**Farmers' Market**—Village Hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

**Flea/Collectors Market**—Methodist Church Hall from 9.30a.m to 2.30p.m. Free Entry. (Tables £8). Telephone 01622 890735.

## Baroque & Roll through the Centuries

With Annie and Friends  
Music, poems and monologues

This concert is being held in the Parish Church  
Saturday 14th March at 7p.m.

Tickets are £10 each (light refreshments and glass of wine included) and can be obtained from Sweet William, Headcorn Delicatessen or the Parish Church. For any further information please contact Annie Hawkes on 01622 890797. Charities benefiting from the evening will be Leukemia and Lymphoma Research and the Parish Church.

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## The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent Spring Art Exhibition

At Sutton Valence School  
Pictures & Crafts on Exhibition & for Sale  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March - from 11am – 6pm  
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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - from 10am – 5pm

Entrance £1 includes catalogue

Refreshments available

All proceeds go to Rotary Charities

For Tickets and information call

Derek Lamb 01622 890650 or Bob Taylor 01233 756379



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Come and join us in celebrating

**Mothering Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

At

**10.00 am**

In

**Headcorn Parish Church**



## MAGNA CARTA – AND HEADCORN

by David Trustram

There have been many programmes on radio and TV recently about the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta, which was solemnly agreed by King John and the English barons in June 1215 at Runnymede.

It has fascinated me that two of the main historical characters in this story have links to our village.

All the local historians cite the fact that King John (who reigned from 1199 to 1216) once visited Headcorn and sat under the Great Oak by the Parish Church to watch the spectacle of bull-baiting. This cruel blood sport, so abhorrent to our modern values, involved chaining a bull to a post on a short leash, and then setting dogs (the precursors of our 'bull-dogs') to fight it. Sometimes the dogs were injured or killed, but usually it was the bull who was dead by the end. Despite being so bloody, it was a legal sport in England until 1835.



This story of King John's visit to Headcorn has the ring of truth, because it would be too fanciful a story to invent!



The other person in our story is Archbishop Stephen Langton, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1207 to 1228. He left his mark on our village by building Stephen's bridge, the medieval bridge that crosses the sometimes unruly River Beult, as soon as you turn left on the Frittenden Road. It is said that this bridge was built to provide a safe river crossing for the Archbishop on his journey from his manor house in Charing to his country house in Slindon, West Sussex.

These two men, King John and Archbishop Stephen, were closely associated during the crisis that led to the Magna Carta in 1215. The Archbishop was, in modern parlance, the 'facilitator' of the agreement. He was in regular touch with Pope Innocent III, and also with the English barons, and to a large extent brokered the peace and averted what might have been a bloody civil war. Magna Carta was not the end of the story, and Archbishop Stephen continued to build peace between the barons and Henry III in the decade that followed.

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In the Middle Ages, bishops were sometimes called 'pontiffs', from the Latin word 'pontifex' (bridge-builder). We may be proud of our link with Stephen Langton not only because he built the bridge over the Frittenden Road, but also because he built important political bridges between the English kings and their barons, and so helped to shape Magna Carta, which enshrines the basic principles of all our freedoms under the Law.

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## Sutton Valence Choral Society Spring Concert Sunday 29 March



On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, All Saints' Maidstone plays host to the Sutton Valence Choral Society and two outstanding compositions by the Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. The concert takes place at All Saints' Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6YE on Sunday 29 March at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced £12, (£6 for under-18s and those in full-time education), are available from choir members, from Music Matters in Week Street, Maidstone, by ringing 01233 840540, or via the website at [www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk](http://www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk)



I am a Headcorn mum of two and I am running a **Baby & Children's Sale on Saturday 14th March** in Sutton Valence Village Hall, **10.30am to 1pm**. This is a great opportunity for you to sell or buy good quality second hand items such as clothes, toys, books etc. Please join us to see if you can pick up a bargain! and enjoy a cuppa and a cake with friends.

Entry is £1, children FREE.

There will also be a charity cake stall in aid of "**Walk the Walk, Uniting against Breast Cancer**" as I am walking the London Moonwalk in May! If you would like to donate a cake for the sale on March 14th please contact me (details below). Any donations would be much appreciated - thank you.

For any information about the sale/stalls/cake donations please contact Marie-Louise Stack on 07970 535790 or [kiddiwinksinfo@gmail.com](mailto:kiddiwinksinfo@gmail.com). You can also find Kiddiwinks Baby & Children's Sale on Facebook.

## A Bonfire!

As many of you who visit the church on a regular basis will have noticed the rubbish heap at the back of the churchyard has been getting bigger! We are hoping to get a garden recycling bin later this year but obviously we need to get rid of the present rubbish before this arrives. We are therefore proposing to have a 'Bonfire' on Saturday 21st March at 3pm. If you would like to come along and help with this, we would be very grateful for volunteers. Any children on site must be supervised.

**Katherin Daking (PCC Secretary)**

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## Village Hall Committee AGM Report

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Sadly Jean Taylor and Margery Larkins have stepped down due to personal circumstances and Ann Holmes retired after 30 years of service as booking secretary. Ann still remains involved in the hall as a trustee member. All were thanked for their time and hard work.

Joy Andrews (Treasurer), Jeanne Johnson (Secretary) and Helen Anderson (Bookings Secretary) were appointed to join existing members Margaret Gilham (Chairman) and Will Day (Vice Chairman), along with representatives from hall organisations.

The hall remains a thriving social hub providing a wide range of clubs and activities available to all age ranges on a daily basis. A new website has been developed in conjunction with the Local History Archive Centre and can be viewed at [www.headcorn.org.uk](http://www.headcorn.org.uk), its aim is to give as much detail as possible of what is going on, club/event details and provide a full up to date calendar for each hall/meeting room to make bookings easier. It remains a work in progress and we look forward to any comments that you may have.

You can also now follow us on Twitter @HeadcornVHall and on Tumblr:headcornvillagehall.

Email for enquires/bookings is [headcornvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:headcornvillagehall@gmail.com)