

Harvest Services and Harvest Lunch

Both churches will be celebrating Harvest with the Sundridge Harvest service being on October 1st and the service at Ide Hill on October 8th. Following the Harvest Festival service at Ide Hill, there will be a Harvest lunch in the Village Hall from noon to which everyone is invited. Please come and join us in celebrating it. If you've never been before, all you have to do is let one of the Churchwardens know and if you are able to bring a plate of food (to share) that would be much appreciated.

Do you have a few hours to spare?

If you do, would you like to bring a friend and join a small band of friendly kind folks who once a month clean our beautiful church? If you think you can help out, please get in touch with one of the Sundridge Churchwardens. Full training will be given!

Tuesday Bible Group

September 19th—10am—12 noon

Ide Hill church

Canon Alan Rowell, a retired Minister and a friend of Angela Baker, will be the special guest and will be singing his own translation of Mark's Gospel to the group!

This is a most unusual event, and definitely one not to be missed. Everyone is welcome. There will be a 30 minute break for refreshments.

Garden Tools needed for Sundridge Churchyard

Do you have any garden tools tucked away in the back of the garage that you no longer use? If so, the Community Pay Back boys and girls who are attending our churchyard would be very grateful. These tools would also be used by any volunteer working in the churchyard. The group have specifically requested garden shears, wire rakes, secateurs, half circle edging tool and edge cutters. Please contact either Althea or Barbara

SUNDRIDGE & BRASTED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Committee is so good at weather forecasting that we knew that there would be very heavy rain on 9th August so we did the right thing by very sadly cancelling the BBQ in Brasted at The Stanhope Arms. Sorry about that. We will arrange for a better day next year.

Our next meeting will be at 8pm in Brasted on Wednesday 13th September—a talk by Paul Patten—'Show Time—The Build Up to the Chelsea Flower Show.' A talk that should definitely not be missed so we look forward to seeing you all there.

On 11th October there will be a talk at 8pm at Ide Hill, this being a joint meeting with the Ide Hill Gardening Society. The talk will be given by Tessa Allen on 'Edible Flowers.' Probably best not to experiment before the talk!

Transport can be arranged for both these meetings. Do come along and bring any friends and family.

Mary Walford



The Sundridge Village News September 2017

Welcome to the new version of the Village News! If you would like to sign up to receive this via email, or add any events or items of interest for next month's edition, please email them to sundridgevillagenews@gmail.com

Sundridge Village Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Fete held in the beautiful gardens of Bishops Mead by kind permission of Bruce and Irena. It was a wonderfully happy community event set in such splendid surroundings. The band played brilliantly, the school children danced, and friends lingered over their tea and cake. Thank you for your generous contributions that go such a long way to making this event a success. On the day we took just under £3,000 which is a splendid effort.

St Mary's Churchyard

Our churchyard until fairly recently has looked in a sorry state, but I'm now pleased to say that with a new contractor mowing and strimming the perimeter of the church, and the Community Pay-back boys and girls tackling the area to the north of the church, it is beginning to take shape. The Churchwardens are extremely grateful to those of you who regularly tend graves and trim other areas of the churchyard.

Sundridge & Brasted School

The school recently held a 'Social Action Week' giving the children a chance to make a difference in their local community. As well as tidying up the overgrown nature area round the school, Maple and Cedar class helped with the cleaning at St Mary's Church, whilst Willow class weeded all round the war memorial—a considerable effort. Elm class organised and hosted a community party for older residents, complete with a cream tea. The children organised activities and games from painting flower pots to word games. Everyone benefitted from this community event. This is something that the school is keen to build on in

Parish Services for September 2017

Sunday 3rd September

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| 0915 | Toys Hill | Trinity 12 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Sundridge | Holy Communion |

Sunday 10th September

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| 0800 | Sundridge | Trinity 13 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Ide Hill | All Age Worship |

Sunday 17th September

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| 0800 | Ide Hill | Trinity 14 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Sundridge | Morning Worship |

Sunday 24th September

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| 0800 | Sundridge | Trinity 15 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Ide Hill | Holy Communion |

Sunday 1st October

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| 0915 | Toys Hill | Trinity 16 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Sundridge | Harvest Festival |

Sunday 8th October

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| 0800 | Sundridge | Trinity 17 Holy Communion BCP |
| 1030 | Ide Hill | Harvest Festival |

Coffee is served at the 1030 service every Sunday. All welcome

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Ride and Stride 2017—9th September 2017

Ride and Stride is an annual sponsored bike ride in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. Half of the money raised goes back to the local church, with the other half going towards saving historic churches and chapels. Parishioners from both churches will be taking part and are looking for sponsors. If you feel you would like to sponsor them, please get in touch with any of the Churchwardens. Both churches will be open on the Saturday to welcome the riders, so if you can spare an hour to man the churches and welcome visitors, please do get in touch.

Dates for your Diary

September

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| 9th | | Kent Ride & Stride - Both churches open from 10am—1700 |
| 9th | | Jazz dinner—3 course ‘Jazz’ dinner at the White Horse. £35 per person. Enjoy a 3 course meal while listening to Shireen Francis |
| 10th | | The Great Sundridge Village Hog Roast in the gardens of White Sheiling, Dryhill Lane Tickets from Richard Dunckley 01959 563421 richarddunckley@hotmail.com |
| 13th | 8pm | Horticultural meeting at Brasted Village Hall “Show Time” - the build up to the Chelsea Flower Show by Paul Patten |
| 19th | 10am | Bible Group—special event—see back page |
| 22nd | | Dinner and an evening of table magic at the White Horse, followed by a Magic show. Hosted by Robert Pound. £37 per person |

October

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| 8th | 12.30pm | Parish Harvest Lunch at Ide Hill Village Hall |
| 11th | 8pm | Horticultural meeting at Ide Hill Village Hall - Joint meeting with Ide Hill Gardening Society “Edible Flowers” by Tessa Allen |