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Church and Community News

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Capel United Church



Pastoral Letter – May

The Coronavirus emergency (Covid-19) has caused our society, and countries across the world to stop in our tracks in a way which we have not experienced since the Second World War. That it could spread so quickly is a result of the globalisation which we have now taken for granted – air-flights across the world spreading disease in a way which would not have been possible before, even though there have been terrible plagues throughout history, as indeed was experienced in our parish during the Black Death in the latter half of the 14th Century which killed maybe half of the population of England at the time.



Covid-19 is nothing like the Black Death, although the mounting death toll has been a cause of considerable concern, so that Her Majesty's Government has instituted a lock-down of all non-essential activity, with prescribed 'social distancing' between all those who are suspected or found to be infected, or indeed who come from different households. The National Health Service is stretched heroically to the limit, and everything needs to be done to 'flatten the curve' of increased infection. 'Social distancing' is really a misnomer – it is better described as 'physical distancing' since the emergency has prompted an unprecedented upsurge of ways to keep in touch with one another and indeed support one's neighbours, especially those identified as more vulnerable.

The long-term effects of the crisis will be difficult for us all, since the indications are that it will result in a serious economic downturn throughout the world. Many have already lost their jobs, and all will feel the economic pinch to a greater or lesser degree. However, even in the pressure of the crisis, new ways of building community and of working have been explored and developed, even if many of us will feel teleconferenced-out with the great number of meetings held online. But things will, one feels, never be quite the same again, and perhaps at least some of the lessons learned about ways to avoid the heavy dependence on commuting, while appreciating more than ever, and perhaps in a new way, the benefits of face-to-face meeting.

The anxiety and, with respect to those who may have died, the sorrow, of the present will give way in due course to a new spring. But as we hold on to the lessons learned and face the challenging future, we need to hold on to the hope which God gives us in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. His death was not the end, but paved the way for His glorious resurrection, and the new fellowship which was created through the presence of His Holy Spirit after Jesus had ascended physically into heaven – the promise of the rule of God despite the afflictions of the present.

So let us look up as the first disciples did after Jesus' ascension, but also look forward with confidence to what God has still in store for us. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, after himself experiencing forced isolation and fear of death (for him at the hands of his enemies), present afflictions build up for a greater weight of glory which God has in store (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

Jeremy Ive



CAPEL PRE-SCHOOL

After the uncertainty at the beginning of Term 4, along with all educational settings, we closed on Friday 20th March. This was an emotional day for all staff, parents and children given that we were not sure for how long we will all be apart. We are staying open to support the children of Key Worker families.



Behind the scenes things continue though. Staff have recorded themselves reading stories which have been emailed out to every family. There have been some wonderful reviews from the children and we will be continuing to send these out regularly along with ideas about other websites offering activities.

Applications to join us from September 2020 onwards are still being received and processed. If you visit our website

www.capelpreschoolfiveoakgreen.com you can download a Registration Form or you can email Alison on admin@capelpreschoolfiveoakgreen.com to discuss your child joining us.

We hope that all in the community are well, and look forward to being back with the children again at Pre-School soon.

Stay safe!

Alison Smith, Administrator

Editors Corner

As you've probably realised by now, we had to make the sad decision in early April not to produce a printed Parish Magazine during the coronavirus lockdown. The reasons for this were many, but primarily it was to protect our faithful volunteer army of deliverers as well as those involved in magazine printing. We were determined however to bring you this online version of the magazine to give you something to read of course, and to keep this valuable and treasured community asset going for the foreseeable future. We aim to go back to a printed magazine as soon as we are able. This free online version of the magazine is available to download on the Capel Parish Council website www.capel-pc.org.uk and also on the Parish Website www.tudeley.org . Alternatively, if anyone emails us at capelparishnews@hotmail.com we will send them a copy. If you are reading this, please do let your neighbours know that this is available.

There is always something good that comes out of a crisis and this is demonstrated this month by reports of the positive efforts many in our Parish are making to help those who are more vulnerable or self-isolating at home. We are also able to bring you many more colour photographs than normal this month!

To our advertisers

We hope you understand our decision to go online this month and we are hoping that you are enjoying seeing your advert in this online issue. We are optimistically hoping that this online version of the magazine will be read more widely, circulation will be increased and your advert will therefore have more reach. We hope that you are surviving the lockdown and come out the other side with a thriving business still.

To our subscribers

We realise that many of our deliverers have not been able to collect the subscriptions that were owed for this current year ie April 2020-March 2021. Please don't worry for the time being. We are reviewing the payment processes and may be able to bring you news on this in due course.

To our deliverers

If any of you have managed to collect subscriptions, please hang on to these and also your lists of subscribers for the time being. We won't be able to pay any monies in to the bank at the current time! If you know the email addresses of the subscribers on your round, please do let them know where they can obtain a copy or email them one!

To those reading the magazine for free this month

If you have stumbled across the magazine and don't normally get a copy, please send us an email capelparishnews@hotmail.com if you would like to subscribe and have the magazine delivered through your door when we are

back up and running again. Subscriptions are only £6 for a year. Assuming that by the summer we are back to printed editions, the subscription until the end of the year will only be £4 – a real bargain! We realise that some of you may prefer this electronic version of the magazine and we'll be looking at ways to make this a permanent option. However, we do rely on our regular subscribers and some in our Parish who may not have internet access do prefer a paper version.

We hope you enjoy reading this online version of the magazine.

Sending all our readers our very best wishes. Keep safe!

Claire and Hilary



Compulsorily Closed Churches

Anyone brought up in a church will have been taught early on that the church is the people not the building. That good principle is being sternly tested as we are required to keep all our church buildings completely closed. We are realising afresh how significant our buildings are as places that hold important memories. They provide unique spaces, soaked in generations of prayer, where we can link today's issues with things that last. Our church buildings nourish residents and visitors at many levels. They offer facilities that enrich the life of the wider community. We miss them.

For Five Oak Green Church this is the first time regular worship has been prevented, having stayed open through two World Wars and all the other troubles of the 20th century. Tudeley Church has however seen it all before. Along with all other English churches, the church on the site of All Saints would have been compulsorily closed in 1208 on the orders of the Pope, after he had a particularly unpleasant argument with King John. The King then paid for the priests to be placed on paid furlough, hoping to keep them friendly towards the Crown; that may (or may not) have been the inspiration for the Chancellor of the Exchequer's latest furlough scheme! On that occasion the church lockdown lasted for five years and we pray it will be much shorter this time. But God was there at the start of it, in the midst of it and still around at the end of it.

Fortunately we have options today not available in the 13th century. Your church leaders are definitely not on furlough and remain available; the separate article by the Vicar sets out the practical details of continuing church life. Meanwhile we might take the long view and encourage ourselves with the thought that our community has survived many alarming emergencies over the centuries. And any organisation that has survived human frailties for two thousand years must have a remarkable driving force behind it.

*John Ellis
Church Secretary*

Thank you, Hugh!

It is with great sadness that we report that, after 7 years in the role, Hugh Fairbairn has decided to step down from the role of Parish Magazine Committee Chairman. The magazine is a vital part of our local life, bringing together material of church and community.

Hugh gallantly took up the mantle in 2012 when the former Chairman, Maureen Tulloch moved to the west country with her husband, Peter.

For the past seven years, Hugh has maintained the production schedule, making sure that tasks are spread between the print and layout teams evenly throughout the year, and he has also coordinated delivery, making sure that any new subscribers are added to the correct delivery round, and even took on a delivery round himself.

When we had an unfilled vacancy for someone to coordinate the advertisements, Hugh stepped into the breach, as he also did whenever there was a problem with the printer, or when someone was unable to complete their duty for that month. He even took delivery of printer supplies and took them to the Church office whenever they were delivered to his house instead.

Hugh was forward thinking and was the instigator of us moving to Office 365 and a more streamlined way of producing the magazine, and we were able to ditch the memory sticks that used to pass from one person to another!

When the printer came to the end of its natural life, Hugh was proactive in researching the best option for a replacement and for negotiating the best deal and value for money.

Above all, Hugh was always on hand for us, as Editors, whenever we needed sage advice, and for that we are extremely grateful. Thank you, Hugh, you will be missed!

Hilary and Claire

As the Parish Council representative on the Magazine Committee and on behalf of the clerk and the other members of Capel Parish Council I would like to thank you for your seven years service as Chairman of the committee. Yours has been a major contribution to making the magazine the success that it is. The community of Capel will miss your energy and drive.

Hugh Patterson

I should like to add to the above and to express my appreciation for your contribution over the past seven years in which you have served in the role. The magazine remains a vital part of our local life, bringing together material of church and community. Whatever the challenges brought upon us by the Covid -19 crisis and the enforced lock-down, and whatever form it has to take in response to that emergency, I have every confidence that it will be possible to build on the good track record of service which it continued to enjoy under your chairmanship.

Jeremy Ive



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Hoppers Update

Since I last updated you, things have been moving on in a positive way. At the time of writing the stripping out of flooring and plaster has been completed and the ground floor continues to dry. Initially there were just a couple of dehumidifiers, but now there are many dotted around. We also have 'air movers' (fans) which help to circulate the air, causing the moisture out of the building enabling it to then be removed by the dehumidifiers. In the two dampest rooms there is warm air being pumped directly at the floor and walls to enable them to dry out thoroughly. Contractors come regularly to monitor the percentage of moisture and then adjust the equipment accordingly. It's quite a technical process and being an old building, it requires patience and careful handling.



The JustGiving fundraising is going well and has raised £610 towards our flood defences so far which is amazing. The link for this is www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hopperskent. We still plan to open Hoppers for Heritage weekend, providing everywhere is back to normal. Details will be published nearer the time.

Susannah Strawson

Hoppers Village Lunch

There will be no Village Lunch during May due to Lockdown, let's hope in June things will be a bit more normal. I will keep Village Lunch members posted with dates etc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JANE MORE – CELEBRATING HER 80TH BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH. THANK YOU, JANE, FOR ALL YOU (BRYAN AND ROS) DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

News from Capel Primary School March & April 2020



As part of our Dare to Dream project, the school welcomed five professionals with different careers to take part in a 'What's my line' type quiz. The children asked a wide range of questions to ascertain the job each person did. The careers were; Stockbroker, Nurse, Events Management, International Developments Analyst and Emergencies manager.

Years 5 & 6 then got to take part in a networking session where they got to hear more detail about each job. They were able to relate their own learning to the different roles, which helped them to understand the relevance of the subjects they are taught to their choices in the future.

Our aspiring footballers took part in a coaching session hosted by Chelsea football club. This is another of The Dare to Dream activities. The children were able to hear about how to get into football as a career and were put through their paces in a formal club training session.

Our netball team took part in a High 5 netball match against Paddock Wood. Rather than staying in one position for the game, the players rotate round. Capel showed outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit but were beaten 3-1.

Miss Mills organised a fantastic science week. The children were able to conduct a range of experiments to show off their science skills. They investigated forces, electricity, reversible and irreversible change, and the effects of different liquids on Skittles! They also got to look closely at different types of rocks and find out how they were formed. Year 2 are looking forward to seeing what happens to their cress seeds. They are investigating the effects of light, temperature and water.

Year 6 ran Capel Café to raise funds for their upcoming residential. They supplied delicious cakes and sold them along with hot and cold beverages. They raised £178 which is a fantastic achievement.

The term ended rather abruptly following the government's decision to close schools to all children except those of key workers. Capel staff worked on a needs basis to support the few children that required a place. With the majority learning from home, teachers set tasks on the website each day and kept in touch via email and class Dojo. Let's hope we get our school community back together very soon.

Vicki Haffenden

Update on Coronavirus and Storm Ciara – from your Borough Councillor

Coronavirus

Although prepared, the first weeks for TWBC were very challenging and required fast, flexible reactions to government requirements. During this the council working structure changed, with staff working from home and redeployment in some areas.

Communication with residents and businesses is key. The TWBC website is constantly updated with Corona Virus information, help, and links to assist you. If you or your business has problems, please use it. For those with no internet, by the time you read this a letter will have reached all households in the Borough

The Council set up a dedicated team to contact and if required assist all residents on the government's list of the extremely vulnerable. The government is arranging for food to be supplied if needed.

The team run a Community Hub from the Town Hall providing wellbeing assistance for the vulnerable and self-isolating who need extra help and care. KCC, NHS and other partners are contacted if anyone needs their services urgently and Emergency Food Parcels can be provided. The team can contact all support groups in the Parishes and food parcels have been supplied to mini hubs. If you are very worried about a neighbour or someone you know please contact the team via TWBC website or dedicated telephone no. 01892 554497.

My thanks to the many extraordinary volunteers helping across the spectrum in our Parish, from shopping, running websites, driving for the NHS to returning to front line ICU nursing. A Local volunteers Group have delivered cards offering help to residents. If you need help with shopping, prescriptions, dog walking etc. please contact Capel Covid Volunteers, email capelcovid@gmail.com, or ring 07917 050648.

Storm Ciarah Update:

Following visiting those who flooded, I worked with Officers to provide a TWBC online application form for those who homes/businesses flooded and qualified for Flood resilience funding and other relief. Applications closed at the end of March and remittance advices were received by applicants in early April.

Residents questioned why the flooding occurred. During and since the flooding I liaised with KCC, TWBC and other bodies (including those in Capel). I asked KCC, as the lead flood authority in Kent, to look at this forensically. Greg Clark MP and our KCC Cllr also requested more information.

KCC have responded: The flood issues will be subject to a Section 19 Flood report (a statement of facts rather than in depth analysis) but we ask you to

recognise these take longer than expected and they are still preparing reports from flooding in the Summer. Examples and further explanation are available here. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/environment-waste-and-planning-policies/flooding-and-drainage-policies/section-19-flood-investigations>

Finally, Stay at Home, Stay safe and Keep Well. If I can help, please contact me:

Carol Mackonochie, 01892 832118 or
email carol.mackonochie@tunbridgewells.gov.uk



SNIPPETS

MAY 1910

William Tompsett, of Capel, was one of 10 men fined one shilling (£5 today) after being summoned for keeping a dog without a licence.

MAY 1920

While crossing the High Street in Tonbridge, Victor Leves, aged four years, was knocked down by a motor-cycle ridden by Mr. W. Tolhurst, of Moat Farm, Five Oak Green. The injuries were not of a serious nature although the boy was badly bruised and had a cut to the forehead.

MAY 1930

A meeting of the Tudeley-cum-Capel Women's Institute was held in the Bridge Hall on Wednesday with Mrs. H. W. Smith in the chair. Miss Kittle gave a very interesting demonstration in papier-mache and the social half-hour was spent in a guessing competition.

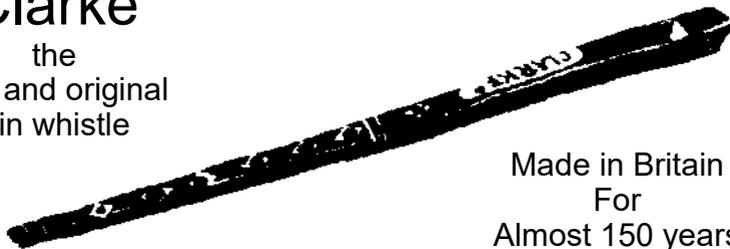
MAY 1940

On Tuesday, at Capel School, a presentation of a picnic-set was made to Miss M. S. Sarney, who, after seven years at the school, is leaving to take a new post in Ashford.

Compiled by Dave Thompson, Capel History Society. For pictures and much more information about Capel's past please visit the website <https://capelhistory-co-uk.webnode.com/history> . For Instagram see <https://instagram.com/capelhistory?igshid=1ndfa27qdsppc>

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COVID-19 UPDATE - WE ARE OPEN!

During the Coronavirus outbreak, Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre remains open from 9.30am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. We have adapted our service to enable our dedicated team of skilled volunteer advisers to access all our usual resources, including our secure case management system. We can help you with any enquiry, no matter how big or small. Our specialist debt advisers can talk to you about your options and plan ahead during this time of uncertainty and our specialist Welfare Rights Advisers continue to conduct casework for those appealing benefit decisions at the first-tier tribunal.

Due to the government's guidance on social distancing, we cannot currently offer a drop-in service or schedule face to face appointments. Here is how you can access our service:

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Here are some of the ways we can help you:

If you are self-isolating, we can put you in touch with volunteer groups in your area who can help with collecting shopping, prescriptions or with regular telephone calls or posting letters.

We can provide advice and information about your options if you have a new issue arising from the coronavirus outbreak such as welfare benefits, employment or consumer issues.

We can signpost you or make formal referrals to other specialist agencies who can help, such as ACAS, your local Food Bank, your Local Authority, Parkinson's UK, Shelter and many more.

We can support you if your relationship has been affected, if you are struggling to maintain child arrangements or if you or your children are at risk of or are experiencing domestic abuse.

For more information or help about any issue at all, contact Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre at 64 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6DP, call us on 01892 838619, email info@pwadvice.org or see our website: www.pwadvice.org

An interview with Flood Warden and Chairman of Capel Parish Council's Flood Committee, Charles Mackonochie – Part 2 (Part 1 appeared in our March issue)

Previously you said how interested and excited you were by the work of South East Rivers Trust. Can you elaborate further i.e. who are they?

They are an environmental charity dedicated to restoring rivers to a healthy condition across the South East. You can find more about them on their website southeastriverstrust.org

The Trust works as part of the wider Medway Flood Partnership which seeks to tackle flooding at every level. Their Partners include the Environment Agency, local authorities, landowners and community groups. I was introduced through my roles as lead Parish Flood Warden and Chair of the Parish Council Flood Committee. The Trust receives funding from the Environment Agency and the European FRAMES project, led by Dutch flood experts.

So what are they trying to achieve?

To help flood-affected communities in the Medway catchment through a pilot Natural Flood Management project.

What is Natural Flood Management?

Natural Flood Management aims to increase the capacity of the landscape to store water and gradually release it over a longer period of time. By 'slowing the flow' of water this reduces the likelihood of the dramatic sudden surges of water which cause damaging flood events. One way this can be done is by erecting many 'Leaky Wood Structures' in the small watercourses in the headwaters - these capture most of the rainfall. By temporarily holding the water there, it buys time for water to naturally escape downstream thus reducing the likelihood of sudden surges.



How do they know it works?

The project is based on the experience of similar projects around the country such as at Hebden Bridge and Pickering, where the communities themselves are leading on this innovative approach. Although it is early days, the reports from there are very encouraging, with locals themselves testifying that they believe they're seeing benefits.

What are they doing to help Five Oak Green and Capel?

To control the flow of water coming down the Alders Stream. Over the past year the Trust have been working with local landowners in identifying promising areas for Natural Flood Management and to gain their permission for the work. The response was encouraging so at the beginning of January they were able to start work on land belonging to the Hadlow Estate at Pembury Woods.



Photos below show one 'Leaking Wood Structure ' in our Parish before and during rain (taken January 2020)

How do you know that what is being done isn't itself causing a problem?

The work is designed using current research being undertaken by the Forestry Commission and Environment Agency to ensure there's minimal risk of causing problems. The work is carefully monitored; by Storm Ciara some fifty leaky dams had been put in place. From the photographs I and the Trust have, we can observe the differences between before and after the building of the dams and check the retention flow is as anticipated. However, I would stress that this only addresses the Alders Stream Flooding. As I said in my previous article the other flooding sources: are runoff from rainfall in the uplands area, rainwater getting into sewage system which has to be pumped out of the village system, the road drainage system not disposing of water due to blocked gulleys or just being overwhelmed due to inadequate capacity.

I would like to add that although all our attention and efforts are concentrated in fighting and defeating Covid-19, flooding will not be forgotten

Thank you Charles. We hope to follow this with more detail regarding the Parish flood problems next month. Eds



Key water workers continue to be on hand to help throughout COVID-19 crisis

'We're keeping our distance, but still here for you' – that's the message from South East Water as almost its entire 250-strong Kent based contact centre has relocated to home working.

With water employees designated as key workers, a mammoth operation has been completed in just under two weeks to install the necessary equipment and systems to keep the call centre open by basing its staff at their homes.

In total more than 600 employees working in different roles across South East Water sites in Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire are based at home.

Customer Service Director Tanya Sephton said: "It has been a huge undertaking to make sure as many of our employees as possible are able to work from home and this has included our customer service staff, who are crucial to solve any issues and deal swiftly with water emergencies.

"While we are always happy to talk to our customers directly, our website also has a lot of information which answers general queries along with our social media channels and the self-service MyAccount online customer account portal which is quick and easy to use.

"You will still see South East Water staff in the community carrying out vital work including fixing burst pipes, critical maintenance and laying new water mains. They are designated key workers by the Government and will be practising social distancing in line with official the advice, so please, don't approach them.

"We are really proud of all our workforce which has pulled together during this unprecedented situation to make sure our essential workers carry on with their essential work keeping the water supply going for our customers."



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CAPEL CRICKET CLUB

In the absence of any current Cricket Club news, we have some highlights of previous seasons.

MAY 2011

TEENAGERS GRAB THE LIMELIGHT AS CAPEL CRICKET RISES FROM ASHES

Teenagers Guy Pengelley and Daniel Stronell grabbed the limelight as Capel Cricket Club was re-born after a gap of 40 years.



Away to Horsmonden Cavaliers, Guy, aged 19, hit a magnificent 112, including nine sixes and 11 fours. Daniel, aged 15, the youngest in the squad, took the first Horsmonden wicket to fall and also made a useful 19 with the bat.

The experienced Cavaliers made 309 for four in 40 overs after being put in to bat. Capel, boosted by Guy's century, and 23 from fellow opener Jon Stronell, reached a respectable 187 all out in 37 overs.



Capel Cricket Club Team 1st May 2011

Back Row : Jonathan Palin, Jon Stronell (Vice Captain), Jim Young, Graham Rolando, Bim Gajjar
Middle Row : Jeff Fenton, Alex Stevenson (Captain), Tim Sanderson (Chairman), Hugh Patterson
Front Row : Jake Cheeseman, Daniel Stronell, Guy Pengelley

Club chairman Tim Sanderson said: "It was great to be back in action and very gratifying to see the youngsters perform so well. It's very much part of the ethos of the club to help in the development of youth cricket in the village."

Captain Alex Stevenson said: "The day was all about celebrating the re-birth of a cricket team in Capel. Taking a few wickets and seeing a Capel player score a century were massive bonuses."

MAY 2012

CAPEL CC LIVE ON SKY SPORTS

Capel Cricket Club appeared live on Sky Sports TV after being selected to appear on the much-followed Cricket AM programme.

The excitement came just a week before a special commemorative match in Five Oak Green marking the return of cricket to the parish after 40 years and attended by ex-England and Kent legend Derek Underwood.

Cricket AM runs throughout the summer every Saturday morning and eight club members were on the set seated in the special Douglas Jardine Pavilion during the 90-minute programme.



Friends, family and other players formed part of the audience, mixing with the main studio guests of Joe Root, now England captain, Australian coach and former player Jason Gillespie and ex-England paceman Matthew Hoggard.

Club veteran Dave Thompson said: "It was most exciting and helped hugely in our efforts to put Capel cricket back on the map. It turned out the programme has a big following in the Netherlands and we were contacted afterwards by officials from Dutch club Zutphen which was the start of a wonderful relationship which remains today,"

The show ended with a bowl-out when the eight players try to hit the wickets outside the studio and compare the number of strikes with other clubs on the programme during the season.

"I don't think we won but it was a great day out for everyone and an early landmark in the club's re-birth," said Dave.



Capel Gardeners Society

On behalf of Capel Gardeners' I'd like to say what a very strange time this is for us all. It is very sad that we've had to cancel our spring show and it's possible in time that we may have to cancel our summer show too.

At present we haven't filed or banked any of the memberships as we feel we should offer to return the membership fees this year due to the situation if we end up with no shows. This will be discussed at a future date.

I hope you're all keeping busy in your gardens and veggie patches. At least the weather has been promising better days ahead and it's been warm enough to enable you to perhaps be outside and sowing seeds to look forward to.

I very much hope to see you all for the summer show in July, fingers crossed. Until then stay Safe stay Home stay Gardening!!

Julia

(CGS Chair)

Find us on Facebook: Capel Gardeners Society.



Church Life in May

We are deeply sorry not to be able to offer in this Parish News the normal range of services, traditional and contemporary from our Anglican and URC traditions in the different church buildings, nor indeed the prospect of the Five Oak Green premises bursting at the seams with energetic young life when the Toddlers Group is bouncing through a Thursday morning.

But while the buildings are closed, the church as the network of the Christian community in this place remains open and active. Moreover we have in place ways for the members of the congregation to support one another, and Jeremy and Pamela are available by phone to support you by prayer during this time of lock-down

Capel United Church's website gives up to date information: www.tudeley.org. Facebook and Nextdoor Capel will also carry updates. A Sunday service and a message is sent each week by email to members of the regular congregations and these are available on the church web-site at <https://www.tudeley.org/serviceathome.htm>. As far as possible, the church continues to offer the variety of styles that would be used if we were meeting together in our buildings. If you would like this emailed to you directly, please let one of us know.

With the Sunday service news and matters for prayer are also shared. If you have prayer requests to be considered for that, or if you have requests you wish to be treated entirely confidentially, then again do please feel free to contact one of us (details below)

With our buildings locked down, weddings or services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage or funerals will not be able to take place during the period of emergency. Burials will still be able to take place, but it will be necessary for memorial services, if desired, to take place after the end of the lock-down and it would be advisable for the interment of ashes to be held over until then.

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Parish Chairman's Notes May 2020

These are very strange and worrying times for the Parish. The Chairman's Notes of March and April, have been overtaken by the fast moving events of the last few weeks, and are now largely irrelevant, but I hope the following will give you an idea of how Capel Parish Council and community it serves are coping with the present emergency.

It has been heartening to see the community pull together over the last few weeks to support each other and those most vulnerable within our community. Parish Councillors were among a much wider group of volunteers that came together in mid-March before the lockdown to deliver slips of paper to local residents offering a phone number and contact details of a neighbour willing to help those vulnerable or self-isolating at this difficult time. Since then the group has grown into the Capel Covid volunteers, a group seeking to help those within the Parish affected by the virus. The Parish Council also refers requests for help made by the Borough Council to the group.

In co-operation with the Paddock Wood Community Advice Council (PWCAC) Capel Parish Council has made the Capel Hardship Fund available to those suffering financially from the virus or the previous flooding episodes in February. Details can be found on the Parish Council website www.capel-pc.org.uk or directly from PWCAC <http://www.pwadvice.org/capel-residents/4594766472>

The Parish Council is not running normally at the time of writing, and we envisage this situation remaining for several weeks ahead. All face to face meetings were stopped, and the planned Council meeting on 30th March was postponed. The Parish elections scheduled for this May have now been postponed until May 2021, so the present Council has another year in office. At present the day to day running of the Council is being handled by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and where relevant, the chairs of the Council's various committees. As from April 4th the Government brought in legislation allowing virtual Council and committee meetings and the Council are investigating the practicalities of this, meanwhile we are communicating with each other through email. Parish Council meetings are normally held in public. However, this is no longer possible so we would encourage residents with concerns or issues they want to raise with the Parish Council to write to clerk@capelpc.co.uk and she can refer these to Councillors who can respond accordingly. Comments on planning applications should also be made to the Clerk and copied to TWBC via their planning portal. The Parish Council will continue to make planning comments having agreed their response through email. At the time of writing Councillors are also due to take part in a telephone conference call with the Borough on setting up a Neighbourhood Plan group.

As of the first week in April the Recreation Ground remains open for exercise within government guidelines, but to encourage social distancing and to prevent the transmission of the virus on hard surfaces the play areas and the MUGA have had to be closed for the time being. Please abide by this instruction which is for the safety of everyone. On a brighter note the Friends of Five Oak Green Recreation Ground have been awarded the funding which will allow them to install a new play area next to the MUGA; this will be installed at the same time as the zip wire funded by the Parish Council. The installation has been provisionally timed for June, but circumstances may push this back until later in the summer.

If you are a key worker you have our thanks and admiration, if you are not, stay at home and stay healthy!

Hugh Patterson



Services (at home) in May

Sunday 3rd May Easter 4 prepared by Mrs Susie Pinder

Acts 9:1-20 and John 20:19-31

Sunday 10th May Easter 5 prepared by Mr John Ellis

Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30

Rogation Sunday 17th May prepared by Mrs Susie Pinder

Ascension Day Thursday 21st May prepared by the Revd Jeremy Ive

Sunday 24th May 24th May Ascension 1 prepared by the Revd Pamela Ive and Mr John Ellis

Pentecost Sunday 31st May prepared by the Revd Jeremy Ive

From Rogation Sunday to Pentecost, the service and readings will follow the theme of "Thy Kingdom Come" following the theme of a garden starting with the Garden of Eden in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, and ending with the final chapter of the Book of Revelation, where the River of the Water of Life is seen flowing through the City of God with the Tree of Life for the healing of the nations. Further details to be announced.

Lockdown in the Strawson Home!

Lockdown started whilst our children were still at school but we quickly got into a really good 'home school' routine, starting with Joe Wicks PE class at 9am and then lessons throughout the day and finishing with walking Oscar our Guide Dog Puppy. Home schooling was not as tricky as we thought it would be thanks to the teaching staff at Capel, who had set-up lots of activities for the various subjects accessible from the school website.



The Easter holidays soon came round and our routine changed, but PE with Joe has continued right through the holidays!! Our girls would probably say their highlight has been buying a trampoline, which they enjoy bouncing on daily!! Our youngest daughter Faith had her birthday at the beginning of April and was worried it might be a boring birthday because of lockdown. So we

decided that we would make sure she had a birthday to remember! Our front garden was decorated with bunting and teddy bears having a birthday picnic. A few friends from school either drove or walked passed our home to shout 'happy birthday' from a safe distance! It was such fun and really made the day special. During the afternoon after a beautiful walk it was time to Skype Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts for a virtual party!! Have you ever played Pass The Parcel on Skype?!

We are so grateful to be living here in the countryside where we can enjoy walks with family, especially when we have the glorious weather too. Reminding ourselves of the positive things and the blessings we have during difficult times can help to lift our spirits. We do hope that it won't be long before we are out and about enjoying a coffee with friends and family for real and not via our computers or phones, although that is fine for the moment! Until then we will continue to wave and chat at a distance when out walking with Oscar and clap on Thursday evenings for our wonderful NHS and Key Workers. Thank you to everyone in our community too. Take care, Stay Safe and God bless.

The Strawson Family



Five Oak Green Community Gardening

It's week three in the social distancing arrangement for protecting ourselves, and we've had some beautiful weather of which those of us who are able to enjoy our gardens or get out for our daily exercise feel extremely lucky to live in such an outstanding area. We hope you are all well and remain that way through this very strange and worrying time.

So if you're able to work on your garden at the moment you may want to consider ordering bulbs in the green; these include snowdrops and native bluebells which benefit from being planted now rather than when the bulbs are dry in the autumn. Some of the other bulbs ie, daffodil bulbs may need lifting and dividing especially if they are coming up blind (not developing a flower). This job is best done when the ground is damp, and water the bulbs back in afterwards. There are some nurseries able to supply plants still, Capel Cottage Nurseries are still doing so as I write this.

It's been good to see what plants have survived the extremely wet winter/early spring and some of the perennials haven't made it in our garden, but to be honest it was a bit cramped in places. I mentioned our pond last month and more importantly the tadpoles they are developing well, but we now have the opposite issue that the pond has a leak so we are having to top it up. On that note you will notice that pots are drying out now, so we will keep an eye on the village planters.

As far as the village planters go we will be raising some of the plants from seeds and plug plants and also buying mature plants as we can no longer hope to get plants donated to us from nurseries due to their financial situation being very uncertain. Also getting plants online is a bit hit and miss as they have been inundated and we can't collect from trade nurseries either for now, due to it not being an essential journey. However, the tulips in the planters are coming on and the red ones on "the green" border are beautiful in the sunshine. There's an increase in activity with the birds nesting and hatching out their young. We have a couple of feeders and love watching the variety of birds that visit, sparrow, starlings, gold and green finches, blackbirds and pigeons; the only drawback is feeders can attract the rats.

We wish you well and really look forward to joining you all again in making Five Oak Green look beautiful.

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Life in quarantine

Full marks to Jamie Oliver for his Channel 4 series, 'Keep Cooking and Carry On'. He showed us how to make tasty meals with basic ingredients and a minimum of fuss.

The pandemic prompted other encouraging responses. One mother in the 'at risk' category said her adult children thought she was immortal until now. Now they ring her every day to see how she's getting on. An elderly clergyman had offers to shop from two new neighbours whom he hardly knew. The whole nation stopped taking the National Health Service for granted and started showing gratitude. Telephone, television, the internet and email prevented many from going stir-crazy. Some even tried the cryptic crossword, though newcomers should be warned it takes years to learn its secrets!

The isolation was tough for many. Isolated families had to get used to each other's company and foibles for long periods, away from the park or beach. Couples were parted from each other by distance or illness. Those living alone were cut off from visitors and communal activities. Churchgoers missed Holy Communion at Easter for the first time. That should help us identify with millions of Christians across the world who have to pray in secret because their neighbours would persecute them if they did so publicly.

Alone-ness, rather than loneliness, can be productive. Albert Einstein valued time alone, when he could "go for long walks on the beach so that I can listen to what is going on inside my head." Isaac Newton's greatest discoveries began when he escaped the effects of the bubonic plague, by returning home to the family farm in Lincolnshire. He had time to observe what was going on around him and, yes, that did include watching the famous apple fall.

When the bubonic plague was at its peak, the Reformer Martin Luther wrote: *"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me and I have done what He has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others."*

Article from the Parish Pump

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Office Opening Hours – Our office is currently closed. The clerk can be contacted via email on clerk@capelpc.co.uk.

Usual opening times are as follows; Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am to 11am (previously Monday and Thursday). At other times please leave a message on the answer machine 01892 837524, by note in the silver post box to the side of the office door, or send an e-mail to clerk@capelpc.co.uk or finance@capelpc.co.uk

PARISH MEETINGS – TBA

Allotments available - Due to the current Covid-19 crisis please note that we are unable to process any new allotment applications. If you would like to be added to the allotment waiting list, please email finance@capelpc.co.uk and we will add you to the list. Once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted, we will contact you to progress your application.

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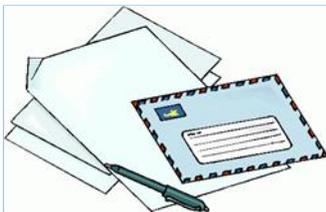
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Letter to Editors

Dear Editors

Many thanks to the kind person who left bunches of beautiful daffodils in a vase outside the door at St Thomas à Becket Church on 1st April with a note saying, 'please help yourself'.

It was very touching especially as it was on the anniversary of my husband's passing, so meant a lot to me.

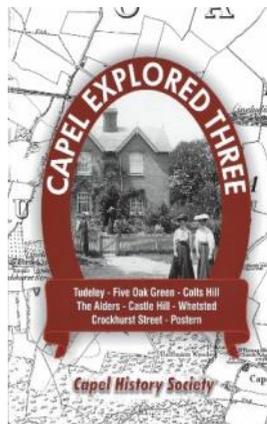
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Capel History Society

Appeal for information...

Were you a member of one of the church choirs in the Parish? Do you have any stories or photos you would be happy to share for an article I am writing for the Capel History Group. If so, please contact me on adriennebishop2801@gmail.com.

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Some timely advice from the National Farmers' Union

Keep your dog and livestock safe when walking in the countryside

Exploring the great British countryside with your four-legged friend is a great way to relax, unwind and get some much needed fresh air and exercise at the same time.



To help make countryside dog walks safer and more stress free for both pet dogs and farm animals, we've joined forces with The Kennel Club to give you some best practice advice to encourage responsible dog ownership. We want to help dog owners enjoy the UK's landscapes while avoiding causing unintentional injury or distress to sheep and cattle.

Simple tips and advice;

- Your dog can scare or harm farm animals
- Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that. It's best to keep your dog on a lead and under close control around livestock.
- Farm animals can be very protective, especially at certain times of the year such as tugging and bulling time when male and female animals are mixing, once animals have become pregnant, or after calves or lambs have been born.

NFU Mutual reports that a significant proportion of attacks are caused by owners who let their dogs roam from homes adjoining the countryside and aren't aware that they are attacking farm animals.

Did you know...

- Dog attacks on livestock are costing an estimated £1.6m a year.
- Stay safe – use a lead around livestock, but release your dog if threatened by cattle
- Cattle can be extremely inquisitive so if you feel threatened, release your dog so you can both get to safety separately.
- Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. It's important to clean up after your dog wherever you are – just bag it and bin it. Any public waste bin will do. Wherever you are, clean up after your dog. Bag it and bin it.

Is your garden secure?

One in six dog owners admitted their pet has escaped from home in a recent survey conducted by NFU Mutual. An increasing number of dogs attacks on sheep happen when the owner isn't present. If your dog can access to outdoor space, at home, unaccompanied, check all fences and boundaries are secure.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING.

Pat Crawford provides the RURAL FOCUS PRESS GROUP COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN

Every cloud, however black, has a silver lining. Covid-19 is causing havoc around the world with more people dying than happens in conflicts and wars but even out of this global catastrophe it's possible that something good may result.

We are in lockdown and as a result the use of cars and other vehicles is in massive decline. Several airlines have grounded their fleets. Shops, offices and businesses have closed their doors. Consumers have responded to government guidelines and are shopping for foodstuffs and household essentials once a week. With pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes closed, entertainment is largely centred in the home. All this is contributing to a vast reduction in carbon emissions.

Marcus Ferdinand (Independent Commodity Intelligence Services) projects that UK greenhouse gas emissions will reduce by 24.4 percent this year. Emissions in China are predicted to drop by 25 percent.

Once the worst of the crisis is over is it possible that we might consider adapting - and adopting - some of the temporary restrictions? Shopping just once a week shouldn't be too difficult for most people. Reducing the use of the car by cutting out just one unnecessary journey a week could make a vast collective contribution. Borrowing a few supermarket slogans: Every little helps...Try something new today....It's what we do. (And by the way, aren't the supermarkets and independent retailers doing a wonderful job during the current crisis?)

Not surprisingly, the UN climate change conference that was due to take place in Glasgow in November has been postponed. President-Designate and Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Alok Sharma said: "The world is currently facing an unprecedented global challenge and countries are rightly focusing their efforts on saving lives and fighting COVID-19. That is why we have decided to reschedule COP26."

The postponement is essential but governments around the world (and individuals) mustn't allow Climate Change to topple off the global agenda. Before Covid-19 it was pretty near the top. Covid-19 is the most urgent threat we face today but Climate Change remains the biggest long-term threat.

Members of the RFG would like to thank the NHS and all those carrying out essential jobs to keep the country running.

Footnote. The Rural Focus Group includes representatives/individuals from the National Farmers' Union, Country Landowners' Association, Action for Communities in Rural Kent, The English Apple Man, Hadlow Rural Community School, Greenwich University, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Kent Farmers' Market Association, Friends of the Earth, Kent Young Farmers, Professor Ian Swingland, Produced in Kent, Men of Kent and Kentish Men, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Kent Tree and Pond Partnership, East Malling Research, et cetera. The Group, set up by Pat Crawford who is the main sponsor, is supported by Professor Chris Atkinson, David Bartholomew Photography and Kings Hill Marketing Consultancy Ltd. Other rural-related groups are invited to apply for membership. Please direct enquiries to: patjournalist@waitrose.com

The Night Sky in Five Oak Green May 2020

Jupiter, Saturn and Mars are all visible in the (very) early morning sky. Nautical twilight ends and civil twilight begins at the point when the Sun is 6° below the horizon and lasts until sunrise.

At the beginning of May the transition from one to the other occurs just before 5am and is probably the latest time that you could expect to see the three planets before the sky becomes too bright. As the month progresses those planets rise earlier and earlier until by the last day of May you could just glimpse two of them by staying up late rather than by getting up early! On that date Jupiter and Saturn are above the south eastern horizon, although not by much, at half past midnight.

In the evenings Venus still dominates the west as soon as the Sun has set. It is at maximum brightness in the early part of the month although by then it is (apparently) moving back towards the Sun and will be lost in the solar glare before the end of May. If you get the chance to look at Venus through moderately sized binoculars or a telescope you will see that it displays a crescent shape exactly like the Moon. If the sky is clear on May 21st or 22nd the planet Mercury is extremely close to Venus on both these dates. On the 21st Mercury is $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ below Venus and on the 22nd it is a similar distance to the east or left. For reference don't forget that the Moon is about $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ across and in reality appears much smaller than people tend to imagine.

Don't forget, during the evenings of enforced isolation, to step outside occasionally and just look up and be amazed at what you can see in a dark, clear night sky.

As you know I've often spoken here about, and promoted the role of, women in astronomy so it was with some sadness that recently we saw the passing of two females who had carved out a niche for themselves in their particular scientific field.

The first was Heather Couper who did so much to promote amateur astronomy both by her writings and by television appearances, sometimes with Patrick Moore on the "Sky at Night". I met her when she was Senior Lecturer at the planetarium in the Royal Observatory, Greenwich in the late 1970's. She left there to pursue her media interests, and soon after became the first ever female President of the British Astronomical Association. She was made a CBE in 2007 and has an asteroid named after her, 3922 Heather. She died in February at the age of 70.

The other lady played a key role more in space exploration than in astronomy although without her the space race could have developed very differently. She was Katherine Johnson who also passed away in February at the grand age of 101 and was one of the three females who inspired the book and film

“Hidden Figures”. This was the story of three African American women who fought against racial (and sometimes gender) segregation and prejudice to make life easier and more accessible for those that followed. Johnson was responsible for the calculations and equations that were used to compute the orbits and trajectories for manned space capsules. It is a fact that having met her, John Glenn refused to lift off for the first ever American orbit of the Earth until Johnson had manually checked the calculations herself. The current head of NASA said they would “.....never forget her courage and leadership and the milestones we could not have reached without her”.

Brian Mills FRAS



From the Kent and Sussex, Courier January 1881

10 YEARS HARD LABOUR FOR “WICKED AND CRUEL” DEED

Henry Taylor, 22, a labourer, was indicted at Kent Assizes for placing a sleeper on the South Eastern railway line with intent to upset a train travelling through Capel.

The court heard the driver of the Brussels mail train had passed Paddock Wood about 6.50 pm at 45-50 mph and when nearing Tonbridge struck an obstacle. On stopping, he found a sleeper weighing about 120 lbs on the leading wheel.

The jury were told the defendant had been in the Rose and Crown in Five Oak Green from where access to the line could be gained through a hop garden. He had left shortly before the train was due and when he returned looked very pale and out of breath and his clothes were muddy. Casts were taken of footprints found by the track and they matched Taylor's boot.

Mr Justice Hawkins said that upon the clearest evidence the prisoner had committed a "wicked and cruel deed."

Taylor was sentenced to 10 years hard labour. As he was removed from the dock, he insisted: " Not guilty, at all. I never did it and am quite innocent."

Researched by Dave Thompson, Capel History Society. For pictures and much more information about Capel's past please visit the website <https://capelhistory-co-uk.webnode.com/history> or see Instagram <https://instagram.com/capelhistory?igshid=1ndfa27qdspcc>

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The Fete Committee have very reluctantly decided to cancel this year's Fete and Fete-ival. The timing of the coronavirus pandemic and potential lengthy period of social distancing means that we cannot successfully arrange a Fete and Fete-ival without significant risk and cost outlay. We cannot therefore proceed at this stage with planning.

We are still researching the Fete History and thanks to Don Foreman and his researches in the Kent & Sussex Courier archive we know the following.

In July 1895 there is reference to the 6th Annual Show. As Capel Gardeners Society was established in 1889, this must be the 6th Gardeners Show. It was held on Mr Pemble's field (i.e. the one opposite Capel School); it featured flowers, veg and handicrafts – sounds familiar. But it also had “coconut shies, park swings etc.” Thus it had aspects of a fete as well as a flower show. We have a photograph from 1910 which is entitled “Flower Show” but there is a carousel type roundabout, so this implies a fete aspect.

The Kent & Sussex Courier of 25th August 1922 reports that “Capel's Fete, held on the 16th August raised £272 for the Capel War Memorial. Donated items/produce subsequently sold at Paddock Wood market raised another £35.” According to the Internet, £307 today would be between £16,000 and £18,000! Was this a one-off event or the start of a regular event?

In 1945 there was a bonfire in the village in 1945 to celebrate VE day and maybe this started or kick-started an annual fete as the records from Tonbridge Free Press in 1952 include mention of a Capel Show with fancy dress for children. In 1953 “The afternoon started with a fancy dress parade and parade of decorated vehicles”. In the fifties the fete was held on the Pemble field opposite the school. There were a few years when we know that the fete wasn't organised (between the 1960s or early 1970s and 1992). There was however a ‘one off’ in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. In 1992 the fete was brought back to life by an enthusiastic group consisting of Ann Smith, Christine Langridge, Christine Summers, Angela Pattenden, Graham Whibley, and Charlie Simmons amongst others.

Since 1992 there has been a fete and procession every year so the decision to cancel this year's fete is a very sad state of affairs. As someone who survived the blitz said the other day, “we self-isolated during the bombing raids but at least when they finished we could go down to the pub!”

There is some good news though! We do feel that we, the fete committee, are in a good position to be able to arrange, at potentially short notice, a community celebration (for all ages) once this is all over. We have a number of exciting ideas in the pipeline - one of which will come to fruition as soon as it's feasibly possible. Stay tuned to our social media channels for updates - Twitter and Facebook - as well as on our website www.capelfete.com .

Hilary Andrews



Prayer Points

- For those suffering from Covid-19 or who have been isolated or bereaved.
- For those in vulnerable categories, or feeling anxious or depressed
- For all NHS staff, carers, delivery drivers and other key workers
- For those who have been made unemployed, or are suffering the economic effects of the crisis
- For wisdom to the Government and its medical advisors
- For good international cooperation and for the cessation of all hostilities at this time
- For our church communities, as they cope with the cessation of services and locked buildings.



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Article from the Parish Pump

STAYING AT HOME

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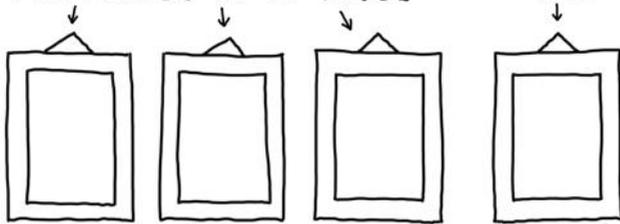
SHOE SIZE:



THE PEOPLE IN MY HOUSE

PETS

COLOURING



PEOPLE I'M MISSING SLIGHTLY

(THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SHARE A FRAME...)

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IDEAS FOR FUN ACTIVITIES WE COULD DO THIS WEEK



THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

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- ② _____
- ③ _____

NOTES :



High Weald at Home - activities for all the family

The High Weald AONB team is putting together some fun activities for you to enjoy. This weekend why not try out some wildlife-friendly gardening or start keeping a nature journal? We'll be sharing more activities soon including a Stargazing worksheet, so please look at our website <http://www.highweald.org/> or follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts to make sure you don't miss out.



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