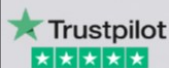


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Editorial from the Church of the Good Shepherd

November 2025

November is ushered in with the bright flashes of light and explosive bangs of bonfire night. As the month progresses, with ever darkening colder days, light continues to be a theme at the Good Shepherd.

Christians think of Jesus as the light of the world, the saviour that God sent to work against evil. A light to dispel the darkness and gloom often brought about by the acts of people whether deliberately or through thoughtlessness or neglect.

At the beginning of the month we try to bring some of that light, in the form of happiness, into the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves by making up and collecting together shoe boxes filled with gifts and essentials. This year these are to be sent to the poor and needy of Kosovo in time for Christmas.

We also remember our faithful departed in a simple, reflective early evening service for All Souls Day. As part of this service we give thanks for the lives of our loved ones, for all they meant to us and our hope for new life in the resurrection by lighting a candle for them.

A week later on Remembrance Sunday we commemorate all those who have fought and given their lives for the light which is our freedom. The uniformed organisations of the village will join us for this service of remembrance with laying of wreaths and two minutes silence.

Although this final month of autumn can see gloomy darker days, there is always candle light shining as a beacon of hope in the church. Your parish church is open every day, from 10 – 4 in the winter months, and offers a quiet sacred space for contemplation, for time to put aside the worries and hurries of the day and be at peace. Lighting your own candle at our prayer station is a symbol of love and hope, with the prayer staying alight and continuing in the tranquillity.

We complete November by welcoming in the season of Advent on the last Sunday of the month with an evening service of readings and advent carols. This is a time to reflect on, and look forward to, the time of year when we remember the birth of Jesus, the light and saviour of the world.

If you would like to contribute to or join us in any, or all, of our November celebrations, services and contemplations, we would love to welcome you!

Julie Sweeting
Churchwarden

Update on appointing a vicar

Over the last months there have been several meetings between the Archdeacon of Tonbridge, Good Shepherd churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to discuss the process of appointing a new vicar. The most recent meeting was a joint one with St Mary's Platt PCC, the Archdeacon and the Area Dean. The discussions have highlighted that Borough Green is no longer able to support a full time vicar and that recruiting and sustaining part time vicars is no longer a realistic solution. The proposal therefore is that Platt and Borough Green become a joint benefice with one vicar. Before we can advertise for a vicar we need to make this decision official. Both PCCs are in agreement that this is a sensible decision as the church moves forward into the future.



Dedication of the new Food Bank Store at the Church of the Good Shepherd by Bishop Simon of Tonbridge on 12 October.

Monday Minis Toddler Time

Play and socialising for pre-school children and their grown ups. **Mondays 10 and 24 November** 10 to 12 noon in COGS annexe. No charge, just a donation for tea and coffee please.



Games, Tea & Chat



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

Contact Elaine Almond on 886440 or etalmond@aol.com

Cinema at COGS



Wednesday 19 November 2pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please check the Church's noticeboard for this month's presentation. All are welcome so come for an afternoon of free entertainment. Refreshments available during the interval.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Arabella Blossom Catt

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Brenda Norris

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BURIAL OF ASHES

Linda Cole

We offer our condolences to all those recently bereaved.

Thanks Tom Redgrove sadly passed away on 12 August aged 95. His family would like to thank everyone who sent kind messages of condolence; they were very much appreciated.



Blythswood

Shoe Box Appeal

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, in conjunction

with Blythswood, we are sending Christmas shoe boxes out to those less fortunate than us in Eastern European countries. If you would like to join us in doing this, there are instruction leaflets in the church porch and the shoe boxes are being collected at our all age service at 10am on **2 November**.

All Souls Service

In memory of those we love but see no longer

Sunday, 2nd November, at 4pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green TN15 8RF

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

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

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



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Notes from Borough Green Parish Council

The Council met at 7.30pm **Monday 6th October 2025** at the COGS Annexe. Matters raised included:



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- **Recreation Ground Pavilion.** Work has begun on the first stage of the renovation of the Memorial Pavilion with the repairs to the roof. It very quickly became apparent that the roof timbers were in a far worse state of rot and rodent damage than we thought. Cllr Proto has engaged with Building Control and we will be carrying out a full rebuild of the roof, including new aluminium fascias and soffits to keep these "visitors" out. The rebuild will include much beefier rafters and joists. Honeycomb have removed the old fibreglass clock, which has been badly damaged, and will be building a new clock tower based on the pre-2007 pictures, together with a new clock face.
There have been rebuilds in the past, but this time we intend a rebuild that will keep this important Borough Green building alive and in use for another 70 years.
- **Declaration of Town Status.** We voted unanimously to consult on declaring Town Status. In the coming weeks we will be launching a consultation that will include a leaflet drop, High St Saturday visits and an online survey. This is a major emotional change in our longstanding Parish status, a very important decision for our Parish. We have to be sure the public understands the reasons and the implications and are fully in agreement. The outcome of the consultation will go before the Council at our January 2026 meeting and a decision taken based on those public results.
- **TMBC's Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation** should be approved and launched on 21 October, and will run from **10 November** until **22 December**, and may well be extended to include the Christmas period. This draft will include site lists and housing numbers - the Government has mandated 1109 houses per year to be built in TMBC - so it is vitally important that as many people respond to that consultation as possible.
The "Town Consultation" leaflets we will deliver to every house will also carry on the reverse some useful "Local Plan Bullet Points" residents may want to use in any response to the Reg 18 Consultation, plus links to the online versions. This will also be publicised on our website and Facebook pages, and hopefully spread by other local social media.
- **Scouts at Potters Mede.** Mark Rolfe made a short presentation to the Council outlining their plans for a new Scout HQ next to our current Sports Centre. The Parish Council wholly supports the principle of a new HQ but there will be many more discussions including establishing a lease. The Scouts need that element of comfort from us to allow them to proceed with design, planning and fund raising.
- **Skatepark.** There has been some significant vandalism with plywood side panels kicked in. This is most unusual because in the 20 years the park has been open this is the first major incident. Our contractors KAS have the matter well in hand and are fitting steel plate replacement panels. On a happier note children from Borough Green Primary School recently spent an afternoon at the park repainting some panels (and themselves).
- **Conyerd Road Trees.** Treeability has delivered some of the chippings from this work for the paths on the Harrison Rd land and our staff recently spread them.

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We apologise for the late arrival of the October edition of the Voice. This was due to unexpected delays in the printing arrangements.

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The total print run of the magazine is over 2000 copies and it is also available to read on the COGS, BG Community and Parish Council websites.

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Articles for the next magazine

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

The deadline for articles for the next magazine will be **Tuesday 11 November** and these should be sent to the address below. The next magazine will cover both **December and January** so if you have any events planned for these months and you would like them to appear in the diary section please send to :-

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- **4x4 Santa.** Santa will be visiting Platt and Borough Green again on **Friday 19 December** distributing sweets, laughter and "Ho Ho Ho's" for the children.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.30 in the COGS Annexe.** The agenda will include a period for public contributions and questions.

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Clerk clerk@boroughgreen.gov.uk 07568 536405

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(Articles on all those named on the War Memorial appeared in the Voice from 2014 to 2020. They have been collated and can be found on the Parish Council website. There is also a display in the library in November - see page 29.)



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As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
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Events in the Village for the month of November

- 1 Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 2 SJCC - Mass - 9.30**
COGS - Shoe Box Service - All Age Worship - 10.00
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
 Bash the Trash - BGVH - 11.30 to 12.30
COGS - All Souls Service - 3.30 for 4.00
- 3 BG Primary School Open Day**
 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
 BG Parish Council - COGS Annexe - 7.30
- 4 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15**
- 6 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration**
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 7 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00**
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 8 Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
 BG War Memorial - Wreath laying - 10.00
COGS - Service of Remembrance - 10.30
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 10 Toddler Time - COGS Annexe - 10.00 to 12.00**
 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
 BGVH - u3a meeting - 2.00
 BG Library - TLC Bookworms - 2.15 to 3.30
- 11 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15**
- 12 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15**
 BGVH - BG & Platt Players - The Diary of Anne Frank - 7.45
- 13 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration**
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 14 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00**
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
 BG Library - Friday 2 Book Club - 2.15 to 4.15
 Wrotham Historical Society - 7.45 - Wrotham Village Hall
 BGVH - BG & Platt Players - The Diary of Anne Frank - 7.45
- 15 Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
 BGVH - BG & Platt Players - The Diary of Anne Frank - 7.45
- 16 COGS - Breakfast Church - 9.00**
 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 17 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 18 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15**



- 19 BG Primary School Open Day
COGS - Film Afternoon - 2.00
- 20 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 21 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 22 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 23 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - Holy Communion with Rev Clive Wood - 10.00
BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 24 **Toddler Time - COGS Annexe - 10.00 to 12.00**
BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
- 25 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 26 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15
- 27 BG Primary School Open Day
SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
BGVH - Heart of Kent Hospice Charity Sale - 2.00 to 4.00
- 28 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 29 **COGS Christmas Fair - 10.00 to 1.00**
BG CHRISTMAS MARKET AND LIGHTS SWITCH ON
(see pages 12 and 13)
- 30 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
Ightham Church - Holy Communion - 10.00 (COGS joining with other parishes - no 10.00 service at COGS)
BGBC - Service - 10.30
COGS - Advent Carol Service - 6.00pm - joining with other parishes and lead by Venerable Nick Cornell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge



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

Abbreviations

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



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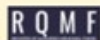
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News From Your Village Hall

What a busy and exciting month it's been at the village hall! We're thrilled to share some wonderful updates with you all.

Keeping Warm This Winter

We're delighted to announce that work is progressing well on replacing our main doors. We're on track to have the new doors installed by the New Year.

New Activities Coming Soon!

We're thrilled to welcome not one but two brand-new regular groups to the village hall! Starting in the New Year you can dust off your boots and join fellow villagers for Line Dancing sessions on Wednesday evenings. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or have two left feet, everyone is welcome. We're also introducing a Monday evening, Muay Thai based fitness classes, perfect for anyone looking to try something different and energetic in 2026. It's a fantastic full-body workout suitable for all fitness levels. More details about both groups, including timings and how to join, will follow soon. Keep an eye out for further announcements!

Theatre Returns to the Village

We're delighted to welcome back Borough Green and Platt Players to the hall this month for their production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. This powerful and moving production will be performed on **12, 14, and 15 November**. It's wonderful to see local theatre thriving in our community, so do come along and support our talented local performers.

Lighting Up the Village

November wouldn't be complete without one of our favourite community events! On **29 November**, we're proud to once again support the Borough Green Lights Committee by providing use of the hall and car park for the village Christmas lights switch-on spectacular. It's always a magical evening that brings our community together, and we can't wait to see you all there.

Giving Back

We've recently had a good tidy-up of the hall and we're pleased to say that our old metal units have found a new home! We've been able to donate them to Borough Green Primary School PTA for their garden project. It's lovely to see resources being reused within our community rather than going to waste.

As always, the village hall is here for our community. If you'd like to hire the hall or find out more about our regular activities, please do get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Bryan Rawlins, Chair

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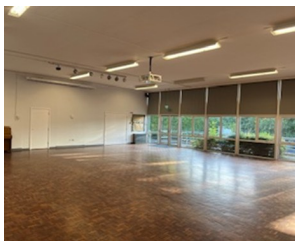
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Are your children due to start school in September 2026?

Please join us at Borough Green Primary School for one of our new parent school tours. We welcome visits to our warm and friendly community school and look forward to sharing our learning with you. Introducing a brand new outdoor learning area from September 2025. Tours with our headteacher, Mrs Jackson, are taking place on **Monday 3 November, Wednesday 19 November and Thursday 27 November** all at 9.30am and 1.30pm. To book your tickets use the QR code.



Here are some photos of **recent improvements** to the school site.



Clean and Tidy Up Session At a recent weekend parents and staff came to assist with clearing the existing nature area and tidying the school. Another session is planned for **Saturday 5 December** between 2-4pm and if anyone from the village would like to take part or can help in anyway shape or form they would be more than welcome.



Contacting the Church of the Good Shepherd

In the absence of a Vicar:

The email vicar.cogs@gmail.com will still work but it may take a few days to get a response.

The telephone number 01732 882447 will now go to an answer machine, and the message may not be picked up immediately.

If you need to speak to someone from the church then contact one of the churchwardens – Julie (885437) or Carole (07542 442 140).

If you have an enquiry about a wedding, a baptism or a funeral contact the Area Dean, Chris Noble (01732 822494) or rev.stmarysstansted@gmail.com.

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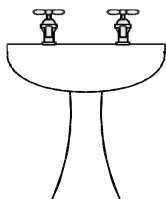
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Tom Tugendhat MP's Column

All of us enjoy the quiet beauty of our countryside - the walks across the Downs/Weald, the still mornings and the sense of calm that defines our corner of Kent. That's why the Government's decision to approve a second runway at Gatwick Airport will come as such a disappointment to so many of us.

I will continue to stand alongside the many local campaigners who have spent years working to defend our countryside and our communities. Growth in aviation should bring benefits to those who live nearby as well as to the industry itself - and, at present, that balance has not been struck.

For us in Borough Green, you might ask why this matters? The community I represent goes as far south as Penshurst and Hever. These villages, primarily between Tonbridge and Edenbridge, suffer greatly from noise and environmental issues caused by being directly under the flightpath. Much of this area is a designated National Landscape recognised for its beauty and importance. If this were a motorway on the ground, it would never be approved.

The airport stands to see a major increase in passenger numbers but there remains no commitment to reinstate the direct rail link from Kent to Gatwick - something I believe should be in place before any expansion is allowed to operate. I made this point clearly at the public inquiry, along with the need for stricter limits on night flights, stronger protections from aircraft noise and firm commitments to reduce the carbon impact of the airport. These are not unreasonable requests. They are essential safeguards for those of us who live beneath the flight paths and who already feel the strain of existing traffic in our skies.

Despite my concern at the decision, I will continue to work to try and secure a direct rail link. The work to date shows this coming to Tonbridge, which is much easier to get to than Borough Green and Wrotham. This would help ease traffic on the M25 and M23, and allow us to get to the airport more sustainably.

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Borough Green & Wrotham u3a

This is just a reminder that Borough Green and Wrotham u3a monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2pm in Borough Green Village Hall, with tea, coffee, and biscuits. Parking/disabled access available.



Our speaker on **Monday 10 November** is Jennie Randall, with her talk 'Not Forgotten - The Crooked Billett'. 80 years ago this year London faced a new and terrifying threat from a completely new weapon, the V2. Find out what happened when a V2 rocket destroyed the Crooked Billett (now a Harvester) in Southborough Lane, Bromley in November 1944 and how those killed and injured are now commemorated on a blue plaque. It's not just a story of history; it's about what one person can do with a great deal of perseverance. (A very apt talk given that Remembrance Day is on the 11th).

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

For further information, or to join your local u3a, please contact:
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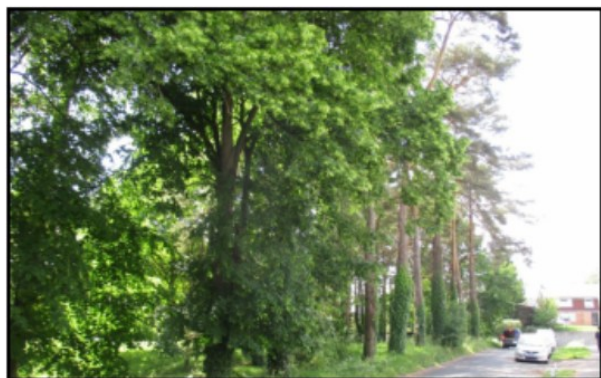
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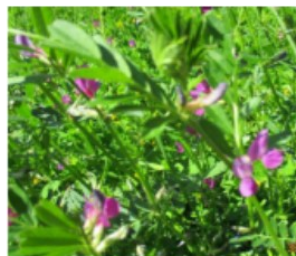


Submission to Kent Friends of Trees Harrison Road Wild Space



In February 2020, the Parish Council were advised that a small square of woodland was being sold at auction. We attended and outbid developers. Subsequently two other pieces of land were gifted to the Council, the "ransom strip" on Harrison Rd and a section of Basted House Drive containing a magnificent Avenue of Limes. This gave us a magical wild space in the heart of the village, bounded on two sides by housing and the other two sides by the Medical Practice and Telephone Exchange. It is flail mowed once a year but largely left to wild flora and fauna. This magnificent row of cedars marks the north side and we have planted oak and hawthorn in the centre.

Mike Taylor
Borough Green Parish Council



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Events for which no booking is required see diary section

Ancestry - Monday 10.00 - 12.00 need to book an appointment

During November, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, the library will have a display of information about local servicemen who died during the war. These are the stories of the men listed on the Borough Green War Memorial which have been written by Suzanne Young, a volunteer in the library. She can help people research family history in the library – please do ask if you would like an appointment.



For more advice please call the library on 03000 413 131 or email boroughgreenlibrary@kent.gov.uk where staff will be able to help.

We look forward to seeing you.



is working to improve digital inclusion and capabilities. The next events are on **Fridays 7 November and 5 December** at 11.00 - 1.00. To book a session and find out more please visit www.digitalkent.uk or call 0300 0410950.

The next clinic for sound support for deaf and hard of hearing people is on **Friday 28 November** 2.30 to 3.30.

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WROTHAM (ST GEORGE'S) CRICKET CLUB

After such a good summer the fates conspired against Wrotham for the final match of the season played away at Chevening. Impending downpours brought forward the start time and it was decided to go with a 20 over game. Wrotham batted first and posted a substantial 135 off their overs with Jon Hills top scoring with 39 and Paul Harrison chiming in with a rapid 28. The score was well out of reach of the home side who got to 80 from their overs. Wickets were evenly shared by the 8 who bowled for Wrotham rounding off a very satisfactory way to end the season.

A working party gathered to bed down the pitch and to put up the protective netting in readiness for the splendid regular Wrotham firework display. Roll on next May for a successful season ahead.

John Humphreys

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try up to three 'taster' walks with us. If you're new to our walks, please contact the walk leader to check that their walk will suit you. For details of these and other upcoming walks and walk leaders see our Facebook page at

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November	Route	Distance in miles
Sunday 2nd	Leisurely flat walk from the village of Laddingford to the village of Yalding and return. We walk along the Medway Valley path, across the Lees meadow, past the fine church in Yalding and back across the River Beult. Includes some quiet countryside lanes.	5
Thursday 6th	A flat and leisurely walk around Leybourne Lakes, woods and a small section of River Medway. Mainly on well-maintained footpaths but could be muddy by the river. Two stiles.	4
Sunday 9th	Vineyards of the North Downs: Kit's Coty. From The Friars at Aylesford along footpaths and quiet roads to join the North Downs Way, including a fairly steep climb to Kit's Coty burial chamber. Return to Aylesford alongside Kit's Coty vineyard. A few stiles; moderate difficulty.	5.5
Thursday 13th	A leisurely walk from Lower Upnor following the Medway as it meanders to join the Thames estuary. The walk climbs through woodland and along higher ground to Hoo St Werburgh giving commanding views of the estuary. We walk back along the shoreline which may be stony and slippery so boots and sticks useful.	5.5
Sunday 16th	Leisurely circular walk from Wrotham along the Pilgrim's Way towards the St Clere estate.	4.5
Thursday 20th	Coldrum Trail from Trosley Country Park along the North Downs Way and the Pilgrims Way to Coldrum Long Barrow, a neolithic burial site. The route takes us through woodland, farmland and quiet roads. Extensive views of the North Downs. Moderate difficulty - one steep downhill flight of steps and several uphill slopes. No stiles.	6.2
Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short half-way break (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub. Most walks are dog-friendly (see website).		



Wrotham Historical Society
Friday 14 November 7.45pm Wrotham Village Hall
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