

Preston Parish Newsletter

Summer 2009

Welcome to the Summer 2009 edition of the Newsletter. Included in this edition is the first computer generated image of the proposed new village hall which was unveiled to the village, together with the plans, at the open day in the existing hall on 23rd May. The display was attended by our M.P. Dr Stephen Ladyman and two of our District Councillors. There is also a letter from a village resident raising some issues within the village and we would be interested to have opinion from others either by letter to the editors, or by email, or by telephone—the relevant details are on page 12.

P. Simpson Editor



Village Society – June 2009.

Without doubt, the most important items to report this quarter are that the first two fund raising events were very successful. The Goosebumps dance in the village hall was well attended by both local people and also various Goosebumps fans from around the county. A combination of entry fees, refreshments and raffle raised a total of over £500. Equally important, I understand a great night was had by all – sorry, Mrs T and I could not be there! Thanks to our loyal committee members for the promotion, organisation and management of the 'gig'.

The second event was the open morning and plant sale at the Village Hall. The plant sale was originally going to be at Elmstone Court, instead it was decided to combine this with an open morning in the village hall and create an opportunity to present the new village hall design to the community. I am pleased to report that both elements were a great success.

The plant sale was organised by Pat Simpson who also grew from seed a large percentage of the plants on sale. Pat was ably assisted by Jan Rudolph and members of the Horticultural Society. I understand that over £200.00. was raised. A huge vote of thanks to all concerned, especially Pat for all her hard work.

Presentation of the new village hall design was equally successful. A poster display detailed the history of the procedure. The architect, Roger Lewis was in attendance with photographs and drawings. Together with the architect the renova-

tion committee, led by John Simpson, were able to answer questions and take suggestions for minor changes. There is a more detailed report elsewhere in the Newsletter.

As we advised last quarter, on June 27th and 28th the Village Society will have a marquee at the Steam Rally. On offer will be the Old Photo Archive, refreshments, and information about the Village Society and the various special interest groups. The whole purpose of having a stall at this event is to raise funds for the rebuild of the Village Hall, as many of you will already know, there is a cost of approximately £7,000.00. just to get the new design through the planning stage. Our refreshment stall will include teas, coffees, soft drinks, sandwiches and cakes. If you can assist with providing homemade cakes or maybe give us an hour of your time to assist on the stall, it would be hugely appreciated. Please contact David Theoff on 01227 720773 or Pat and John Simpson on 01227 722677. Remember, this is for the entire community.

Neighbourhood Watch.

We took advantage of the open morning at the village hall to display the various leaflets and booklets which are available through the Neighbourhood Watch, these give advice on many aspects of crime prevention and personal security. We were delighted on the huge number that were taken. The list below is a reminder of what is available, if you would like a copy of any that are listed either contact your local coordinator or telephone 01227 720773.

Peace of mind while you're away; How to beat the bogus caller; Your guide to anti-social behaviour; Be Safe, be Secure – a practical guide to crime prevention; The big Steal is on – avoid theft from your farm; How to recognize a scam; Keep your child safe on the internet; Keeping children safe from sex offenders; Steer clear of plant theft; Protect yourself against identity fraud: You don't have to live in fear of Domestic Violence. In addition there are contact cards; window stickers and notebooks – all the above are free of charge.

In addition there is the HandyVan Scheme which protects vulnerable older people against loss through burglary by securing their homes. The scheme is always oversubscribed and secures on average around 60 homes per day nationally.

In line with the Government's Crime Reduction Strategy the aim of the scheme is to make the homes of vulnerable, older people safer and more secure through the provision and fitting of safety kits and the carrying out of minor repairs – such as changing light bulbs. The scheme is primarily aimed at people over the age of 60. **There is no charge for labour or for the products that are installed.** The kits are comprised of the following – smoke alarm, door chain, five lever mortice lock (deadlock) for the front door and mortice bolts for the back, spy hole and window locks for downstairs and vulnerable upstairs windows. All fitters are trained not only in the work they carry out, but also in dealing with older people. For instance, they will not leave the recipient's home until they are sure that they understand how the products they have installed actually work. They also leave behind a pack containing helpful advice leaflets. If you are interested, again, please contact your local coordinator.

That is it for this quarter, please do come and support us at the Steam Rally. Also, keep your eye on the advertising posters for other forthcoming events.

Have a good summer.

David Theoff – Chairman Village Society.

Please note: on page 12 of this newsletter there is a list of 'phone numbers to use if you need to contact the police

Parish Council notes

The Annual Parish Meeting 2009.

The Annual Parish Meeting was once again well attended with over 40 villagers present as well as our District Councillors and two speakers, Trevor Skelton from 'Action with Communities in Rural Kent' and PC Wayne Wright.

Trevor Skelton's power-point presentation outlined the various and varied ways this organisation supports and helps villages such as Preston.

PC Wayne Wright talked about his responsibilities for the village together with outlining our means of contacting either him or Kent Police.

The chairman of the Council, Oliver Chapman, had made his report available to every resident before the meeting.

In it he outlined the close links which were developing among all the village organisations and the benefit this was bringing to the community. There were several examples of secured funding which various groups had been awarded this year. In addition the Parish Council was seeking to gain 'Quality Council' status.

The Parish Council had been in close consultation with Kent Police in determining priorities for the year. It was also working closely with Kent Highways in considering options for reducing speeding traffic in the area. The Village Society had produced a Village Design Statement which it believed would influence planning matters.

He thanked all the residents who had given up their time this year to improve the quality of life in the village. Finally he reported that the Parish Council had published its financial report to all residents. These showed the growing number of parish projects which were being supported by the council.

Questions on the annual report and financial reports were followed by presentations from the Village Society and other village organisations. These reports once more demonstrated the number of activities available in the village. The Village Society in particular is working with the Village Hall Committee to raise funds for a new village hall.

There will be a presentation of the design for the new hall on May 23rd as well as a plant sale. David Theoff also reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

I would like to thank the many representatives from the village organisation who provided such detailed information on their activities.

Police Surgery.

There will be a police surgery on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) from 6.00- 7.30 pm in the 'Pavilion' at the Village Hall. The dates for this year are:

June 2nd
July 7th
September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st.

Frank Pinnington, Clerk to the council

Your Parish Councillors.

(All phone numbers are 01227 dial codes)

Oliver Chapman (Chairman)	721162
Pip Hazelton (Vice-Chairman)	721267
Joyce Evans	722477
Mike Fenney	722300
Joan Foad	722438
Patricia Simpson	722677
Geoff Thomas	722255

Frank Pinnington (Clerk) 728460
Frankipin@hotmail.com

Reading Group

The Book group is growing in numbers and there were seven people at the last meeting enjoying coffee and delicious homemade sponge cake while discussing Sebastian Faulks novel Engleby. There were differing opinions of the novel and our discussions were wide ranging and enjoyable. In June we will be talking about The Small Island by Andrea Levy. Please contact me on 01227 721495 if you would like to join us.

Jan Rudolph

Photographic Group

There are 2 of us who are very keen on digital photography and would like to find out if anyone else in the area is interested in starting a local, very informal photographic group. We thought it could be interesting to meet and share our photos, talents and interests, and our experiences with Photoshop and Paint Shop Pro etc. Who knows, maybe we could even have exhibitions in the village hall eventually and raise some money for the renovation fund. Neither of us are keen on lots of rules so we would really like the group to run in a friendly, very relaxed way with the minimum amount of administration.

Please get in touch:

Lesley Blake 722240 lesleyblake@vfast.co.uk

Preston & Elmstone Local History Project

The inaugural meeting took place in early May when a small group met in the pub! We shared some of our knowledge of the history of the area and discussed what we thought the Group could achieve. The decision was taken to initially investigate what had already been done, what published material existed and what sources were available for our research. It would also be necessary to decide on what areas of local history to focus on and what expertise was available locally.

I was delighted to be contacted recently by Jean Hougham-Griggs who has kindly lent me some research that she did while at university on the history of Preston. It is a thorough piece of research including photographs, drawings and some fascinating reminiscences of some of the elderly

residents of the time. It shows a comparison of the village in the 1840's at the time of the Tithe Map Survey and first Census in 1841 and the village as it was in the 1970's.



The Village Shop in 1973

Included in Jean's work are transcripts of interviews she did with some of the elderly residents of the village at that time. These are fascinating and we have Jean's permission to publish them in full in future newsletters. For the moment though, we have included a few extracts which follow this part of the article, as a 'taster' for the next newsletter.

The bonus for the Local History Project is that Jean has included all the source material she used and where she found the information so we can retrace her steps to the original documents.

If you would like to join us and/or have some materials to show us please get in touch.

Jan Rudolph 01227 721495

Or Roger Ayling 01227 722563



The Street in 1973

Here are some "tasters" from the conversations Jean had with her elderly interviewees when she completed her assignment in January 1975. Jean quite clearly formed a bond with all her subjects, even though in some cases, she had never met them before the interview. In each case she says they were eager and happy to talk to her but equally, were interested and inquisitive about her own life and her project.

Helen Griggs nee Lilliot (96) Widow

Born 1878 at Westmarsh, moved to Hook Farm at Grove in 1879.

"We used to pick fruit for our father, that's all in those days. Used to help mother in the house, because it was a big house. She had four girls and one boy, and my Dad, a cousin used to live with us and worked on the farm... And she used to do all the work in that big house except have a washer woman once a fortnight.

I can't quite remember when I left school but I suppose I was about 14. But I went to school before I was 5, and we used to walk all the way from Grove (about two and half miles), take our dinners with us and we didn't have any cooked dinner when we got home not like children do today. Used to walk up there and home again, except when it was pouring wet and my father would fetch us in the wagon and we'd sit on the floor with the sail over us. All the children from Grove... There were three big families"

Alice Mary Fagg nee Eason (81) Widow

Born 1894 at Church Hill Farm, Elmstone

"My first job (aged 14)—that was rather hard because I was dreadfully homesick at first. My hair was down my back on the Friday and mother sent for hairpins on Saturday, and I put my hair up and went for service on the Saturday afternoon. I wasn't frightened because my sister was there—I took her job on you see (because of having this bad epileptic fit, mother had her home.) She was 16 and had two more fits, but she got over them in the finish. So I took over her job and stayed there, I think it was 14 years. It was a school-master's house, and they used to let me have Saturday after dinner till Monday morning to come home once a month. I had no bicycle then and I used to walk home to Preston. I shall never forget it. I don't think we are grateful enough to our parents. It turned out a very snowy weekend and I got to get back Monday and my poor old mother walked more than halfway back with me and then had to get back to Preston....."



A Computer-generated image of the proposed new village hall

Village Hall Open Day, 23rd May 2009

The Village Hall was 'open' on Saturday 23rd. May for everyone in the village to come and see, as well as comment on, the latest plans for the proposed new village hall. The architect, Roger Lewis, of Dudley Marsh Architects was there to talk about the plan and to listen to suggestions, comments and criticism and we were pleased to see that two of our District councillors came as well as our local Member of Parliament, Dr. Stephen Ladyman.

Attendance was good, over 80 people came, and the comments were very encouraging – some changes will be made to the plans as they were presented arising out of the comments and suggestions from the villagers. The discussions we had with the Councillors and our MP, especially about raising funds, were also encouraging and all offered their help and assistance when we start looking for the cash to build the new hall.

The first hurdle we have to overcome is obtaining planning permission and this will become a priority as soon as the revisions are made to the current plans. We expect to be submitting plans for approval around the end of June; only once we have approval can we start to approach the funding organisations.

A major factor in any of our funding applications will be the funds that we have raised ourselves – it is important to be able to show that we have been active in this area and we as a village are committed to the rebuild.

So – look out for the events where we are raising money for the hall and if you have any suggestions as to how we can raise more, let the Renovation committee know – or better still, volunteer your help in anything we are trying to do.

John Simpson Chairman,

Village Hall Renovation Committee



Two of the recent Fund Raising events were a cake decorating morning for the children on April 11th and a plant sale during the 'open day'





Not Paris... PARISH

PRESTON HELPS AFRICAN RUNNER

On 26th April 2009 a man from Kenya named Solomon ran the London Marathon. He came to England a week before the great event (we think!), to get used to the (Horrible!) weather conditions. Before the marathon he went to see London's most popular tourist attractions. (Including the London Eye!). Solomon ran in his shuka and

beaded jewellery (And A Pair Of Trainers...WOW!). There were loads of supporters to cheer Solomon on (Including Mrs P and D). Solomon completed the run in 3 hours and 29 minutes. He came in 4116th place out about 35,000 (Awesome!).



Some of the runners in the Marathon

Preston fund-raising cooperation

On the 1st May 2009 (Luis' Birthday!) Preston Primary School organised different activities to help fund-raise for Solomon. We did a sponsored fun run and our elite runners were sponsored by their friends and family and KS1 ran a pound a lap.

Our next activity was a mini fete with lots of games and stalls. One of the most successful was 'Tin Can Knock Down' ran by Luis Sibson (editor) and Cameron Poole. We raised a grand total of (including fun run) £239.64!!! (That's big for a small school).

Also Preston School organised a car wash (With the teachers cars!) in the playground on the 14th May. We split up into pairs and washed a car each (With Fear Of Getting Beaten Up By The Teachers If We Did A Bad Job!!!-Ha Ha) and made every car clean and spotless (With high quality standards) and we only charged a fiver!

Overall we raised (a whoppingly Fantastic) £534 (approximately).

Preston Primary School



Absaloutly Soaked!

We also had a mini fete with activities of Name the mice, Tin can knock down, Pin the tail on the elephant, Pick a stick, a cake stall, a toy / book stall and Spot the lion.

Over all we raised an outstanding amount of £534 which will get Solomon way over his target which is great!

Thank you EVERYONE!!

By Piers Thurston and Shannon Walters.

To help Solomon to reach his target of £3,000 we arranged three events, which were a fun run, mini fete and car wash- £5 for each car.

We had great fun getting soaked and over all in that event we raised a brilliant £55!

Naughty girls, climbing on the head teachers car.

I don't think that will go down well...



VOLUNTEERING IN OUR AREA

Lots of people volunteer

After reading a piece in a magazine called *Country Living* recently, about people volunteering as helpers for riding for the disabled, as mountain rescuers, conservationists, and staff at bird observatories, I'm reminded of how very many people volunteer with charities. Charitable associations as varied as hospices, prisons, brownie and cub-scout troupes depend on the goodwill, time and energy of volunteers. And many of us have benefited at some time or other from a helping hand offered by a neighbour or work colleague when children have needed picking up or lawns mown at fraught times!

Why?

So, why do people give of their time and energy for no pay? Partly out of an instinct for community no doubt, but also because we learn things, get the chance to do something interesting, enjoy the company, and find it meaningful! In one survey I saw it was even suggested that people who volunteered actually felt healthier and more cheerful as a result of volunteering!

How do you start?

And how do people become volunteers? Nine times out of ten people say it is "Because I was asked!" In other words it is not really 'volunteering' but rather 'being invited to volunteer'!

What do volunteers need?

Based on my own experience, I'd say important ingredients are....being clear about what the task is, having a bit of time to contribute to it, having a skill or being prepared to learn a skill, having what a friend of mine calls *team mindedness*, that is, the willingness to work as a member of a team and, finally, a sense of responsibility about what we have promised to do.

What can make the experience rewarding from the volunteer's point of view?

A sense of achievement, a bit of acknowledgement or recognition in the form of, say, a 'thank you' from a team leader, the reward of belonging to a good team where you have a bit of fun, humour and celebration sometimes and some personal and professional development gained from meeting new people and ideas and improving skills.

So how can I get started?

If you are interested in what you have read thus far and feel that you would like to do a bit of volunteering, why not get in touch with me about short-term, useful things to do very locally within Preston and Elmstone/

Examples of things we need help with are:

joining a local litter pick up, checking that the 'Helping Hands' directory or other useful community documents are up to date, offering gardening help to the elderly and infirm, delivering a few newsletters to people near where you live, helping at a fundraising event locally by e.g. selling tickets in advance, making cakes for sale or serving drinks at the event or by being on hand to explain things to people when they turn up. If you have more time, you could run a special event of your own to raise funds and promote village community or help us to get funding for a new village hall. And you may think of something else helpful that I have not written here. Interested? If so ...even just a little bit....!...please get in touch with me via this newsletter or by emailing me at:

tessanseth@kentpeople.com

or by leaving a message on telephone number:

01227 728577

Alternatively, if you want to go further afield, you could get in touch with the Canterbury and Herne Bay Volunteer Centre at:

Tower Works, Simmonds Road, Wincheap Business Park, Canterbury, CT1 3RA Tel 01227 452278 Office hours 9am-1pm Monday to Friday.

The Centre tries to link up potential volunteers with organisations looking for volunteers. They have over 200 organisations on their database and referred over 400 volunteers within the last year. They need volunteers too for their social transport scheme, a garden and home maintenance scheme, and a small befriending service. They also run a series of training workshops for organisations and volunteers. They have undertaken many projects to encourage young people to volunteer and are very keen to encourage and support volunteers and volunteering in the rural areas of the District due to the lack of facilities present in many of these areas (including our own!). They are also keen to encourage employers to enable their staff to volunteer and have liaised closely with a number of organisations in this regard.

Come and join us! It's fun!

Tessa Woodward

Dear Editor Preston Parish Newsletter,

I have raised with the Parish council a number of general concerns on several occasions both verbally and in writing and have been disappointed by the lack of apparent action – speed of response. In writing to the Newsletter I hope to stimulate some action and perhaps debate on these matters.

The first and most important in my mind concerns the poor state of some road signs, in particular, the road signage to warn drivers of approach to the village school on Mill Lane. Ironically I see new signs have been erected at Hearts Delight junction with no replacement of those erected and now missing. Also, it seems perverse to me that the 30MPH speed limit for the village on the approach from Mill Lane is positioned right outside the school on a blind bend, which means one can approach that point in theory at a much higher than safe speeds. This brings me to a further concern. Our roads are understandably busy and more congested, we have a number of successful businesses in and around the village, (to be encouraged in my view) whether the Nursery, the vehicle repair w/shops or the many busy farms. Vehicle size has increased and long gone are the slow moving small farm machinery of the past, indeed tractor and trailer size seem to be designed to fit the FULL width of a country lane these days! The aforementioned bend at the school is dangerous and the hedges are not cut back regularly, signage outside the school is not maintained and the children can often be seen playing in their breaks by the railings on the road side. If a vehicle did spin off the road at that bend the consequences could be very serious, just look what happened outside the village shop last month, or down the Forstal lane a few weeks ago when a trailer carrying livestock cattle tipped over! I wonder if some road side safety bollards would be a sensible addition, or restrict children's playtime to the rear of the school building.

A further concern I have is the increasing use of the local re-cycling bins in the Village Hall car park not just for re-cycling material but as a general dumping ground. Litter in the vicinity of the Hall and playing fields is quite a problem. It seems to me that as we now have a village re-cycle collection via the council every 2 weeks these are quite unwarranted,

and in any case the additional car parking freed up if they were removed would be very welcome for both Village Hall visitors and School drop-off.

I have focused on a few points that I see from where I live in the village, I'm sure there are other concerns we could encourage our parish Council to look into.

Sincerely

Dr Martin T Ferber, Hardacre Farm

Strawberry Pavlova



it seemed a good time to include a recipe!

Ingredients for the Pavlova

2 tsp vinegar , any type
2 tsp [vanilla extract](#)
2 tsp cornflour 4 large egg whites 100g light muscovado sugar 100g golden caster sugar 25g [hazelnuts](#) Plus for the 'filling'

600g [strawberries](#) 3 tbsp cassis (blackcurrant liqueur) 568ml carton double cream

Preparation and cooking times

Cook 1 hr - 1 hr 40 mins, serves 6
Preheat the oven to 140C/gas 1/ fan 120C. Line a large baking sheet with non-stick parchment.

Blend the vinegar, vanilla and cornflour to a paste. Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Gradually whisk in the sugars, adding a little paste with each addition, until a thick marshmallowy meringue is formed.

Spread it out to a 20cm circle on the baking sheet, swirling the knife to make peaks. Scatter over the nuts and bake for 1 hour, then turn off the oven and leave it to cool.

Sieve 100g/4oz strawberries into a bowl. Stir in the cassis. Whip the cream softly. Slice half the strawberries and fold into the cream. Then swirl in 3 tbsp sauce.

Put the pavlova on a flat plate. Spoon in the cream, scatter on the strawberries, drizzle with sauce.

Forthcoming Events

Fund raising now begins in earnest for the Proposed new village hall and some of the events that are planned are:

A concert of classical music, played on antique instruments, in an open air setting and with summer refreshments—see the poster below.

A "Dance in a Barn", with music by the popular local group, 'Gearbox'. This promises to be a lively and entertaining evening, following on from the very successful event in the village hall with 'goosebumps'

A Wine Tasting evening, in the village hall, with one of our District Councillors, Mike Connolly, as the Master of Ceremonies. Mike used to be a Wine buyer for a very well known large supermarket group.

A Quiz Night will be organised during November

A Christmas Fair, farmers market and craft fair is planned for early December.

Suggestions and offers of help are always welcome—please feel free to contact the Editors on 722677 or David Theoff on 720773



Goosebumps in action!

Come and hear

THE MUSICK CABINET
Merry Music from Medieval to Mozartian times played
on a variety of unusual and historic
wind instruments
on
Sunday 19th. July 2009
in the walled garden of Forstal House, the Forstal,
Preston near Wingham
The gates will open at 2.30 p.m. and
the Concert will begin at 3p.m.

*Instruments featured:
flutes, shawms,
crumhorns, recorders,
bassoon, pipe and
tabor, whistle pipes
and gemshorn*

Soloists: Derek Poole, Timothy Samuelson and Carl Willetts

There will be an interval to take refreshments - cakes and
strawberry tea - and to enjoy the garden

Tickets: adults £5, Children £2.50
in aid of Preston Village Hall Rebuilding Fund
available in advance from Preston Village Stores, or at the gate
or by post from Forstal House - 'phone 01227 722282

free parking available

Friends of Preston Church

STEAM RALLY WEEKEND 2009 – SATURDAY/
SUNDAY 27th/28th JUNE

Our main Fund Raising Event of the year is fast approaching. Once again we will be working in association with the Steam Rally. For our side of the event, there will be various stalls, including plants, crafts, preserves, and cards, as well as the Friends of Preston Church sales table, with mugs, note cards and items for children to purchase. In the Church there will be art for sale, displays by Preston Junior Church and Preston School and beautiful floral arrangements. We will be serving refreshments in the Churchyard. We will be open from 9.30 - 5.30 on both days. There will be an Open Air Service by the Merry Go Round on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. Come and experience this unique occasion. Ken Childs will be taking the Service.

We cannot operate an Event of this size without the help of a valuable team of volunteers. We are short of helpers, so if you feel that you can spare an hour or so over the Weekend to help with our Catering, (serving refreshments, washing up, cashiering), or Stewarding in the Church, please contact Liz Greenwood on 01304 - 812160 who will be pleased to hear from you. We would also welcome cakes on the weekend. Please support us in this annual community event.

Elizabeth Timms, Secretary.

01227 - 722704



THE FRIENDS OF PRESTON
CHURCH

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 27/ SUN 28 JUNE 2009

ST. MILDRED'S CHURCH

9.30 - 5.30 both days

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OPEN AIR SONGS OF PRAISE

AT THE

MERRY GO ROUND

SUNDAY - 10.30

IN THE CHURCH -

ART FOR SALE, EXHIBITIONS

AND FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

.....

VARIOUS STALLS

including

**PLANTS, CRAFTS, PRESERVES AND
CARDS**

.....

REFRESHMENTS in the CHURCH YARD

Preston and Elmstone Village Society.

Visit our marquee at the Steam Rally on 27/28th June

Teas Home made cakes Sandwiches
Coffee Soft drinks Ploughman's lunches.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

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This year's Preston Primary School Summer Fete will take place on:

Sunday 21st June 2009

Join us at the Preston recreation field from 12 noon where the fun will begin for ALL the family

FREE ENTRANCE FOR ALL PLUS SUPER PRIZES FOR THE GRAND DRAW!

Come along, bring your friends and family for a fun-filled afternoon, all in support of Preston village primary school

.....as well as traditional events such as children's displays of country dancing and maypole dancing plus 'beat-the-goalie', 'tug-of-war' and 'egg throwing competition', there is plenty of food and drink on sale and a huge range of stalls to occupy all age groups

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE DAY – YOU WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME!

Horticultural Society

The date for the Summer Show this year is Saturday 25th July. There will be classes for flowers and vegetables, competitions for crafts and cookery and a children's section. There is space for stalls on the grass outside the hall. To book a stall please phone Show Secretary, Andrew George on 01227 722051, who can supply you with a schedule and further information. Schedules will also be available in the shop.

New members are very welcome to join the Society, which is held on the second Tuesday of every month with a programme of outings to gardens and places of interest, on June 9th a visit to Goodnestone Park, on 16th August to Hall Place organised by Jane Bradley (phone: 01304 812621 or 01227 720561 for further info.) and speakers on various topics with a talk on the Eden Project at the September meeting. Please come and support us.

This is a list of numbers taken from the **Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter**.

Keep these numbers handy for emergency if you need to ring the **Police**:

A crime being committed now, or someone is injured or life being threatened
Phone 999

Suspicious, but not necessarily a criminal activity **Phone 01304 240055** (State that you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch)

If you see what you suspect is a Bogus Trader

Phone **08454 04 05 06** *Do Not Let Them Into The House* (Trading Standards)

If you want to remain Anonymous ring **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 11**

Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer Sally Coleman can be contacted on

01304 218151 or email **sally.coleman@kent.pnn.police.uk**

Many thanks to our sponsor for this edition,



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