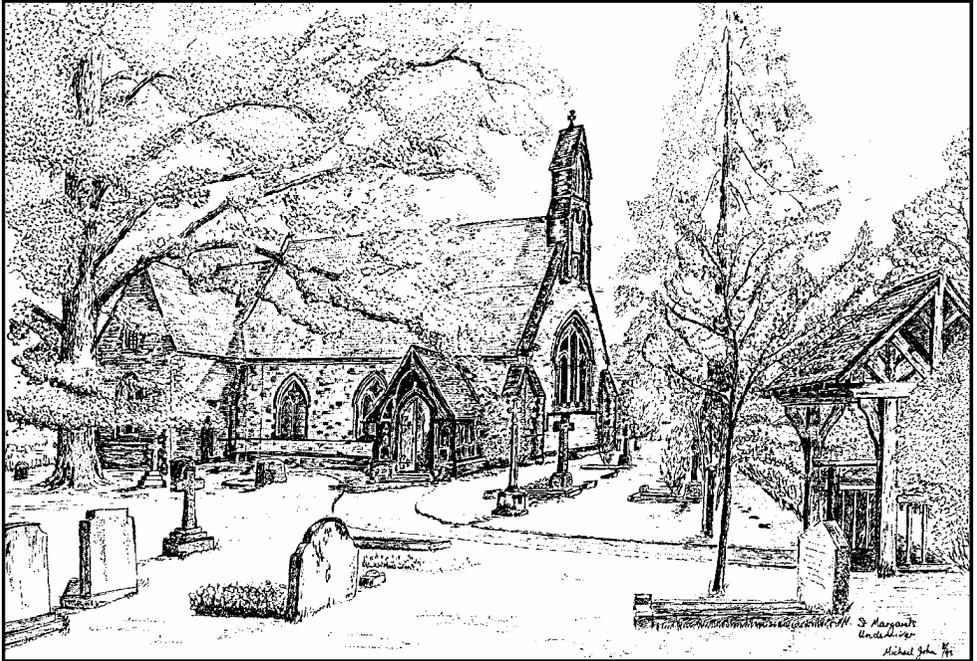


Underriver Newsheet

AUGUST 2015



This Month:

- * Strawberry teas - page 4
- * Songs of Praise - page 4
- * Market in the Hall - page 5
- * Show your pony/horse - page 6





The Church of St Margaret, Underriver

Vicar: The Reverend Carol Kitchener

St Lawrence Vicarage, Stone Street, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0LQ
 Telephone: 01732 761766 Email: carol@stlawrencechurch.org.uk

Church Calendar

AUGUST

2	9th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	11:15 All-age Family Service	
		<i>Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</i>
6	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
9	10th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	
		<i>Readings: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 & John 6:35,41-51</i>
	18:00 Evensong (BCP) (at the Vicarage after Tea at 16:00)	
		<i>Readings: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 & John 6:35,41-51</i>
13	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
16	11th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	11:15 Family Holy Communion (Short)	
		<i>Readings: Ephesians 5:15-20 & John 6:51-58</i>
20	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
23	12th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	11:15 Parish Communion (CW)	
		<i>Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20 & John 6:56-69</i>
27	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
30	13th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	11:15 Songs of Praise	
		<i>Readings: to be arranged</i>
3 Sept	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
6 Sept	14th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Green</i>
	11:15 Volunteers Service	
		<i>Reading: Psalm 84</i>

Key: BCP = Book of Common Prayer - a service using traditional (17th C) language and form;
 CW = Common Worship - a service using contemporary (21st C) language and form

St Margaret's Church Website

St Margaret's now has its own website. To keep up to date about services and events please see

www.stmargaretsunderriver.org.uk

FROM THE VICAR

The month of August is the only whole month that school close in England and lots of families choose this month to go on holiday. Even after children have grown up and left school and college we still consider August to be the 'holiday' month. Only on holiday do we allow ourselves time to stop, think, and look around us. Most of the time we are all far too busy and we do not allow ourselves the time - some retired people talk about being busier in retirement, than they were in work!

Why do we find it so hard to just stop, look around and think? Have we become guilt ridden and imagine that we are being watched, that we might be told off for doing absolutely nothing? Do we think that stopping will cause a catastrophe?

When Jesus wanted people to be more concerned about what was going on inside them, in their spiritual life, than what was needed by their bodies. He used images from nature, reminding them of the ravens, who did not sow or reap crops, let alone put crops in a barn, but who found the food they needed in the landscape. He also reminded them of the beauty of flowers saying:

“Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin...not even Solomon in all his splendour was no

dressed like one of these.” (Luke 12:27)

Jesus assumed that people had time to observe nature and become familiar with the birds and plants around them. His culture was slower and more reflective one than ours. People had to do tasks by hand without machinery, they had to travel on foot, only occasionally by donkey. There would always be time to stop, look and think.

Maybe this August we could all take just a small amount of time to stop, look and think. Time to sit and listen to the drone of insects, and the songs of the birds. To smell newly cut grass or flowers in full bloom, to feel the sun on our faces. We could also remember to say 'Thank you' to God for all of these things.

Who knows, by September we might be a lot less stressed and a whole lot closer to our Lord?

Yours in the love of Christ
Carol



CHURCH NEWS

Looking back:

We celebrated our **Patronal Festival** on the 19th July and were joined by members of St Lawrence's congregation. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service as people enjoyed spending time together.

Looking forward:

Strawberry Tea at the Vicarage on Sunday 9th August at 4pm – for our charity of the year Sevenoaks Counselling Service. All welcome! This will be followed by Evensong at the Vicarage.

Songs of Praise Service 11.15am on Sunday 30th August – come and enjoy singing some much-loved and well-known hymns!

Volunteer's Service 11.15am on 6th September. If you give your time to St Margaret's Church in any way, please put this date into your diary.

Advanced notice: **Harvest Festival** 11.15am on 4th October followed by our Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

Prayers:

For young people receiving exam results this month

For time to relax and enjoy summer

Giving thanks to God for this beautiful village and the countryside that surrounds it

Prayer Times

Please come to our prayer group:

Tuesday August 4th 10am Grenadier

Monday 17th August 10am Old Forge, Stone Street (Lamberts)

Friday 4th September 10am White House

Tuesday 15th September 10 am The Vicarage

A trip to the Wintershall nativity play 19th of December 2015.

The Wintershall estate is set in the stunning Surrey Hills. It is much more than a personal home, it is also the backdrop to powerful biblical productions which continue to delight audiences of all ages.

Jill Scott and Sam Drury are organising a trip on Saturday the 19th December to the Wintershall nativity play. It should be a wonderful afternoon. The nativity play takes place outside in the Barn Theatre, complete with shepherds and sheep, donkeys and the three wise men on horseback.

The performance starts at 2.30pm with the Inn opening an hour before for mince pies and cups of tea. The performance lasts 90 minutes with seating on hay bales around the stable. The cost of tickets are £23 adult and £15 child, this includes coach travel and performance.

The coach will collect at St Margaret's, Underriver and at St Lawrence's approximately 12.15pm and returning us back to our departure points that evening.

We need to book these tickets by Monday 7th September as it sells out fast. Please let us know if you're wanting tickets by Sunday 6th September. Cheques need to be made payable to St Lawrence (seal) PCC.

Please bring along family and friends too. It promises to be a wonderful event.

Samantha Drury 01732 810214 mrssdrury@icloud.com

Jill Scott 01732 833498

Underriver Markets

Saturday 29th August.

Village Hall 10.00am to 11.30am.

Various stalls. Coffee & Homemade Cake

Proceeds to Medical Detection Dogs

Come & meet your friends

Additional information contact Mary or Sarah Owlett on 838716



Underriver Village Association

Chairman: Miles Hayward

Annual Membership £10 per household - To join
contact uvasecretary@hotmail.com

Pilates Classes

Mondays 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm
Tuesday 9:25 am

Contact: Zoe George 07950 494 335

Email: zoetgeorge@gmail.com

www.zoetgeorgepilates.com

BOOT CAMP

Fast paced circuit based workout

Every Tuesday 7.30pm

Contact: Charles on 07759479179 or find us
on www.facebook.com/CharlesCrouchBootcamp

Yoga Classes

Mixed Ability Yoga classes run every
Wednesday during term time 9:30-10:30

Contact Sonja for more information
07734153698

Dates for your diaries:

- Saturday Market - Saturday 29th August
- Underriver Horse Show - Absaloms Farm - Sunday 30th August
- Absaloms Fun Dog Show - Sunday 6th September
- UVA Halloween & Fireworks Night - Friday 30th October
- Saturday 21st November – Live band event in the village hall
- Village Christmas Dinner - Friday 11th December

Underriver Horse Show

Sunday 30th August 9:30am

Schedules ready by end July from Sarah Owlett 07876 594766

Dressage, Showing, Driving etc Proceeds to NOWZAD dogs

Absaloms Fun Dog Show

Sunday 6th September at 2:00pm

Teas, Raffle, Rosettes Proceeds to Royal Veterinary College Animal Care
Trust

UNDERRIVER HISTORY ARCHIVES

The Underriver Archives went on display in June 2015 at U-Fest. It is a wonderful collection of stories and images of Underriver generously donated by numerous past and present residents. Documents of the oldest houses in the Village go back to the 13th Century; the Village School has detailed records of children and their education from 1897-1975; pre-1914 Rev S.S.Adkins created a large archive of photographs – originally taken on glass plates; between 1881-1946 the censuses and electoral rolls recorded at least 5 post masters/mistresses; the 1839 Tithe Map, now in the Green Room, is probably the first detailed map of our Village and names the fields as well as the houses; the Parish Registers of births, marriages and deaths from the late 19th Century detail the arrivals and departures from the Village....and there is so much more!

We hope that the Archives will be on show again sometime in the near future and continue to welcome more photos and stories – I was delighted to receive several bags of memorabilia at U-Fest and would encourage everyone to search their attics! Meanwhile, if you would like to know more about our Village do join the Archive Group at Absaloms at 2.30pm on Wednesday 23rd September. Everyone is welcome.

Judy Graydon

Do you recognise anyone in this photograph of the Village School in 1957?



Edith Edmeads 1924-2015

Edith Irene Edmeads was born in Cheriton on 19th June 1924. Edith was born with jaundice and survived due to the devotion of her mother, carrying her constantly to keep her warm. She struggled to live and survived. A little fighter had been born. Only her mother called her Edith, her father called her his boy Tim and it stuck.

In her early years they moved from Folkestone to Dover where her parents ran a shop, her father was a baker/confectioner and her mother ran the post office counter. During the depression they returned to Folkestone, and then moved to Seal where her Father had found employment as a baker and her Mother in the post office. It was here that Edith met Ron Edmeads. She was about to go to London to train to follow in her Father's footsteps, when war broke out. Ron was called up and asked Edith to marry him. She said yes, but not until he came back from abroad, the courtship continued by letter. When Edith sent a photograph of herself with bare shoulders to him, risqué for the time, it nearly caused a riot when his mates saw it.

Edith wanted to join the WAAF's but her Mother wanted her to stay near home. A local farmer was asked to take her on under the land army scheme. When she was being shown round the farm, the foreman asked her to take food buckets into the pigsty. Being a town girl she did just that, and the pigs upended her in the mud. Edith

got up and told him and the farmer exactly what she thought of them in no uncertain terms. The farmer did no more than nod to the foreman and said, "she'll do", and walked away.

Edith quickly learnt the art of herding and milking cows, to harness the horse and drive the pony and trap to deliver milk. Building an old-fashioned haystack took all her nerve, as she hated heights, but was not going to show it. On one occasion cycling home from Ash, on her day off a bomb landed in a nearby field blowing her off the bike into the hedge. She was more worried, that the bike was damaged, what her mother would say about her muddy state, and furious that her stockings were torn to shreds, than about her narrow escape.

Ron came home from Egypt and they married in a thunderstorm on Thursday 31 August 1944. There are no formal photographs of the wedding as the film was faulty. Not a great start to their marriage but it lasted even though it was a little volatile at times. Ron left the RAF, and they lived with his parents in Seal with Sheelagh, born in June 1946. In early 1952, prior to Mark's birth in March, Tim obtained a job with accommodation in the Oast House in Underriver, working for Mr and Mrs Stuart-Smith. When expecting their third child they moved to 6 Forge View, Underriver where Linda was born in May 1956, weighing in at 13lbs plus.

(Continued on page 9)

(Continued from page 8)

Once Linda was at the Village School, Edith got a job there as a dinner lady and then as school secretary. When Linda left the school Edith became a telephone operator at the Sevenoaks exchange. This ended when Ron had a stroke and needed nursing. She continued to work until she was 70 doing bookkeeping for Linda and Michael. When Ron died in 1990 Tim made the decision to move and lived in Tonbridge from 1992. Here she settled in quickly, joined a flower-arranging club to meet people and made new long lasting friends of the neighbours around her.

She always had a listening ear, and if friends or family were around at mealtimes the dinner would be stretched from a well-stocked larder, which she kept right up to the last. She fought to keep her independence even with failing sight and painful mobility. The words of the song "High hopes" come to mind when we think of our Mother's love and determination never to give up. 'So any time you're feeling bad, instead of feeling sad, just remember that ram! And - oops! There goes another billion kilowatt dam!' A fighter to the last.

The Edmeads Family

Underriver Band Night

After the sellout Bookends concert in November 2014, the Underriver Village Hall is now firmly established on the live music circuit. The Band with No Name is a local group that specialises in covers of well known songs from the last few decades delivered in a style that gets everyone signing along and/or dancing.

Therefore, we urge you to keep Saturday 21st November free for 'Underriver Band Night 2015'. Tickets priced at £30 will be on sale from 1st September. Tickets include all of your drinks for the evening (beers, wines, soft drinks) and there will be no raffle or need to spend more money so buy your tickets and leave the wallets at home! The event will be a 'stand up' event ie other than a few chairs scattered around the edge of the hall we will be leaving space for dancing, singing and mingling.

All proceeds from the event will be split 50/50 between the upkeep of the village hall and Demelza's children's hospice. In case you are not familiar with the great work that Demelza do, take a look at their website www.demelza.org.uk.

We hope to see you there.

Belinda Goodwin & Mike Clyne

LOCAL THEATRE



If you went to see *King Lear* at the White Rock Inn last month, you will have seen a brave and impressive performance by the Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society. This simple production was very well acted and succeeded splendidly. Phil Newton was stunning in the title role.

Live performances

On Saturday 1st August you might just catch the last nights of Noel Coward's **Fallen Angels** at Hever Castle's open-air Festival Theatre (01732 866114), French-style farce **Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue s'il vous plait** at Tonbridge's Oast Theatre (01732 363849) or classic musical **Calamity Jane** at Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall Theatre (01892 530613) – previews in last month's Newsheet.

On Friday 7th August at **Hever Castle's open-air Festival Theatre** (01732 866114), Opera Brava (which includes young international artists who have performed at major opera houses) will present a fully staged **Candlelit Opera Gala** (Friday) and a performance of Bizet's **Carmen** (Saturday). The first half of the *Gala* will include many well-loved opera gems, while the second half will range over G&S, Gershwin and the musicals. For *Carmen* we are promised a sensational and fiery Gypsy girl whose love for a naïve young soldier and a dashing heart-throb toreador comes to a tragic and dramatic end.

Still at Hever (01732 866114) from Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th August, Bromley Little Theatre will perform Lee Hall's **The Pitman Painters**, the true story of a group of miners at Ashington Colliery in 1934, who hire a professor to teach them art appreciation. Their heart-warming journey of discovery from the harshness of their working lives into a (to them) completely unfamiliar art world was a sell-out at the National Theatre.

On Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August, **Sevenoaks' Stag Theatre** (01732 450175) will stage three performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's **Cats**. Inspired by T S Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, this well-loved musical tells the story of a tribe of cats (the Jellicles) on the night they decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside layer and come back to a new life. *Memory* launched the career of Elaine Page.

Again at **the Stag**, on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August, **the National Youth Ballet** will give four performances of a programme designed to spotlight its professionalism and charisma. The works performed will include *Cinderella* choreographed by Wayne Sleep, Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and a variety of jazz, contemporary and sparkling musical theatre pieces by emerging choreographers. This return visit by a very talented young company is most welcome.

From Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th August, **Tunbridge Wells' Trinity Arts Theatre** (01892 678678) will present what I think is probably their own production of Marc

(Continued on page 11)

(Continued from page 10)

Camoletti's 1960s farce **Boeing Boeing**. Bernard has the perfect life – a swish Parisian apartment and three glamorous air stewardess girlfriends who are kept apart by his carefully constructed air flights timetable. However, things go wrong when a faster jet comes into service, changing the schedules and bringing all three girls to his apartment at the same time! I remember this play as being very funny; and its revival earned a 2008 Tony Award.

At 5.30 pm on Saturday 29th August at **Ightham Mote** (0844 2491895), there will be an open-air performance of **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** featuring Dukas' wonderful music and magical illusions designed by Paul Daniels (no less). Bored of chores, the apprentice waves a wand and a broom magically fetches water. But what is the spell to make it stop??? Ask if you need to take your own chairs.

WEAR WARM CLOTHES FOR ALL OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCES.

Screened live performances

These will include Benjamin Britten's **The Rape of Lucretia** screened from Glyndebourne on Sunday 9th August at the Stag and Trinity; and Shakespeare's **Othello** with Hugh Quarshie and Lucian Msamati screened from Stratford-on-Avon on 26th August at the Stag and the Tunbridge Wells Odeon.

Arthur Rucker

Services at St Lawrence, Seal Chart



AUGUST

2	9th after Trinity	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:45	All-age Family service
4	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
9	10th after Trinity	9:45	Family Communion (CW)
11	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
16	11th after Trinity	9:45	Family Communion (CW)
18	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
23	12th after Trinity	9:45	Matins (BCP)
25	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
30	13th after Trinity	9:45	All-age Service
1 Sept	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
6 Sept	14th after Trinity	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:45	Volunteers Service

Rotas for St Margaret's

Sidesmen/-women and Readers

- 2 Aug *Sides:* J Hurrion
Reader: tba
- 9 Aug
8:00 *Side:* S Tawney
Reader: tba
- 18:00 *Sides:* A Rucker
Reader: tba
- 16 Aug *Sides:* J Brooke
Reader: tba
- 23 Aug *Sides:* J Clemence, H Clemence
Reader: tba
- 30 Aug *Sides:* R Wells
Reader: tba

Church Flowers

- 2 Aug *Sue Owen*
- 9 Aug *Ann Martin*
- 16 Aug *Fionna Brooks*
- 23 Aug *Jennifer Horner*
- 30 Aug *Jane Martineau*

Church Brass Cleaning

- 22 Aug *Graham Clark & Arthur Rucker*
- 19 Sep *Robert Wells & Phillip Payne*

Church Cleaning

- 1 Aug *L Talbot & B Tong*
- 8 Aug *J Martineau & L Weston*
- 15 Aug *S Brunton & S Sinclair*
- 22 Aug *A Ridge & S Tawney*
- 29 Aug *B Leaf & L Notley*

Newsheet subscription:

£7.00 or £13.00 for postal subscribers.
Cheques payable to *St Margaret's Church, Underriver* or cash should be handed to the person who delivers your newsheet or *Belinda Goodwin, The Kentish Barn, Underriver, TN15 0SJ*.

Useful Names and Addresses

Church Warden

Andrea Pierce, 1 Grenadier Cottages, Riding Lane, Hildenborough, TN11 9QH; 832408.

Underriver Village Association

Secretary: Robert Talbot, Weald Heights, Fawke Common, Underriver, TN15 0SP; 761546.
uvasecretary@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall Reservations Laura Chappell,
07778 128082 or

underriverhallbookings@hotmail.com

www.underriver-village.org.uk Robert Talbot
via the website.

Thursday Underriver Group

Secretary: Pat Hope, 01732 833933.

Horticultural Society Secretary: Mary Owlett,
Absaloms Farm; 838716.

Underriver Youth Group Charles Honnywill,
Underriver Farm; 838036.

Cricket Club Michael Tong, Hollandhurst; 832069.

Scotts Project Secretary: Jill Scott, 833498.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Lorna Talbot
Underriver.nw@hotmail.co.uk

Kent County Council Nick Chard, 42 High Street,
Sevenoaks, TN13 1JG; 07855 787511.
Nick.chard@kent.gov.uk

Sevenoaks District Council Ward Representatives
Roderick Hogarth, 01732 760325
cllr.hogarth@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Julia Thornton, 07831 234449
cllr.thornton@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Seal Parish Council www.sealparishcouncil.org.uk
Clerk - Lorna Talbot; 01732 763488.
sealparishc@btconnect.com
Anne Marie Jordan; 832187 amboundary@gmail.com
Fidelity Weston; 463372 romshed@weald.co.uk

Parish Administrative Assistant Tim Pierce
admin@stlawrencecesalchart.com

Newsheet Editor

Tim Pierce, 1 Grenadier Cottages, Riding Lane,
Hildenborough TN11 9QH
01732 832408 underrivernews@gmail.com

All contributions should be submitted to the editor by
15th of the preceding month.