



Hougham Herald

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HOUGHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL: ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The Parish Council elections took place on 4th May, and – with the addition of co-options on May 9th – the new Council members are:

Cllr Jodie Lamb, Chair

Cllr Steve Green, Vice Chair

Cllr Kevin Piggott

Cllr Christine Peel (co-opted May 9th)

Cllr Ryan Davies (co-opted May 9th)

Cllr Steven Oxenham (co-opted May 9th)

Cllr Peter Robinson

Two members of the newly-formed Council also participate in the Hougham Village Trust CIO. Cllr Steve Oxenham is Vice Chair of the HVHT CIO and Cllr Steve Green, who resigned from his role as Trustee on the CIO to take up his new role on the Parish Council. Cllr Steve Green will continue to attend the CIO Trust management committee meetings as the new Parish Council Representative on the CIO. In addition, Peter Robinson, who was Chairman of the Hougham Village Hall Trust CIO from 2018 until 2022 has now taken up his new role as a Parish Councillor.

Chair of the Hougham Village Hall Trust CIO, Alison Barker said 'Congratulations to all the newly-elected Parish councillors. The HVHT CIO looks forward to the continuation of the good working relationship the Trust has with the Parish Council. The new roles for Steve Oxenham and



How many curry eaters does it take to fill a Village Hall? Answer on pages 2 and 3.

Steve Green can only help to facilitate this further.'

For the last 3 years the Council has been meeting online due to the pandemic but will now be returning to holding regular meetings at the Village Hall. It's hoped that parishioners will be able to attend Parish Council meetings in the near future.

The Hougham Without Parish Council 's website contains information on forthcoming meetings, documents, events and council members - houghamwithoutpc.co.uk

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

Full House for Curry Lunch which attracted more than 50 people to the Village Hall for a delightful feast to be remembered for many years.

Villager Jill Rawlins organised the event where 8 volunteer chefs were asked to provide curries – and the home bakers made desserts and cakes to follow.

Those attending said how lovely the occasion had been, full of warmth and friendship demonstrating how a Village Hall can bring people together to share company as well as delicious food, of which there was plenty!

The event raised a fantastic £425 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.



Friends of Jill and Tony's, Debbie and Judy served up the curries and later the desserts. It was quite a feat to keep everything hot, but they managed it!



Above: Curry Lunch organiser Jill Rawlins (centre back) explains all the curry condiments. Below: The range of curries available for the guests, each of whom paid £12.50 and could have several helpings from the buffet.



Right: Tony Rawlins with friend Malcolm, two of the curry cookers who were part of a team of 8 people who donated curries for the event.



Bottom right: After the clearing up, the team escaped to the fresh air for a group photo. Front row, left, Jill and Tony Rawlins. Back, the trusty camper van in which the food, equipment and decorations arrived.



TREASURE HUNT

IN HOUGHAM
AND SURROUNDING AREAS
SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

£10 PER TEAM
(FUNDRAISING FOR VILLAGE HALL)
COMPETITION OPEN TO TEAMS OF PARTICIPANTS,
MIN 2 PEOPLE, MAX 5 PEOPLE PER TEAM

1ST PRIZE £35
2ND PRIZE £15
3RD PRIZE £5

STARTING FROM THE VILLAGE HALL AT 12 NOON

FUN DAY
OUT ON
AUGUST
BANK
HOLIDAY!

Book on the Village Hall website www.westhoughamvillagehall.co.uk or call

Steve Green on 07561 114666

Team members take part at their own risk and no children can participate aged 16 and under without adult supervision on their team. Part of the treasure hunt will involve walking on streets/roads around the village and over wooded areas/fields and countryside. Participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear and be observant of road safety at all times. High visibility gilets available.



The last of the 3 guided walks took place on Sat 17th June from West Hougham Village Hall.

The walk took in St Laurence Church at Church Hougham, where walkers had an opportunity to ring the 3 bells in the bell tower. (Left: Peter Ulyatt and Steve Green).

The walk then proceeded past the old WW2 Hougham Battery onto the Citadel and the Citadel battery constructed before WW1, and then onward around the Napoleonic Drop Redoubt Fort.

The walk concluded with a walk to the remains of the Knights Templar Church on the western Heights.

The first walk was on March 11, the second on March 18.

WIN A SUMMER GETAWAY WITH AIRBNB



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win a summer getaway
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Chance to win up to £25,000

PLAY NOW



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for terms & conditions. Enter by 29/07/2023.




RACE NIGHT 21st JULY 7-11PM

Book online on the Village Hall website
<https://www.westhoughamvillagehall.co.uk/>

100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW. The winning ticket was No 60, Bob Hardy in April, No 64 Jody Lamb in May and No 59 Jane King in June. Please support the Village Hall by signing up for the 100 Club if you haven't already done so. Thanks to everyone who participates.



SUMMER BARBEQUE

WITH KARAOKE!

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023
HOUGHAM VILLAGE HALL
7.30-11PM

Save the date

Booking available soon on the Hougham Village Hall website

<https://www.westhoughamvillagehall.co.uk/>



From the vicarage

It was evening. I was working in my office when it happened. From just the other side of the door came a startling, banshee-like wail. I opened the door. A mysterious black cat ran down the stairs and out through the cat flap, pursued by a recent addition to our household. We tried using Facebook to find out who our visitor was, and three possible candidates were suggested - but he hasn't been back.

I should explain that last November we adopted two rescue cats from the RSPCA. One is a little boy – what he lacks in size he makes up for in character. The other is his rather larger mum, who spent her first month with us in whatever hiding places she could find. But now she has commandeered a spot on the upstairs landing where she sleeps, and where she cries for goodnight strokes at bedtime. That's where she was when our mysterious feline visitor called, and hostilities broke out.

Now, before our cats were allowed to come home with us, we had to complete a questionnaire and provide photographs of the garden and where they would sleep - but there was no discussion of how they would cope with life in a Vicarage, where hospitality and generosity are usually the rule. Finding clumps of our visitor's fur scattered across the lawn showed that teaching them to welcome strangers and share their cat food willingly was going to need some work.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it, says the Letter to the Hebrews. Wise words, probably well worth

remembering when strangers call unexpectedly. Especially if you happen to be a cat...



Brian

CHURCH SERVICES, July 2023

The times of our services have changed:

Please check before you leave for church!

Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 2nd 4th Sunday after Trinity	Evening Prayer 5.00 pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am
Saturday 8th <i>Activities and stories at</i> <i>Messy Church,</i> <i>followed by tea.</i>		 3.00 – 5.00 pm	
Sunday 9th 5th Sunday after Trinity	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am	Eucharist (said) 11.00 am
Sunday 16th 6th Sunday after Trinity	Worshipping Together 9.30 am	Eucharist (said) 9.30 am	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
Sunday 23rd 7th Sunday after Trinity	Eucharist (said) 9.30 am	Evensong 6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
Sunday 30th 8th Sunday after Trinity	<u>St Mary's (Capel Old Church)</u> Sung Eucharist 9.30 am		Morning Prayer 11.00 am

There is usually a Eucharist at St Radigund's, Capel at 11.00 on Thursday mornings.

Visit us online at: www.church-alkham-capel-hougham.org.uk

and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeofACH>





HALLOWEEN GHOST WALK

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023 7.30-9PM

Sinister tales and unexplained mysteries from Hougham, one of Kent's most haunted villages. Ghoulish true stories of tragedy, misfortune and unexplained events guaranteed to send a shiver down your spine.....

Are you scared.....do you feel brave enough

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The walk is over a mile long in duration. It partly covers muddy fields, wooded areas and climbing 2 stiles (waist height) in the dark. Participants need to be physically fit enough to complete this walk unaided. No children under the age of 12 due the nature and content of the walk. Children 12 and over are permitted with a responsible adult. Participants will need to bring their own torch and wear a high visibility vest (provided). They will also need outdoor footwear and suitable outdoor winter clothing. This event is strictly an advance ticket only event (only 25 places available) Please see contact details for ticket purchase on the Hougham Village Hall website <https://www.westhoughamvillagehall.co.uk/>. Tickets £8 person.

The walk will start and end at Hougham Village Hall where refreshments are available. The tour is not suitable for anyone of a nervous disposition or suffering from any other associated health condition. Participants must follow the direction and instruction of the walk guide and staff at all times to ensure their health and safety. Participants may encounter unexplained noises, confusing images and unexpected events during the walk. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver before departure, and take part entirely at their own risk.



Event arranged and supported with the help of the Hougham Village Hall Committee

What's On at Hougham Village Hall

Jul-Dec

To book any of the events message Dianne on 07710 195331 or Chris on 07533 689018 or book online at <https://www.westhoughamvillagehall.co.uk/>

Friday 21st July 2023 7 – 11pm	Have a flutter on the horses. Event taking place at Village Hall. See website for details.
Friday 25th August 2023	Summer BBQ, Pop Up pub and Karaoke. Details on page 7 of this HH.
Sunday 27th August 2023	Treasure Hunt. £10 per team. 12 noon start at Village Hall
Friday 13th October 2023	Quiz Night at the Village Hall. £5.00 per head. Bring own drink and nibbles. Teams of up to 8 people.
Saturday 28th October 2023 7.30 – 9pm	Ghost Walk. See details page 9 of this edition of the Hougham Herald. £8 per person.
Tuesday 31st October 2023	Children's Halloween Party.
Saturday 18th November 2023	Murder Mystery evening. Details on the website and in the HH nearer the time.
Saturday 16th December 2023	Children's Christmas Party
Village Christmas Dinner	Please let Di know if you'd like to come.
Sunday 31st December 2023	New Year's Eve Party. Disco Dave will get the party rocking.
Pop up pub takes place last Friday of every month. Fish and chips sold by Streetz to Streetz van from 5pm.	

