

OUTLOOK FOR 2013

After 12 months of almost continuous rain, even one dry day is cause for optimism. But a cold spring means we are a couple of weeks behind in the vineyard. Things perked up a couple of weeks ago with a brief warm spell but the return of unsettled weather means the jury is out on prospects for the 2013 vintage. Still a way to go before we are safely through the late frost period and the news that it has just been snowing further west suggests that anything could happen. Our 2012 crop was down on 2010 and 2011. And because of the high acidity in the 2012 base wines we have been experimenting with Malolactic fermentation for the first time. This natural process is used widely in Champagne to convert malic acid into the softer lactic acid.

FORTNUM & MASON CHOOSES NEW HH BRUT ROSE

Our 2010 BRUT ROSE will soon be available at Fortnum & Mason. The breakthrough follows a tasting last month at this quintessentially English retail establishment. Not only will the wine be on the shelf but it is understood that it will also be in the famous Fortnum's hampers.

SUPPORT FOR QEII SEPTEMBER 11th GARDEN IN NEW YORK

Herbert Hall is supplying the fizz to the inaugural lunch in London for the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden in New York. Their mission is to develop and maintain a showplace garden reflecting the long history, shared friendship, common causes and sacrifices of the peoples of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the United States of America. With the motto "Sowing the Seeds of Friendship and Peace," the garden celebrates the strong ties of the past and present, the need for unity, hope for the future, and a promise never to forget those lost along the way.

NICHOLAS HALL

For detailed information about the village don't forget to visit the Society's very own website at www.mardensociety.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE
WEDNESDAY 25 September
Ian Porter
"East End Murders"

The Parish Pump is distributed free to Members of The Marden Society every two months
The Marden Society
For details of Membership please contact the Membership Secretary Aileen Hill on 01622 831418

REFORMERS AND MARTYRS OF KENT

With Invicta being the symbol for Kent, we always seem to have had a rebellious streak amongst the population in this area therefore it was no surprise to hear from Norman Hopkins that hereabouts there were many reformers and martyrs suffering for their faith. Even with state enforced religion after the Reformation, non-conformity was not allowed.



In the 14th century there were Lollards, who were followers of John Wyclif, translator of the bible. They did not believe in the Communion bread becoming the body of Christ, or the way of life of the clerics and 1,511 were rounded up, of these 53 were in Kent with 5 being burned for their beliefs. One of the leaders was Sir John Oldcastle of Cooling Castle, who escaped but was eventually hanged on chains over a fire. John Rogers of Riverhill near Sevenoaks was the first to die during the reign of Mary 1. He was a divinity lecturer at St Paul's who had worked with Tyndale. Canterbury has a martyr's memorial to remind us of others who perished under Mary 1 in 1555. Some underwent burning whilst others starved in gaol – a number of these being women.

Nicholas Ridley was another prominent churchman who was Bishop of London; he worked with Archbishop Cranmer on the Common Book of Prayer. His beliefs included having a bible in church and replacing altars with tables. His fate was being burned at Oxford where Hugh Latimer said to him at the stake, "Play the man, Master Ridley; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out." Edward Dering of Pluckley was brave enough to preach to Elizabeth 1 with an indictment of the clergy and John Lathrop of Egerton went with the Pilgrim Fathers and became a notable Baptist preacher in Massachusetts.



When the Book of Common Prayer had its last change, 65 ministers in Kent left the church. Cranbrook and Staplehurst were strongholds for the Puritans. *Even nearer to home our own vicar Francis Cornwell was held in Maidstone Jail – he thought that only believers should be baptised. When he was released in 1644 he caused uproar in Cranbrook with his visitation service. Mike Judd informed us that Francis smashed the font in St Michael's here.* There was a religious community, which met at Spilshill (Staplehurst) with 80 members. The original book contains their names with 40 of them signing with an X. Even with the Act of Toleration in 1688, there were still religious sects, which were excluded.

A personal note came from John Pert – in 1847 one of his ancestors was James Pert, listed as a dissenting minister in Southsea and later listed as a Baptist minister. Long may the inhabitants of the Weald stick up for what they believe is right!



Picture-1 The 5 Canterbury Martyrs

Pictures-2 Marjory Polley (Pembury) - 3 To the Staplehurst women martyrs

PROGRAMME FOR SUMMER 2013

On 22nd May Helen Allinson is talking about The History of Toys, with old toys, books and dolls to have a look at. We have had Helen before and she always gives a really interesting talk. 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall, as usual.

That will be the last talk until September - but we will be selling strawberries and cream at the Picnic in the Park on Saturday 8th June, and once again inviting you to play Giant Jenga or skittles during the village fete on Saturday 6th July.

On 24th June we have an outing to Brattle Farm Museum. Details of time for meeting will be given later. There is no cost to this outing.

Our meetings resume on 25th September with a talk by Ian Porter on "East End Murders."

MAUREEN CLAYTON –*Chairman*

MARDEN MEMORIAL (Charity No. 1084260) HELP TO SAVE OUR VILLAGE HALL

Please help our fund raising towards the cost of a new roof for the Hall, which is urgently needed, by joining our 200 Club Lottery.

£1 per month per number payable annually for the calendar year. Members are permitted to join at any time throughout the year, paying £1 for each calendar month for the remainder of the year.

The total income collected is split 50% to prize money and 50% to the Hall after deduction of reasonable expenses. 3 monthly prizes.

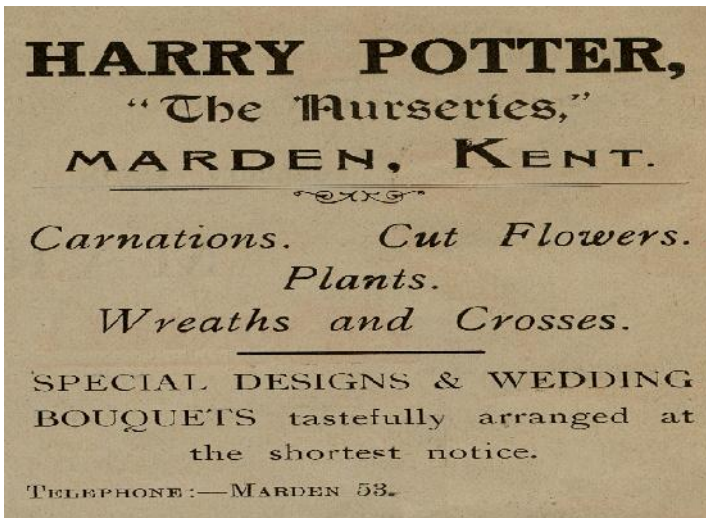
200 Club Winners for March 2013

1st prize: Olivia Ludlow

2nd prize: Geoff Burr

3rd prize: Mrs Frampton

Please contact Geoff Burr on 01622 831106 for an Application Form



Copied from the 1930 Parish Magazine.

Does anyone remember Him and where his Nurseries were?

Editor

Spring Garden BirdWatch

This is one of my occasional reports following how birds have been faring since spring

The trees may have come into leaf very late this year but I have noticed that the birds have been active; they are in a feeding frenzy just now. Spring may have come late this year for other growing things but the birds have been reacting to their biological clocks and we have been busy keeping our feeders full.

For the first time, I watched from the kitchen window, an adult Robin feeding its young. In about roughly I am seeing, **Chaffinches, Robins, Great Tits, Goldfinches, Blackbirds.** Also the occasional

In fact as far as the Robins worked out that we are keeping watered! During the winter months Green Woodpecker always digging ants' nests. One day I timed it; same spot. It flung while digging.

My only worry is Sparrowhaws often. During the four Collared mate for life unless one of the time of death, the dove that is left mourning for the departure of its spouse but it eventually gets another partner. It has been a rather sad sight this year to see the partners wandering around alone.



Garden Birds reports following how birds allegedly began.

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any ten minutes **Dunnocks, Greenfinches and Pheasant**

are concerned, I have three families fed and we have been visited by a at what I presume are thirty five minutes at the little pieces of turf around

that the local won't be around too winter, their toll has been Doves. Doves normally doves dies. During the behind spends more time

EDITH DAVIS

MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Update

Following the successful Open Days held in March, the Committee is planning another next month. Residents of Marden are invited to attend an open day on the 22 June in Marden Memorial Hall. It will be another opportunity to put forward your views and ideas on the future of Marden and get involved in the production of an important and worth while exercise to ensure Marden remains a very special place to live and work for years to come. All sites will be shown in more detail than was possible previously and as before visitors will be able to mark their preferences.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee has been invited by The Parish Council to look at such planning details such as the implications of development within flood plains and other areas of localized flooding – in terms of surface and foul water disposal and impacts on design. This of course is a topic that comes up at any Planning Application for Marden. The Marden Walking Group walked the Sites during the week-end of 18th/19th May. There will be more information about the next Open Day in the next Parish Newsletter. Do come and make your views known.