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Parish Priest:  Fr. Jeff Cridland.  Tel. 01304 206766

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Exposition with Benediction: Wednesday - 9.am

Mass or Eucharistic Service:  Wednesday - 10.am
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We had just 42.5mm in October giving another dry month for this year (our average for October is 86mm).

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Pastoral Letter Dec 2017

This letter must be written for mid-November, surely it is far too early to be thinking of Christmas! But already our three schools have booked their Christmas visits to St. Andrew’s, St. Peter’s and St. Peter and Paul’s churches. The donkey has been put on alert for the street nativity in Shepherdswell and he’s bringing his handler; which is just as well because all my animal commands are dog related. I can’t say I’m familiar with "stop" and "let’s go" in donkinese. Tesco’s, Aldi’s and the other supermarkets are full of Advent calendars and tins of chocolates and their command to "order your turkey/goose/salmon etc. NOW"

The hustle and bustle has started, and we need to take time to think what this is really about. Christmas, the time of Christ, the arrival of a new baby has meaning for us all. We remember past Christmas’s, those we enjoyed as children, those our children and possibly now our grandchildren enjoyed and will enjoy. There are those whose memories are less rosy and whose Christmas this year will not have the ring of good cheer. Across the world and down on Dover beach will be those who will have little to feel cheerful about. For them it will be another day in their struggle to survive, on the streets or in refugee camps far from their home towns. Jesus himself spent his early childhood as a refugee and his parents were homeless at the time he was born so when we say that God knows all that happens to us it is the truth. The birth of Jesus marked a turning point in the lives of many, both then and in the intervening generations to now; those who accepted Jesus found fellowship and friendship and found they were truly loved by God.

We are asked to demonstrate that fellowship and friendship to others, through our churches we are involved in the Foodbanks, Street Pastors, our Christingles and Crib services support The Children’s Society and through Christian Aid we support people here and in countries where there are great needs. As we move through the Christmas time, singing carols and hearing again the story of Jesus arrival on earth we need to remember others. Those who have heard but have been too busy to do anything in response, those who have rejected, those who wanted to respond but the hustle and bustle of daily life has distracted them, they and we need to hear the story again. Babies need a great deal of love and care to thrive and reach their potential and every baby deserves that regardless of where they born. And having heard good news of Jesus birth we need to encourage each other and all whom we meet to make 2018 the year in which we all respond.

Rev’d Sue White
### News from the Village Churches

**Shepherdswell St Andrew & Coldred St Pancras**

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- Coldred Church Tel 01304 824978

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### Worship at Bewsborough this month

**Services for December 2017**

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BCP - Book of Common Prayer

- Saturday 2nd December (evening) Carols on The Green, Shepherdswell
- Wednesday 6th Dec 7.30 p.m. Sung Evensong Barfrestone
- Friday 8th Dec 6.00 p.m. Elvington Messy Christmas;
- Saturday 16th Dec 3 p.m. - Street Nativity Shepherdswell

The Parish Prayer Group will be meeting at 9am on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Barfrestone and on 4th Thursday of each month at 5pm at Shepherdswell church. All are welcome. For more info contact Rev Sue

ASK in ADVENT - this year, instead of our usual Advent Groups the Ministry Team are holding a discussion group following services on 3rd, 10th and 17th December where the congregation will be able to ask questions about the readings and talk of the day
Prayers for the Neighbourhood in December & January

Within the parish churches of Shepherdswell, Coldred, Eythorne & Elvington, Barfrestone, and Whitfield we pray each week for the people living in particular roads in the villages. During this month we shall be praying for the residents of the following roads:

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If you would like prayers for yourself or another person—perhaps because of illness or a particular concern—then please contact Jenny Hunt (830727) who will be please to arrange for names to be included in the prayers. No specific detail of the intention is made in the services, but please ensure that, if you are requesting prayer for another person, that they are happy for their name to be mentioned.

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**CANDLEMAS – Sung Evensong**

St Pancras Church, Coldred

Thursday 2nd February

at 7.30pm for a candlelit service.
Walking Group
There will be no walk in December. 18th January walk led by Ann Welti, followed by lunch. Meet at 10am at the Cider Works in Waldershare - Green Oaks Farm formerly High and Drypub http://www.greenoakfarm.co.uk
Everybody is welcome to join us.
The walks are 4 to 5 miles and the pace is fairly easy. We aim to appeal to people who find the Amblers are a little too fast, or go a little too far.
For more information call (01304) 830303.

Saturday 2nd December at 6pm
Tree Lighting and Carols with the Village Green Assoc.
Shepherdswell on the Green led by Rev'd Sue White

Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am
Christingle led by Dick Martin.
St Andrews, Shepherdswell

Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm
St Nicholas Patronal Festival
Choral Evensong
With Rev'd Sue White
& QUODLIBET of CANTERBURY
Musical Director: Dr Peter Gillespie
Five a cappella singers celebrate St Nicholas Day in this famous small 12th-century church
Refreshments afterwards at Barfrestone Court Barn Farm, Barfrestone CT15 5J
hosted by Malcolm and Rina Ledger

Don't forget our on-line advent calendars at www.bewsborough.org.uk

STREET NATIVITY – St Andrews
Enacting the story of Christmas around the Shepherdswell Village Green
Saturday 16th December 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Meet at St Andrews Church.

St Pancras Church Coldred
Carols and Readings by Candlelight
4pm Sunday 17th December

SHEPHERDSWELL – VILLAGE CAROLS
An opportunity for the whole community to join together as we prepare for Christmas.
Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm
at St Andrews
and led by Rev'd Harvet Richardson.

24th December – St Andrews, Shepherdswell, 3.30pm
Crib Service – led by Christopher White.

Midnight – St Andrews, Shep'well – 11.30pm
Eucharist led by Rev'd Sue White.

Christmas Day 2017
Celebrate Christmas at St Andrews at 10:30.
We will holding a short and family-friendly service with a blessing for the children's presents, and sharing a mini-nativity presentation. Our music will be a mixture of traditional and modern carols.
Shepherdswell 2018 Calendar

Featuring the dates of the W.I., Garden Club and other village organisations’ meeting dates.

On sale at the T42 Café or from Christina 832143

Produced by the Shepherdswell & Coldred History Society
Sibertswold Church of England Primary School at Shepherdswell
December 2017

Life continues at a pace at Sibertswold although, at the time of writing, Christmas-fever has not yet struck! (It probably won’t be long as it usually starts with our Decorations Morning which is on Friday 1 December!)

The children continue to really enjoy their Forest School sessions, learning a range of outdoor skills and finding out about the world just outside their windows. We are fortunate to have a committed and inspirational Forest School teacher in Mrs Wilkinson-Tough, who also teaches at Eythorne-Elvington School.

Our season of Parent Workshops covering the areas of reading, writing and maths all take place during this term and the parents who are able to attend really appreciate this way of keeping them informed about their children’s education. As well as the children’s learning being constantly assessed, the teaching in school is also regularly monitored both by senior staff within school and by external observers. The findings from these observations are then fed back to the teaching staff in order to help them continue to develop and improve as teachers, and share new ideas and teaching approaches from other schools.

Last year our Year 6 children took part in the Samaritan’s Shoebox appeal and this year they invited the whole school to join with them in decorating shoe boxes and filling them with a variety of small, new items – toys, sweets, games, socks, hats, gloves, school supplies, non-liquid toiletries – to be distributed to underprivileged children in Britain and around the world. Thanks to our amazing children and their families 62 boxes were loaded into Mr Johnston’s car (just!) and dispatched to Shoe Zone in Dover, who act as a collection point for the boxes.

We are so fortunate to have tremendously supportive families who, in the same two weeks as donating the shoe boxes, also gave to the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and very generously, in a variety of ways, to help the family of one of our little Reception children who is very poorly in hospital. We are so grateful to them all.

A note for your diaries – the Winter Quiz (regret no Chilli next year!) will be on Saturday 3 February and will be an American Supper style, with teamscontestants supplying their own food as well as drinks. Doors will be open from 7pm ready for a prompt start at 7:30. Teams can be up to 8 people; entry costs £5 per person. If you are interested in joining us for this popular annual event, please contact the school office (830312) to book a table.

The second film of our Saturday Village Filmshow season was on Saturday 11 November, when the film Blood Work was shown. A small number of local residents came along and enjoyed the film, but it seems that a mystery thriller is not the film of choice for a Saturday afternoon in Shepherdswell! Our next film will be on Saturday 20 January, and will be the Charlie Chaplin silent classic ‘City Lights’. With a run time of just 87 minutes, this is the perfect tonic for a dark, winter’s afternoon. The February film will be ‘The Hundred Foot Journey’ starring Helen Mirren (run time 2 hours): this will be shown on Saturday 24 February.

Both films will start at 2pm and will be shown in the Creative Arts Studio at the far end of the playground. If arriving by car, please feel free to drive onto the playground to park. All welcome, admission is free but we are happy to accept donations for refreshments!

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Liz Bird
headteacher@sibertswold.kent.sch.uk
Shepherdswell Garden Club

Monday 18th December.
Social Evening.
This is a good opportunity to meet new members and chat to old friends.
The Garden Club will provide the wine and soft drinks, but please bring a plate of food for sharing.

Our first meeting of the New Year is on 15th January 2018.
The speaker will be Mr Mark Brent.
Head Gardener at Walmer Castle Gardens.
This will prove to be a very popular event and Mark will take questions on his role as head gardener at the Castle.

All our meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated).
There is an annual membership of £3 and an entrance fee of £1 at each meeting (tea and biscuits included).
Becoming a member entitles you to 10% reduction on purchases at five local nurseries and garden centres.
We have a raffle and donations on a gardening theme are always appreciated.
New members are always welcome.
For further details about the club contact Pat Robson 831764 or Val Medgett 830119.

HIRE CHARGES FOR SHEPHERDSWELL VILLAGE HALL
(Charge is per hour subject to a minimum of 2 hours per session)

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To hire the Village Hall, please contact our booking clerk, Sue Hogben. Email swellhallbookings@gmail.com or Tel: 01304 830305. No calls please after 6.00pm Saturday or all day Sunday. Thank you.
Parish Council Notes

The Council met on 15th November

County Councillor Geoff Lymer attended and spoke about the local bus service, bus passes and the waste centre in Tilmanstone.

District Councillor Mog Ovenden was present and spoke on topics including the cancellation of Stanford lorry park, changes within DDC Cabinet and the Tilmanstone waste site.

Community Warden Julliette West was unable to attend but sent a written report.

Parishioners’ participation included the noise problem etc. caused by East Kent Railway, the allotments on Reed Meadow and the Village Hall building insurance.

Our grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs Cox for refurbishing the notice board on the railway bridge, they did a great job.

We welcomed our new Councillor for Coldred, Justin Collier.

The Council discussed:

- East Kent Railway. Ongoing issues affecting local residents.
- Village Hall. For the Council to cover additional insurance costs.
- Recreation Ground. The placing of a memorial seat within the play area.
- Allotment Association. Changes to their rules and lease arrangements.

The next Council meeting will be on the 17th January, 2018

There will be no Parish Council meeting in December unless one is needed for urgent consideration of a particular topic.

Full details are available in the minutes which will be displayed in the notice boards and on the council’s website.
The council meets at 7.30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in Shepherdswell Village Hall unless otherwise notified.

Everyone, junior to senior, is welcome to attend meetings. Please come along to talk about anything that matters to you within our community. We are here to listen to you and your concerns.

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SHEPHERDSWELL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

URGENTLY REQUIRE A

SECRETARY

This post is vital to the smooth running of the Village Hall and is also a very important service to the community.

Details may be obtained from: Carole White on 830834

SHEPHERDSWELL WEDNESDAY CLUB

Please note there will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting of the club will not be until 24th January 2018, with the Speaker being Jean Barber (and possibly others) talking on Amnesty International. It should be an interesting afternoon, and tea and biscuits will be served and a raffle taking place as on other club days.

The Wednesday Club is run for the over 50's for both the boys and girls of the village. We do not have a membership fee, but just £1.00 paid for each meeting attended. We are a very friendly group and meet on a monthly basis, usually in the hall, but sometimes on outings, lunches and the panto at Christmas.

If you require further information, or would like a programme, then please do get in touch with me (Carole) on 830834.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

The Late Betty Webb

Her family would like to thank everyone who gave donations to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Betty. The amount of £368.60 was raised. We would also like to thank all her friends for their companionship and help given to Betty over the years.

Many thanks, Jenny Groombridge
Shepherdswell and Coldred History Society.

On the evening of the Society’s AGM time was taken to reflect on what had been achieved and the work in progress. Members and friends have heard about Dover in the Second World War; the importance of Shepherdswell in the defence of the country in the event of an invasion; on a sunny summer evening we took a ‘Walk through Time’ in Coldred and in October (the month of Halloween) the society seemed to have been involved in Skeletons and a Graveyard. We heard how to research our family history and warned about the skeletons we might dig up, and members and friends have been in St. Andrew’s Church graveyard, thankfully, not digging up skeletons but hoping to find who has been buried there and what we can learn about the village.

Some members have been following up their own particular interests, the history of a house, the history of a family, how Halfway Street developed and the first Shepherdswell Village Hall.

Our very enthusiastic Keith has produced a Shepherdswell Calendar for 2018, ‘Shepherdswell Past and Present’. These may be purchased at the T42 Café on Monday and Friday afternoons.

The 2017 programme will end with a Medieval Pilgrim’s Day Trip in Canterbury on Thursday 30th November at 7.30 and a social evening, in a festive spirit, on Thursday 14th December.

Want to learn more? Contact Chris Roberts 832143 christinaroberts@gmail.com

J.Wooldridge

Shepherdswell Amblers & Walkers

All walks commence at 10am (excluding where advised differently) and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to phone Lynda Friend on 830373.

We are a very friendly group with walking being at the pace of the slowest member. New members would be most welcome, together with your four legged friends provided they are kept on a lead and under control. Should the weather be inclement new members can phone 832396 by 9am on the day to confirm that the walk is taking place.

3rd December - Meet Shepherdswell Village Green – Walk to Lydden Down Reserve, return via Coldred. Approx 6.5 miles

1st January 2018 – Meet 11am at The Green for the annual New Year’s Day walk to The Wrong Turn Micro Pub at Barfrestone


Please be aware that we are an informal walking group with no insurance cover and as such attendees are advised that they take part at their own risk.
READY TO PARTY?

SHEPHERDSWELL VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER, 8 till LATE
With Omega Disco

LOTS OF 70/80s, PARTY and SINGALONG CLASSICS
OPTIONAL FANCY DRESS IF YOU DARE TO WEAR
COME ALONG AND LET YOUR HAIR DOWN...SOME MAY NEED TO WEAR A WIG !!!!!

Tickets £10 each or £80 for a table of 10
Bring your own food and drink - over 18's only please
For tickets:-
Kevin 07482517422, kevin.woolmer@btinternet.com
Jane & Colin 830974
Shepherdswell Village Green Association on Facebook
Outreach Post Office
SHEPHERDSWELL WI NEWS

Our last meeting was a very busy one as it was our AGM when we elected our committee for the coming year. Looking at the programme it looks like a very exciting year! Sylvia Jones and Carol Pullen were joint winners of the competition for 'A Homemade Poppy Item' with Sue Foster third. We ended our meeting on a light hearted note with Carol Pullen introducing us to the art of Tap Dancing! During 2017 the WI have held several fund raising events the proceeds of which have been passed to The Pilgrim's Hospice and Shepheardswell Village Hall.

Our December meeting is our Christmas meal due to catering this is a member’s only event.

In January we will meet at Sibertswold Primary School for our annual film night when our featured film is 'La La Land' we will meet at 7.00pm sharp with ice creams in the interval.

Shepherdswell WI wish everyone in the village and surrounding villages a 'Very Happy Christmas and Healthy 2018'!

The WI meet on the second Wednesday each month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We welcome guests who would like to find out more about our WI, there is a charge of £3.00 per visit for the first two meetings. For more information contact Kate on 832195 or Mary on 830193, email shepherdswellwi@gmail.com or visit www.shepherdswell.btck.co.uk

The Community Luncheon Club
The Community Luncheon Club is held on Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Resource Centre, Eynhorne. Cost is now £4.50. Please make sure and order or cancel your meal by telephoning either Ann Howard (830810) or Marie Silverton (830217)

December Menus

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Any alterations should be notified to either Ann or Marie on the above numbers, before lunch club takes place. On the day please ring Dot Millard on 07956634012. If you need transport to lunch club also contact Ann or Marie.

LUNCH CLUB

Owing to the forthcoming retirement of the present cook, Dot Millard, the Lunch Club will close after the Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December 2017. Thanks go to Dot for all of her hard work over the years in providing excellent high quality meals each week. Many thanks also go to all of her helpers and all those who have volunteered in any way during the past thirty years that the lunch club has operated. It is with regret that the Church Council has made this decision but to date it has not been possible to find a replacement cook. If you know of anybody who would be willing to take on the role of volunteer cook, please phone Ann Howard on 01304 830810 to find out what is involved.
Shepherdswell
Craft Market
Friday the 8th of December
12-3 at the Village Hall
Free Entry
Cakes and Drinks
at the T42 Café
Pick up some Xmas Gifts for all the family
Christmas Concert
Saturday 16th December 2017
7.30 pm
Shepherdswell Village Hall
£5 per ticket
price includes a mince pie and mulled wine
Proceeds to local area Foodbank and Dover Night Shelter
Tickets available now by calling:
01304 831884 (Ali)
01304 832520 (Tricia) or
01304 830581 (Carol)
Also available at each Post Office & T42 Cafe session in the village hall
www.swellsingers.co.uk
DOVER STROKE CLUB

The Dover Stroke Club was established in August 1979 and Re-launched as ‘Dover Stroke Club’ in March 2015.

Prime objective is to provide a social outlet to all who because of the effects of their stroke are either able or unable to take part in normal community life. Members find that they are able to enjoy a chat in a friendly atmosphere with people who are going through the same problems as themselves.

The club meets twice a month on Thursday between 10.30am and 12.30pm at, The ARK, Noah’s Ark Road. Dover. CT17 0DD

Parkinson’s UK Folkestone and Dover Branch

Did you know that there is a Branch of Parkinson’s UK in the area?

We meet every third Wednesday at Whitfield Village Hall at 10.30 am.

We have speakers, including people from Head Office and the Parkinson’s Nurses. We cover many aspects of living with Parkinson’s ad support for carers.

On the first Wednesday of the months at the same venue and time we have a singing group. Singing has been proven to assist with breathing and speech, a problem often associated with Parkinson’s – we also include gentle movement.

Finally we have monthly meals out at local restaurants and annual outings.

If you, or anyone you know, has Parkinson’s please come along and give it a try, you will be surprised how much fun we have.

If you would rather speak to someone first please call one of the following: Mrs Madeleine Thomas, Secretary 01303 253535 or Mrs Celia Powell, Chair 01304 206959.

TRANSPORT SCHEME

For people needing to attend medical appointments (such as Hospital, Doctors, Dentist or Opticians) and are unable to drive themselves or get a lift from a friend, a scheme is in existence and has been functioning for a number of years. We have a group of volunteer drivers who have kindly offered their services.

How it will work:
1. Please contact me, Beth Peagram on 830925. If you have been unable to speak to me after 48 hours please phone 830834. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MESSAGES ON THE ANSWER PHONE AS THIS MAY LEAD TO YOUR REQUEST NOT BEING DEALT WITH IN TIME

2. I will then contact one of the volunteers and give them your details and phone number so that you can liaise with each other to make arrangements for your appointment.

We still require more volunteers to make the operation a success SO HOW ABOUT IT?

Thank you Beth Peagram
Sibertswold CEP School

**Saturday Filmshow**

We will be showing

**CITY LIMITS**
(run time 87 minutes)
on Saturday 20 January
and

**THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY**
(run time 2 hours)
on Saturday 24 February

Both films start at 2pm
in the Creative Arts Studio

Admission free Refreshments available

If arriving by car, please park on the playground: the CAS is the bungalow at the far end.

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**Library Dates and Times**

Thursday – December 7th and 21st

January 3rd, 17th, 31st

Shepherdswell

The Bell 11 – 11.30

Railway Station 11.35 – 12.05

Eythorne Road 12.55 – 13.25

(opposite Bernards Gardens)

Coldred

The Green 13.40 – 14.10

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**CHARITY POST BOX**

The village delivery service will once again be operating this year, all proceeds to Love Light Romania

Stamps will be on sale at 20p each, the Post Box will be on the Village Green.

Last collection December 20th

Thank you to the Village community for its continued support of this charity. Should you wish to know more about the worthwhile work of Love Light Romania please contact us.

Ann & Terry Welti 01304 830768
Shepherdswell Postage, Stamps, Parcels Outreach

Pensions Banking Financial Currency

POST OFFICE

Village Hall
Mondays & Fridays
12:30pm - 2:30pm
(except Bank Holidays)
Coffee, tea and cakes from 12 noon

‘T42’ Community Café

Mondays & Fridays
12:00 - 3pm
Serving Hot Drinks & Cakes

Come Along & Use Our New Post Office
(Monday & Friday 12:30 - 14:30) In The Village Hall & Have A Cuppa Whilst You’re There.

The Café Is Run By Volunteers And Any Profits Go to The Village Hall.
Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year!

From all the volunteers at the East Kent Railway Trust have a wonderful festive period, there are still a few tickets for our Christmas trains so why not book with us. We’ll be having a well-earned break from running public trains after the holidays, but the two sites will still be open for woodland walks and refreshment in our café’s at both ends.

The site at Shepherdswell will be closed for two weeks after Christmas, reopening on Sunday 14th January.

Why not book a Sunday lunch with us? Tel. 832042 Extn. 1.

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Details via our website, by email enquiries@eastkentrailway.co.uk or by ‘phone on 832042

Become a Trust member for half prices train fares and more!

Tel: 01304 832042

East Kent Railway Trust

www.eastkentrailway.co.uk
Thank you!

Over the last year you have helped divert over a quarter of a million (255,326) used Tassimo pods from landfill and incineration.

In doing so, we have raised over £2,700 for charity. Over the next year we hope with your help we can raise over £3,000 for the Kent Air Ambulance.

Please note, from 1st December 2017 you can no longer leave pods on the doorstep of 7 Whittington Terrace. Your closest drop off points are Tesco Whitfield or Morrisons at Canterbury or Folkestone. If you have difficulties getting to these please give me a call on 07740 355 118.

Thank you for your continued support of our environment and a vital charity.
Facing financial difficulties? Pressure on wages?
Unexpected bill? Changes or delays with benefits/tax credits?
Whatever the reason, if you are faced with cutting back on your food costs, Your local Foodbank can help
CONTACT ANY OF YOUR LOCAL PARTNERS TO GET A VOUCHER

Age UK Rep
Carole 01304 830834

Shepherdswell Village
Rev Harvey Richardson 01304 832861

Eythorne Baptist Church
Anita Powell 01304 831516 or Janet King 01304 830617

Sure Start Sunflower Children Centre
01304 831793

BECHANGE
(known as Aylesham Neighbourhood project) 01304 840134

St Peter St Paul Church, Eythorne

Your nearest FOODBANK OUTLET is open at
St Finbarr’s, Market Square, Aylesham
Wednesdays 12.30 till 2.30pm and Fridays 12.30 to 2.30pm

www.dealarea.foodbank.org.uk Tel: 01304 728428 Reg Charity 1158590
New non-emergency number

Call 101 to:

- report non-urgent crime
- speak to your local officer
- make an enquiry

101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each call will never cost more than 15p, even from mobiles.

Need immediate help?
If life is in danger or crime is in progress call 999.
If Deaf or speech impaired text 'Police' and your message to 60066.
For more information on 101 visit www.kent.police.uk/101

Kent Police
Protecting and serving
the people of Kent