



Paddock Wood

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Brenchley and Matfield



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Rug sale

THERE is a rug sale in Matfield Village Hall tomorrow (Saturday). From 9am to 5pm. Come and find yourself a new rug.

Coffee mornings

GRAY'S Community Café will be hosting a village coffee morning on the second Wednesday of each month. Why not come along and chat with friends and neighbours? You could also pop upstairs to see the new venture in the Loft Room above the café. Two ladies have opened a new studio of original vintage and hand painted, sewn or upcycled gifts, furniture and furnishings. There's a huge revival of vintage style and they want to bring that revival to Brenchley, planning craft fairs, tutorial groups and meetings in the future.

Film evening

BRENCHLEY Memorial Hall are showing a film commemorating the commencement of the First World War on Monday August 4 at 7.30 for 8pm. Prior to the film there will be a reading of some of the poetry of Siegfried Sassoon. Further details from: lynne@but-lermail.org or call 832579.

Art exhibition

CALLING all local artists. There will be an art exhibition at Brenchley Memorial Hall on the August 23 and 24. The exhibition will showcase the work of local artists and is open to all comers. Refreshments available. All profits are in aid of Hospice in the Weald. For further information e-mail: steve@remingtons.co.uk or call 01892 723596.

Police contact points

THE local contact point at Matfield Village Hall is now held on Thursdays fortnightly between 4.30 and 5.30pm.

Memorial hall

TO hire this hall call Sue on 01892 722303 or e-mail: bmhcharity@gmail.com or call into Grays the Teashop.

Matfield village hall

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East Peckham



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Bulky refuse

TOMORROW (Saturday) bulky refuse and garden waste collec-



SINGLED OUT: Winners at the Patient Care and Safety Awards 2014 in the Grosvenor Hotel, London

Praised for standards of personalised care

Private care home Hale Place wins an award at patient safety event

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AN EAST Peckham care home has picked up a national award for 26 years of providing outstanding care to its residents.

Hale Place, in Old Road, beat over 700 other homes around the country to claim the Quality of Care award at the Patient Safety Awards at the Grosvenor Hotel in London last week.

The privately run home, which specialises in providing dementia care, was singled out by the judges for the exceptional standard of personalised care provided for residents year on year.

David and Goliath

Kevin Hewlett, director and proprietor, said: "For us it doesn't get better than this. It was like David and Goliath – we were up against some powerful hitters

with big resources in our category. To come out on top – with your colleagues and peers looking at you as better than anyone else – is really special."

The team at Hale Place had to submit a packet of evidence to the judges, before going to London for a grilling from a panel of specialists.

One of the judges, an NHS director, was so impressed by the close-knit team that they have

arranged to spend a week at Hale Place to learn how they operate.

Mr Hewlett added: "The management and employees of this organisation are people of quality who focus on quality outputs for service users."

Glowing reputation

"This award will inspire us to work harder to maintain our glowing reputation and improve further still the lives of those less

fortunate."

Caroline Taluy, whose step-mother has been a resident at Hale Place since January this year, said the care facility stood out to her for its personal feel and individually tailored care programs.

"Small touches like having pets around the home and photos of some of the residents make it feel much more of a home than a care institution," she told the Courier.

tion will be in the Jubilee Hall car park 8 to 9am.

Jazz club

TUESDAY July 29, Jazz Club, The Rising River Jazzmen, 8.30pm at Brookers Oast. All welcome, small entry fee.

Quiz night

THERE will be a quiz night at the Bush, Blackbird and Thrush on Tuesday July 29, 9pm prompt.

CAMEO

THURSDAY July 31, CAMEO at the Salvation Army Hall, 10.30am to noon. Come and meet each

other for tea and a chat, followed by CAMEO lunch at noon, £2.50 for hot main and desert.

Community choir

EAST Peckham Community Choir are on their summer break and will reconvene on September 4. Enquiries call 871622.

Silver band

THE East Peckham Silver Band will be playing at the village hall, Bush Road and invite you to Picnic on the Law' on Thursday July 31 at 7pm. This is an informal concert and there is no need to book, just come along and bring a picnic, drink and a chair.

Line dancing

THE East Peckham Line Dancing Club meets in the village hall every Friday from 8 to 10pm. This is our 18th year of dancing in East Peckham. Costs £3 a night and dance to CDs and occasionally a live band. Your first night is free, and new members will be made very welcome. Call Pauline on 01622 813687.

Classic car meet

SUNDAY August 3. Classic car meet at the Bush Road Blackbird and Thrush, Bush Road East Peckham from noon. Contact Monty for further details 01622 871349.

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Lions Club

THE carnival procession travelled from Eldon Way, into Maidstone Road, into Commercial Road and along Church Road to St Andrew's Recreation Ground,

and in Church Road, the mayor, the carnival queen and the Lions president judged the entries and decided on the winners in the various categories. But all along the route, there were cheering crowds who then followed the end of the procession, until they could stream into the fete grounds. All carnival participants then entered the fete arena, where the winners were announced and the cups were presented by the mayor and his party. The Lions would like to thank everyone who made the day a success. If anyone is interested in taking part in next year's carnival contact the Lions for further details.