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"For winter's rains and ruins are over,
And all the season of snows and sins;
The days dividing lover and lover,
The light that loses, the night that wins;
And time remembered is grief forgotten,
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,
And in green underwood and cover
Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

AC Swinburne, 1865

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Nunnery Fields, 31st March 2018

some OHSCA dates for your diary:

every Wed:	Towards 10,000 steps (p.5)	20 th June:	Goodnestone Gdns (p.5)
11 th April:	2 nd Drop-in Meeting (p.2)	23 rd June:	Strawberry Tea (p.5)
15 th April:	Primroses & Cowslips (p.5)	1 st July:	Birds and Butterflies (p.5,8)
15 th April:	Gardener's QT (p.5)	11 th July:	History Group meeting (p.6)
20 th April:	Friday 10,000 (pilot – p.5)	29 th July:	Tapas on the Terrace (p.5)
28 th April:	Litterpick (postponed – p.4)	19 th Aug:	Plant and Produce Share (p.5)
6 th May:	Bluebells (p.5)	26 th Aug:	Picnic at St Augustine's (tbc)
8 th May:	History Group meeting (p.6)	11 th Sept:	History Group meeting (p.5)
24 th May:	tbc: HealthWatch at OHSCAs (p.2)	19 th Oct:	AGM (Kendall Hall)
28 th May:	Spring Plant Share (p.5)	13 th Nov:	History Group meeting (p.6)

. . . local events, people, trees, gardening, history, health services, letters . . .

FROM THE CHAIR

After a challenging winter, with Swinburne let us hope that “blossom by blossom the Spring begins”.

I told them I was ill. One of the challenges of winter is often the need for unexpected medical care, arising from all sorts of ailments, broken bones, what-have-you. So it is with a sense of considerable collective achievement that I am able to announce the OHSCA guide to *Emergency Health Care: are you confused where to go?* – which gives concise information about all the major options you have in Canterbury if you are suddenly taken ill or have an accident. These options are laid out and listed under eight headings: 999; NHS Choices; NHS 111; the WaitLess app; minor injuries/urgent care/walk-in centres; A&E; pharmacies; and the Chaucer Hospital. Put together by the recently formed OHSCA HealthCare subcommittee (special thanks are due to Karen Thomsett), this four page document is available as a downloadable pdf (<http://www.ohsca.org/pdfs/emergency.pdf>), from the OHSCA website. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like a printed copy, please ask a family member or neighbour for help – they may well be interested to have this leaflet too. If that is not possible, please contact the Hon Secretary. Feedback would also be much appreciated – this document will be updated as and when necessary, and expanded to include information on mental health services as well. (If you want to know more about the aims and purpose of the subcommittee, please look at page 9 of the New Year newsletter, now also on the website.)

SEA. The awkwardly named ‘NAG’ or ‘SNAG’ subcommittee has now been renamed Social Events and Activities – or SEA (see p.4). However, they are certainly not “all at sea” – on the contrary, the group has put together an impressive programme for 2018 (p.5). We hope that at least one of these activities will appeal to you – we would love to see more of you at meetings – but if not, and there is something different you think we could be doing or offering, please get in contact.

Keith. In contrast, and with regret, I have to report that Keith Rishworth has decided to step down from the committee. Before and since the merger with SCRA, Keith put in a massive amount of work scrutinising planning applications affecting our area and, in those many cases where it was felt that representation should be made to the Council, he took a leading role in researching and writing commentaries – for years on behalf of OHDS – and since for OHSCA, right to the end of our first whole year of existence. The Committee has already expressed its great gratitude for all he has done, something I am sure all Members would wish to echo. Thank you again Keith for a wonderful contribution to the wellbeing of our local community.

Volunteers urgently needed. Keith is a really hard act to follow. We have made a temporary arrangement to fill the gap (see p.7), but we really do need new volunteers to assist. I will be writing very shortly to those who indicated an interest in planning on their 2017-2018 membership form. However, we would love to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help with monitoring and acting on planning issues. But not

only that – we would like to hear from people willing to help our Tree Champion (see p.4), the Green Team, SEA (pp. 4/5), and Local History (p.6). We would also welcome someone interested in Licensing – and to have an Environment Champion would be wonderful (clean air wanted instead of just hot air from all governmental levels!).

The Hoystings. We have long pressed for proper maintenance of this Grade II listed building in Old Dover Rd. Despite its architectural significance and their duty of care to its tenants, CCC has failed. The Council will now attempt to sell it, with all occupants expected to move out. “A final decision ... will be taken in July following a consultation with tenants” (*KM Gazette* 29th March p.10). We can only hope for a happy ending for them, and this shamefully neglected building.

Mountfield etc. At our first drop-in event (see next paragraph), several asked about Mountfield Park. Things have gone quiet due to the ongoing legal challenges (see p.7) – which might resolve this summer. However, while being (regretfully) assured that the ‘beast from the south’ has not gone away, you might be interested in the outspoken online article by Martin Vye (<https://www.canterburyjournal.co.uk/mountfield-park-worst-planning-decision-canterbury-ever-taken/>). And as to the £9 million pound Canterbury West park car (see Letters p.7), we are given to understand that if it does go ahead the Council will not be free of the debt until 2045!

The OHSCAs. Some of you will recall that many months ago I promised to set up a lecture series on contemporary issues affecting Canterbury and East Kent, jointly with Canterbury Christ Church University. We had a very successful ‘launch’ last May, featuring Prof Stephen Peckham on air pollution, held at Old Sessions House. We hope to arrange the next event for the end of May (provisionally 24th), with a talk about the work of HealthWatch Kent. After that we will explore a more frequent series of talks to start in the autumn.

Constitution etc. Look out in our next issue for news about some changes to the Constitution (to be voted on at the AGM). Please also note the revised date for the spring litter collect (p.4), and the Doris Hughes memorial tree fund appeal (p.3).

OHSCA Drop-In. Initiated by SEA, we have started to hold monthly ‘Drop-In’ sessions where members have the opportunity to meet committee members to provide feedback on current OHSCA activities, express concerns/interests, and hear what the committee has been up to on their behalf. The first meeting was held on 14th March, 3 pm, at the Old City Bar in Oaten Hill Place. The next meeting will be on 11th April, same venue, 3 pm (back room or garden if warm weather). Thereafter we will meet on different days/venues to increase accessibility to all members. Details will be circulated beforehand. On the 11th we would like to focus on the NHS ‘STP’ planning process and other developments likely to affect health services in Canterbury, and South Canterbury in particular.

Finally, my most grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. [For those names marked with an asterisk, contact details are given on p.8.]

*Dick Vane-Wright

In Memoriam: DORIS HUGHES, 1920–2018

A life well lived



Doris, a long standing member of The Oaten Hill Society, campaigner and local historian, died peacefully on the 3rd February 2018 at the K&C, and will be sadly missed by her many friends and colleagues. Doris, who married John Hughes in October 1941, leaves behind a son, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Following her retirement in 1982 from over 30 years of teaching at Braincroft Infant School in Neasden, she moved to Canterbury with her dear friend Nickie Young, and finally settled at 18 Edward Road. She became active with many local interests and joined the Oaten Hill and District Society.

As secretary and history group chairman-cum-archivist respectively, Nickie and Doris worked tirelessly. Number 18 was the powerhouse of the Society: photocopier clacking away upstairs amid coloured card and prepared display boards, telephone ringing and callers at the door with the latest local news. George Liddle, Chairman for many years, has referred to Doris as “a pillar of strength in the society and is remembered with great respect and affection. Together with Nickie they looked after it. It would not have existed without them”.

Doris was passionate about social issues and the champion of many worthy causes. She led over ten local campaigns including the one to save the Cooper and Adkinson Almshouses and the opposition to the Longport coach park. Her love of history led to her involvement in founding the OHDS Local History Group, which she chaired for many years and which has published many booklets. Book launches were a major event and Doris, who had built up a fascinating photographic archive, provided wonderful pictorial displays to set the scene. She worked on many displays at the St Alphege Canterbury Centre and contributed to varied exhibitions in Canterbury, as well as those to publicise local campaigns. Her own guided tours of Canterbury, which included walks round parts

of the Oaten Hill area, were very informative and well received.

With the current concern regarding health care in East Kent, Doris's role in the founding of 'CHEK' is notable. On 22nd December 1998, the then Health Secretary (Frank Dobson) announced the downgrading of the K&C, including closure of 24hr A&E. *Concern for Health in East Kent* sprang into life, with Doris & Nickie playing major parts. At the inaugural meeting, on 7th January 1999, Doris became chair of the acting committee, a task in which she excelled during the opening months of CHEK's existence. An impressive march was organised on 23rd January 1999, from Westgate Towers to the Northgate Community Centre. At the big protest meeting that followed, Doris spoke forcefully alongside the Lord Mayor and Julian Brazier MP. At her funeral, Peggy Pryer – who had become CHEK Secretary in May 1999 – warmly remembered Doris's role in getting the campaign going.

After Nickie's death, Doris left Edward Road and moved to St. John's Hospital where she enjoyed her time there with many caring people. When the new flats were built next to the Holm Oak in Upper Chantry Lane she was delighted and supportive of the move to embed an inscribed stone in Nickie's memory, and was one of the speakers at the unveiling ten years ago, in March 2008.

She was a long standing member of the Friends of St. Martins and League of Friends and she kept an active interest in OHDS affairs. The History group enjoyed a talk at one of their meetings and the last public presentation for us was at the Society's Ruby celebration at the Kent & Canterbury Club in 2014.

It became apparent from her eulogy that Doris Hughes (née Pentecost) was always an inspiration to her family and others with her intellect, her eagerness to share her considerable knowledge, her wonderful sense of humour, her generosity, her courage, her positive attitude and her love of life.

Marian Heath and Michael Steed



Save our Hospitals 1998: Doris (right) with Nickie, and Lord Mayor Peter Wales. (More pictures of Doris: pp. [9]–[11])

*Doris was such a pillar of the OHDS for so long that the Committee has resolved to plant a tree in her memory. If you would like to chip in towards Doris's tree, please send your contribution to *Sophie Scott, marked "Doris Hughes appeal". If we are oversubscribed, any surplus will be put towards more trees unless donors request otherwise.*

TREE CHAMPION

I would like to introduce myself to you and why I put myself forward for this role in OHSCA.

Like many of you I have always loved trees from as early as I can remember. Some of my happiest memories have been climbing them, collecting fruits and leaves – or just sitting under one. School holidays were often spent in woods, with building camps, searching for birds' nests, and indulging my imagination.

I was brought up to recognise different trees and their unique characteristics, date hedges by the number of species they contain, and value them as living things that should be respected for their beauty and the valuable contributions they bring to our lives. Science is now catching up with this, marshaling a wide array of evidence, such as 20% reduced hospital stay if patients can see a tree from their window, and the contribution hedges make to particle reduction caused by traffic pollution.

When I had a home and children of my own I looked to trees to enhance their environment and, like many, chose homes that were in neighbourhoods inhabited by trees in the gardens and the surrounding streets. I would like to assist others to do the same.

My initial aims are to:

- Raise awareness of existing trees and hedges in our area.
- Encourage the preservation and protection of those actually or potentially under threat.
- Educate statutory bodies and their contractors in possible alternative ways forward with tree and hedge management.
- Gather a team to form a robust group to implement and develop the above.

Please join and support me. Thank you.

**Gill Gower*



Young trees planted at Lesley Avenue
joint pre-merger OHDS and SCRA project

GREEN TEAM NEWS

We have been busy pruning and weeding and we hope you have been enjoying the spring bulbs, especially in St Georges Garden, where the display of snowdrops was excellent. We will continue to look after these little gardens – if you'd like to help, please do contact me. We are keen to involve all those who would like to take an active part. St George's Garden, the Fire Station garden and Milton Road have all been entered for Its Your Neighbourhood, run by the Royal Horticultural Society – their assessor will visit in June or July. It is always good to have an informed view from someone outside the area who may be able to suggest new ideas. If you can take photos of flowers in these gardens, please do email them to me. I hope I have thanked all of you who sent a donation towards planting – we are extremely grateful, especially since the "beast from the east" has carried off some of our shrubs.

Trees. Since September we have received £260 in donations from 22 members (thank you again, all of you). We intend to plant a tree on Rhodaus Town close to the Police Station. The new tree will do its bit towards combating air pollution as well as looking great – watch the space!

The new trees in Pilgrims Way are bursting into life. Churchill Road residents raised enough money to plant two new trees in February – well done, all of you.

**Sophie Scott, Green Team Lead*

LITTERPICK

We have organised a litterpick on Saturday 28 April in the Old Dover Road (the previous one on 3rd March having been cancelled due to the awful weather). Please come along and help. We will spread out from the junction of Puckle Lane and Old Dover Road, starting at 10 am – look forward to seeing you!

**Sophie Scott*

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to the 223 of you who have paid your 2018 subscriptions so promptly – you are splendid. On your newsletter you will see an address label and beside it *some* of you will see a reminder label. If you have forgotten, please do send me your subscription of £5 per household as quickly as possible – we really need your support.

If you have changed your email address recently and have not yet told us, please send me an email so I can update the records.

**Sophie Scott*

SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (SEA)

This subcommittee has been renamed (previously the Social and Neighbourhood Activities Group) which better reflects its remit and allows for a more attractive acronym – SEA rather than SNAG! The committee has been busy organising a range of activities and events

which we hope will help connect members and promote greater wellbeing and sense of community.

Social Events. The main social gathering since Christmas was the Spring Event held at the Kent and Canterbury Club on 16th March. Everyone present seemed to greatly enjoy the evening, including the buffet supper, quiz, and generous raffle prizes. The Club staff were thanked for their excellent service.



OHSCA Spring Event (16th March). Photo: Janet Penton.
(More pictures: p. [13])

Some future SEA events for 2018

Strawberry Tea. June 23rd at 13 Wells Avenue, CT13YB, 14.00–16.00 (weather permitting). Tickets are £5 per head which includes sandwiches, strawberries and cream, tea/coffee and cake. Wine will be available at additional cost. Book stall and raffle.

Tickets from *Marion Bell or *Sophie Scott

Tapas on the Terrace. July 29th at 26 Ethelbert Road, CT1 3NF (weather permitting) 12.30–15.00. Bring and share light lunch items – tapas if you can. Additional wine will be available to purchase.

Walks. Weekly walking group: Every Wednesday morning a walk (“towards 10,000 steps”) departs from the Kent and Canterbury gate at 09.30 (sharp) returning at 10.30. Weather permitting we walk through the orchards and fields, but in winter more frequently on the roads. All are welcome, just turn up and go. We go at a moderate pace. (Some pictures: p. 8, p. [12])

Friday walk. We will be piloting a Friday walk for a trial period of 6 weeks starting on Friday April 20th. Initially we will start at 09.30 from the hospital gates but this is open to change.

Floral Walks. *Tim Carlyle has offered to lead two additional walks both departing at 10.30 and of 3-4 miles duration:

15th April. Primroses and cowslips. Depart from the Compasses Inn, Sole Street, Crundale.

6th May: Bluebells. Depart from small car park at end of Mountain Street, just outside Chilham.

Full details are on the OHSCA website.

A butterfly & birdsong walk is now planned for Sunday 1st July (see also p.8). Meet 11.00, Blean Woods RSPB car park (New Rd, off Rough Common Rd).

*Dick Vane-Wright and others. Shared lifts might be possible. If weather is *very* wet we will cancel. Be prepared to walk up to four miles on woodland trails.

OHSCA Recipe Book. Some copies of this recipe book, written by OHSCA members, are still available for £6 from *Alison Culverwell.

Gardening Interest Group (GIG)

Some 50 members are part of this SEA special interest network of gardening enthusiasts, intended for both beginners and the more experienced. A meeting was held in February to plan the year’s activities which will include visits to members gardens, allotments, formal gardens and organising the annual plant and produce share events. Everyone is very welcome to join these sharing events, even if you have nothing to offer.

The Spring Plant Share is on Monday 28th May, 10.00–12.30 at 20 Ethelbert Road.

The Plant and Produce Share is on Sunday 19th August 10.00–12.30 at 45 Ethelbert Road.

“Gardeners’ Question time”. 15th April, 16.00–17.30, at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, off Nackington Road (by the rugby club). All OHSCA members welcome.

Visit to Goodnestone Gardens with the head gardener. 20th June, starts 14.00. £10.50. If interested please contact Helly Langley or Alison Culverwell to reserve a place.

To join this special interest group please contact Sarah Perkins (sarah@perkinsnet.plus.com)

Tool and Equipment Lending Network

The Tool and Equipment Lending Network (TELN) continues to coordinate a slow but steady flow of household and gardening items lent by local people to local people.

If you need to borrow a tool or piece of equipment that you think someone in the neighbourhood might own, then contact the TELN co-ordinator (Claire Leggatt) who holds a list of all the items available.

To see a list of the items available please follow the link on the OHSCA website. If the item you need is not listed, then it might be worth putting in a request and the co-ordinator will circulate TELN members to see if anyone can help.

Claire Leggatt (claire.leggatt@gmail.com)

The new OHSCA Drop-In meetings

We have started to hold monthly drop-in events where members can discuss local concerns and activities. The next will be on 11th April (details on p. 2).

If there are any OHSCA members who would like to join the SEA subcommittee or who are willing to help with specific events, please contact *Alison Culverwell or any of the individuals mentioned above.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

During 2017, we welcomed several new members, but sadly Win Speight, Doris Hughes, Joan Bluck and Colin Seymour-Ure, long-time supporters of the work of the Group, passed away.

Future of Canterbury Museum and Woods Stores Goods. We received assurances from Canterbury CC that the collection of goods from the former hardware store in Dover Street, donated by the local History Group, will be accessible to view under the new arrangements for the Museum.

We have had the VHS video of the shop (made before its closure in 1993) recorded on a USB memory stick.

Protection of St Mary Bredin School House and Mound. The submissions of OHSCA and CPRE regarding the retention of the schoolhouse and designation of the mound as a scheduled ancient monument (the latter being integral to the remains of the Norman motte and bailey) were unsuccessful (but see the next item). Potential alternative locations for the preservation of the schoolhouse, should its demolition be sanctioned, are under investigation.

Holmans Meadow Story Board. Holmans were outstanding in windmill design and construction, and in the production of agricultural machinery (especially traction engines). (See our booklet "The Holmans of Canterbury".) The siting of a story board setting out the history of the (now) car park site is being discussed with Canterbury City Council.

The History of Oaten Hill. We have continued to work on the history of St Sepulchre's Nunnery, Oaten Hill, Upper Chantry Lane, Cossington Road and Oaten Hill Place. Contributions from members who may have memories, information or photographs should be forwarded to David Potter at D.L.Potter@kent.ac.uk

We continue to record oral histories of local people and welcome contributors.

Our meetings at the Kent & Canterbury Club in Old Dover Road take place at 10.15 am, bi-monthly. The remaining meetings for 2018 will be on May 8th, July 10th, Sept 11th and Nov 13th.

Please visit www.ohsca.org/history.html to see details about our publications and how they can be obtained.

**Mike Brain, Chair Local History Group*

DEMOLITION OF NORMAN FORTIFICATION AND VICTORIAN SCHOOL AT RHODAU TOWN

OHSCA is continuing to fight for the withdrawal, or refusal, of the planning application submitted by Canbury Holdings to demolish the former St. Mary Bredin School opposite the city wall with the consequent removal of the ancient earth mound beneath it. If the development application is agreed the outcome would be another speculative block of student accommodation and the permanent loss of an

important part of our heritage which we think should be preserved. Many organisations and individuals in Canterbury agree with us that if the school needs to be demolished, then this historic site must still be retained as much-needed public open space, landscaped as a small park preserving the Norman rampart, for the enjoyment and education of the community and visitors.

Accordingly on Friday 24th November 2017 an application was sent to Historic England to request that the threatened site be scheduled. We argued that the site is a unique part of Canterbury's heritage, being a well preserved corner of the outer bailey of the motte and bailey castle likely first constructed by his army when William the Conqueror passed through Canterbury in 1066. The mound contains a surviving part of the Norman earth rampart along the eastern edge of the site, confirmed by recent archaeology, which is why the land is raised a few metres above its surroundings. We suggested that the boundary of the already scheduled part of the Norman castle site, in Dane John Gardens, should be extended to include the St Mary Bredin School site.

The disappointing initial assessment by Historic England, received on January 23rd 2018, was to refuse our request to schedule. We looked at their arguments which seemed to us inconsistent and unjustifiable, and submitted a detailed appeal for a review of this assessment on February 19th 2018 and are now awaiting the result.

A date for the Canterbury City Council planning committee meeting which will consider the future of the site has not yet been published. It may be that this date is waiting on a final decision from Historic England but, though a decision to schedule would be an argument in favour of a rejection of the planning application, the site is in an Area of Archaeological Importance that falls within the Canterbury City Conservation Area, and the committee may decide in any case that public amenity use of the land as open space would be more beneficial to Canterbury in the long-term than **any** new building on this site.

**Chris Tucker, 18th March 2018*



The Mound. Somewhere beneath, just behind the railings, lies the rare section of Norman earth rampart. The old school house is on the right. Is this our heritage?

PLANNING

Following Keith Rishworth's departure from the Committee, we have formed a new *ad hoc* Planning Subcommittee, led by Tim Carlyle, to keep this very important member service running. Every weekend Chris Tucker emails information about the week's new planning applications, and any decisions on previous applications. However, the subcommittee will focus mainly on larger or more egregious planning applications. **For residents' views to be taken into account it's really important that you respond personally to any applications which concern you.** Our guidance notes about how to comment effectively are sent out with every weekly list. The OHSCA committee is keen to support residents' views, and welcomes contact from members concerned about planning issues. If you do have concerns please let us know by e-mailing planning@ohsca.org or, if you have no alternative, please telephone a member of the committee (details on p.8).

AIR QUALITY IN CANTERBURY: a funding appeal

Last year two legal challenges were launched to ensure that future housing developments don't lead to worse air quality. The first was against the Government for failing to 'call in' Canterbury's expansion plans, on air pollution grounds. The second was against the Local Plan – because it failed to include measures to stop air pollution getting worse. On 22nd March the High Court adjourned the case against the Local Plan until the case against the Government is resolved by the Court of Appeal. This means our air pollution problems are being taken seriously.

Thanks to the generosity of local people, the campaign has raised over £11,000 so far. A further £15,000 is needed to cover legal costs. If you would wish to support these legal challenges you can send a cheque to Kent Environment & Community Network (KECN) at Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, CT4 5AT; or pay KECN by BACS transfer, account number 65457863, sort code 08-92-99; or donate direct at <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/canterburyairpollution/>

With our grateful thanks for any help you can offer.
Emily Shirley & Michael Rundell

DATA PROTECTION

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect on 25 May 2018. This legislation replaces the Data Protection Act 1998 which, up to now, has governed how organisations like OHSCA safeguard personal information that we hold about our members. As a committee we have always taken the matter of your privacy very seriously and are now going through the process of ensuring that what we do in future will comply with this new legislation. A document is being prepared which explains our data protection policy and this will be placed on our website in due course for your information. You will also see minor changes to our membership form and we will need to ask all current members to give their explicit

consent for us to continue to hold basic information about them on our membership database.

Dear Editor YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS

That Car Park. Among the many vitally important unanswered questions in relation to the proposed new car park at Canterbury West station, such as air quality, environmental impact, congestion, design etc, lies a major concern about its financial viability.

We are told it is to be used by a mix of commuters, visitors and shoppers. Apparently shoppers will be encouraged to use this new facility because some city centre car parks are to be closed. If the car park is to pay its way then it won't be cheap for them.

I fear however that contrary to such expectations shoppers will instead prefer to go to Westwood Cross (where parking is free), Ashford Designer Outlet and Bluewater, all of which have the distinct advantage of offering only a very short walk to their shops and restaurants.

Add to this the rapid expansion of on line shopping and it does not bode well for our city centre stores. Certainly if I owned the Whitefriars lease I would be seriously worried.

But hold on ... I do !! ... albeit in very small way as a council tax payer. Oh dearie me.

David Kemsley, Cowdrey Place

Tools with a Mission. I have just donated a lot of old tools, hammers, pliers, hand drills etc, plus garden rakes, hoes, to TWAM, Tools with a Mission. These are refurbished by experienced persons before being sent to Africa. They also have a need for sewing machines, computers (desk & laptop), scanners & printers. If you think you could help, please e-mail twam.uk for more information.

Margaret Ann Allan

Syrian refugees. We recently attended a local event to explore the possibility of Canterbury supporting a Syrian refugee family under the national Community Sponsorship Scheme. There were a number of people seriously interested in taking forward the preliminary work to see if this were feasible in Canterbury. For it to be successful it needs support and involvement from the host community. If any OHSCA members would like to know more about this scheme or might be interested in take part in any way, we would be delighted to talk with you.

*Claire Leggett and *Alison Culverwell*

ANSWERS TO MARION'S NEW YEAR WORD PUZZLE

ALE, ANGELS, CAKE, CANDLES, CARD, CHRISTMAS, COLD, COW, CRACKERS, DATE, FLAKE, HOLLY, ICY, INN, IVY, JESUS, JOKES, MEN, NUT, OX, PIES, PRESENTS, PUDDING, RUM, SANTA, SNOW, SON, STAR, TAG, TOY, TREE, TURKEY, WISE, WISH, YULE

If you have paid your 2018 subscription please accept our grateful thanks; if not and you wish to continue as a Member, please see page 4 and contact *Sophie Scott.

This digital version of the Spring Newsletter differs in some minor details from the printed edition, most notably with respect to the Healthwatch event, now likely to happen on 24th May (see p.2) but still not confirmed. Please expect further information about this by email. Picture pages [9–13] are an addition.

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The Heath Fritillary used to be quite widely distributed in many parts of southern England. But now it is restricted to a few localities in the southwest and in Essex – plus what is currently its main stronghold at Blean Woods National Nature Reserve – just 3 miles northwest of Canterbury. This pretty, slow-flying insect can be found each year in small colonies – which after a few years move on to adjacent open sites as the succession of coppiced areas re-grow. The adults fly in June and July, and will be the butterfly focus for the Birds and Butterflies walk to take place on Sunday 1st July (p.5)



hardy soul, sole survivor, 10,000 steps, Wed. 28th Feb. 2018



1928



1936



With John 1965



2009

Doris Hughes, 1920–2018



Top: Doris and Nickie 8th Feb. 2000, OHDS History Group meeting (photo: Joyce Beadle)
Mid: Doris, Nickie, Peter Wales, Save our Hospitals Campaign, London 1998
Btm: Doris speaking on 3rd March 2008, at unveiling of Nickie Young memorial stone (Lord Mayor Cyril Windsor on left).



Doris Hughes with Colin Graham at book launch of *The Pinnocks of Canterbury*, Kent & Canterbury Club, 17th Aug. 2000 (photo: Joyce Beadle)



Doris with Nickie and George Liddle at the OHDS New Year party, 1995

[All photos on pp. [10] and [11] from OHDS Archive, courtesy of Marian Heath.]



Top: walking the walk, Stuppington Lane, Wednesday 14th March
Mid: soon after, one mile distant Cathedral view from the orchards
Btm: almost same spot, two weeks later.



OHSCA Spring Social Event, K&C Club, 16th March 2018. All photos (except last) by Janet Penton.