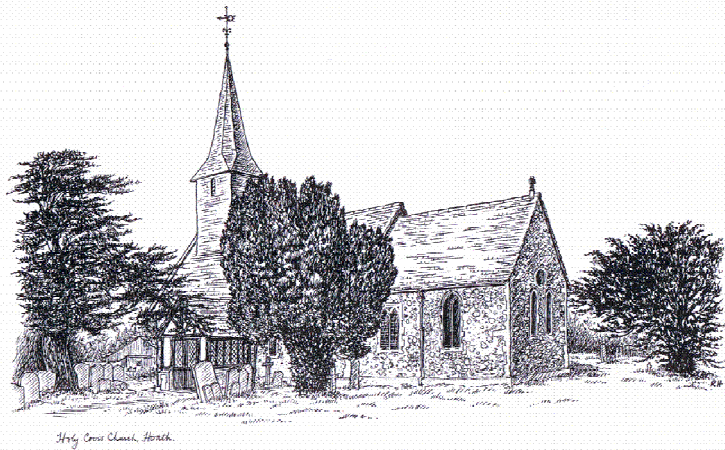


Welcome to  
The Village of



HOATH



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# The Village of Hoath Welcome Booklet

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# Hoath

Welcome to Hoath!

This booklet will hopefully act as a guide to enable you to feel your way around the area and give you an idea of what it has to offer.

Your village comprises of 400 souls on the electoral register plus of course those under the age of 18. Hoath has approximately 240 dwellings spread over a triangular shaped area, stretching from Tile Lodge through to Ford and then across to the Gate Inn, embracing Shelvingford, Maypole, Old Tree, Knaves Ash, Rushbourne and Buckwell. It includes 7 farms, two public houses, a church, a village hall and a primary school.

## **COUNCILS**

There are Parish Council notice boards on the side of the Prince of Wales Pub and opposite the post box in the centre of the village showing when the Council meet and who your councillors are.

Your Canterbury City Councillor is Carolyn Parry who can be contacted via the Canterbury City Council offices.

Your Kent County Councillor is Alan Marsh who can be contacted via County Hall, Maidstone, telephone 01622 671 411 or on **aviation@netcomuk.co.uk**  
Your Member of Parliament is Julian Brazier who can be contacted via the House of Commons, London SW1A0AA telephone 0207219 3000 or on **www.julianbrazier.co.uk**

## **PARISH PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA**

There is a Parish Magazine published monthly (apart from August/September and December/January when there is just one issue) which currently costs £4.50p per annum. This is a joint publication by volunteers from both Hoath and Chislet. There is also the LINK Magazine (the parish magazine of The United Benefice of St Mary the Virgin Reculver & St Bartholomew, Herne Bay with Holy Cross Hoath) costing £3.00p per annum; both magazines are obtainable from Holy Cross Church. Also Hoath has a website

**[www.hoath.org](http://www.hoath.org)**

## **LOCAL PRESS**

The local papers are the Herne Bay Gazette and the Herne Bay Times both of which are published on a Thursday.

## **LIBRARIES**

There are Public Libraries in both Canterbury and Herne Bay. The Canterbury branch is housed along with the excellent museum in the Beaney Institute, 18 High Street, and the Herne Bay branch is in its High Street. The Mobile Library calls weekly on a Monday at between 2.25 and 2.40 pm. It parks opposite the Church.

## **REFUSE**

Refuse collection day is on a Thursday and alternates between recyclable being collected one week and non-recyclable being collected the next. There is also a Household Waste Recycling Centre in Sea Street, Herne Bay for disposal of other items.

## **Some History of Hoath and its Origins**

Hoath means boggy heath. The settlement which came about here, the highest point in the area, was most likely the last in a series of moves away from presumably even boggier heaths closer to the Wansum. The proximity to Blean Wood and its abundance of timber for building etc. would have been another bonus. Plus being close to the Roman road and its presumably excellent chariot service!

Hoath came very much under the jurisdiction of Reculver in those days, even after the decline of the Roman Empire. There was a monastery at Reculver, which like all wealthy monasteries of the time had vast estates. These included Hoath and Herne and, when the monastery was dissolved in 949 AD, it was handed over to the Archbishopric of Canterbury and probably came under the name of Northwood. This would have included Herne, Stourmouth and land at the west end of Thanet. These were lands lent out to the Archbishop's knights.

The church we know as Holy Cross in Hoath was probably built in the reign of Henry 111 (1216-1272) to save the inhabitants the trouble of travelling to Reculver, however it was not allowed to bury its dead in the churchyard until 1303. One can imagine the hardship involved in transporting the deceased the four miles to Reculver, particularly during the winter with the ford at Ford in full flow! A century later in 1360 Hoath at last had its own resident priest. The

tower contains three bells, one dated 1500 and the other two 1696, and the Parish Register dates back to 1554.

The most important building in the parish was the Archbishop's Manor House (Ford Palace). This no longer exists but stood about 300 yards from the road where Ford Farm stands now. It was a substantial house becoming the occasional home of such worthies as Cranmer and Langton. Henry VIII was entertained here during his passage to France, where he was to meet Francis I at the Field of the Cloth of Gold. All that is left to remind us of those heady times is the barn, which would have been built at the same time, most likely by Archbishop Morton in the 15<sup>th</sup> C. He was also responsible for most of the expansion of Ford Manor.

Around 1570 Robert Hunt was born in Hoath, in 1594 he became Vicar of Reculver and Hoath. He later exchanged parishes with one in Heathfield in Sussex. Subsequently he applied to join an expedition to America for the Virginia Company of London and on his arrival in the James River in 1607 celebrated the first Anglican Communion in that land. From this beginning rose the Episcopalian church in the United States.

## **Holy Cross Church**

Holy Cross is part of the Benefice of St Mary's Reculver and St Bartholomew Herne Bay.

There is an all age act of worship every Sunday at 10.15 am. Two services each month are Holy Communion. At each service there is a children's session followed by activities to support their theme, which they complete together whilst the service continues. There are a variety of services to celebrate the major festivals of Christmas, Easter, Whitsun and Remembrance Sunday. Every service is followed with refreshments and a social time.

The church is frequently used for weddings and baptisms and some funerals. The churchyard is closed for burials but is open for the internment of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance. The southwest window of the church is designated as a memorial window and is available for flowers, plants and messages of loved ones and by it stands the Book of Remembrance.

The church takes its responsibility to the community and our world seriously and welcomes the opportunity to donate 10% of its annual income to charity. The Hospice in Canterbury, Demelza House (the children's hospice in Sittingbourne), and Poverty and Hope (a Church of England charity) receive regular donations. In addition financial support is given to Maxine Raabe, a friend of the church, to further her missionary work in Asia. In the last few years an appeal for the Mustard Seed Mission Charity, Love in a Box, which is Christmas gifts for orphaned and disadvantaged

children in Eastern Europe, has been well supported by the people of the village. For the past two years we have been helping to support the Kent Peoples Project Health Centre in the Gambia.

The youth club meets in the Village Hall; it is church based and supported financially by Holy Cross - see *page 12 for more details.*

Holy Cross is open daily and is available for the community. Each week prayers for the sick and people in need are included in the service and a prayer book inside the church is available for anyone to add their names. As a church we are committed to serving the community and will always try and

respond to any need of which we are aware.

For further information or assistance please contact:

The Rev Jenny Hadlow on 711516 or

The Rev Ronald Hawkes on 360948.



## Hoath School



The school is central to the life of the village involving children and parents and the wider community through the end of term assemblies and PTA fund raising activities.

The school was established in 1860 and met in the building which is now the village hall. The current school was built in 1928.

The School is small with a maximum of 56 children on the roll. There are 2 classes, infants and juniors. The infants are reception and years 1 and 2; years 3 to 6 are in the junior class. There is a good teacher/pupil ratio. The head teacher is full time and teaches part-time in the junior class along with 2 other part-time teachers. The infants have a full-time teacher. There is a strong tradition of music and singing in the school

led by the infant class teacher.

The School has spacious grounds and these are well used. The School PTA has raised money to enhance the grounds over the years most recently with the purchase of an 'outdoor classroom' and a 'stage' for play, drama classes and other performances. The school has no hall and so makes good use of the Village Hall for various activities. A new sports hall is being built at Hersden which will be shared by Hersden, Chislet and Hoath Schools.

The School offers a varied and interesting range of activities and outings throughout the year supported by the parents and the PTA. There are also a wide range of after school clubs run by staff and/or parents. They are, Creative Movement, Gardening, Environment, Gym, Activity, Football, Yoga and French.

## **The Village Hall**

The Hall was originally the village school and as can be noted from the tablet on the front of the building was built in 1864. When the new school was built Lord Sondes, a local landowner who had borne the costs of the building, gave it to the community to be used as a village hall. It is the main meeting place for the community and is well supported by the following groups and is available for hire for parties and meetings. For details of times and dates of when these groups meet please see the notice board at the Hall.

**Men's Club** Meets on a Tuesday (Oct – May) 8 pm – midnight. This is a social club, which has been going for nigh on half a century and meets weekly for billiards, darts, dominoes, table tennis and card games. Contact Brian Hopkins on 860362.

**Youth Club** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday in the month between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. This is an activity group for young people between the ages of 8-14. Contact Richard Keyes on 860836.

**Gardening Club** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 7.30 – 9.30 pm. A very popularly attended group who meet to be entertained by various speakers on subjects such as horticulture, travel and nature. There are also outings to celebrated gardens plus fiercely fought gardening shows throughout the year! Contact Ann Thomas on 711522.

**Women's Institute** Meets on the third Thursday of each month 7.15 to 9.30 pm. A popular group which

comes together to enjoy a buffet supper, hear talks on a variety of subjects and take part in competitions. They also have outings! Contact Wendy Dance on 860218.

**Playgroup** Meets each weekday apart from Wednesday between 9 and noon. Supervised pre-school education. Contact Kay on 710607.

**Parent and Toddler Group** Meets every Wednesday between 10 and 12 and gives parents of very young children the opportunity to meet up and socialize. Contact Natalie Chandler on 07963 866857.

**Yoga** Meets each Friday at 3.15 pm for children and 4.15 pm for adults.

All of the above activities are open to everyone. Just turn up and make yourself known! To make a booking for the Hall please contact 860302.



## Public Houses

### **The Gate Inn at Marshside.**

Your host is Chris Smith (and has been for some 30 years). The sort of pub, which many think, has died out. No one-armed bandits, no music, beer straight from the barrel, CAMRA recommended, etc etc.



### **The Prince of Wales at Maypole**

Your host is Mark who reigns over a sophisticated restaurant with oodles of atmosphere and splendid food. Plus of course a bar!



We are very lucky to have two such excellent hostelries in the village.

## **Walks in the Area**

There are many local ancient byways used by our predecessors for moving about the parish to get to church, work and other villages. Whilst their only purpose today is generally one of recreation you will be amazed how walking these footpaths gives a different aspect to where you live. However when walking them do remember the Country Code!

East Blean Woods, which are situated along Hicks Forstal Road, are administered by the Kent Woodland Trust and are a site of Scientific Interest containing many species of protected birds and butterflies. They are open to the public to walk on specific paths and are a wonderful asset to Hoath. There is a car park.

Marshside has extensive walks alongside North Stream and the various dykes with lots to interest the birdwatcher and naturalist. You may even see a marsh harrier!

Bishopstone and Reculver are part of a lengthy coastal walk with wonderful views. It is right on the migratory path of many interesting species of birds. There are car parks at both spots.

Grove Ferry has a pleasant spot for picnics and a short walk alongside the Stour. Opposite is a longer walk to a bird sanctuary with hides.

You will soon realise, once you have experienced some of these walks, just what a lovely part of the world you have chosen to live in!

## **Children's Play Area**

In the absence of a village green the Parish Council some years ago initiated a play area for the village children which has been steadily improved and added to.



**POLICE** Non Emergency 01227 762 055  
Emergency (i.e. crime is in progress) 999

**DOCTOR**

There are surgeries at Broomfield, Sturry  
and Herne Bay. To register call Kent Primary  
Care Agency on 01622 655000

**DOCTOR (OUT OF HOURS)**

0844 800 1234 (Stour Care)

**DENTIST**

Call Kent Primary Care Agency for your  
nearest NHS dentist

**HOSPITALS**

Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother (Main A & E)  
St Peter's Road, Margate... 01843 225 544

Kent & Canterbury (Minor Injuries Unit)

Ethelbert Road, Canterbury 01227 766 877

Queen Victoria Memorial, Herne Bay

King Ethelbert Avenue 01227 594 700

**HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL** 01227 860 249

**CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL**

MAIN SWITCHBOARD 01227 862 000

REFUSE COLLECTION 08000 319 091

RESIDENTS CARD 01227 378 153

COUNCIL TAX 01227 862 300

DOG WARDEN 01227 862 211

HIGHWAYS (KCC) 08458 247 800

**VETS Herne Bay:**

The Broadway Veterinary 01227 375 978  
Abbey Lodge (Diane Stark) 01227 364 084  
St Francis Veterinary 01227 374 858

**Beltinge:**

Animed Veterinary 01227 361 111

**Sturry:**

The Broadway Veterinary 01227 713 390

**OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY CARE**

Vets Now Ltd., 34, New Dover Rd. Canterbury  
01227 470 033

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**ST. DUNSTAN'S RC CHURCH** 01227 710 236  
Fr Wilford d'Silva, 16 Eastview, Hersden

**MARSHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH**

(Rev David Marshall) 01227 273 725  
Chapel Lane, Marshside

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**KINGSMEAD LEISURE CENTRE, CANTERBURY**

Gym, Badminton, Swimming Pool 01227 769 818

**HERON SWIMMING POOL – HERNE BAY**

01227 742 102

**PIER SPORTS CENTRE**, Central Parade, Herne Bay  
Squash, Badminton, Roller Skating 01227 366 921

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB,**

111 High St. Herne Bay. 01227 374 175  
Pool & Snooker

**MARLOW THEATRE** (Canterbury) BOOKING OFFICE  
01227 787 787

**KINGS HALL** (Herne Bay) BOOKING OFFICE  
01227 374 188

**GULBENKIAN** (Kent University) BOOKING OFFICE  
01227 769 075