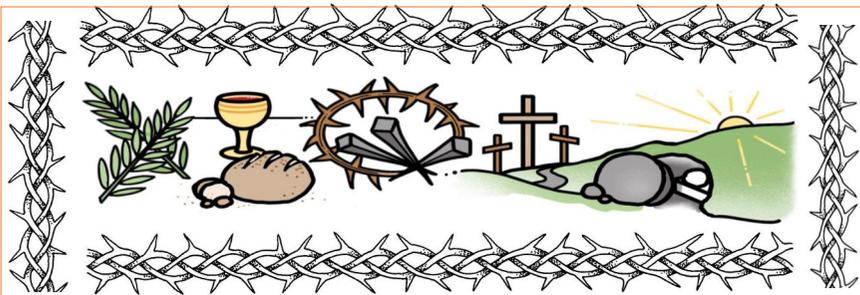


Hollingbourne & Hucking

April 2022



LCHGS Spring Show
2nd April
12-4 pm
Village Hall

Pilgrims Way Churches

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

FULL ENGLISH

8.30 am at
THE DIRTY HABIT
SATURDAY, 9th April



Church & Village News

www.hollingbournepc.co.uk

“Don't give up”

A father was pushing a pram through a park. The baby was screaming as loudly as he could. It was a lovely warm day, and the park was filled with people – all watching. As the embarrassed young father passed by, he was heard saying, “Take it easy Malcolm. Just relax. No reason to get excited. Just calm down and everything will be all right. Come on, Malcolm.’ An older lady, who was watching, had great sympathy, stopped him and said, ‘My, what a nice baby. Did you say his name was Malcolm?’ To which the frustrated father replied, ‘No! His name is Barnaby. I'm Malcolm!’

I wonder if that father felt as if he was just not up to the job of parenting? I wonder if he made a promise to be better, calmer, more assertive, confident? I wonder if he felt like giving up?

Hands up those of us who didn't even bother to make a resolution in the New Year, knowing full well we'd have broken it within a few days? Hands up those who were determined to give something up for Lent this year, but just couldn't keep going? We are full of good intentions but, sadly, some things are simply beyond us, like keeping promises when we want to do something better.

When Sir Winston Churchill was a young man he attended Harrow School, but he struggled. He was always in the lower third of his class and showed little potential. But he persevered and went on to university. After a successful military career, and many years in public life, he was elected Prime Minister on two separate occasions. His leadership during World War Two inspired his countrymen when the nation faced its darkest hour. Near the end of his life, he was invited back to Harrow to address the students. The Headmaster announced his coming by saying, ‘In a few days our former Prime Minister will be here. He's one of the great orators of all times, so listen carefully and take plenty of notes!’

The morning of his visit came. Sir Winston was enthusiastically presented, graciously acknowledged his introduction and then said: ‘Young gentlemen, never give up! Never give up! Never give up! Never! Never! NEVER!’ And with that, he sat down. Those few words comprised the sum total of his speech, but I'm sure none of the students ever forgot the sound advice they heard that day.

As we approach another Easter, let us remember Jesus, who, even though He was the Son of God, even though He ‘knew no sin’, went all the way to the Cross to die for us. He took on himself the wrongdoing of the whole world, in order that we might be able to be in relationship with our Heavenly Father. He could have given up. In fact, just before He died, He asked His Father to ‘take this cup of suffering’ from him. But He kept going even when his closest friends deserted him.

The writer to the Hebrews in the New Testament wrote this: ‘Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising

SERVICES 2021/22 (YEAR C)

APRIL 2022

3rd April

Service

Readings

10th April

Services

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14th April

Service

15th April

Services

16th April

Service

17th April

Service

Readings

24th April

Service

Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Palm Sunday

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Hucking 11.00 am

Luke 19: 28-40; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end

Maundy Thursday

Detling 7.00 pm

Good Friday

Boxley 10.00 am (inc Children's Group)

Bearsted 12.00 – 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday

Hollingbourne 8.00 pm

Easter Day

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

2nd Sunday after Easter

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Family Service

Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-end

LEEDS SERVICES

3 rd April	Leeds	9.30 am	Worship/Prayers – Café
10 th April	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Communion
15 th April	Broomfield	2.00 pm	Meditation
17 th April	Leeds	9.30 am	Worship & Communion
24 th April	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.'

Do you feel burdened by responsibility? A broken promise? A forgotten resolution? Let us look to Jesus and run with patience the race before us and never, never, never, give up!

Graham Bibby

Team Missioner, North Downs Team.

EDITOR'S NOTES APRIL

First, the really good news. It is planned that the magazine will appear in print for the May edition. I hope to get it to the printer in time for it to be delivered (by a wonderful new group of distributors) by the Sunday before the 1st of the month. The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council (which produces the magazine) have worked extremely closely to put us back on track and I am delighted that a wider readership will be able to enjoy our efforts. The magazine will still be available on the Parish Council website – Maria has thoughtfully collected together the editions from the last two years on a special portal on the site.

Following that great news, my contributors will now have to get their act in gear as the deadline will revert to the 10th of the month, to allow me time to put the magazine together and ship it off to the printers.

Now to the activities for the month of April.

The W.I. Barn Dance has been postponed until October, but the Men's Breakfast will take place on the 9th. Later in the day, the Garden Society is holding their Spring Show – full details of classes are on the Parish website and the Leeds Castle & Hollingbourne Garden Society site.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday services on the 10th at All Saints and St. Margaret's, Hucking; Maundy Thursday at St. Martin's, Detling on the 14th; Good Friday Meditation at Holy Cross, Bearsted; Holy Saturday Service at All Saints and Easter Sunday Service on the 17th.

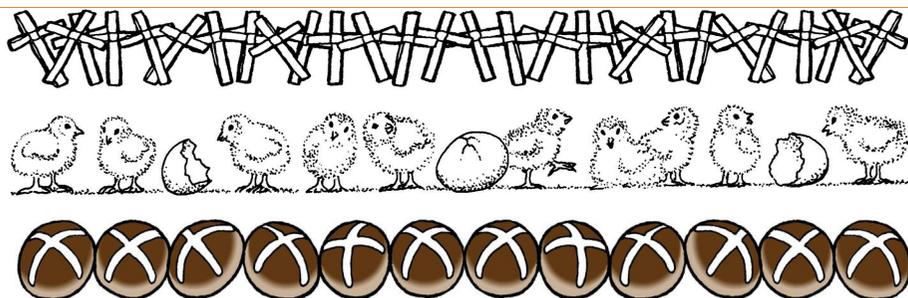
Live Lent is still running—collect those 40 items for Making a Difference in Maidstone.

The W.I. Meeting is on the 19th and St. George's Day will be celebrated on the 23rd.

Further reminder – pass your dates and details to me at Hollingbourne.parish.magazine.editor@hotmail.com or 01622.583.636 by the 10th of the month to be included.

Happy Easter to All our Readers.

Carole Findlay



Country Notes for April 2022

One would be a fool not to be excited on 1st April at the thought of what the month ahead holds for us in the country. Leaves are starting to appear on trees and in hedges, summer migratory birds are starting to arrive, butterflies are once again on the wing, flowers are really taking hold all around us and the days feel altogether much warmer. As I write this in late March I have already heard and seen my first chiffchaffs in our villages. I have seen red admiral, peacock, comma, small tortoiseshell, brimstone and small white butterflies and the daffodils are well and truly out in my garden.

The wonderful thing is that there is so much more to come. In the coming weeks we will welcome swallows and house martins back to our villages, there will be blackcaps and whitethroats in our fields and hedgerows and the migrant birds will continue to join us from their winter in southern Europe and Africa. There will be orange tip butterflies, holly blues and many, many more.

On 9th April we will be able to see what our village gardens have been producing in our first Garden Society Show in two years. Shortly after that we will be celebrating Easter. What joyful moments they will be!

April is a month of great change when spring really takes hold and our countryside is transformed on an almost daily basis. However, there can be Aprils when the weather is cold and wet. There have even been Aprils when we have had snow! Sitting in my garden writing these notes on a beautiful warm and sunny spring day that seems a little hard to imagine.

One of the great things about the English spring is that we never know exactly what to expect. Let's hope that April stays sunny and warm.

Fingers crossed!

Andrew Snowdon

The real purpose of a child's full name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Never buy a car you can't push.

City life: Millions of people being lonesome together. – *Thoreau*

Conference: The confusion of one person multiplied by the number present. – *Anon*

Commuter: A person who has a complaint of longstanding. – *Anon*

Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly. – *Anon*

This is not my bald patch; it's a solar panel for brain power. – *Anon*

Why was the Easter bunny upset? *He was having a bad hare day.*

What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? Hip-hop, of course!

What do you call a rabbit that can tell a good joke? A funny bunny.

Pilgrims Way Churches

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How to have some happiness this April

'April is the cruellest month,' wrote TS Eliot at the beginning of his magisterial poem, *The Wasteland*. And it is a good description of what April may bring us, between the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices.

But apparently, major problems do not mean that we can't enjoy anything. According to the 'science of happiness,' fuelled by advances in brain-scanning technology and a cultural shift towards seeing happiness as a key index in human development, there is a way through the deep gloom that hangs over this month.

Neuroscientists suggest that even while we are dealing with the big problems of life, we can also make room for 'small, fleeting moments of fulfilment'. These can range from holding the hand of a loved one, to appreciating the daffodils in your garden, to enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Such moments of quiet contentment are 'joyful vignettes' which can be the bread and butter of our daily human happiness. As one writer has said: "Hold on to the small moments and the bigger picture of gloom doesn't have to be as overwhelming as it first seems."

WI NEWS

We were all in a very cheerful mood for our first meeting on February 15th since November 2021. A rousing rendition of Jerusalem put us in the right frame of mind to learn about all the new activities we can now 'sign up' for. These range from a Singing Day; a walk for Women of the World; a social Tea at Lenham; a Daffodil Weekend and, of course, the celebrations for the Jubilee.

We enjoyed our visit to Hollingbourne Pantomime with so many good songs and heckling!!!

The Annual Christine Rogers Darts competition took place in February. Members brought tasty refreshments and Steve put up the Darts Board especially for the event in the Sugar Loaves. Christine's family came to present the winner's trophy to Sue R who, given that she never practises, finished in grand style and won for the second year running. Ian was on hand to give advice and ensure fair play.

March 1st dawned grey and miserable. However, that did not prevent all the pupils from Hollingbourne School, plus staff and parents, from taking part in the Pancake Races. We were greatly helped by the senior pupils, who ensured that the races were run according to the rules! They quickly returned the pans to the start line and the winners were escorted to the pavilion to be presented with their winners' rosettes. The parents were so keen to join in that we had to organise two dads' and two mums' races! Hot cross buns and drinks were served in the pavilion. A terrific community event and thanks to the school for not letting the weather win!

We are looking forward to a trip to Thriplow, in Cambridgeshire, for a Daffodil Day, where the whole village opens up to visitors.

Our next meeting will be on 19th April. Melanie Gibson-Barton will be giving an intriguing talk entitled '3 Women and 1 Man' – so come to the Windmill Hall at 8pm: the £3 on the door includes refreshments.

Val Williams

Secretary, Hollingbourne WI



Advice to gardeners:

The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull up everything. If they come up again, they're weeds. - Anon

Your favourite music

Why do you like the music that you do? It may depend on your personality traits.

A recent study has found that agreeable people tend to favour mellow music such as reggae, while neurotic people will tend to prefer intense styles such as grunge and metal.

The study spanned 50 countries, and despite differences in culture and language, the researchers still found clear correlations between personality traits and musical styles. Thus, people who are 'open' and 'sophisticated' will like jazz supremos such as Miles Davis, while more extroverted types will tend towards singers such as Ed Sheeran.

Dr David Greenberg, the University of Cambridge researcher who led the study, says: "We were surprised at just how much these patterns between music and personality replicated across the globe." There was a clear pattern of personality traits being matched to particular musical genres.

Thus, the trait of agreeableness, characterised by sympathy and co-operation, leads such people towards mellow music sung by artistes such as Bob Marley, Marvin Gaye and Norah Jones. People who display the traits of 'extroversion' prefer the excitement of contemporary music styles such as electro, rap, and pop, sung by artists like Beyonce and Justin Bieber. Then there are the 'conscientious' music lovers, with personality traits such as obedience and a preference for order, who lean towards music defined as 'unpretentious,' which includes religious music and country styles.

People with 'open' personalities defined by their imagination and creativity, prefer compositionally complex styles termed 'sophisticated,' which includes jazz. Finally, neurotic people tend to enjoy intense styles such as punk rock and the grunge of Nirvana, which perhaps "reflects their inner angst and frustration".

The study was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Children and energy drinks

Up to a third of our children are consuming energy drinks every week, according to recent research by the British Medical Journal.

The study, commissioned by the government, found that some under-18s have as many as five or more a week.

Now experts have found that too many energy drinks lead to physical symptoms such as having trouble sleeping, irritability, headaches, and stomach problems. Having an energy drink on five or more days a week can result in low psychological, physical, educational and overall well-being.

One scientist from the University of York said that the findings "offer support for a Government policy banning the sale of energy drinks to children."

Music Notes APRIL 2022



Lots of relatively local concerts in April, though almost all are choral; our orchestral societies either had concerts in March, and are recovering, or have concerts planned in May and are still rehearsing (or both!). Sadly, there are still clashes between societies who should be co-operating for a common audience – when will a co-ordinating function re-appear? Meanwhile, make your choice:

Saturday, 2nd April, at 7.30pm at **Holy Cross Church**, Bearsted ME14 4EE – **Bearsted Choral Society** perform **Mendelssohn's Elijah**. Tickets 0333 6663366

Also, on 2nd April at 7.30pm at **St. James the Great Church**, East Malling ME19 6AG, **East Malling Singers** perform **Brahms's Ein Deutches Requiem**. Tickets 01622 750943

Saturday, 9th April at 7.00pm at **St. Mildred's Church**, Tenterden TN30 6AT, **Sutton Valence Choral Society** sing **Stainer's Crucifixion** together with works by **SS Wesley, Ousley** and **Goss**. Tickets 01622 861313

Monday, 11th April at 7.30pm (time tbc) at **All Saints' Church**, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, **The Maidstone Singers** will be singing **Fauré's Requiem**. For details call 01622 630016.

Saturday, 23rd April at 7.30pm at **St. George's Church**, Gravesend DA11 0DJ, **Gravesham Choral Society's** concert entitled "**Hymns of Praise**" includes celebratory music by **Handel**, Haydn and **Mendelssohn**. Tickets www.graveshamcs.co.uk or at the door.

Saturday, 30th April at 7.00pm at **St. Nicholas Church**, Allington ME16 0DE, the **Invicta Jazz Orchestra** holds its April Gig. Tickets at the door.

Then to (perhaps) improve your music background, the anniversary to note for April is 100th anniversary of the birth of **Elmer Bernstein**, American composer and conductor (1922-2004) on 4th April. In a career that spanned more than five decades, he composed "some of the most recognizable and memorable themes in Hollywood history", including over 150 original film scores, as well as scores for nearly 80 television productions. For his work he received an Academy Award for *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (1967) and Primetime Emmy Award. He also received seven Golden Globe Award, five Grammy Award, and two Tony Award nominations.



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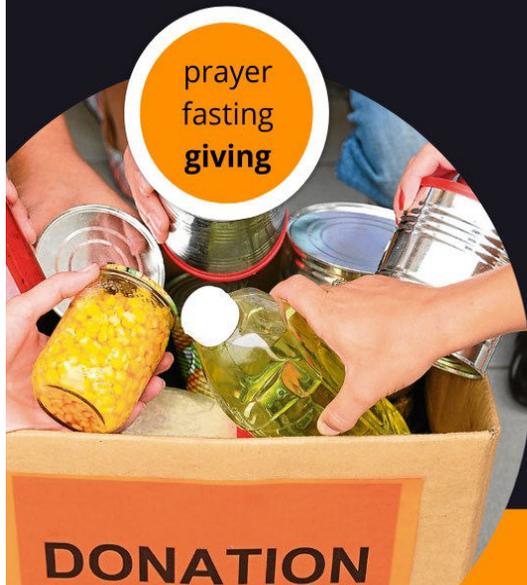
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For more info, call Rev Rob 01622630598 

HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

Monday, 11th April

Monday, 9th May

Monday, 13th June

At 7.30 pm

At The Cardwell Pavilion

Residents and representatives of the media interested in joining the meeting should contact the Clerk via pchollingbourne@gmail.com.

*The Parish Council's aim is to include them within the meeting.**

There will be a 10 minute interval before the meeting to allow members of the public to speak

Reading Group

Throughout the years of Hollingbourne Reading Group, the book which caused most discussion was the biography of '**Catherine the Great**'. Firstly, it was a huge hardback and, secondly, we surprised ourselves by enjoying it very much.

Now we must decide whether to read the current number one in the U.K., '**Putin's People**' by **Catherine Belton**. I doubt it will have the same level of entertainment as '**Catherine the Great**', but it is certainly interesting. It is an expose of Putin's rise to power and how Russian black cash is subverting the free world. Catherine Belton is an investigative journalist telling how Putin and his entourage of KGB men seized power and blurred the lines between organised crime and political power. Another best seller, but this time in America, is '**Red Notice**' by **Bill Browder**, which follows a similar pattern, saying that the West has completely misjudged Russia, which is a huge country with massive natural resources.

Lighter weight reading comes from **Marian Keyes**, **Lesley Pearse** & even **Dolly Parton**, albeit in conjunction with **James Patterson**.

Nearly time for reading outdoors rather than curled up by the fire. Perhaps it is time to get out those gardening books.

Happy Reading

Dawn Perry

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Hollingbourne Meadows Trust



Join us for a

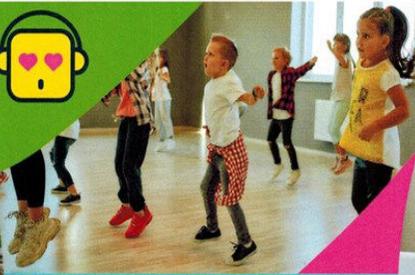
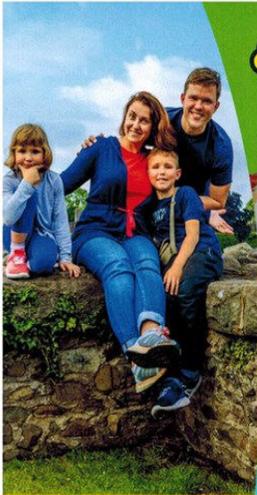
Dawn Chorus Walk

Bank Holiday Monday - 2nd May

4.00 am

Meet at the back of Hasteds Meadow at the end of the Hasteds entrance.

Tickets (limited to 20) available from *Woods* from **1st April** - £10 adults/£5 children, to include a bacon or sausage roll and tea /coffee at the end of the walk.



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Kent Children and Young People



Reconnect Kent

Reconnect your children and family to all the activities, fun and opportunities missed during the pandemic. For ongoing announcements on events and activities happening near you.



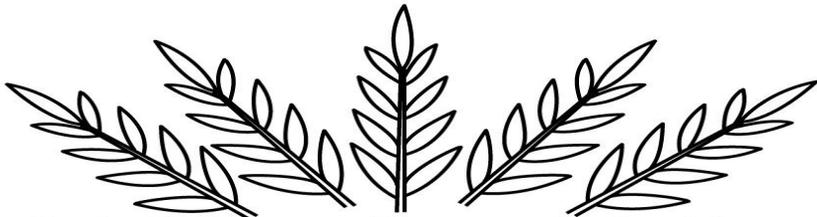
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*St. Margaret's Church
Hucking*

Sunday, 10th April
11.00 am
Holy Communion
On



PALM SUNDAY



Leeds Castle & Hollingbourne Garden Society 2022 Dates

Save the Date! (s)

Leeds Castle and Hollingbourne Garden Society have just announced the 2022 show dates.

The **SPRING SHOW** with teas is on **SATURDAY, 9th APRIL**

The **SUMMER SHOW** on **SUNDAY, (*NB) JULY 3rd** celebrates it being 150 years since the first Hollingbourne Flower Show !! There will be stalls and super cream teas!

The early **AUTUMN SHOW** with teas will be on **SATURDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.**

Please support the **Spring Show** either by entering or by coming along in the afternoon to see what the Village has produced and by having a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat.

There is no charge for entering. Prize cards will be awarded for first, second and third placed exhibits in each class.

It would be most helpful (to have an idea of the number of exhibits) to let the Show Secretary **Pat Bristow** know about your intended entries by **Thursday, 7th April.**

Contact Pat: 01622 880457 or email <pat-ann-1942@hotmail.com>.

Enjoy the Spring!

The society's annual subscription remains at £5 and will be collected at the Spring Show on the 9th April.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FULL ENGLISH

GUEST SPEAKER

**08.30 am at THE DIRTY HABIT
SATURDAY, 9th April, 2022.**

£10.00

Contact : **Jim Findlay 583636**
Email: jwmfindlay@hotmail.com



LEEDS CASTLE

Spring is here! Daffodils and crocuses are out in full bloom across the estate and cherry blossom is also out. The Culpeper and Pavilion Gardens are slowly coming back to life, and we are now looking forward to the annual displays of tulips, bluebells and bearded irises.

February Half Term was a game of two halves, with some busy days and then the horrendous storms in the latter part of the week. As you will be well aware, we had trees down all over the place, including across roads in some places, with many, many others down across the Golf Course and in the Princess Alexandra Gardens. It has taken an enormous amount of work by the team to clear everything up and to get roofs mended across the estate, where files blew off.

Sadly, the scale of the damage and the ensuing gales of the next three days meant that we had to close to the public for almost four days, including accommodation and dining bookings. Given it was February Half-Term and we were fully booked and expecting to have very healthy visiting, this was clearly very bad news. However, it is essential that we keep everyone safe. So, it was the right decision.

Before the storms blew in, we had thousands of happy visitors following the new Wildlife Trail, highlighting the various birds and beasts who live at the Castle, with Kent Wildlife Trust on site to talk about wild animals and their care. Unfortunately, the trail boards blew away in the storms!

Work continues on the major projects which we are planning to deliver by April. The new 1930s-themed reception for accommodation guests will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The Visitor Reception and Park Shop building is now completely gutted, with the internal wall removed and a steel support beam installed. We will now be working on laying new flooring, installing electrics, decorating and installing new shop fittings and ticketing desks, with opening anticipated in the second week of April.

At this time, we will also be introducing 80% new shop ranges, closely linked to the stories of the estate, ranging from local food and drink to Art Deco ranges, garden-inspired ranges to new children's and wildlife ranges. There will be something for everyone.

Work continues on the stonework repairs, with the scaffold wrap having to be replaced after Half Term due to storm damage. If you have walked through the estate recently you will have seen essential repairs being carried out to the causeway wall too.

We are now entering the final stages of our project to Bring the Castle to Life and restore it to the scene of one of Lady Baillie's glamorous house parties. Access to some of the rooms in the Gloriette (the oldest part of the Castle) will be limited over the next few weeks as we make repairs and install Eyemats, a custom-made covering that takes an exact photographic image of the floor,

to enable guests to enjoy the look of the original floor, while it is protected.

From 4th April, we will be introducing theatrical dressing of rooms, with sounds and smells that make it feel as if the occupant (above or below stairs) has just left the room. This will be done in front of the public throughout the week, completing on 11th April, ahead of the media launch. All guests will enter through the front door of the Castle, rather than the current Wine Cellar entrance.

Exciting times!

Helen Bonser-Wilton

Chief Executive



You and anti-social behaviour

It is a nice Spring afternoon, and you want to sit out in the garden to read your parish magazine. You deserve a break, because you have been kept awake all night by noise from certain neighbours in the street where you live. The racket is affecting your health as you and your family need your rest. You feel that your complaints have been ignored. What can you do?

There is a procedure called Community Trigger, which offers a coordinated response to serious anti-social behaviour problems by ensuring organisations work together on an agreed plan. It is useful where people feel they have been ignored.

Anti-social behaviour is defined as behaviour causing harassment, alarm or distress. It can also include vandalism, drugs use or intimidation. However, agencies should also consider the cumulative effect of the incidents complained of, and the harm caused to the victim.

To use Community Trigger, you must have made three reports of anti-social behaviour within the past six months, and made the reports within one month of the incident happening. The Community Trigger is not for complaints about how a problem has been dealt with or to report new cases of anti-social behaviour.

You can apply to your local authority for yourself or someone can apply on your behalf, such as a councillor, MP or relative. It will result in a multi-agency case review which involves various organisations such as the local Police, local council, or a housing association, if they are the landlord.

For more information search "Community Trigger" on your local authority website.

As always this is a very short pointer to a serious and complex issue. Always get advice before taking any action.

PATRIK GARTEN'S NEWSLETTER

Until 2024 we will still have yearly elections by a third across Maidstone. And, as every year, we will be in Purdah by the time the printed versions of this newsletter will be published.

Oh, I just learned that we are no longer supposed to call the pre-election period *Purdah*.

Purdah is now being deemed an offensive word, because it originates from the Hindustani word *pardā* meaning "curtain" or "veil", which describes the ensuring of women's modesty from the world of men.

Anyway, the *pre-election period between the announcement of an election and the formation of the newly-elected local government* affects anybody in government and requires us, those councillors who are not up for election, to remain politically impartial and not to make any announcements about any new or controversial initiatives that could be seen to be advantageous to any candidates or parties in the forthcoming election..... so here is my April newsletter :

UNESCO Global Geopark

The Kent-wide AONB Unit and their colleagues in France were given the green light to seek Cross-Channel UNESCO Global Geopark status for the Kent Downs AONB, together with our neighbouring protected landscape, the Parc Naturel Regional des Caps et Marais d'Opale (PNRCMO). This marks an important development in our UNESCO Sites Across the Channel (USAC) project. <https://kentdowns.org.uk/our-projects/unesco-sites-of-the-channel/>

Contractor Opportunity for Council work

The Council would like any local businesses, big and small, to bid for their contracts. By registering on the eTendering platform businesses can take part in upcoming and future tenders. It is completely free to register, and there is no obligation to take part in tenders - you can pick the opportunities that best suit you. It's a great way for any business to look for potential work and the portal includes opportunities across the whole of Kent. To register, simply visit www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk and select the 'Supplier Registration' option from the grey box.

Maidstone Welcomes Very Special Dinosaur Guests

Fremlin Walk and The Mall have free family fun throughout the Easter holidays.

2nd – 16th April, Dino Egg Trail

Find 20 large colourful Dino eggs around town, collect a letter on each to help spell out a small sentence. Crack the code and hand in the completed form at the Museum for a gift. PLUS be entered into free prize draw to win 1 of 100 Spike Dinosaur soft toys (Sponsored by Maidstone Museums' Foundation). Eggs designed by fantastic local artists and schools. Trails forms available from Maidstone Museum and participating businesses.

Saturday 9th April – Meet the Dinosaurs

Animatronic Spinosaurus based on Fremlin Walk and Animatronic T Rex based in The Mall, but keep your eyes peeled for him in town. Meet Rangers with Baby Velo Raptors and see the Jurassic Buggy

Enjoy the Dino Craft bar inside The Mall (9th – 16th)

Follow the Dinosaurs on social media to keep up to date with events in Maidstone:

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The Maidstone Borough in Bloom competition

It's a great myth that in the North Downs we have only farmers and forests and that our 'gardening' is only being done with big heavy machinery. Indeed, we have some very keen and creative gardeners in our ward and I like to encourage anyone who enjoys creating beautiful gardens or pots to enter the Maidstone Borough in Bloom competition, which opens on Thursday, 21st April. Judges will start inspecting all gardens, pots or allotments from 4th July giving residents and businesses plenty of time to create their stunning displays.

The Council works with Coolings Garden Centre in Bearsted and Leeds Castle to run the competition and awards ceremony, which will take place towards the end of July. There are lots of categories and entries are welcomed from residents, businesses and community groups. Anyone entering will be given a £5 voucher to spend at Coolings.

A trophy will be awarded for the winner in each category. All winners in each category will also receive a prize of a £25.00 Coolings gift voucher as well as two adult annual tickets for Leeds Castle.

To enter please complete a Coolings Garden Centre entry form through the Maidstone Borough Council website here: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/maidstone-borough-in-bloom>

And remember, gardening competitions are not just for the townies!

Effects of fly-tipping

Throughout the winter I cleaned up some woodland by collecting dead wood, only for the area to be devastated again by the recent storm. Oh, nature has some funny ways to keep us busy! I particularly noticed some foreign sling-weed, which climbs up trees and strangles them dead. This stuff is nasty! It's not like native ivy, which causes no harm, is pretty and provides a habitat for insects and birds. The remarkable thing is that this sling-weed was mainly found in areas of woodland close to the highway. I conclude: it must be the unforeseen effect of fly-tipping. Especially at this time of the year. Let's be vigilant and report ALL fly-tipping: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/street-care-and-cleaning/litter,-bins-and-street-sweeping/report-fly-tipping>

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And finally.....

Last month I reported about the planning application in Binbury. The envisaged committee date never took place. By going to press, the 31st of March is mooted but, being such a controversial site, it may well be that this date will be vacated until after the elections in May.

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)
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If my dog doesn't love you, I won't either

Nearly half of all dog owners would not continue to date somebody if their dog did not like that person. And two in five dog owners prefer to date someone who also has a dog.

For those people who go online to look for dates, one in ten dog owners choose potential partners by looking to see if a dog is present in their profile picture. Two thirds of dog owners say that their dog is their best friend, and three in five dog owners admit they prefer to spend the evening at home with their pet than to go out on a date.

The study was carried out by the Kennel Club, who said that it is not surprising that owners rely on their pet's instincts when it comes to selecting a partner. Still, Kennel Club adds that owning a dog should not be seen as an obstacle in finding your soulmate, but a real help. Kennel Club suggested that dog owners might socialise more at doggie events like Crufts, where there are lots of fellow dog lovers.

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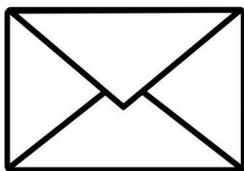
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150 years ago, on **2nd April, 1872**, that **Samuel Morse** died. This American artist and inventor helped develop commercial single-wire telegraph systems and co-developed **Morse code**.

125 years ago, on **3rd April, 1897**, that **Johannes Brahms**, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

100 years ago, on **3rd April, 1922**, that **Joseph Stalin** became leader of the Soviet Union, in succession to Vladimir Lenin.

90 years ago, on **23rd April, 1932**, that the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre** opened in **Stratford-upon-Avon**, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.

75 years ago, on **1st April, 1947**, that the **school leaving age** in the UK was raised to **15**.

Also, **75 years ago**, on **16th April, 1947**, that the term '**Cold War**' was used for the first time, when American financier and presidential adviser **Bernard Baruch** described the relationship between the USA and the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on **24th April, 1957**, that the first episode of the British astronomy series **The Sky at Night** was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world's longest-running TV series, with the same presenter (**Patrick Moore**, until his death in December, 2012). The series then continued with new presenters.

50 years ago, on **11th April, 1972**, that the first episode of the radio comedy panel game show '**I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue**' was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is still running.

40 years ago, on **2nd April, 1982**, that the **Falklands War** began, when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. A British victory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands.

30 years ago, from **5th April, 1992**, to February, 1996, that the **Siege of Sarajevo** took place, during the Bosnian War.

Also, **30 years ago**, on **15th April, 1992**, that the **President of Afghanistan, Mohammad Najibullah**, was forced to resign when his regime collapsed. Islamic rebels seized power on 28th April.

Also, **30 years ago**, on **23rd April, 1992**, that the world's **largest McDonald's** fast-food restaurant opened in **Beijing**, China.

Also, **30 years ago**, on **27th April, 1992**, that **Betty Boothroyd** became the first **female Speaker** of the House of Commons.

25 years ago, on **5th April, 1997**, that the **Grand National** steeplechase was disrupted after the **IRA** sent coded **bomb** warnings. 60,000 people were evacuated from the Aintree course and the race was postponed until Monday, 7th April.

Also, **25 years ago**, on **13th April, 1997**, that the American golfer, **Tiger Woods**, aged 21, became the youngest player to win the US Masters championship, and the first African American to win.

20 years ago, on **1st April, 2002**, that the **Netherlands** became the first country to legalise **euthanasia**.



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As the new vicar in the community, I tried to have a friendly word for everybody. And so, even while I sat in the reception area of my doctor's surgery, I felt 'on duty'.

Just then a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. I was thinking I should make small talk with him when a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair.

Placing his hand on the man's, he said companionably, "I know just how stupid you feel. My mum makes me ride in the pushchair, too."

Get going this Spring!

One thing you need to put at the top of your list this Spring is to simply MOVE.

Whether you like gardening, cycling, jogging, walking or any other activity, make certain that you do some of it every day.

As Prof James Goodwin, of the Brain Health Network in London explains, "Only 25 per cent of our ageing – both physical and mental – is determined by our DNA. The other 75 per cent is lifestyle and our environment, over which we have a lot of choice."

He goes to explain that aerobic exercise indirectly stimulates the brain, and thus rejuvenates it. "Prolonged daily sitting down is the enemy of brain health."

Prof Goodwin also advises people to develop a healthy routine and stick to it. "Constantly varying bedtimes, drinking and eating excesses, and irregular habits are bad for you."



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Your council's boundaries are changing

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Final recommendations are expected to be published in November 2022.

The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in May 2024.

Kent Messenger Maidstone

Upset at boundary changes

Maidstone
17 Mar 2022

Potential new ward boundaries have been challenged as the deadline to submit a new electoral map looms closer. Councils are regulated by The Local Government Boundary Commission which decides how many councillors should be elected and how large their wards will be. Changes in population means each councillor may represent a different amount of people.

Maidstone council hasn't reviewed its boundaries for 21 years and part of the plans include combin-

ing Harrietsham, Lenham and Hollingbourne into one district with two councillors.

But it was poorly received by Harrietsham and Lenham councillor Tom Sans (Independent) who said the two towns were linked "historically".

"Harrietsham, Lenham and Hollingbourne would be a new ward with two members, largest electorate and widest geographically" he said.

: "The suggestion would be unworkable for a rural area with just two representatives." Cllr Annabelle Blackmore (Con) said: "Whatever way this was divided up it was always going to upset someone."



The little boy came home from his first day at Sunday School and casually told his mother that the Sunday School teacher was Jesus' grannie. Astonished, his mother asked: "Whatever makes you think that?"

"Well, it's pretty obvious," said her son. "She never stopped talking about Him all morning. She told us Jesus is smarter and stronger and better-behaved than anyone else she knows. She even showed us a picture of Him. Who but a grannie would do that?"

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By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they knew far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way – as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew Gardens to the Amazon Rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the gravestones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him. On the other hand, his neighbour spends summer evenings painting his stones with sour milk, in order to encourage lichen. Mr Tremble's warning that some lichens can be quite poisonous have so far fallen on deaf ears.

A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all around the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot, tends to stupefy them when she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, maintained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

VILLAGE DIARY

April

9 th	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast	The Dirty Habit
	12.00 – 4.00 pm	Garden Society Spring Show	Windmill Pub Hall
10 th	11.00 am	Palm Sunday Service	All Saints Church
	11.00 am	Palm Sunday Service	St. Margarets, Huckling
11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 th	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	St. Martin, Detling
15 th	12-3.00 pm	Good Friday Meditation	Holy Cross, Bearsted
16 th	8.00 pm	Holy Saturday Service	All Saints Church
17 th	11.00 am	Easter Sunday Service	All Saints Church
18 th		Easter Monday Bank Holiday	
19 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall
23 rd		St. George's Day	

May

2 nd	4.00 am	Bank Holiday	
		Hollingbourne Meadows Dawn Chorus Walk	Back of Hasteds Meadow
9 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
24 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall
26 th		Ascension Day	

June

2 nd		Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday	
3 rd		Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday	
5 th		Whit Sunday – Pentecost	
11 th	1.00 pm	Village Fete	Lance Memorial Field
13 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
19 th		Father's Day	
21 st	7.30 pm	Longest Day	
		W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall

July

3 rd		Garden Society Summer Show	Windmill Pub Hall
11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
19 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall

August

29 th		Bank Holiday	
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September

3 rd		Garden Society Autumn Show	Windmill Pub Hall
12 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
20 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall
30 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Quiz	Windmill Pub Hall

October

10 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
18 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Windmill Pub Hall

New additions in red.

Please send information for Village Diary and Regular Meetings to

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Wednesdays 6.00—7.15 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

Cubs:

Fridays 6.30 - 7.45 pm **Kingswood Scout Hut**

Explorers:

Thursdays 7.00 - 9.00 pm **Kingswood Scout Hut**

Hucking WI

3rd Thursday 7.00 pm **Little Budds Farm**

Mobile Library

Wednesdays 11.55 am – 12.25 pm **Village Hall**

Parish Council:

2nd Monday (except August) 7.30 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

Pilates Classes

Thursday mornings **Village Hall**

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Reading Group :

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2022

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Term 6: 6th June —22nd July

Term 1: 1st September —21st October

Term 2: 31st October —16th December

Term 3: 3rd January -10th February

Term 4: 20th February – 31st March

Term 5: 17th April -26th May

Term 6: 5th June —21st July

2023

Scouts:

Wednesdays, 7.00 – 9.00 pm **Kingswood Scout Hut**

Short Mat Bowls:

Mondays (not 2nd) 7.30 – 9.30 pm **Village Hall**

Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm **Village Hall**

WI Meetings:

3rd Tuesday (Not August) 7.30 pm **Village Hall**

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Boules 6.30 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

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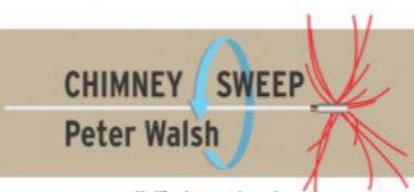
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WE are SERVING:

- FRESH, LOCAL PRODUCE AND CONVENIENCE ITEMS
- FINE WINES, SPIRITS AND CRAFT BEERS

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OPEN	MONDAY / TUESDAY	8 AM - 2 PM
	WEDNESDAY- SATURDAY	8 AM - 6 PM
	SUNDAY	8 AM - 1 PM

As a result of the unfolding Covid-19 crisis, we currently prioritising the supply of fresh, local products to members of Hollingbourne and the surrounding community. We are currently receiving deliveries of

- Fresh baked bread and cakes
- Milk and dairy products
- Fresh meat from Doughty Butchers
- Local free-range eggs
- A range of Fruit and Vegetables has been significantly increased

We are also offering a FREE local delivery service (3 mile radius) for those who are self-isolating or those who are unable to leave their property.

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