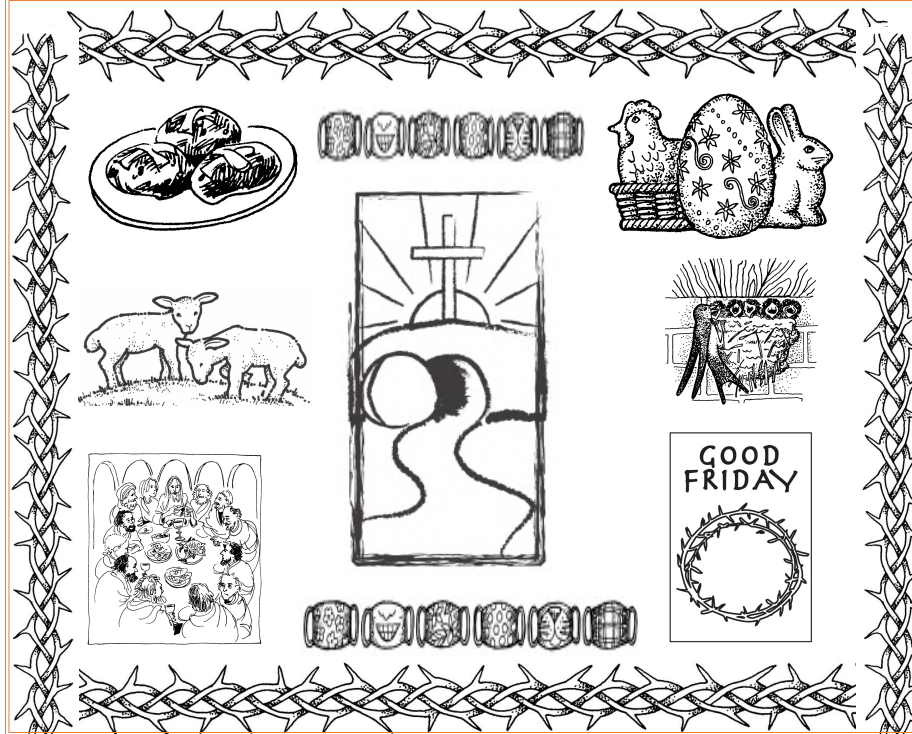


# Hollingbourne & Hucking

April 2021  
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### What's your 'eggs-cuse'?

Easter 2020, for many, didn't happen. Mainly because the things we've always done and the traditions our families have always kept had to be put on hold because of the first lockdown. I agree, it wasn't the same. Nevertheless, for me, I love the reflective time of Lent, the jubilation of Palm Sunday, the reminder of the suffering of Good Friday and then the joy of Easter Day. We couldn't meet together to celebrate in our churches, but we could still remember the love of Jesus and mark that time with our own personal reflections.

When we were youngsters, we probably got into trouble for all sorts of things. We probably don't tell our youngsters, either, that we made the same mistakes they are making. But how often have we blamed others for our wrongdoing? We pointed the finger away from us. It was my brother or sister's fault, the person I sat next to at school or at work. It was my enemy's fault or my friend's fault. Never my fault. I always had a good excuse, whatever I did, because it was never my fault. Someone else, like a shadowy figure intent on tripping me up, leading me astray, making me forget. It's useful to have others to blame, because then we can shift responsibility away from ourselves, leaving us in the clear so we can go on in our own sweet way. Just thinking about it now, takes me back to all those times I've said 'It's not my fault!' But I've learnt something over the years and that is that you cannot fool yourself, you often cannot fool others – and you definitely cannot fool God.

The world had gone so far away from God that God showed his love by sending Jesus into the world to show the Father's love by his teaching and the Father's forgiveness by his sacrificial death on the cross.

Eggs and Easter go together like carols and Christmas. No one knows when the egg was first used as a symbol in festivals, but for Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, of new life breaking through the hard shell of the tomb. Inside is a wonderful thing – a new creation which any person can receive through faith in Jesus and the power of his resurrection.

But when the beautiful painted eggs are put away and the chocolate eggs are all eaten, what is left of Easter? Does the story of a man who was killed and came back to life 2,000 years ago really make any difference to us today? The message of Easter is that God has not remained hidden. He came down to earth to show us what he is like in his Son, Jesus. Not only that, but, through Jesus' death on the cross, he did something to rescue humanity from all the wrong, evil and suffering in the world.

So, when we're tempted to do wrong, or blame someone else for something you've done – remember the Easter egg, a symbol of new life we all can have if we put our trust in Him! And let's make Easter 2021 a time of celebration.

**Graham Bibby,**  
**TEAM MISSIONER, NORTH DOWNS TEAM.**

**SERVICES 2020/21 (YEAR B)**  
**APRIL 2021**

<b><u>2nd April</u></b>	<b><u>Good Friday Meditation</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Leeds	2.00 pm	
<b><u>3rd April</u></b>	<b><u>Service of Light</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Hollingbourne	7.30 pm	
<b><u>4th April</u></b>	<b><u>Easter Day</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 10: 34—43; John 20: 1-8		
<b><u>11th April</u></b>	<b><u>Easter 2</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-end		
<b><u>18th April</u></b>	<b><u>Easter 3</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36b-48		
<b><u>25th April</u></b>	<b><u>Easter 4 - Good Shepherd Sunday</u></b>		
<b>Service</b>	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18		

(It is hoped that these services will take place, but further consultation is taking place).

**If you wish to attend a church service at All Saints Church you *MUST* register in advance with the Churchwardens – Val Lurcock - 880694 or Christine Jones - 688830.**

The Church will be open for Private Prayer between 10.00 am and 2 pm on Wednesday and Sunday.

**Revd. Mark Pavey will be conducting a service online at 10.00 am each Sunday.**

The following links are the links for Mark Pavey's services -  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4KnCwLrj4ACApkv\\_UExVvg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4KnCwLrj4ACApkv_UExVvg)  
or if you are on Facebook -  
<https://www.facebook.com/northdownschurches/>

Further information will be posted when arrangements become clearer.



## EDITOR'S NOTES

We seem to be approaching the summit of lockdown with the mirage of 'freedom' ahead. The church is, once again, open for services – if you wish to attend, please contact a Churchwarden to 'book' a place; we can meet in small numbers in the open air (duvet coats still advisable) and we can look forward to a haircut in a couple of weeks' time (if you can snaffle an appointment). It will all seem very strange. We seem to have lost the habit of 'casual' conversation through lack of use. It will take time to recover our skills.

Easter Services will include Meditation at 2 pm on Good Friday at St. Nicholas, Leeds; Service of Light at 7.30 p.m. at All Saints on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> March) was the first service that has we have been able to attend since 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Highlights of the month include the Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and St. George's Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Plus, of course, that special day of 12<sup>th</sup> April when 'freedom' beckons.

You are reminded that if you have not yet completed your Census it is not too late (just remember the potential £1,000 fine).

A rather smaller edition this month, despite all the information about elections, as there is a dearth of news about the local societies. I still await information regarding the local organisations. Something must be stirring in the woodpile.

I also hope to receive your thoughts on 'Three things I want to do when restrictions are lifted'.

### **Carole Findlay**

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The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance. - Cicero, 55 BC

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. - Anon

Swallowing of pride seldom leads to indigestion. - Anon

Those who say they will forgive but can't forget, simply bury the hatchet but leave the handle out for immediate use. - D L Moody

There is not a single pessimistic note anywhere in the New Testament after the resurrection. - Andrew W Blackwood

I know where I am. I've been lost here before. - Anon

Dear Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder -- and your hand over my mouth.

### Our first ever National Park

Seventy years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1951, the **Peak District National Park** was established. It was Britain's first national park, and it was formed partly as a result of a mass trespass on Kinder Scout – the highest point of the park – just under 20 years earlier, which helped gain open access to moorland that had previously been in private hands and closed to walkers.

The precise effect and extent of the trespass, in which Young Communists were prominent, is still widely disputed by rambling associations.

The Peak District is mostly in Derbyshire, but includes parts of Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire and Yorkshire. It is usually split into the higher Dark Peak and the gentler White Peak, in the centre and south of the district. Altogether it covers 555 square miles: it is reckoned that 20 million people live within an hour's journey of it.

It contains only one town – Bakewell – but several others, such as Buxton, are on the fringes. It is now the fifth largest of the 13 national parks in England and Wales. The land within it is a mixture of public and private ownership, and there are many planning restrictions imposed by the national park authority to prevent inappropriate development.



The Nine Ladies stone circle at Stanton Moor dating back 4,000 years, this Bronze Age stone circle is traditionally believed to depict nine ladies that were turned to stone as a penalty for dancing on Sunday.

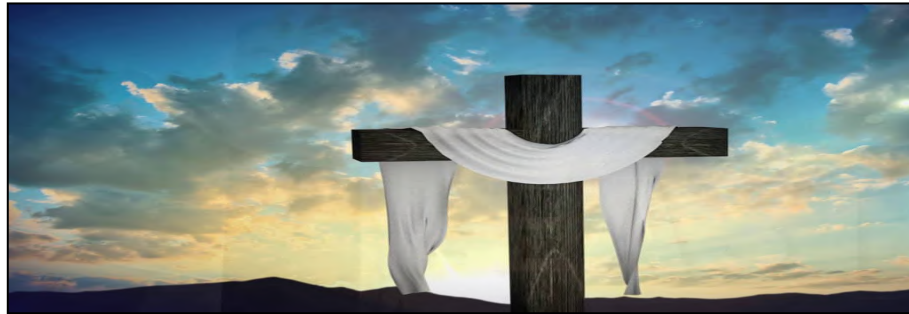


...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!



# **EASTER SERVICES**

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**AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

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**SATURDAY 3 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**AND**

## **EASTER DAY**

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**SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021 AT 11AM**

**ALL ARE VERY WELCOME**

**PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE  
CHURCHWARDENS IF YOU INTEND JOINING  
US IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ADHERE TO  
SOCIAL DISTANCING & GOVERNMENT  
RESTRICTIONS**



### Chelsea Flower Show moves to the autumn

For the first time ever in its 108-year history, Chelsea Flower Show will not be held in the Spring, but in the Autumn.

The 2021 Chelsea Flower Show will now take place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September. The Royal Horticultural Society, the show organisers, will still hold it at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea.

The hope is that by September, millions more people will be vaccinated, so that mass outdoor events will be able to happen safely. 140,000 people are predicted to attend this year's Chelsea, over the six days.

Sue Biggs, RHS director general, says: "We believe many designers and nurseries will look forward to working with different plants that would not be available or at their best in May. We will do our utmost to deliver a beautiful, uplifting and different RHS Chelsea safely in September 2021."



"It's not quite as bad as it looks – they're only withholding payment until we publish our expenses."



### LEEDS SERVICES

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Leeds	2.00 pm	Meditation
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Hollingbourne	7.30 pm	Service of Light
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Leeds	11.00 am	Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Welcome Back Service
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Leeds	11.00 am	Eucharist
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

As we go to press, we confidently expect to be holding church services again in April. Of course, a deterioration in the virus situation may change that but, if all goes as we hope, you can be assured of a welcome at any service you care to join. (Contact Hollingbourne Churchwardens if you plan to attend their service).



### Minibus crashes into garden in Eyhorne Street

Kent Police was called at 3.30pm on Thursday, March 11, after a minibus carrying 12 children overturned in Eyhorne Street.

Officers and ambulance crews attended and the driver suffered a minor hand injury.

There were no reports of any other injuries.

An eyewitness said they saw a van take the brunt of the impact, but that 'all 12 children inside the bus got out unhurt.'

CLlr Patrik Garten for North Downs Ward says the situation is worrying as this is the second time the house has been affected by a road traffic accident

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.'

His son looked up, concerned. 'What happened to the flea?'



## **Music Notes April 2021**

Rumour has it that people are planning concerts in the Maidstone area in July, if progress on taming the virus continues as at present. I'll keep my ears open and hope to get you all up to date in future Music Notes. Meanwhile, I will continue to regale you with musical anniversaries in April. There are lots so here are just a few:

**6 April** – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **Igor Stravinsky**, Russian composer, pianist and conductor

**15 April** – 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> performance of G F **Handel's** opera Muzio Scevola

**23 April** – 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Sergei **Prokofiev**, Ukrainian and Soviet pianist and composer

**24 April** – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Luigi Infantino, Italian opera singer  
Some readers may need to look up the Handel opera, but I am going to guess that Infantino is the least well-known of my short list, and so it is his Wikipedia biography I will summarise this month.

**Luigi Infantino** was born in Racalmuto, and studied at the Parma Conservatory with Italo Brancucci. He made his debut in 1943, at the Teatro Regio in Parma, as Rodolfo in La Bohème, which was also his debut role at the Teatro San Carlo in Naples in 1945. With that company, he appeared in London as the Duke in Rigoletto, and Rodolfo. In 1948, he made his debut at the Teatro alla Scala and he sang that same year at the Verona Arena.

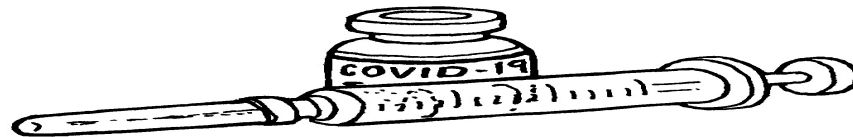
The tenor sang regularly in Naples and Bologna and made guest appearances at the New York City Opera in 1947. In 1949, the tenor went on a concert-tour of England and Australia and he toured England again in 1957, giving a concert at Cheltenham, among others. In 1964 Infantino reprised his role of Edgardo at the Bombay Opera in India. He was also active throughout his career singing on Italian Radio (RAI), where he gave his last performance in 1973.

A stylish lyric tenor with an attractive voice, Infantino can be heard in complete recordings of La Traviata (EMI, 1946) and Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Cetra, 1950,). There is also a live recording of Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, sung in Italian (Melodram, 1962).

By popular request the alphabet continues:

**Consumption:** The act of reverence which unites musicians and alcohol in large quantities.

**BJH**



# HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

*Monday, 12th April*

*Monday, 10th May*

*Monday, 14th June*

Via Microsoft Teams Video Link, at 7.30 pm.

**These are public meetings, but, due to COVID-19 Government Guidelines on the gathering of people together, it will NOT be held at the Cardwell Pavilion.**

*Residents and representatives of the media interested in joining the video link should contact the Clerk via [pchollingbourne@gmail.com](mailto:pchollingbourne@gmail.com).*

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

## Reading Group April 2021

As the country opens up again, we may well meet together for a garden discussion. Several of my friends have continued their meetings via Zoom, but I have so many Zoom meetings that I do not want more.

This week has seen Richard Osman's book, 'The Thursday Murder Club', sell its one millionth book - only the second book to do this in this century, the other being The Tattooist of Auschwitz. This may seem a lot but does not compare with Harry Potter selling 500 million copies.

Other best-selling authors of popular fiction include Dan Brown, EL James, Bill Bryson and Philip Pullman. The best-selling children's author of the moment is Julia Donaldson.

I have enjoyed reading Isabel Allende's novel 'A Long Petal of the Sea', a story of Chile, and a lovely Mother's Day gift as well as 'A Year Full of Flowers' by Sarah Raven. I am now awaiting the next Andrew Taylor novel, set in England after the Great Fire & telling of the rebuilding of London.

Reading has been a comfort during the days of lockdown, but it will be lovely to read a book on holiday. Hopefully not long now.

**Dawn Perry** 880634  
Hollingbourne Reading Group



## **Hollingbourne Meadows Trust** **News Bulletin April 2021**

***The Trust relies totally on regular donations from members and specific funds from other organisations. It does not receive funding from the Government or the Local Authority.***



Now that the government has set out a route map out of the coronavirus restrictions, we can look forward to coming spring and summer when we can all enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery surrounding our village. We must still follow the guidelines in order to keep safe and healthy and keep the dreaded coronavirus under control. Please - we do not want another lockdown.

As I write this article in March, the days are getting longer and there is noticeable warmth in the sun. Spring is just around the corner and soon the flowers and blossom will be in bloom, making such a spectacle in the meadows. Hopefully, the ground will start to dry and firm up, as parts have remained rather soggy for the past few months.

The AGM was held on Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021, and, due to the current restrictions, public meetings may not be held. This was, therefore, and for the first time, held on line. All members were invited and were provided with summary financial information before the AGM. The financial report for 2019 (a copy of which can be found on the website) was presented by the Finance Director, Liz Jordan, and this was unanimously approved by all present. Reports were provided on the activities that had taken place during the past year, the effects of the coronavirus on the Trusts activities and finances, and the plans for the coming year. Suggested improvements were invited from the attendees and these will be considered by the Board. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website once they have been approved. In the meantime, we would love to hear from you to know what we are doing well and what you would like to see either changed or improved. Please drop us an email or letter when you have something to tell us.

We are now looking for a suitable replacement Finance Director to replace Liz Jordan, who has decided to step down. If you or you know of someone who would be interested in helping the Trust with financial compliance or would just wish to be involved in the management and organisation of the Trust then please either contact a member of the Trust or post or email your details. Your valued input is much needed!

The **Hedge of Hope** was launched last month and this project involves the provision of biodegradable wooden discs which can be decorated and hung on the hedge in Godfrey Meadow, using hessian ties. The aim is for people to display inspirational and hopeful messages for all to read. No other articles will be allowed other than those provided by the trust, in order to prevent harm to the environment. The Trust is being supported by **Woods**

**of Hollingbourne** who are holding a quantity of bio-degradable wooden discs. These can then be decorated with a picture, a poem or a quote. Once completed, you are asked to hang the disc on the hedge for all to see and read. So far, the demand has been so good that the first 100 discs have been taken and we have ordered a further 100 discs. All we ask is for a donation to cover the costs, although this is not mandatory - a sum of £2 is suggested.

**If you are not currently a Member or 'Friend of the Meadows'** and would like to support this asset which is for the whole community or if anyone is interested in sponsoring a tree which would make a great present for a loved one, then please visit [www.hollingbournemeadowstrust.co.uk](http://www.hollingbournemeadowstrust.co.uk) or [any member of the Trust](#). There is more information on the HMT website along with the details of other projects and this can be found on [www.hollingbournemeadowstrust.co.uk](http://www.hollingbournemeadowstrust.co.uk), on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Project100HMT/> and there is also a website where donations can be made at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/hollingbournemeadowstrust>.



**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **MUSKET LANE, HOLLINGBOURNE**

### **TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 14 (2)

**Kent County Council gives notice that Musket Lane, Hollingbourne will be closed to through traffic, on 6th April 2021 for up to 1 day.**

**The road will be closed at the junction of Eyhorne Street.**

**There is no diversion route available, but access will be maintained for residents.**

**This closure is necessary to enable urgent carriageway patching works to be carried out by Kent County Council.**

**This Notice applies when the relevant signs and barriers are on site and is valid for a period of no more than 5 days.**

Signed for and on behalf of the Kent County Council,  
Simon Jones, Director of Highways Transportation & Waste, or by his authorised signatory.

Authorised Signatory

Dated this 9th day of March 2021  
Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

## All in the month of APRIL

It was:

1,900 years ago, on **26<sup>th</sup> April, 121**, that Marcus Aurelius, Emperor of Rome (161-180AD) and Stoic philosopher (whose works are still read today), was born. He was the last of the rulers known as the Five Good Emperors, and the last emperor of the Pax Romana, an age of relative peace and stability for the Roman Empire.

500 years ago, on **27<sup>th</sup> April, 1521**, that Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the earth, died at the hands of natives in the Philippines. He was aged 41.

300 years ago, on **3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1721**, that Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister.

250 years ago, on **13<sup>th</sup> April, 1771**, that Richard Trevithick, British mining engineer and inventor of the first steam locomotive, was born.

125 years ago, from **6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1896**, that the first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens. The original Olympics were banned by the Roman Emperor Theodosius (I or II) in either 393 or 426 AD.

95 years ago, on **21<sup>st</sup> April, 1926**, that Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. Her father became King on the abdication of his brother King Edward VIII in 1936, from which time Elizabeth was the heir presumptive.

90 years ago, on **14<sup>th</sup> April, 1931**, that the first edition of the Highway Code was published in the UK.

80 years ago, on **12<sup>th</sup> April, 1941**, that Bobby Moore, British footballer, was born. He was Captain of the English team that won the 1966 World Cup and died in 1993.

75 years ago, on **21<sup>st</sup> April, 1946**, that John Maynard Keynes, British economist, died. He was the most influential economist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, whose ideas formed the basis of Keynesian economics.

70 years ago, on **17<sup>th</sup> April, 1951**, that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park.

60 years ago, on **11<sup>th</sup> April, 1961**, that Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann went on trial in Jerusalem. He was convicted on 12<sup>th</sup> September and executed in June 1962.

50 years ago, on **6<sup>th</sup> April, 1971**, that Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer, died. He was one of the most important and influential composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

40 years ago, on **11<sup>th</sup> April, 1981**, that the Brixton riot took place in London. 5,000 youths rampaged through the streets, attacking police officers and damaging buildings, looting shops and setting cars alight.

30 years ago, on **3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1991**, that Graham Greene, novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist died. Author of *Brighton Rock*, *Our Man in Havana* and many more.

20 years ago, on **7<sup>th</sup> April, 2001**, that NASA launched its Mars Odyssey spacecraft to search for evidence of life and volcanic activity on Mars. It went into orbit around Mars and remains operational (though it will run out of propellant in 2025). It is the longest surviving continually active spacecraft orbiting another planet. (It has successfully mapped the distribution of water below the surface and discovered a vast amount of ice below the equatorial regions.)

10 years ago, on **29<sup>th</sup> April, 2011**, that the wedding of Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton took place at Westminster Abbey in London. They were given the titles the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

### **Drone**

A drone was used to track down suspected offenders and five uninsured off-road bikes were seized near **Blue Bell Hill, Harrietsham, the Isle of Grain** and **Maidstone**. Officers also issued ten section 59 warnings to motorcyclists and sixteen fines for breaching Coronavirus regulations.

Inspector Stephen Kent of Maidstone's Community Safety Unit said: 'Our officers are responding to concerns raised about off-road motorbikes and 4x4 vehicles that present a potential danger to others and affect the quality of life for the local communities. 'While any uninsured vehicle will be seized, a section 59 warning can be issued to riders and motorists driving in an irresponsible manner. This gives us the power to seize and, in some cases, destroy a vehicle where the anti-social behaviour is repeated. 'We have had an excellent response from members of the public who were pleased to see our efforts to prevent anti-social behaviour in the countryside. I would encourage residents to report any incidents to us as this allows us to build a picture of the problem and deploy our patrols effectively in the future.'

Incidents involving nuisance motorcyclists can be reported on the Kent Police [website](#).

### **Nuisance motorcyclists targeted in west Kent and Medway**

Motorcyclists in the west Kent and Medway areas are being reminded to ride responsibly and lawfully, or risk having their bikes seized.

Officers from Tonbridge and Malling, Maidstone and Medway together with Kent Police's Rural Task Force and special constables, are targeting nuisance motorbikes that cause a danger to pedestrians and horse riders in the countryside.

On **Sunday 28 February 2021**, officers were deployed to rural areas where complaints had been received about vehicles committing offences on footpaths and in nature reserves.



21/03/2021



Dear Residents

Doesn't time fly? April is almost here already.

Starting with an update from last month's newsletter, the Conservatives did indeed vote against the MBC budget, but were outvoted. You should have received your latest council tax bill by now and Claimants who qualify for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme will be advised of recent changes. For those claimants in receipt of sickness/disability benefits, there will be a 5% increase in the amount of Council Tax Support they receive in Band 2-5.

I reported last month about weather related problems, affecting waste collections. 40,000 collections were indeed reported as having been missed. After a troubled start to the year things should be smooth-running by now. A slight worry remains: the recycling rate, which continues to be around 49%. We all could do a little better. The biggest problem is contamination, when whole lorry loads are being spoilt because people put the wrong stuff in the recycling bin:



Biffa have recently invested in some newer vehicles and this has reduced the environmental impact of the service as the newer models meet the Euro 6 standard and generate less polluting emissions. They should also improve service reliability by reducing the number of breakdowns.

New Busking Guidelines were approved for the town centre. Although the guidelines are pretty relaxed and not too onerous on the musicians, it will give enforcement officers powers to deal with nuisances.

Any business that was required to close due to Covid is being urged by Maidstone Borough Council to apply before the end of March, when many of the mandatory government Covid grant schemes will come to an end.

Infection rates really dropped in Maidstone in recent weeks. Thanks to everybody. Please continue to be careful. The worst seems over but we are not through the crisis yet. Remember YOUR mask is to protect OTHERS! And why not go for a regular symptom-free test at Detling? It only takes a few minutes and gives you and the people around you reassurance.

And finally (for political balance), I read with interest of the Green Party's proposal to introduce a ULZ emission charging zone in Maidstone.  
<https://wordpress.greenparty.org.uk/maidstone/wp-content/uploads/sites/98/2020/06/MGPTransportPlan2020.pdf>

They also propose to build a tramway in Maidstone. Given an unlimited pot of money, I'd improve on the latter and build an Underground line.  
April is almost here. Longer days and the colours of spring should give us a well-deserved cheer up. Stay safe!

**PATRIK GARTEN**

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)  
Phone: 01622-807907



**Palm Sunday**



All Saints Church was delighted to welcome a congregation of 18 to the Palm Sunday service on 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was the first time a service had been held in the church since December. Worshippers are looking forward to future services, including the Service of Light at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and the Easter Eucharist at 11.00 am on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome, but please contact a churchwarden to reserve a place. The congregation has to be widely spaced out.

Val Lurcock – 880694 or Christine Jones – 688830

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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Census weekend has passed. However, if you missed the deadline there will still be plenty of opportunity in the coming weeks. Complete online via [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk).

#### Miscellaneous observations on daily life...

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

I ate a kid's meal at McDonald's today. His mum got really angry.

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. 'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.'

'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'

## Election of County Councillors

### **The Ward and Parish elections are being contested alongside the Police & Crime Commissioner Election and the Kent County Council Elections on Thursday 6 May 2021.**

1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, E15 6JQ between 9am and 4pm. This should be on any working day after this date of the publication of this notice (excluding Bank Holidays) but not later than 4 pm on Thursday 8 April 2021. Appointments between the hours stated, can be made for delivering your nomination paper by contacting [electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk) or by phone 01622 602007. For more details of the process for nominations this year please visit: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/candidates>
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3. If the election is contested, it will be taken together with the poll for the Police and Crime Commissioner, rescheduled Wards and Parishes of Maidstone Borough Council, Detling, Tovil, and Yalding Parish By-Elections, Boughton Monchelsea and Lenham Neighbourhood Plan Referendums between the hours of 7am and 10pm on Thursday 6th May 2021.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 19 April 2021. Applications can be made online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)
5. Electors and their proxies should take note that applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021 if they are to be effective for this election. This includes electors or their proxies who wish to make alterations to their existing arrangements on a permanent basis or who wish to make a separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election.
6. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of unforeseen physical incapacity, self-isolation or for unforeseen work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Thursday 6th May 2021. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5 pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021. To apply on the grounds of work/service/Self-Isolation, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5 pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.
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8. For further information on any matter covered by this notice please telephone the Electoral Services Helpline on 01622 602007.



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

Kent County Council

## Election of County Councillors

for the Electoral Divisions listed below

Electoral Divisions	Number of County Councillors to be elected	Electoral Divisions	Number of County Councillors to be elected
Maidstone Central	Two	Maidstone Rural South	One
Maidstone North East	One	Maidstone Rural West	One
Maidstone Rural East	One	Maidstone South	One
Maidstone Rural North	One	Maidstone South East	One

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Dated Friday 19 March 2021

Allison Broom  
Deputy Returning Officer

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Election of Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors

NAME OF WARD	NUMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS TO BE ELECTED	PARISHES WHERE ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD	NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS TO BE ELECTED
ALLINGTON	1	BARMING	9
BARMING AND TESTON	1	BOUGHTON MALHERBE	5
BEARSTED	1	BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA NORTH	4
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA AND CHART SUTTON	1	BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA SOUTH	11
BOXLEY	1	BOXLEY NORTH	6
BRIDGE	1	BOXLEY SOUTH	7
COXHEATH AND HUNTON	1	BOXLEY SOUTH EAST	1
EAST	1	BOXLEY WOODLANDS	1
FANT	1	BREDHURST	7
HEADCORN	1	CHART SUTTON	7
HEATH	1	COXHEATH	13
HIGH STREET	1	DETLING	1
MARDEN AND YALDING	1	EAST FARLEIGH	9
NORTH	1	HEADCORN	13
NORTH DOWNS	1	HOLLINGBOURNE	8
PARK WOOD	1	HUNTON	7
SHEPWAY NORTH	1	LINTON	7
SHEPWAY SOUTH	1	MARDEN	11
SOUTH	1	STOCKBURY	7
		TESTON	7
		TOVIL	2
		ULCOMBE	7
		WEST FARLEIGH	7
		YALDING	1

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If an election is contested, it will be taken together with the poll for the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent County Council Elections, Boughton Monchelsea and Lenham Neighbourhood Plan Referendums on **Thursday 6 May 2021** between the hours of 7am and 10pm.

APPLICATION	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT	FORMS AVAILABLE FROM
New applications to register to vote	Monday 19 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote">www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</a></li> <li>Electoral Services, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ</li> <li><a href="mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk">electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
New applications to vote by post or to cancel or amend an existing postal vote or proxy appointment	5pm on <b>Tuesday 20 April 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk">www.electoralcommission.org.uk</a></li> <li>Electoral Services, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ</li> <li><a href="mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk">electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
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### **Saying good-bye**

An inexperienced curate was sent to do a graveside burial for a homeless man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the JCB was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

When the curate looked into the open grave and even found the vault lid was already in place, he felt very guilty. The homeless man deserved something, even though it was late. And so, the curate delivered an impassioned burial service, sending the deceased into the great beyond in some style. The workmen looked on in silence, but as the curate returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen remark: 'I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years and I ain't never seen anything like that!'

### **Beware the cost of supermarket convenience stores**

If you do your weekly food shop at a supermarket convenience store, you will be paying up to £320 more a year than if you had used one of the bigger branches.

According to a recent study by *Which?* Tesco Express costs £5.37 more a week, or £279 a year, while Sainsbury's Local stores cost £6.18 more a week, or £322 a year.

Tesco points to higher rents, rates and operating costs in Tesco Express stores, while Sainsburys points to 'a range of factors' including varying promotions.

### **The drums of Borneo**

A missionary went to Borneo. Accompanied by a local guide, he sought out a very remote clearing in the forest of Sumatra for building a church to reach the people living there. Around dusk of the first day, he was sitting by the campfire with his guide when in the distance, they heard tribal drums begin. As the minutes passed, the drums got louder. The guide was uneasy. "I don't like the sound of those drums."

Soon the dusk turned to evening. The drums get louder, and closer. The guide now kept glancing around him. He said again to the missionary, "I really don't like the sound of those drums."

Then evening turned to dead of night. The two men sat close to their fire, listening with dread. The drums got louder and louder, until it was obvious that the drummers must be almost upon them. The guide said again, "I really don't like the sound of those drums."

Suddenly the drums stopped, and a voice from the darkness cried out, "Hey man, he's not our regular drummer!"

## Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Kent Police Area

An election is to be held for a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Kent Police Area.

Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Police Area Returning Officer, Room C1, Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR, during the normal office hours or online at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Police Area Returning Officer at Room C1, Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR between 10am and 4pm on any working day after publication of this notice but no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 April 2021

If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021 between the hours of 7am and 10pm

Applications to register to vote must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 19 April 2021. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

The £5,000 deposit can be paid by legal tender or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom or BACS.

Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021.

Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on 6 May 2021.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Applications to be included on the register of electors or for postal or proxy votes MUST be submitted to the appropriate Electoral Registration Officer at your local council office as listed below by the application deadline stated.

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Canterbury City Council	Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1TW	01227 862007 / <a href="mailto:electoral.services@canterbury.gov.uk">electoral.services@canterbury.gov.uk</a>
Dartford Borough Council	C1 Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR	01322 343251 / <a href="mailto:electoral.registration@dartford.gov.uk">electoral.registration@dartford.gov.uk</a>
Dover District Council	Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ	01304 – 872344 / <a href="mailto:vote@dover.gov.uk">vote@dover.gov.uk</a>
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Gravesham Borough Council	Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU	01474 337253 / <a href="mailto:electoral.services@gravesham.gov.uk">electoral.services@gravesham.gov.uk</a>
Maidstone Borough Council	Maidstone House, King Street Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ	01622 602007 / <a href="mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk">electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk</a>
Medway Council	Medway Electoral Services, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR	01634 332030 / <a href="mailto:electoralservices@medway.gov.uk">electoralservices@medway.gov.uk</a>
Sevenoaks District Council	Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG	01732 227000 / <a href="mailto:elections@sevenoaks.gov.uk">elections@sevenoaks.gov.uk</a>
Swale Borough Council	Electoral Services, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT	01795 417558 / <a href="mailto:electors@swale.gov.uk">electors@swale.gov.uk</a>
Thanet District Council	Thanet District Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, CT19 1XZ	01843 577500 / <a href="mailto:electoral.services@thanet.gov.uk">electoral.services@thanet.gov.uk</a>
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4LZ	01732 876022 / <a href="mailto:voting@tmbc.gov.uk">voting@tmbc.gov.uk</a>
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Electoral Services, Town Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 1RS	01892 554 024 / <a href="mailto:elections@tunbridgewells.gov.uk">elections@tunbridgewells.gov.uk</a>

Dated: 19 March 2021

Sarah Martin  
Police Area Returning Officer

*NB: Across Kent on the 6 May 2021, local elections will also be held for Kent County Council, Borough & District Councils and Parish Councils*

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My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## VILLAGE DIARY

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>		Maundy Thursday	
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Good Friday Bank Holiday	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Service of Light	All Saints Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist – Easter Sunday	All Saints Church
5 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Monday Bank Holiday	
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
12 <sup>th</sup>		Lockdown Step 2	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	On Line
13 <sup>th</sup>		First Day of Ramadan	
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
21 <sup>st</sup>		Queen's 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	
23 <sup>rd</sup>		St. George's Day	
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church

### May

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>		May Bank Holiday	
6 <sup>th</sup>		Local Elections	
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	On Line
13 <sup>th</sup>		Ascension Day	
17 <sup>th</sup>		Lockdown Step 3	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist – Whit Sunday/Pentecost	All Saints Church
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
31 <sup>st</sup>		Spring Bank Holiday	

### June

6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	On Line
20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
		Fathers' Day	
21 <sup>st</sup>		First Day of Summer	
		Lockdown Step 4	
27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church

### July

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	On Line
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
24 <sup>th</sup>		Hollingbourne Village BBQ	Lance Memorial Field
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
31 <sup>st</sup>		Tax Payments Due	

If you wish to attend a church service at All Saints you **MUST** register in advance with the Churchwardens – Val Lurcock - 880694 or Christine Jones - 688830.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

<b>After school Club:</b>			
Schooldays		to 6 pm	<b>Cardwell Pavilion</b>
<b>Bellringing Practice</b>			
Mondays		7.30 - 9.30 pm	<b>All Saints Church Tower</b>
<b>Bourne Musicians (3 months - 5 years):</b>			
Fridays		9.30 - 11 am	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Brownies:</b>			
Wednesdays		6.00—7.15 pm	<b>Cardwell Pavilion</b>
<b>Cubs:</b>			
Fridays		6.30 - 7.45 pm	<b>Kingswood Scout Hut</b>
<b>Explorers:</b>			
Thursdays		7.00 - 9.00 pm	<b>Kingswood Scout Hut</b>
<b>Hucking WI</b>			
3rd Thursday		7.00 pm	<b>Little Budds Farm</b>
<b>Mobile Library</b>			
Wednesdays ( <i>fortnightly</i> )		11.55 am – 12.25 pm	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Parish Council:</b>			
2nd Monday ( <i>except August</i> )		7.30 pm	<b>Cardwell Pavilion</b>
<b>Pilates Classes</b>			
Thursday mornings			<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Pre-School:</b>			
Every School Day		9.15 am – noon	<b>Cardwell Pavilion</b>
<b>Reading Group :</b>			
Monthly		<b>Contact:</b>	Barbara Lloyd 880282 Dawn Perry 880634
<b>School Terms</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Term 4:</b>	22nd February - 1st April
		<b>Term 5:</b>	19th April - 28th May
		<b>Term 6:</b>	7th June - 16th July
		<b>Term 1:</b>	1st September—22nd October
		<b>Term 2:</b>	1st November—17th December
	<b>2022</b>	<b>Term 3:</b>	4th January—11th February
		<b>Term 4:</b>	21st February—11th April
		<b>Term 5:</b>	19th April—27th May
		<b>Term 6:</b>	6th June—22nd July
<b>Scouts:</b>			
Wednesdays,		7.00 – 9.00 pm	<b>Kingswood Scout Hut</b>
<b>Short Mat Bowls:</b>			
Mondays (not 2 <sup>nd</sup> )		7.30 – 9.30 pm	<b>Village Hall</b>
Thursdays		7.30 – 9.30 pm	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>WI Meefings:</b>			
3rd Tuesday (Not August)		7.30 pm	<b>Village Hall</b>
Other Tuesday (July-September)			
Boules		6.30 pm	<b>Cardwell Pavilion</b>

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