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Travelling Light

'Travelling Light' was the title and theme for a service I was recently involved in at Detling. Jesus was preparing his disciples for the 'journey' ahead when he would send the Twelve out in twos. "Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your bag!" (Mark 6:8). In other words, travel light! Don't take more than you need, don't be weighed down by excess baggage. That passage got me thinking about my life and the 'things' I've accumulated over the years. It's not just me, but our house is full of necessary and unnecessary 'stuff'. Books, papers, souvenirs (Janette calls it bric-a-brac), memories, photos and so on and so on, lots of 'stuff'. Thankfully, Janette and I have begun the task of de-cluttering. Not easy when we have the stuff belonging to our children on top of our own! De-cluttering in order to 'travel light' can be a rewarding experience, but it can also be a challenging or even a disturbing one. Having to make decisions about what to keep, what to sell or what to chuck away can make us anxious about our decisions, but I firmly believe it is so important. You sometimes find precious things that you may have completely forgotten about. I read a story about a lady in Liverpool who was sorting her life stuff out when she came across an old teapot, which had been kept on top of a wardrobe wrapped in an old tablecloth. It had been hidden away because it was too big to go on the kitchen table. The lady's sister-in-law persuaded her to put the impractical teapot into an auction in the city, as she thought it might be worth a bob or two. They discovered that the old teapot was, in fact, Staffordshire creamware and the lady used the money from the auction sale to buy her council house and put the remainder aside as a nice nest-egg.

Before we all go hunting through our lofts, cupboards and suitcases for lost treasure, this reminds us that sometimes we store up far too many treasures here on earth. For me, August is a great month for taking stock, sorting out things and preparing for the autumn and beyond. I love my bric-a-brac, I mean treasures. They remind me of places I've lived, people I've met, churches I've been involved with and so many valuable memories. But yes, I know, I have got far too much and I need to weed out and pass on things that weigh me down.

One thing I do when I re-cycle, shred or dispose is to give thanks for the memories. I sometimes remember the words to the old hymn my parents used to sing: "Count your blessings, name them one by one" and give my thanks to God for all the good things in my life. The last line to the hymn says "... And it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

So then, happy sorting everyone. I'm off to look for those old teapots I put somewhere.

Captain Graham Bibby

Team Missioner, North Downs Team



SERVICES 2020/21 (YEAR B) AUGUST 2021

1st August

Services

Readings

8th August

Service

Readings

15th August

Service

Readings

22nd August

Service

Readings

29th August

Service

Readings

Trinity 9

Hollingbourne 11.00 am
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; John 6:24-35

Eucharist

Trinity 10

Hollingbourne 11.00 am
1 Kings 10:4-8; John 6:35,41-51

Eucharist

Trinity 11

Hollingbourne 11.00 am
Proverbs 9:1-6; John 6:51-58

Eucharist

Trinity 12

Hollingbourne 11.00 am
Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18; John 6:56-69

Eucharist

Trinity 13

Hollingbourne 11.00 am
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Eucharist

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

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

Rev. 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_UEyXvg
or if you are on Facebook -
<https://www.facebook.com/northdownschurches/>



LEEDS SERVICES

1 st August	Leeds	9.30 am	Café Service
8 th August	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Communion
15 th August	Leeds	9.30 am	Communion
22 nd August	Kingswood	11.00 am	Celebration & Communion
29 th August	Langley	11.00 am	Area Communion

EDITOR'S NOTES

We are delighted to announce that the North Downs Churches are to have a new Team Vicar. A service is due to be held at All Saints Church, Hollingbourne, to license Reverend Rob Tugwell on Tuesday, 31st August. The service will be ticketed and please contact Churchwarden, Christine Jones (688.830) if you would like to attend.

Not a lot seems to be happening during August. After a successful first 'post-lockdown' meeting, the W.I. will be holding their Picnic (for members only) on the Millennium Green at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th August.

There is no Parish Council Meeting in August.

The Rotary Cancer Research Walk is on 8th August, starting at Harrietsham Church. Best feet forward.

For real excitement, you could visit the Mobile Library on Wednesday, 11th August, at 11.50 am outside the Village Hall. They will be more than pleased to see you.

Just in on the Parish Council website, the Pilgrim's Way Artists are holding an Exhibition at The Tithe Barn in Lenham, 10 am to 6 pm from 20th – 30th August. In addition, a Craft Event will take place at The Tithe Barn from 26th to 29th August, 10 am – 6 pm. Always a good browse.

As the effects of Lockdown disperse, I am hoping to receive more and more information about the rejuvenation of village life.

A reminder that there will be no trains between Maidstone and Ashford between 7th—15th August, while work to reinforce the cutting at Bearsted is carried out. Replacement buses will be available.

Have a good Holiday Season.

Carole Findlay

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Why used-car dealers are smiling this summer

The prices of second-hand cars are soaring, at 'unprecedented' rates. In the past few months, the cost of a second-hand car has risen by an average of 13.5 per cent, increasing the typical value of a three-year old vehicle by £1,700.

The reason? It seems that so many of us have been unable to go on holiday this year that we are treating ourselves instead to a dream vehicle. And so, in the past couple of months, the price of a used Mini Cooper S jumped by more than £2,000, while an Aston Martin Vanquish climbed by £13,814.

Another factor has been that the car industry is currently battling a shortage of the computer chips needed to build modern cars. The crisis has caused plants to shut down and choked off the supply of new vehicles.

Weald Of Kent Rotary Club Cancer Research Charity Walk

Having been forced to cancel the North Downs' Walk last year for the first time in its 35 year history the Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent is determined that it will go ahead on 8 August 2021 and is planning accordingly. The walk has in the past raised over £500,000 for various charities and local causes.

The main charity being supported is Cancer Research, however 50% of sponsorship money can be donated to a walker's choice cause, if you can think of a group of people such as a Parent Teacher Association / School Group or other voluntary group in your area who would be interested in participating please do send on to them.

**The Cancer Research UK
North Downs Walk**

Sunday 8 August 2021
Harrietsham Church, ME17 1AX

Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

Choice of 1, 3, 6 or 9 miles
Start between 9:00 and 11.30am

**You can donate 50% of your sponsorship
money to a cause of your choice**

To register, visit www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk
or call 07519320919

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Together we will beat cancer

7th August: Cajetan - saint who founded the pawnshops

Bit short of cash just now? Cajetan (1480–1547) should be the patron saint of anyone who needs some extra money – immediately. For it was he who founded the Monts de Piete – the pawnshops – in the 16th century. They were first designed to help people through a lean time, not exploit them.

As a young man, Cajetan gave up a brilliant career in law to become a priest, and he went on to spend his life fighting corruption within the priesthood. He and his friends founded the Theatine Order, which promoted study of the Bible, sound Christian doctrine, spirituality of worship, caring for the sick, and good pastoral care. They worked in Verona, Venice and Naples – where the pawnshops first appeared. Cajetan would undoubtedly have a lot to say about the amount of interest the credit card companies charge these days.

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LICENSING OF REV ROB TUGWELL

The licensing of our new team vicar will be at Hollingbourne on Tuesday, 31st August. Time to be announced.

As this is for the whole of the North Downs Churches it will be a ticketed event. If you are interested in attending you must either email me at christineajones@btopenworld.com or phone on 01622.688830 and I will put you on the list.

We will be offered a certain number of tickets, number to be announced soon.

Thank you, I am sure we are all wishing Rob and his family a good move and look forward to working with them.

Chris Jones (Church Warden)

Music Notes August 2021

As I write the news is coming through that the virus restrictions have at last been lifted on amateur musicians, including choirs. With holidays for many families still being in August, rehearsals for most groups will not start until September, but at least plans long-prepared are eventually being put into operation and, to my certain knowledge, venues are now being booked for Autumn and Christmas concerts – even if the latter are very much a matter of faith. The Maidstone URC lunchtime concerts were successfully held in July, but the Leeds Castle concert was postponed to 4th September, and I have no information on any local music events in August.

At national level the Proms will be 'on' throughout August and, as I said last month, you can buy Proms programmes from the large booksellers, including that one on the internet. Around 20 of this year's Proms will be filmed and made available on BBC iPlayer for 30 days after the Last Night. A particular performance to look out for on BBC4, will be **Saint-Saens** *Carnival of the Animals* in the family Prom on **Sunday, 29th August**.

Meanwhile, I continue to search out anniversaries; here they are for just 1st August:

1st August, 1989 – British pianist John Ogden died aged 52. He won first prize at the London Liszt Competition in 1961 and consolidated his growing international reputation by winning another first prize at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1962, jointly with Vladimir Ashkenazy. A brilliant pianist, his own compositions number more than 200 and include four operas, two large works for orchestra, three cantatas, songs, chamber music, a substantial amount of music for solo piano, and two piano concertos, the first of which he recorded.

1st August, 1930 – Lionel Bart, British composer of pop music and musicals, was born. Best known as the creator of the musical *Oliver*, his wide scope included the theme song to the James Bond film *From Russia with Love* and the songs *Living Doll* by Cliff Richard, *Far Away* by Shirley Bassey, *Always You And Me* by Russ Conway, and several songs recorded by Tommy Steele.

1st August, 1919 – Oscar Hammerstein I, German-born impresario, died in New York. First made his money in the US cigar and tobacco industry, but went on to found theatres and opera houses in New York and London. His grandson Oscar Hammerstein II was one of Broadway's most influential lyricists and book-writers, as well as a director and producer.

And here is another music definition:

Musical snob – A person who pretends to know more about music than we pretend to.

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John Ogden on BBC4 - picture bbc.co.uk.



Do you enjoy singing?

Bearsted Choral Society is a four-part choir whose members enjoy singing a wide variety of both religious and secular music under the guidance of our conductor, Andrew Lowen.

We have some vacancies for new members and would welcome any sopranos, altos, tenors and basses who enjoy singing together and performing in concert 3 or 4 times a year. You will not have to audition.

We meet each Monday evening during term-time at Bearsted Methodist Church, 4 Ware Street, Bearsted, ME14 4PQ at 7.30 pm. Our next term starts on **Monday 6th September**, so why not come along and find out more about us and the music we are singing?

For more information, please contact bob_piggott@hotmail.co.uk or jennylovelock@btinternet.com.

We look forward to singing with you.

The Editor managed to miss last month's Reading Group contribution among the flurry of emails. This month you have the joy of TWO lots of suggestions for your holiday reading.

HOLLINGBOURNE READING GROUP July 2021

This is the time of year when we usually decide which books to take on holiday for a relaxing summer read. However, this year is different, so enjoying the beaches of Greece or the art of Italy are not on our schedule. However, we still need some reading for our English resorts.

It is 25 years since the publication of '**Bridget Jones' Diary**' by **Helen Fielding** - seems like only yesterday. All the newspapers are keen to tell us what we should read and popular in all is '**Klara and the Sun**' by **Kazuo Ishiguro**.

A story from Cornwall is '**The Lamplighters**' by **Emma Stonex**, a tale of the disappearance of three Cornish lighthouse men.

I like to follow authors I enjoy, but sometimes this means becoming caught in a series of crime mysteries so it is good to break away and find something new. '**Circus of Wonders**' by **Elizabeth MacNeal** is a good example and a follow up to '**The Doll Factory**'.

However, how can you resist a book reviewed as an Agatha Christie for the 21st century? This is '**The Appeal**' by **Janice Halley**.

Historical novels are always interesting and **Andrew Taylor** never disappoints. You can read new books about **James 1st** or the **First World War**, but a comic novel about The Black Death is maybe not for me.

Enjoy your summer of reading, hopefully in the sun.

Dawn Perry

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HOLLINGBOURNE READING GROUP August 2021

The summer is a time when we usually pack our bags with interesting books and head off on holiday. However, for a second summer we will probably have to be content with a pile of books in the garden.

It is possible to holiday in this country and we are just back from few days in Devon. One interesting thing we did was to visit Greenway, the home of **Agatha Christie**, now a National Trust property. It is always nice to visit an author's home and to imagine books being written there. Despite having a wonderful position in the Dart valley, Agatha Christie had planted big trees all around the house as she was fanatical about her privacy. The National Trust has cleared some and there were wonderful views on the River Dart and the boathouse, which feature in some of her books.

The book charts this month feature many lighter books for the holiday period, another **John Grisham** and a new **Val McDermid**. The new **Robert Harris, V2**, can hardly be called light-hearted.

It was sad to read of the death of **Lucinda Riley**, aged 56. She wrote many novels and had just finished the last in the series "**The Seven Sisters**", taken from the legend of The Pleiades star cluster, before she died.

I see **David Walliams** has a best seller in the adult charts, like **Anthony Horowitz** before him.

Do enjoy your summer reading

Dawn Perry
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Men, keep your shirts on!

When the sun comes out, men should be careful: the rates of skin cancer among men have increased by almost 50 per cent in a decade.

That is the recent warning from Cancer Research UK. It points out that while UK rates for melanoma among women have risen by 30 per cent over 10 years, the rate has increased by 47 per cent for men. Men are also more likely to be diagnosed with skin cancer at a later stage than women.

Changes are often found on their torso, potentially caused by going shirtless, according to Cancer Research UK.

HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

No Meeting in August

Monday, 14th September

Monday, 11th October

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

WI NEWS AUGUST 2021

We were so pleased to be able to meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 20th July. Sue Roberts did not take long to work her way through the agenda because, like every other organisation in Hollingbourne, all activities had stopped and there was not a lot to report. We did enjoy singing Jerusalem at full voice. It was very encouraging to welcome four new members and another four visitors. We are sure that they will enjoy our programme of speakers and events as they unfold.

Our speaker for the evening was recommended to us by Hucking WI. Peter Griffiths is a retired commercial pilot who worked for BOAC and then Cathay Pacific. From Sextant to Sat Nav was the title of his talk, which highlighted the fact that aeroplane navigation was indeed initially dependant of the use of a sextant. He described long journeys involving stopovers in far flung places. The onboard catering was five stars and the passengers enjoyed deluxe treatment .. His final video of commercial airlines attempting the scary landing at the old Hong Kong airport had us all gasping as they veered and yawed all over the runway. Cathay Pacific did fly that airport twice daily and were the acknowledged world experts. Mary Henderson gave the vote of thanks to Peter in which she described her latest flight ON an aeroplane - when in July she 'enjoyed' a Wing Walk - an 80th Birthday present from her family. More gasps. How adventurous is that?

We will be holding our WI picnic for members on the Millenium Green on Tuesday, 24th August, at 2.30pm instead of the usual summer outing.

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 21st September, will start at 7.30 pm for members and potential members. It will be open the public at 8pm. A donation of £3 will include refreshments (which will not be porridge). The talk by John Mills is 'Life Inside'; working inside the prison service including Maidstone Prison. Those of you who watched 'Time' on BBC 1 earlier this year will be able to ask pertinent questions!

Look forward to seeing you all then.

Val Williams

Secretary

If you go down to the sea today, beware!

The popular summer pastime of paddling our feet along the shoreline has become risky, due to a rise in venomous stinging fish along the British coast. The weever fish may be only six inches long, but the venomous spines along its dorsal fin can inject fast-acting poison into your foot if you step on it, causing immense pain.

Sue Hickson-Marsay, from a life-boat charity off East Yorkshire, says: "The fish has been an absolute nightmare this summer. Just where the shoreline is, as the waves are going out, the fish lie just under the sand. So, if you are then paddling in the water, you could easily step on one. Then the spiny part of the fish goes straight into your foot. We've had lots of casualties, so people need to wear shoes if they're going paddling."

Line closure between Ashford International and Maidstone East Saturday 7 August 2021 to Sunday 15 August 2021



We wanted to remind you about the essential improvement work that is taking place between Ashford International and Maidstone East this summer. Network Rail engineers will be reinforcing Bearsted cutting to prevent landslips, as well as improving drainage and signalling in the area. For a nine-day period in August, no trains can run and a replacement bus will be in operation.

There will also be closures on **Saturday 3** and **Sunday 4 July**, and **Saturday 24** and **Sunday 25 July**. For all these dates no trains can run between Ashford International and Maidstone East stations, with a rail replacement bus service running instead.

Please check [journey planners](#) before you travel.

We want to do all that we can to let our customers know about the closure so that you can make alternative arrangements. If you have five minutes to take a short survey it will really help us to keep everyone informed.

Your dog's DNA could rescue him (or her)

Dog lovers will find this good news: canine DNA is to be collected by a police force to help stolen animals be reunited with their owners.

The scheme by Gloucestershire Police is thought to be a world first. It will involve owners using a kit to take a swab from their dog's mouth. The sample is then sent to a specialist forensic testing company that has developed a dog DNA database that is accessible to all police forces.

When it is suspected that a dog has been stolen, its DNA can be run through the database to check if it is missing. The database could also link a suspect thief to the stolen dog, if its DNA is found on them.

The Gloucestershire police are "confident" that the scheme will help reduce dog thefts and also reunite stolen pets with their owners. As one officer said, "We have to adopt whatever means we can to stop this shocking trade." If successful, the scheme could possibly spread to other parts of the country.

Regular readers of this newsletter may be used to the annual August edition, when I task you to do a bit of homework, in the name of democratic consultations. This year is no different but twice as urgent !

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) is consulting residents on how often they would like to vote for the Borough's councillors.

Currently the Council holds elections 'by thirds' meaning that in three years out of four, one third of seats are up for election. MBC is interested to hear from people as to whether the system should change to 'whole' council elections, which would mean that all seats on the Council would be elected at the same time, once every four years.

Theoretically elections by thirds would be a good democratic tool to hold the authority to account regularly.

Practically, however, in Maidstone, historically, we never had sound majorities and therefore elections by thirds will make a weak system even more unstable.

Furthermore, we are losing 2 months every year to elections and purdah. We can only plan for the next 10 months because we never know who will be in charge next year.

As far as the **North Downs** are concerned **elections by thirds would be even worse**: The electoral commission is very adamant that, if we want to retain elections by thirds, we must have three members per ward in future. In order to get the required number of electors per elected member, the current rural ward of North Downs would have to be split up and sections attached to urban wards. Quite frankly, I would think this to be a disastrous decision for our communities and I would not be comfortable in such a new ward.

The consultation runs until Monday, 22nd August, please participate at: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/consultations/live-consultations/whole-council-elections>

I've thought for a long time that large **council car-parks**, albeit necessary, are ugly and, quite frankly, a waste of space. What a brilliant idea to float much needed, affordable homes over those parking spaces! MBC envisions just that: Put some pre-fab pods on stilts over the King Street Carpark.

The proposed new homes will consist of a mix of 1- and 2-bed apartments (of which 6 will be offered at social rent). More details about the proposed development can be found on the website: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/business-and-investment/primary-areas/regeneration/tier-3-primary-areas/housing-projects>

A public consultation around the redevelopment of Maidstone's King Street Car Park will take place at the Town Hall on Thursday, 12th August at 6-8pm. Everyone's invited.

Covid: Looking around town you would think that nobody had ever heard of this dreaded disease. Nice to experience some normality, but beware: Latest figures in Kent show that infection rates are going up like a rocket. We haven't seen such rates for months. The epidemic is far from over !!!!! The striking news is, however, that hospital admissions are incredibly low, almost close to zero. Most infected are 14–26-year-olds. Covid won't go away and we may have to learn to live with it, as we learned to live with the common cold. Please look out for your own safety and your loved ones. Just because hygiene rules are no longer mandatory doesn't mean that they are obsolete.

I hear that in December, 2025, the UK's old copper-based analogue telephone network will be switched off, resulting in the withdrawal of all traditional land-line telephone services. You won't lose your phone or number but every business and household in the UK will need to replace their traditional telephone-outlet with an internet-based service adapter. Will that mean that our rural communities will finally be connected to the 21st century? There is hope...watch this space.

And finally, I see that *The Kent County Council (Waiting Restrictions And Street Parking Places) (Variation no. 39) Order 2021* has been advertised in the local paper.

You may remember me telling you that two years ago Maidstone commissioned learned and very well-paid traffic consultants to come up with a solution to reduce congestion and air pollution in Upper Stone Street. Kites were flown about introducing a Congestion Charging Zone at the cost of £5 million, among other harebrained ideas.

At the time, your Councillor and writer of this newsletter bamboozled those learned traffic consultants with a strikingly obvious but simple idea, which only a layman in his unprofessional ignorance could ever envisage: I proposed to prohibit stopping along that road.

Well, it was a long time coming but the above (mouthful name) Order will forthwith prohibit [waiting at all times \[double yellow lines\]](#) on both sides for the entire length AND prohibit loading/unloading between 7am and 8pm, on all days [single kerb markings].

Drive smoothly, breathe freely...
... and please vote how you like to vote in future!

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

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All in the month of AUGUST

250 years ago, on **15th August, 1771**, that **Sir Walter Scott**, Scottish historical novelist, poet, and playwright was born. His best-known works include *Ivanhoe* and *Rob Roy*.

Also, **250 years ago**, on **7th August, 1771**, that the first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made. Scottish botanist, **James Robertson**, ascended Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles. Nowadays, 100,000 people per year make the ascent.

125 years ago, on **17th August, 1896**, that the death of the first person killed in a motor accident in the UK took place. **Bridget Driscoll** was crossing a road in the grounds of London's Crystal Palace when she was hit by a car giving demonstration rides. By way of contrast, Brake.org.uk report that nowadays an average of five people a day die on UK roads.

90 years ago, on **19th August, 1931**, that the Yangtze River and Huai River floods peaked in China. It was one of the worst natural disasters of the 20th century; up to four million people died, and the floods lasted from July to November.

80 years ago, on **15th August, 1941**, that the German spy, **Josef Jakobs**, became the last person to be executed at the Tower of London. (He had parachuted into Britain during WWII.)

75 years ago, on **16th August, 1946**, that the Great Calcutta Killings took place in Kolkata, India. Muslim and Hindu mobs rioted across the city following the Muslim League's demand for the creation of Pakistan. More than 4,000 people were killed and 100,000 left homeless. The riot sparked further religious violence in other provinces, leading to the Partition of India in August, 1947.

60 years ago, on **13th August, 1961**, that East Germany sealed off the border between East and West Berlin to prevent the exodus of refugees to the West. Initially barbed wire fences were erected; construction of the Berlin Wall began on 15th August. The border reopened in 1989.

50 years ago, on **9th August, 1971**, that Northern Ireland introduced internment - the power to detain suspected terrorists indefinitely without trial.

40 years ago, on **25th August, 1981**, that the US space probe Voyager 2 reached Saturn and sent back images and data. It travelled to Uranus (1986) and Neptune (1989) before reaching interstellar space in 2018. 43 years after launching, it is more than 11.8 billion miles from earth, but remains operational.

30 years ago, on **6th August, 1991**, that the first website (info.cern.ch) went live. The web's inventor, **Tim Berners Lee**, also posted a description of the World Wide Web project on the alt.hypertext newsgroup, and provided a link to download the first web browser, which could only run on NeXT workstations.

Also, **30 years ago**, from **19th to 21st August, 1991**, that there was an attempted coup in the Soviet Union, when hard-line members of the Communist Party tried to seize control from President Mikhail Gorbachev. The coup failed after three days and eventually led to the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. On 29th August the Supreme Soviet suspended all Communist Party activities.

25 years ago, on **23rd August, 1996**, that Saudi Arabian-born terrorist, **Osama bin Laden**, issued a fatwa entitled *A Declaration of War Against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places*. Few people knew who he was at the time, and it received little attention.

Also, **25 years ago**, on **28th August, 1996**, that **Prince Charles** and **Princess Diana** were divorced after 15 years of marriage. No longer a 'Royal Highness', Princess Diana was now called Diana, Princess of Wales.

20 years ago, on **6th August, 2001**, that US President, **George W. Bush**, received a daily briefing that warned **Osama bin Laden** was determined to strike in the USA. (This was six weeks before the 9/11 terrorist attacks.)

10 years ago, **21st-29th August, 2011**, that Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean and made landfall in North Carolina. 49 people were killed and over \$14 billion worth of damage was caused.



Calypso Cricket Coaching camp

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What do you consider to be 'beautiful countryside'?

According to Natural England, thorny scrubs and floodplains should be seen as more beautiful than manicured fields.

Tony Juniper, chair of Natural England, which is the government's adviser for the natural environment, has said a 'cultural revolution' is necessary to help people appreciate the beauty of a messy countryside.

He strongly supports the increasing popularity of 'rewilding' projects which have become a popular way for land managers to give nature a chance. Rewilding can help to heal degraded landscapes and provide better habitat for wildlife.

Tony Juniper has said that the "orderliness" of much of our British countryside, with neat stone walls, sheep-grazed fields and villages has often created "ecological deserts" for wildlife, who starve. "To ensure our future security, it will be necessary for us to let nature take back some control."

A post-Brexit plan to reward farmers and other land managers for improving water quality and helping plants and wildlife is expected to replace the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.



The Great Flood of China

Just 90 years ago, on 19th August, 1931, the Yangtze River and Huai River floods peaked in China. It was one of the worst natural disasters of the 20th century: up to four million people died, and the floods lasted from July to November.

The inundation followed a two-year drought and a particularly harsh winter, which included nine cyclones, and then a massive amount of continuous rain. The floods covered an area equivalent to the size of England and half of Scotland, including widespread destruction in a number of cities, such as Wuhan, where a wall of water demolished nearly every house.

Here the calamity was blamed on the demolition, shortly beforehand, of the Temple of the Dragon King – a rain-making deity – as part of an anti-superstition campaign. Others blamed it on poor management of the rivers.

Thomas Harnsberger, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, was a key figure in raising funds for reconstruction and relief efforts, but the floods, though massive, remain largely unknown in most of China.

The waters killed 15 times the number of people lost in the Indonesian tsunamis of 2004, but historians, looking at 1931, concentrate on the war between Communists and Nationalists and the Japanese invasion of Manchuria.

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The results apply to all kinds of coffee, whether instant, ground, or decaf versions, although the instant is slightly less effective. This may be due to the lower levels in instant coffee of the liver-protecting chemicals kahweol and cafestol.

The study at the universities of Southampton and Edinburgh studied almost half a million Britons for a decade, to assess the link between coffee intake and health. The findings were published in the journal BMC Public Health.



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Summer seems to have been somewhat disrupted by rain and colder weather since I wrote last. The gardens have enjoyed the recent rain, even if we haven't, and the roses continue to thrive, together with penstemons and other beautiful summer flowers.

As I write, we have just received confirmation that the final stage of lockdown easing will go ahead on Monday, 19th July. As of this date, we will remove the one-way system around the Castle grounds, open up all toilet facilities and remove the requirement for pre-booking of timed ticketing slots (although we anticipate that many will continue to pre-book).

It will be lovely once again to be able to welcome guests who decide to visit on the day. We will be managing queuing at busy times to avoid overcrowding and will retain some safety measures after 19th July.

As a largely outdoor site we are well placed to provide fresh air and safe visiting over the summer. However, in line with government guidance, we will continue to manage numbers in more crowded and indoor places to ensure guest safety.

Numbers into the playgrounds will continue to be managed to avoid overcrowding and we will be asking all visitors to wear a face covering when in indoor spaces (shops, catering outlets and Castle) to ensure the safety of fellow guests, staff and volunteers.

Ahead of the summer we have been working on installing the new obstacle course in the field next to Birds of Prey. Aimed at children between eight and fourteen, participants will be able to time themselves completing the course and return to challenge their own personal best. It is all part of our push to encourage a Summer of Play, along with the Big Book of Leeds Castle-Challenges which offers dozens of fun activities to do in the outdoors over the summer.

Together with the resumption of weddings and functions after 19th July, we are hoping for a great staycation summer to recover some of the ground lost through restrictions and poor weather.

In events, the popular Leeds Castle Classical Concert has been postponed to 4th September. From 6th September, for a month, we will run a new floral garden sculpture trail, featuring stunning installations, situated all around the estate, from a number of contemporary sculptors. Due to COVID, the Chelsea Flower Show has been moved to September this year, meaning we are unable to secure garden designers to create the usual Floral Festival. We hope to resume some form of this popular event in 2022.

At the Birds of Prey Centre we have more baby news. We now have a 3-week-old red/black kite cross chick, called Toddy, and a peregrine falcon chick, named Senna, both of whom are growing well. They will both be trained and will take part in the popular Birds of Prey displays when ready.

It has been encouraging to see the gradual return of education visits to the Castle, with over 700 little people attending a workshop during June alone. I was pleased to attend a Sybil the Cygnet Workshop for pre-schoolers recently, where the children learned about the wildlife on the estate and met two baby burrowing owls. We hope that this return will gather momentum in the Autumn Term.

We were pleased to welcome the legendary Len Goodman, of 'Strictly' fame, to the Castle recently: he nominated the Castle as his special place for a 'Mail on Sunday' article, which will appear in the next few weeks.

And we are about to re-launch the restored Lady Baillie's bedroom suite to the public. The paintwork in these stunning Art Deco-influenced rooms has been restored and the 1950's electrics have been upgraded before re-installing all the custom-made furniture. Keep an eye out for media coverage of this wonderful launch in the near future.

Helen Bonser-Wilton

Chief Executive

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A Which? survey has found that of new numbers that have not been shared with anyone, still half of them receive at least one scam text message within the first two weeks.

Scammers do it by using computers to generate numbers. They then send messages out in bulk, using 'Sim farms' – devices that operate several cards at a time.

The most frequently received scam message for all of us in recent months has been a text message claiming to be from Royal Mail, usually requesting small amounts of money for a parcel to be delivered. 70 per cent of us have received that fake delivery text over the past five months.

A hidden danger of junk food

Now here is something you may not have considered: if your diet includes high levels of junk food and unhealthy snacks, you could be more likely to have a car crash.

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My dear Nephew Darren

Now you have got your new telephone system in the parish, I shall not be calling you again. I refuse to wait for ten minutes every time I ring to have to listen to the cycle of 'press 1 for the vicar, 2 for the curate, 3 for the secretary', until we end with '12 for requests for prayer.' I was tempted to leave a message on 12 to ask that the wretched machine would break down, but then realised I would have to call a second time to leave a message on 13 for making a confession.

And if I have to listen one more time to someone playing 'Thine be the glory' on one finger on an electric organ while I am 'on hold' I will have him excommunicated. At least you have the grace not to ask me not to hang up, as my call is important to you. I would even warm to your system if a voice occasionally said that they couldn't care less whether I hung up or not, as my call was utterly irrelevant to them.

Those poor people who have to wait to reach 7 for leaving messages regarding marriages might as well leave a second message on 8 for baptisms, and save on a large phone bill in months to come. As for 9 for funerals, entire families could be born, marry and die before they reach that one. And may I suggest that your car parking attendant, who stuck a note on my windscreen telling me not to park there again, is given the number 666.

My own answerphone tells people firmly that the machine does not accept incoming messages, and that I only answer personally on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon, provided nothing better has turned up. Alternatively, they could write me a letter which may (or may not) be answered, at my convenience.

As for the few who have got hold of my mobile number, my response is to say that I am just about to enter a tunnel and then to switch it off. Callers from other parts of the country now believe that the parish of St James the Least is honeycombed by mile-long tunnels, making communication all but impossible.

You can now be assured that your new system means you will be contactable at any moment, wherever you happen to be. But don't call me to complain and expect to receive sympathy; I shall be just about to enter a tunnel.

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2 nd		Bank Holiday	
8 th	9-11.30 am	Start of Rotary Cancer Research Walk	Harrietsham Church
11 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
20 th -30 th	10-6 pm	Pilgrims Way Artists Exhibition	Tithe Barn, Lenham
22 nd		Cricket Match	Hook & Hatchet
24 th	2.30 pm	W.I. Picnic (Members only)	Millennium Green
26 th -29 th	10-6 pm	Craft Event	Tithe Barn, Lenham
30 th		Bank Holiday	

September

4 th		Leeds Castle Concert	
8 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
21 st	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
?		Garden Society Autumn Show	
28 th	10.45 am	Mid-Kent Arts Society Sutton Valance	Village Hall

October

13 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
?		Garden Society Annual Supper	
11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
19 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
26 th	10.45 am	Mid-Kent Arts Society Sutton Valance	Village Hall
31 st	2.00 am	Summer Time Ends	

November

8 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
10 th	12.10-12.40pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
16 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
20 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Barn Dance	Village Hall
21 st		Stir Up Sunday	

December

8 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
13 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Christmas Party (TBC)	Village Hall
24 th		Christmas Eve	
25 th		Christmas Day	
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		Term 5: 19th April—27th May
		Term 6: 6th June—22nd July
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Short Mat Bowls:		
Mondays (not 2 nd)	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
Other Tuesday (July-September)		
Boules	6.30 pm	Cardwell Pavilion

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	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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