

# Hollingbourne & Hucking

August 2022



The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed - it is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it is big enough for the wild birds to come and build nests in its branches.  
Matthew 13:31-32



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## AUGUST

Growing up, August seemed to me the heart of summer. Before I became aware that the summer solstice was long passed and the days had, for some time, been steadily shortening, this month seemed sunny, school-free and the time for fun, getting into scrapes and (potentially) the odd bit of fighting with my siblings! It would be a month of building camps in the barns, climbing trees, scrumping and cycling to nearby fishing lakes, with all my equipment tethered precariously to my bike and myself. Each summer, a series of families (often from the Netherlands) would come and stay in the holiday home on the farm. At the start of each week, as the next family arrived, we would look out eagerly to see if they had children our age, hoping to befriend them, and hoping even more that their grasp of English would be better than our grasp of Dutch! Good times.

August still offers many of us a change of routine, whether it be due to a planned vacation, whether through others being away or whether it is due to schools being shut. Throughout this time, we have the opportunity to step away from 'normal'. This can offer a welcome relief, a 'breather' and a chance to recharge batteries before September kicks in. We may use such time to do as little as possible, to turn off the daily alarm, to travel or, maybe, to do some jobs around the house.

Maybe, if you are in the position of being afforded such an opportunity this summer, you might like to challenge yourself a little too. With things being a bit different, with routines changed, the opportunity can present itself to look around with 'different eyes'. Rather than eyes focused on the clock, the inbox, the to-do list, try to take the opportunity to look again at what surrounds you – whether that be in your home, your village or in the place where you are holidaying. Take a prolonged look around; what has changed? How have your children or grandchildren changed? What are other people up to? What expressions are people wearing on their faces? Where is love needed? Where around you are images of beauty and creativity? Where is there growth and signs of new life?

There is a wonderful scene in the classic film 'Dead Poet's Society' where the teacher, John Keating, (played by Robin Williams) encourages pupils to stand on their school desks in order to see the world differently. May this August be your 'on the desk' moment. Take time to look afresh at the things you rush past every day. Delight in images of beauty. Add a few extra seconds to each hug. Help a neighbour. Sit in the shade of an ancient tree. Embrace a slowing in the essential rhythm that makes life sustainable.

**Rev Rob**



## SERVICES 2021/22 (YEAR C) AUGUST 2022

### 7th August

Service

Readings

### 8th Sunday after Trinity

Hollingbourne 11.00 am

Genesis 15: 1-6; Luke 12: 32-40

Family Service

### 14th August

Service

Readings

### 9th Sunday after Trinity

Hollingbourne 11.00 am

Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Luke 12: 49-56

Family Service

### 21st August

Service

Readings

### 10th Sunday after Trinity

Hollingbourne 11.00 am

1 Kings 19: 1-4 and 8-15; Luke 8: 26-39; Galatians 3: 23-end

Family Service

### 28th August

Service

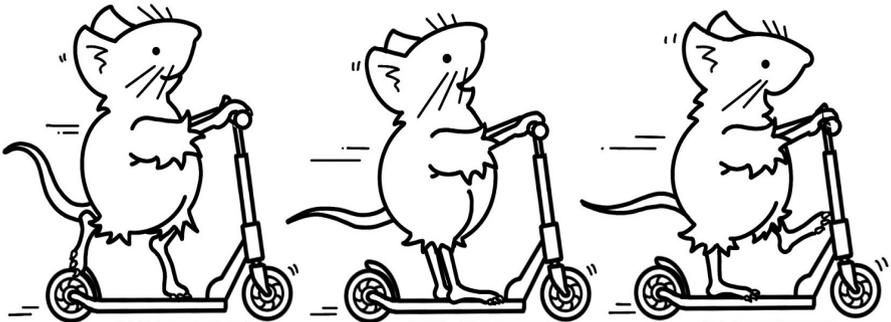
Readings

### 11th Sunday after Trinity

Hollingbourne 11.00 am

Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18; Luke 14: 1,7-14

Eucharist



So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen

### LEEDS SERVICES

7th August

14th August

21st August

28th August

9.30 am

3.30 pm

9.30 am

11.00 am

Leeds

Broomfield

Leeds

Kingswood

Café Service

Communion

Worship & Communion

Family Communion

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Let us hope that by the time you read this the 'flaming' hot weather will have abated. Indeed, I expect to include reports of biblical levels of rain and flooding (did you see the photos of the 'golf ball sized' hailstones that fell in the east of England?). At some time, it will revert to what we regard as 'normal', but then everyone's 'normal' is different.

Not a lot to report for this month. As usual, August is quiet – indeed, no Parish Council Meeting. There are plans for a Community Event at Hollingbourne Station on 3<sup>rd</sup> August but, at the time of going to press, this has not been fully confirmed. Keep your ears close to the ground to find out the latest news.

Talking of which, I have heard that, now the magazine is back in print, the village would like to have more local news. If you will excuse the phrase – tell me something I didn't know. I trawl the Parish Council website for the latest updates, BEG those involved in local groups to pass me on any information about shows, reports thereof, what's been happening, ANYTHING of interest. I'm afraid I seem to be out of the loop somewhat, so please DO let me have information and I'll see if it is suitable for inclusion.

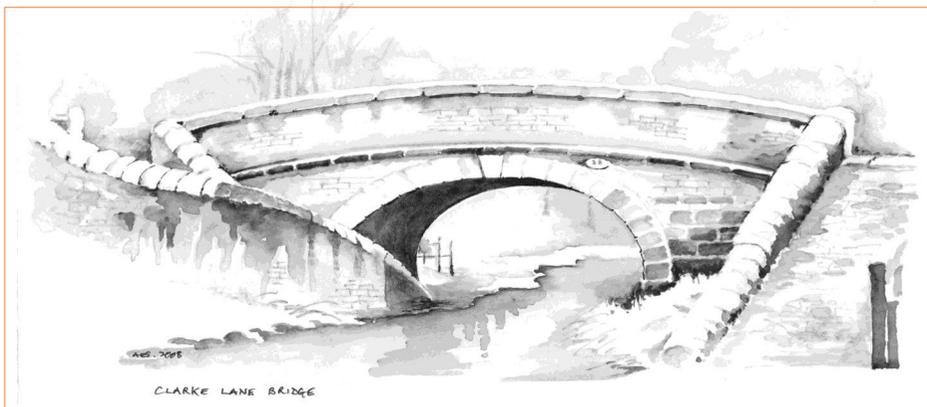
However, I WOULD like to pay tribute to my regular contributors. Stalwarts and never upset by my chasing them when the deadline has passed!

I am afraid I have still not cracked how to download individual photos from the many that appear on the Parish website. Hence no photos of the winners at the Garden Society show last month. I am still hoping to get news of the result of the Colour Competition.

There is a Bank Holiday (last one for a long time) at the end of the month. It may be that the weather will still be fine enough to have a barbeque. At the moment, you just have to put the food on the pavement to cook it.

I hope you have a good month and maybe some summer rest.

**Carole Findlay**



## Country Notes for August 2022

Two days ago I was thrilled to see a hummingbird hawk moth in my garden. These amazing moths look to all intents and purposes like a real hummingbird and they favour high nectar plants such as the valerian that mine was feeding on. It stayed for some time and I was entranced as it hovered from flower to flower, sometimes flying off into the rest of the garden and then returning when it found nothing better! I know that at least one other was seen in Hollingbourne that same evening, so there must have been a migration of them from the continent that day.

Sadly, the excitement of the hummingbird hawk moth has been tempered by the lack of other butterflies and moths up until now. There have been some exceptions though. There have been more small tortoiseshells than in previous years, and earlier in the year there were good numbers of brimstones and peacocks. However, although most butterflies that one would expect to see in the garden and surrounding woods and fields, have been seen, the numbers at the time of writing seem down on previous years.

The buddleia in my garden, which is in full flower, has to my knowledge, not yet had a single butterfly or moth on it – and the lavender has had very few of the usual white butterflies. Last year my buddleia, which is fairly large, was teeming with peacocks, red admirals, commas, whites and even, on one occasion, a silver washed fritillary.

In the Meadows there have been the usual meadow browns, ringlets, marbled whites and, just recently, the first gatekeepers, but they have all been few and far between. In the nearby woods, where I regularly see white admirals, there have so far been none. Maybe the long spell of dry weather has had something to do with it.

Let's hope that this is not a trend and that numbers pick up as we move through the rest of the summer. For me, at least, it is not summer without butterflies in the garden and in the surrounding countryside.



Hummingbird  
Hawk Moth



Silver Washed  
Fritillary

### **Andrew Snowdon**



Gatekeeper



Red Admiral



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

## W.I.

There will be no report this month from the W.I.

We send our condolences to Val Williams on the death of her husband, Alan. We hope to include a full tribute to him in a later edition.

## **HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**The Next Meetings are to be held on**

*Monday, 12th September*

*Monday, 10th October*

*Monday, 14th November*

*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](mailto:pchollingbourne@gmail.com).*

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

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

# Leeds Castle and Hollingbourne Garden Society



Very many thanks to all who came and supported the **LC&HGS Summer Show**, that was held in the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd July, and celebrated the **150 years** since the very first Hollingbourne Summer Show. Alas, we had no grand marquees, brass band playing and sports as they did then, but we did come together to enjoy the show. There were perfect looking vegetables, glorious blooms and sumptuous roses, along with cards by the Brownies and splendid celebration cakes. It was a good chance for us all to meet up as well as enjoy a delicious cream tea.

Our **Early Autumn Show** is on Saturday **3rd September**, and we hope to see you there.

Details will be available on our website <lchgardensociety.co.uk> or by contacting the Show Secretary, Pat Bristow (880457)

In the meantime, do enjoy your gardens!

All best wishes

**Pat and John**

on behalf of the LC&HGS Committee.

## **National Allotment Week – 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August**

What creepy crawlies are lurking in your allotment? This year, National Allotment Week has teamed up with the Big Bug Survey to try and find out.

The theme of the week is Bugs, Bees and Broccoli, and the aim is to acknowledge the importance of gardening with nature in mind.

As the National Allotment Society (NAS) says, allotments are “a complex web of plants, micro-organisms, fungi, insects and animals that not only produces food but also supports eco-system services such as pollination and offers a refuge for wildlife in urban areas.”

And Bugslife points out: “Bugs are so important to the healthy functioning of our allotments. We tend to focus on the ‘pests’ and ignore all the great work the other bugs are doing for us. They are pollinating our fruit and veg, controlling our pests and improving our soil.”

So if you have an allotment, why not take the survey, and so contribute to the monitoring of allotments and bugs? Go to: <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news-events-campaigns/national-allotments-week/>

## Reading Group

Still looking for holiday reading books ,but do not think anyone will want to read about politics at the moment. As usual so many books are crime fiction and so many are written by women. Against this is a new book by **Richard Osman** & '**Murder before Evening**' by **Richard Coles**. A long awaited book is the new **Robert Galbraith** (JK Rowling's pseudonym) '**The Ink Black Heart**'. Several new books are published with interesting titles, '**This Much is True**' by **Miriam Margolyes** and '**The Whalebone Theatre**' by **Joanna Quinn**. A follow up to the successful '**Miniaturist**' is '**House of Fortune**' by **Jessie Burton**. A lovely book for the summer is '**Where the Wildflowers Grow**', a botanical journey through Britain & Ireland by **Leif Bersweden**.

With holiday time here & more time to read, it can be a time to take on more adventurous books like '**In Search of Us**' by **Lucy Moore**. This follows on from missionaries, and explorers to tell the story of anthropologists who sought to meet the native people of quite remote islands as equals rather than take land away.

We hope to continue our reading in gardens so popular in the summer

Happy Reading

**Dawn Perry**

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"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."



## Music Notes August 2022



August is always a tricky month for local concerts, but there are bound to be some good events that I have overlooked. Last month I missed out the Leeds Castle outdoor concerts – apologies – but I have no doubt that local readers were aware! To make up I have included in my list this month the exciting family event at the Castle on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August.

While local events are thin on the ground, the BBC proms are on throughout the month. They are featured every day on **Radio 3** and they appear on TV **BBC4** each **Friday** and **Sunday** evening. Additionally, Prom 54 – the Earth Prom with Chris Packham as a presenter – will be broadcast on TV BBC2 on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August.

And the local events:

**Friday & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm** at **Leeds Castle**, the **Children's Theatre** perform **Rapunzel**, a brand-new musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale, Rapunzel. This fast-paced, larger-than-life production features a laugh out loud script, heaps of audience interaction, a host of catchy songs, unforgettable characters, and maybe even the odd water gun or two! Doors open at 5pm. This is an outdoor event – bring your own chairs or mat.

Tickets: <https://www.leeds-castle.com/What%E2%80%99s+On/Search+Results/Children's+Theatre:+Rapunzel/>

**Also on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm** at **The Festival Theatre**, Hever Castle, Hever Road, Hever; TN8 7NG there will be the **James Bond Concert Spectacular** by the famous '**Q The Music Show**', which is widely regarded across the world as the best tribute to the music of James Bond that has been produced. Box office 07379 488477.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm** at **St. Nicholas Church**, Church Road, Otham, ME15 8SB: **The Friends of Otham Church** present a recital and talk by **Trevor Brearley** including organ music by visually impaired composers. Free entry, retiring collection.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm** at **Rochester Cathedral**, the 5<sup>th</sup> concert in the **2022 Rochester Cathedral Organ Festival** features **Jeremy Lloyd** playing pieces by **Saint-Saëns**, **Maurice Duruflé**, and **Matthew Martin's St. Alban's Triptych**. Tickets booked via <https://www.rochestercathedral.org/new-events/2022/4/27/jeremylloyd>. Doors open at 6.45pm.

This month's anniversary is August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the date on which **Claude Debussy** was born in 1862 in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France. He was among the most influential composers of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Born to a family of modest means and little cultural involvement, **Debussy** showed enough musical talent to be admitted at the age of ten to France's leading music college, the **Conservatoire de Paris**. He originally studied the piano, but found his vocation in innovative composition, despite the disapproval of the Conservatoire's conservative professors. He took many years to develop his

mature style and was nearly 40 when he achieved international fame in 1902 with the only opera he completed – **Pelléas et Mélisande**.

**Debussy's** orchestral works include **Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune** (1894), **Nocturnes** (1897–1899) and **Images** (1905–1912). His piano works include sets of **24 Préludes** and **12 Études**. Throughout his career he wrote mélodies based on a wide variety of poetry, including his own. A small number of works, including the early **La Damoiselle élue** and the late **Le Martyre de saint Sébastien** have important parts for chorus. In his final years, he focused on chamber music, completing three of six planned **sonatas** for different combinations of instruments.

**BJH**



### **A third of reports using hand car wash app indicate potential labour exploitation**

One in three reports by motorists using a pioneering app to gather information on modern slavery in hand car washes have indicated potential labour exploitation, according to recent figures.

The Clewer Initiative's Safe Car Wash App, which allows drivers to respond to a check list of key factors that may suggest modern slavery or labour exploitation at hand car washes, has been downloaded 31,000 times since its launch in 2018.

Latest figures show 7,800 reports have been submitted using the app since the launch, with a third reaching a threshold of concern indicating potential labour exploitation.

Caroline Virgo, Director of The Clewer Initiative, said: "While many hand car wash businesses treat and pay their staff fairly, some are run by unscrupulous people, determined to make as much money as possible.

"It is therefore vital we educate consumers on the importance of choosing responsible car washes. The Safe Car Wash app is good news because it will help pinpoint and eliminate businesses that are exploiting workers.

"The Safe Car Wash app is easy to use – it asks a series of questions related to signs of modern slavery and if it reaches a threshold that suggests workers are not being treated appropriately, it will invite the user to send a report through to the Modern Slavery Helpline for further investigation.

The app was launched in 2018 by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project, with support from anti-slavery campaigners and other key agencies, including the police and councils.

## **LEEDS CASTLE**

Summer is here and the gardens are in full bloom, with stunning hollyhocks and roses out en masse in the Culpeper Garden. It is lovely and cooling to be by the water during these hot July days.

The annual Concert has just taken place, with conductor John Rigby, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and a number of fantastic soloists. It really was inspiring to see so many of you enjoying the gorgeous sunshine, wonderful music, Spitfire flyover and stunning fireworks.

We are now in peak visitor season and awaiting the arrival of families as the school holidays start. We have lots going on this summer, including Rapunzel Children's Theatre, Luna Outdoor Cinema for three nights from 29<sup>th</sup> July and all of the usual summer holiday fun.

After the success of last year's 50 Leeds Castle-y Challenges trail booklet, we have refreshed the challenges and this will be available throughout the summer holidays.

Also new this summer is 'Queens with Means'. This 6-minute projected experience in the Gatehouse will bring the lives of our six mediaeval queen owners to life, telling their individual stories and with the key events of their lives playing out in the background.

Henry VIII's first wife, Katharine of Aragon, acts as narrator and explains her role as Queen over 24 years, above and beyond the well-known story of her being replaced as Queen by Anne Boleyn when she could not produce a living son as heir to the throne.

It is great to be able to share stories about these women who were remarkable in their time with what they achieved during their reigns. This launches from July 30<sup>th</sup> and is included in your annual ticket price.

If you are buying tickets, do book 48 hours or more in advance to benefit from a ticket discount.

It has been encouraging to see groups and international visitors starting to return, albeit in limited numbers. Previously 20% of our visitors were international, and market specialists are saying that they will not be back in their usual numbers until 2024, but it is good to see some returning.

In hospitality, we have started to see an increase in the booking of conferences, with lots of companies keen to get their staff together again during the good weather. We have also hosted a large number of weddings during June, and it has been lovely to see so many happy couples enjoying their special day at the Castle.

At the Birds of Prey Centre, Baby Norris, the Tawny Owl, now 12 weeks old, is growing into his adult plumage and starting training. We are also delighted to confirm the imminent return of the famous Leeds Castle Black Swans. We undertook fund-raising to raise the money to buy these wonderful birds, and ten cygnets – aged between five and eight months – will be arriving with us

during August. When they are used to their new surroundings, we will release them out onto the Moat and Great Water, so you may expect to start seeing them from September onwards.

Hoping you have a lovely summer.

### **Helen Bonser-Wilton**

Chief Executive

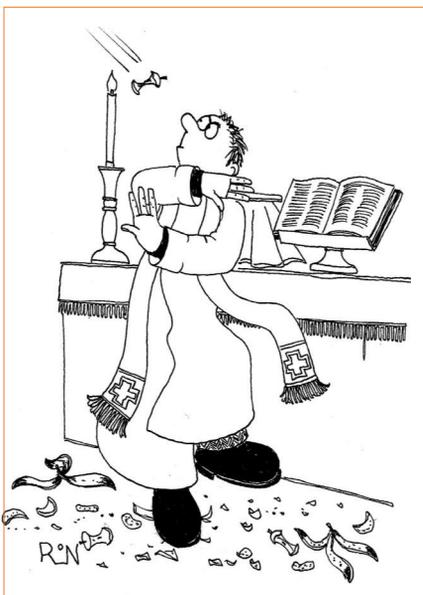
Martin Luther... like Wesley, Rowland Hill, General Booth, and a number of other religious leaders, believed that the devil should not have all the best tunes. - Percy Schole

Classical music is the kind that we keep hoping will turn into a tune. – Kin Hubbard

The English may not love music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes. – Sir Thomas Beecham

A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use. - Washington Irving

An optimist sees only the initial payment; the pessimist sees the future instalments and the upkeep. – Anon



*Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody had claimed the monkey*

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The walk will head onto the North Downs Way, probably the steepest climb, then follow the gentle rolling route towards Hollingbourne. Along the way you may see the buzzards flying overhead, and the flora of the North Downs. There are many points of interest along the way and you may hear about the ecology of the North Downs Way, some of the farming techniques you may see, history, pilgrimages, fauna and flora of the trail.

With breaks to take in the views and some refreshment, the trail will then lead to the Lenham Cross, a war memorial carved into the chalk on the North Downs, before heading along the Downs above Harrietsham and meeting 'Percy the Pilgrim'. The last stretch will take us to the pretty village of Hollingbourne where we'll be welcomed to the previously closed ticket office (for 30 years) prior to its transformation earlier this year into a community hub and café. You could take the opportunity to explore the pretty village before jumping back on the train home. (Three stops back to Charing station)

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## **HOT OFF THE PRESS**

Only this morning, missing my original editorial deadline, I received an email from the Local Government Boundary Commission. They amended the proposals, which were put forward by MBC.

Their revisions are due to many of you commenting initially. The current proposal is to retain the North Downs Ward in its entirety but to merge it with Harrietsham and Lenham. It looks like a step in the right direction.

There are two concerns remaining:

The representation, or lack of, of residents in the smaller communities: Will an elected councillor heed to the smaller communities' concerns when the bigger issues in Lenham are the real vote winners?

And secondly, from a candidate's view, such large ward by area is simply too big to be campaigned on, especially in all-out elections as of 2024

The current revision is not the final decision and there will be heated debates to be had in the months to come.

I shall address this issue further in my next newsletter at the beginning of August. The next public consultation can be found here: <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/32722> and closes on 28 September 2022.

### **MBC acquire first site for delivery of 1000 affordable homes**

Cllr David Burton's new executive leadership team has set out the ambition to acquire 1000 houses under MBC ownership and control, which will be reserved for Maidstone people at affordable rents.

In a great first step to delivering the extra 1000 affordable homes for Maidstone residents Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) has just completed the purchase of the former Springfield library site on Sandling Road.

Being able to provide affordable housing for local people is vital. That's why MBC are pursuing the acquisition of sites to build our own. The secondary benefit of this is that we will tackle sites that are not generally brought forward by the private sector, so we will also achieve regeneration and district improvements at the same time.

More affordable housing in Maidstone for local people is one of the top priorities for the Conservative Leadership Team. We will make sure that those who may not be able to afford to buy or rent privately have the opportunity to live in one of the 1000 affordable homes we plan to provided.

### **Residents' Survey**

The 2022 Residents' Survey will be launching on Friday 1 July and will run until Monday 29 August. The Survey will ask residents what they really think about Maidstone and the results will impact all of MBC's services; from biodiversity to community safety, from financial inclusion to waste management and more. Please spare some time and participate:

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/consultations>

### **Road Works**

Hardly a community meeting passes by without roadworks and the state of the roads being mentioned.

Firstly I must explain that the District Council (Maidstone) has NO highways responsibilities whatsoever. As such I have not legal powers to address your concerns. All highways matters fall in the remit of the County Council (Kent / KCC).

However, before pointing the finger at my KCC colleague Cllr Prendergast, I also must explain that the M2 Junction 5 improvement works are a national infrastructure project, which is being directed through National Highways, formerly the Highways Agency and later Highways England, which is a government-owned company charged with operating, maintaining and improving motorways and major A roads in England. As such, KCC too has only limited influence here.

Also, as this is a National Highways endeavour, they are exempt from S106 contributions. S106 contributions are only applicable to house-building, as the developer's contribution to counteract the negative impacts of their housing development. Often used to improve the road infrastructure. As the junction-works are a national infrastructure improvement, S 106 contributions are not applicable.

All is not bad however. National Highways are in regular communication with Stockbury Parish Council to work with the community in order to alleviate the impact of the works on the community. You may find more information in the Stockbury Observer for updates on the works. For specific enquiries please contact the Parish Council.

### **And now for some entertainment.....**

Kent Community Rail will organise a Heritage Event at Hollingbourne Station on 6th August 2022. Put this community event in your diary for a variety of heritage themed attractions and hopefully promoting some local businesses and groups.

We are very much hoping that the community station project might be ready to open by then. In any case there will be plenty of food & drink.

### **PATRIK GARTEN**

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)  
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As part of the admission procedure in the hospital where I work, I ask the patients if they are allergic to anything. If they are, I print it on an allergy band placed on the patient's wrists.

Once when I asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies, she said she couldn't eat bananas. Imagine my surprise when several hours later a very irate son came out to the nurses' station demanding, "Who's responsible for labelling my mother 'bananas'?"

Tourist: Officer, what is the quickest way to the hospital?

Officer: Close your eyes, then cross this street, and you'll be there in 15 minutes.

A mother was watching her four-year-old son playing in a small plastic pool half-filled with water. He was walking back and forth with an expression of great concentration on his face, while making big splashes. Suddenly, the little boy stopped, stepped out of the pool, and with a look of disgust, began to scoop the water out with a pail. "What's wrong, dear?" asked the mother.

"On Sunday the minister said Jesus walked on water, and this water doesn't work," he replied.



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***Have you ever noticed that ...***

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 hurry.

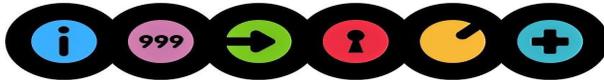
The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so they can tell when they are  
 really in trouble.

Middle age is when you begin to exchange your emotions for your  
 symptoms.

A minister was preaching on the dangers of alcohol. He concluded by  
 thundering: "And that is why, if I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and  
 pour it in the river. If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it in the  
 river. And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take that as well, and pour it  
 in the river." Satisfied that he had made his point, he sat down.

The music leader then stood up, and with a sheepish grin announced: "Our  
 closing hymn is on page 238: 'Shall We Gather at the River'.

# Kent Resilience Forum



PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES IN KENT AND MEDWAY

06 JULY 2022

## Brock back for busy summer

Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) leaders would like to thank residents, businesses, drivers and hauliers for their patience as Operation Brock is set to return to the M20 ahead of the summer getaway.

The KRF's Strategic Planning Lead Simon Jones is also urging people to plan their cross-Channel journeys, including booking ahead, to help keep Kent moving and open for business this summer.

With a busy July and August predicted on Dover ferries and Eurotunnel, the contraflow at the heart of the Brock traffic management scheme will be reinstated overnight on Sunday 10 July.

The altered road layout between Junctions 8 and 9 reduces the impact of disruption by directing lorries heading for mainland Europe onto the motorway's coastbound carriageway, where they can be queued if necessary, while all other traffic can continue on its journey in both directions.

The installation of Brock means lorries heading to the Continent are legally required to follow the signed HGV routes to the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel.

National Highways' works to relocate the barrier that creates the contraflow permanently to the central reservation will again be suspended until Brock is lifted once the threat of major disruption has eased.

**KRF Strategic Planning Lead Simon Jones**, said: "Port of Dover and Eurotunnel are both reporting high booking numbers through July and August, with an increase in tourist traffic from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, and Friday 22 to Sunday 24 July set to be particularly busy, as tens of thousands of families head to Europe during the school holiday season.

"Combined with routine freight and local traffic, plus tourists travelling to our own great beaches and visitor attractions, we know Kent's roads will be heavily used.

"KRF partners have agreed to implement Brock to ensure that if we need to step up managing EU-bound freight to protect local communities, keep Kent and goods moving as smoothly as possible and give people the opportunity to reach their destination quickly and safely over this period, we can quickly do so."

**Nicola Bell, Highways England Regional Director**, said: "Along with our Kent Resilience Forum partners, we believe Operation Brock to be the best way to allow the local communities and businesses go about their daily business with minimal disruption.

"We've seen in the past how the moveable barrier on the M20 works well, enabling the steady flow of freight into Eurotunnel and the Port of Dover while ensuring motorists can get to where they need to, whatever the circumstances.

"We are committed to keeping the deployment of the barrier under constant review and removing it as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I would like to thank everyone for

their patience during this time and urge hauliers to follow the signs on the M20 and stick to the official route.”

People needing to drive in or through Kent this summer should also follow simple steps to ensure they reach their destination safely by following a few simple steps including:

- **CHECKING** your route before you travel
- **ALLOWING** extra time for your journey
- **CHECKING** your vehicle’s tyres before you set off to avoid an unnecessary breakdown, and
- **PACKING** your car with essentials, including food, water, medicines you take regularly and essentials you may need if travelling with children.

For where to go for the latest traffic and travel updates in Kent visit: [Check before you travel – Kent County Council](#)

For more information on Operation Brock visit National Highways’ website [here](#) and for more information about checking your vehicle before travelling visit [here](#)

For further details about the Kent Resilience Forum partnership visit [the Kent Prepared website](#)

**Helen Whatley**

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## Kent Karriers – another way to travel..

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Did you know that **you** may be eligible to an alternative service called the Kent Karrier, which could be able to help you out with travel?

Kent Karrier is a dial-a-ride service. It will take you from your home to set locations, such as the nearest town centre or supermarket. Group bookings, airport runs and a shopping service are also available

All services are operated with wheelchair accessible vehicles and experienced drivers will give you all the help you need.

### **Cost**

You must join the scheme to be able to use it. Kent Karrier have suspended their normal £5 a year membership fee until further notice.

You will be charged a small fare for each journey.

### **Shopper buses**

Urban areas: £2

Rural areas: £3.50

### **Dial a rides**

Maidstone: £1.80 for the first 2 miles, plus 90p per additional mile

North West Kent: £2.80 for the first 2 miles plus 90p per additional mile

Sevenoaks: £2.80 for the first 2 miles plus 90p per additional mile

Concessionary fare passes are not valid for travel on Kent Karrier services. Carers or companions can also travel. They don't need to be members but companions will need to pay the journey fare and carers can travel for free.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to join, you need to meet **one** or more of the following:  
have a medical condition that makes travelling on public transport difficult  
live in a rural area more than 500 metres from a bus route or railway station  
aged 85+.

### **Apply**

The quickest and easiest way to apply is to use the [Kent Karrier online application form](#).

Or you can apply by post:

download the [Kent Karrier application form \(PDF, 224.5 KB\)](#)

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post it back to us.

The address is Kent Karrier Membership, Public Transport, Kent County Council, PO Box 441, Aylesford, ME6 9HJ.

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### **Book a Kent Karrier**

The information leaflets by district show you a timetable for your area, where you can travel and who to contact to book a journey.

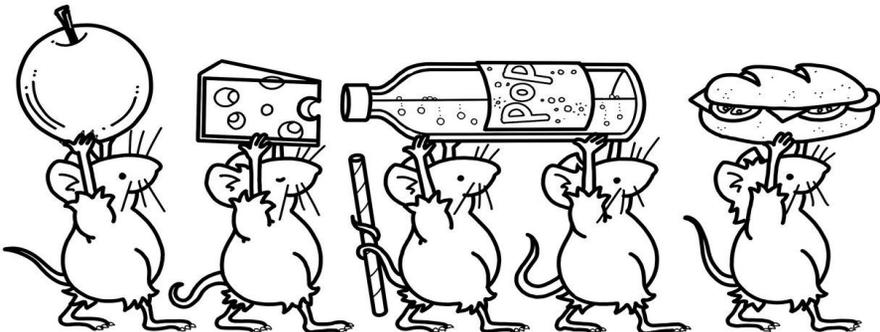
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[Maidstone Kent Karrier \(PDF, 368.5 KB\)](#)

The link to the KCC website is <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport/kent-karrier>

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The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Anglicans formed a procession and marched out.

The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the damage.

The Jews posted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass over.

The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The Charismatics praised God for another falling of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian Scientists concluded that, actually, there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

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## Warning at a mountain holiday resort

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## All in the month of AUGUST

It was:

**200 years ago**, on **25<sup>th</sup> August, 1822**, that **William Herschel**, German-born British astronomer died. He discovered the planet **Uranus** and infrared radiation, conducted the first deep sky surveys, and was the first **President of the Royal Astronomical Society**.

**125 years ago**, on **11<sup>th</sup> August, 1897**, that **Enid Blyton** was born. This enormously popular British children's writer created **Noddy**, the **Famous Five**, and the **Secret Seven**. She is among the world's bestselling writers, selling more than **600 million copies of her books**. She sometimes wrote 50 books a year.

**100 years ago**, on **2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1922**, that **Alexander Graham Bell** died. This Scottish-born American audiologist and inventor is credited with developing the **first practical telephone**.

Also **100 years ago**, on **6<sup>th</sup> August, 1922**, that **Sir Freddie Laker**, British entrepreneur, was born. He pioneered budget airlines. Best known as the founder of **Laker Airways**. (Died 2006)

Also **100 years ago**, on **9<sup>th</sup> August, 1922**, that **Philip Larkin**, one of Britain's most famous post-war poets, was born. One of his most famous poems is '**MCMXIV**'. Larkin was often called 'England's other Poet Laureate'. (Died 1985)

Also **100 years ago**, from **28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1922**, that the first **Walker Cup** golf match was held in Southampton, New York. The match is held every two years between the USA and UK and Ireland.

**90 years ago**, on **31<sup>st</sup> August, 1932**, that **Roy Castle**, TV presenter, singer, dancer, comedian, actor and musician was born. Best known for presenting the children's TV series *Record Breakers*, he broke nine world records himself while presenting it. (Died 1994.)

**80 years ago**, on **8<sup>th</sup> August, 1942**, that the world premiere of Walt Disney's animated film **Bambi** was held in London.

Also **80 years ago**, from **23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1942, to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1943**, that the **Battle of Stalingrad** took place. Soviet victory, and the turning point of the war in Europe. Regarded as the largest and bloodiest battle in the history of warfare.

**75 years ago**, on **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947**, that first **Pakistan** and then **India** gained their **independence from the UK**.

Also **75 years ago**, from **22<sup>nd</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1947**, that the **first Edinburgh Festival** was held in Scotland.

**60 years ago**, on **4<sup>th</sup> August, 1962**, that **Alexander Litvinenko**, Russian security agent, writer and journalist, was born. He was killed (probably assassinated) by radioactive polonium in London in November 2006.

**50 years ago**, on **1<sup>st</sup> August, 1972**, that the **Washington Post** newspaper published the first article that exposed **US President Richard Nixon's** involvement in the **Watergate** scandal.

**30 years ago**, on **30<sup>th</sup> August, 1992**, that the German racing driver **Michael Schumacher** won the Belgian Grand Prix – the first of his record 91 Formula One wins.

**25 years ago**, on **31<sup>st</sup> August, 1997**, that **Diana, Princess of Wales**, her companion **Dodi Fayed** and their driver, died in a car crash in the **Place de l'Alma** underpass in **Paris**.

**10 years ago**, on **25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**, that **Neil Armstrong**, American astronaut (Apollo 11) died. He was the first person to walk on the Moon.



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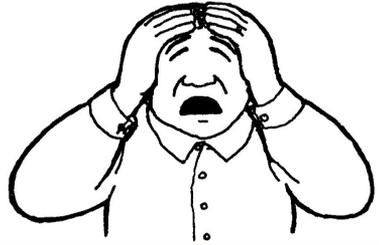
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My dear Nephew Darren

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then, of course, we would need your help us to set up a finance committee, with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### **While the vicar's away...**

*A church newsheet contained the following typo:* The vicar is away on holiday for two weeks. Massages can be given to the curate.

## VILLAGE DIARY

### August

6 <sup>th</sup>	Community Event	Hollingbourne Station
	No Parish Council Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	

### September

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Garden Society Autumn Show	Village Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
20 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
30 <sup>th</sup> 10-4 pm	Charing to Hollingbourne Walk	Charing Station

### October

10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
18 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30 pm	W.I. Barn Dance (with John Sweeney)	Village Hall
29 <sup>th</sup>	GMT Clocks go back	

### November

5 <sup>th</sup>	Bonfire Night	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice Day	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday	
14 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Sunday	
30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Andrew's Day	

### December

12 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	
31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve	

***Please send details of all village events and meetings to Carole Fiindlay  
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## REGULAR MEETINGS

### After school Club:

Schooldays to 6 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

### Bellringing Practice

Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm **All Saints Church Tower**

### Bourne Musicians (3 months - 5 years):

Fridays 9.30 - 11 am **Village Hall**

### Brownies:

Wednesdays 6.00—7.15 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

### Cricket: **Hollingbourne Cricket Ground**

Tuesdays 6-7.30 pm U11-U15

7.30-8.30/ 0.00 pm Senior Training

Sundays 10-11 am U9 **Bearsted Green**

Fridays 6.30-8.00 pm Senior Womens/Girls

### Cubs:

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

### Explorers:

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

### Hucking WI

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

### Mobile Library

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

### Parish Council:

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

### Pilates Classes

Thursday mornings **Village Hall**

### Pre-School:

Every School Day 9.15 am – noon **Cardwell Pavilion**

### Reading Group :

Monthly

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Dawn Perry 880634

### School Terms

**2022**

**Term 1:** 1st September—21st October

**Term 2:** 31st October—16th December

**Term 3:** 3rd January—10th February

**Term 4:** 20th February—31st March

**Term 5:1** 7th April—26th May

**Term 6:** 5th June—21st July

**2023**

### Scouts:

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

### 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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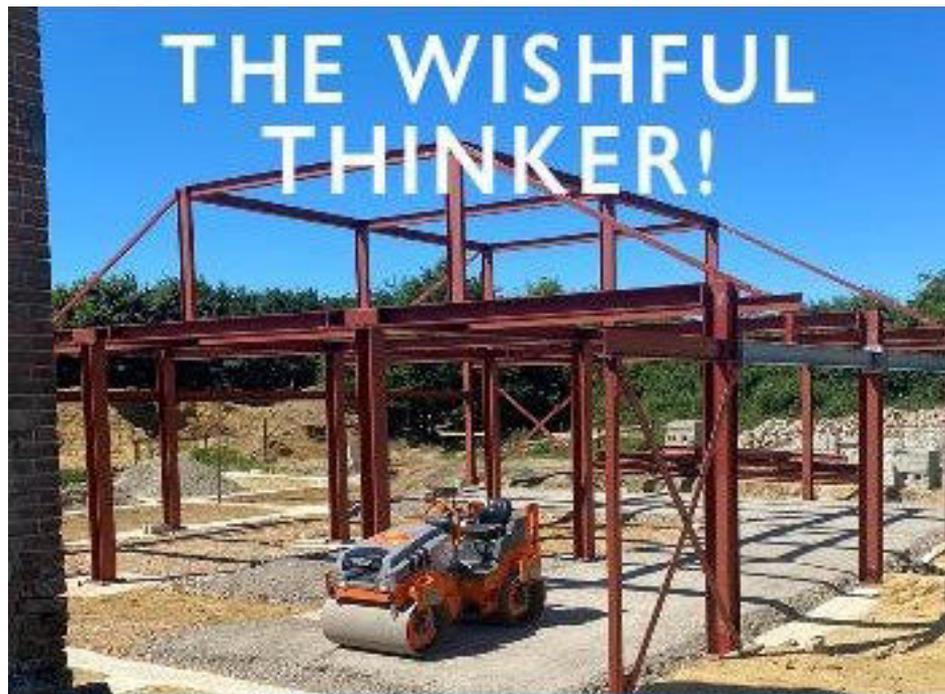
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