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February 2022

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6th February**



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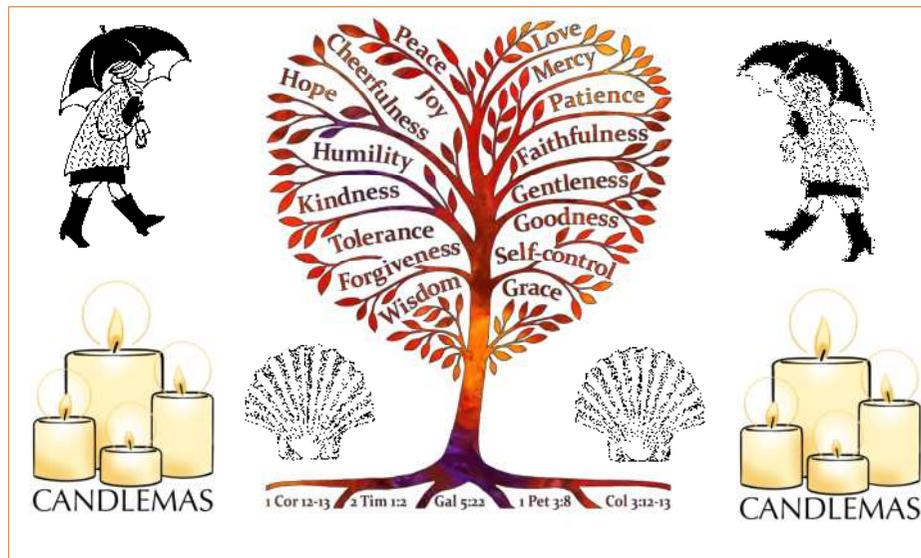
SPRING

Spring is my favourite time of year. Despite often having cold and sometimes bleak beginnings, it remains, for me, a season of hope. We have made it through the winter, and the equinox is long behind us. Every day the daylight hours increase by a few minutes. Certainly, these minutes aren't noticeable to begin with, but, most likely, there will come a point in the Spring when you look up at about teatime and think to yourself, "It's not as dark as it used to be!"

As we enjoy our lives in the beautiful North Downs, we are also invited to notice hope breaking through in nature, with leaves budding on trees, plants beginning to grow and animals and birds busying themselves as they prepare to welcome young ones into the world. Hope can stir our spirits and renew our resolve as we journey forwards. It can put a skip in our step and a thrill into our hearts. Think again to those moments when a springtime day has been bright and, as you've turned to face the sun, for the first time in a few months its strength has actually warmed you. In that moment, you may have paused, lifted your face and allowed the warmth to bathe your skin.

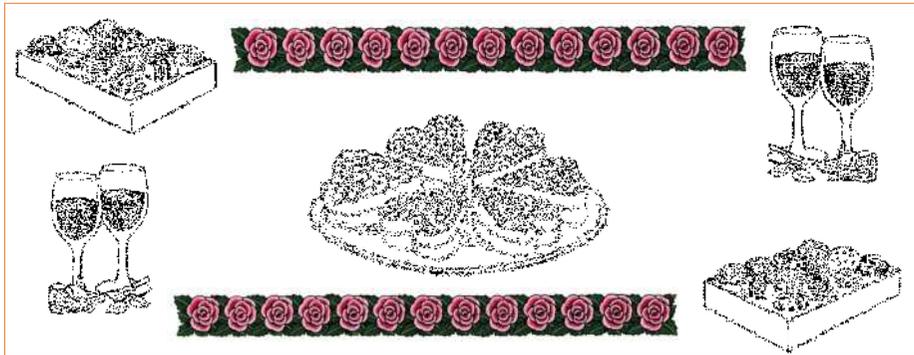
God has painted his story in the world around us and, as we enjoy the season of hope and new beginnings, let us remember that, in God, we find ultimate hope. Even through Springtime there will be grey and dreary days and, maybe, even some unexpected snow(!), but the Bible assures us that in God we find unfailing hope. He is eternal, his heart is love, he knows each of us by name and, if we invite him to, he will be with us this Springtime and through every season of life.

Reverend Rob Tugwell



SERVICES 2021/22 (YEAR C)
FEBRUARY, 2022

<u>6th February</u>	<u>4 Before Lent : Queen's 60th Accession</u>
Service	Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist
Readings	Isaiah 6: 1-end; Luke 5: 1-11
<u>13th February</u>	<u>3 Before Lent</u>
Service	Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist
Readings	Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 6: 17-26
<u>20th February</u>	<u>2 Before Lent</u>
Services	Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist
Readings	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end; Luke 8: 22-25
<u>27th February</u>	<u>Sunday Before Lent</u>
Services	Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist
Readings	Exodus 34: 29-end; Luke 9: 28-43a



LEEDS SERVICES

6 th February	Leeds	09.30 am	Worship/Prayers – Café
13 th February	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Communion
20 th February	Leeds	09.30 am	Worship/Prayers
27 th February	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

As things stand when we go to press, mask-wearing is compulsory, but singing is allowed behind your mask. Spacing between individuals should be maintained as far as possible. We are not serving refreshments after services but, as adequate spacing is available and unless rules change, on 6th February at Leeds a free continental breakfast will be available to those who wish to partake.

If you wish to be advised of any last minute changes, please notify Brian Hardy on 01622.842.915.

EDITOR'S NOTES

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Reverend Nigel Fry, who was Vicar of Hollingbourne for 12 years until his retirement in 2015. His funeral will be held at Lenham Church at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 3rd February. It is hoped to give a more detailed obituary in a future magazine.

A quiet month for news of village activities. The Pantomime is the highlight of the month – 9th – 12th February at the Village Hall.

Valentine's Day on 14th February – can you find that special card for that special person?

The Men's Breakfast is 'happening' on Saturday, 19th February – 8.30 am at The Dirty Habit, with the promise of a brilliant 'Full English'. Guest Speaker to aid digestion.

The days are noticeably lengthening – soon we will be able to welcome proper Spring and hope that the latest lifting of restrictions holds firm. It will be wonderful to think that we might start getting back to a more carefree style of living.

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Revd. Nigel Fry

Nigel Fry, who was the vicar at the Hollingbourne Church, has sadly passed away on 5th January from Covid complications.

Nigel, who retired in April 2015 as the priest in charge in Hollingbourne, was well loved in the parish and contributed greatly to the local community over his many years here.

Nigel showed his sense of humour as well as his love of all animals during his tenure as he blessed pet hamsters and held a service open to all animals.

At the funeral of his wife, Jan, in 2015 in St Mary's Church Lenham, an extra 300 chairs had to be brought in, as she was so popular within the parish, and Nigel's will likely need the same.

After retiring and moving to nearby Lenham, Nigel was due to remarry in July. He and his fiancée, Julia, only moved on 17th December. We send our sincerest condolences to Julia and Nigel's family.

**Nigel's funeral will take place at St. Mary's Church,
Lenham at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 3rd February.**

READING GROUP FEBRUARY 2022

Well, Christmas has gone; lovely books received & now bookshops have sales. Perhaps this is the time to grab a bargain.

We received three books from America, but all are on sale here: **'The Library Book' by Susan Orlean** is the story of a disastrous fire that broke out in the Los Angeles Public Library in 1986 & destroyed over a million books. This story asks if someone intentionally set fire to the library. This is classed as a love letter to public libraries.

Two other books are:

'The Bomber Mafia' by Malcolm Gladwell and **'The Moth & The Mountain' by Ed Caesar**, both of which are great reads.

Back in the U.K. thrillers continue to top the book charts with the following:

'Both of You' by Adele Parks & **'Girl A' by Abigail Dean**.

It is always special when we have a classic serial on television at Christmas & this year we have enjoyed **"Around the World in 80 Days"** - what fun this has been.

Enjoy winter reading time.

Dawn Perry

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A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."

Why you should do housework

Now here is a great reason to do some housework: older people who regularly do household chores have better memory and attention spans than those who avoid domestic duties.

Not only that, but housework is linked to superior leg strength in people over 65. That means their risk of a fall is reduced.

The study, published in *BMJ Open*, found that a combination of light housework, such as washing up, dusting, making the bed, hanging out laundry, ironing and cooking – and heavy housework, such as window cleaning, changing bedding, vacuuming, washing the floor, and chores involving sawing, repairing or painting, "was associated with higher cognitive function" among older people, who showed up to 14 per cent higher attention span scores than older people who did not do housework.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FULL ENGLISH

GUEST SPEAKER



**08.30 am at THE DIRTY HABIT
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£10.00

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HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

Monday, 14th February

Monday, 14th March

Monday, 11th April

At 7.30 pm

At The Cardwell Pavilion

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

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

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

Beware bird flu this winter

If you are feeding the birds, please make sure that you keep their feeders very clean this winter. The UK is facing its worst ever outbreak of avian flu, and already there have been more than 40 cases around the country. The disease is thought to have been spread by migratory wild birds from Russia and Eastern Europe.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "Everyone should take care to maintain good hygiene when feeding garden birds, regularly cleaning feeders outside with mild disinfectant, removing old bird food, spacing out feeders as much as possible and washing your hands."

Humans can catch the disease by touching infected birds or their droppings. So, the advice is to NOT approach any dead or dying birds, and to wash your hands every time you touch anything to do with your bird table.

Fortunately, avian flu mainly affects larger species than our much-loved garden birds.

Christine Middlemiss, Britain's chief vet, recently told the BBC that the disease was at a 'phenomenal level' in the UK, which in turn has 'huge human, animal and trade implications'. And meanwhile, the migratory period for birds does not end until March.



Music Notes February, 2022



As I write, it looks as if all the planned January events will take place, albeit with reduced numbers of performers and audience. By the time you read this you will have a fair idea as to whether the performances I have listed for February are likely to come to fruition, in spite of virus restrictions. As usual, I have included the local pantos that I know of – if there are others please let me know in good time next year. All good pantos include enough music, song and dance to justify being named in “music notes” and certainly deserve to be well supported. The second half of the month seems quiet but looking further ahead March looks busy. So, my February list is:

Friday, 4th February, at 7.30pm, Saturday, 5th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm – It's the musical event of the year, Leeds village panto at **Leeds Village Hall**, ME17 1N. This time the subject is '**Rapunzel**'. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ladsrapunxel.

Saturday, 5th February, at 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN – the **Maidstone Symphony Orchestra** continues its season with a concert that includes **Beethoven's Violin Concerto** – soloist **Benjamin Baker**, and **Vaughan Williams' Symphony No.5**. Tickets 07817 429143 or on the door.

Wednesday, 9th to Saturday, 12th February, at 7.30pm + 2.30pm matinee on Saturday, the Hollingbourne panto for 2022, at Hollingbourne Village Hall, is '**Goldilocks and the Grannies**'. This is always a quality production. Tickets: call 07977 497324 or go to [The Little Box Office.com](http://TheLittleBoxOffice.com) and look for Hollingbourne Panto.

Saturday, 12th February, at 7.30pm at the **Central Theatre**, 170 High Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4RG. The **City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra's** concert includes works by **McCunn, Canteloube, Delius** and **Beethoven**. Tickets from the box office 01634 338 338 or at the door.

No news of TV for February so I revert to the educational bit: 1st February will be the centenary of the birth of **Renata Tebaldi**.

(1 /2/1922 – 19/12/2004). She was an **Italian soprano** popular in the post-war period, and especially prominent as one of the stars of **La Scala, San Carlo** and the **Metropolitan Opera**. Often considered among the great opera singers of the 20th century, she focused primarily on the verismo roles of the lyric and dramatic repertoires. **Arturo Toscanini** called her voice 'la voce d'angelo' ('the voice of an angel') and La Scala music director **Riccardo Muti** called her 'one of the greatest performers with one of the most extraordinary voices in the field of opera.'

BJH



Report on the search for a new Minister

From a church council: We are still looking for a suitable candidate, and sadly the Bible doesn't provide any role models whom we would really want in our church. For example:

Adam: Good man but had problems with his wife. Also, we hear that he and his wife enjoyed walking nude in the woods.

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years, yet with no converts. Also, prone to unrealistic building projects.

Abraham: Twice offered to share his own wife with another man.

Joseph: Obsessed with the meaning of dreams, plus he had a prison record.

Moses: Modest, but a poor communicator, and even stuttered at times. Moreover, he had a temper, and there were rumours he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

David: Very promising leader, except that he wrote poetry, and then had an affair with his neighbour's wife.

Solomon: We suspect he was a bit of a wise guy, and anyway our parsonage would never hold all those wives.

Elijah: Prone to depression, and he set things on fire.

Deborah: Played the tambourine, so not at all suitable for us.

Jeremiah: An alarmist, always lamenting things. Plus, he buried his underwear outside.

Isaiah: Claimed to have seen angels flying in the church.

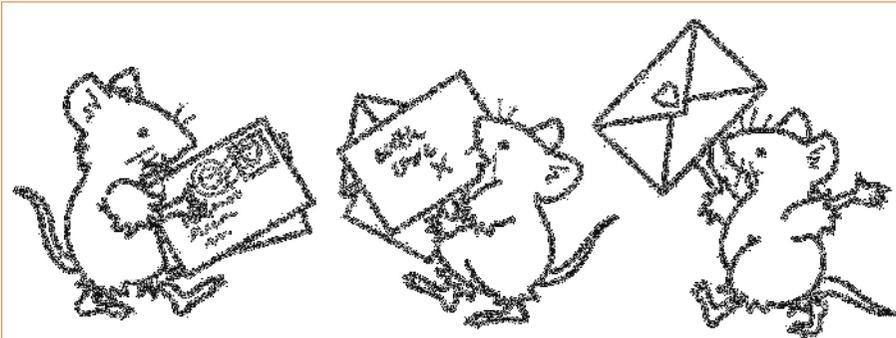
Jonah: Says God had him swallowed up by a great fish, and that later it spit him out on the shore near here because he was called to ministry. We hung up.

John: Said he was a Baptist, but he doesn't dress like any Baptists we know. Has slept outside, eats a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Peter: Too blue collar, and too impetuous. Had also been known to curse.

Paul: Powerful message, and people responded to him, but he had been known to preach all night. That would never do for us.

Judas: Seems to have been a steady plodder, with excellent connections. Knew how to handle money. We're inviting someone like him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.



LEEDS CASTLE

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and New Year, not too affected by Omicron. At the Castle we saw very good visitor numbers for the Twelve Days of Christmas, with many positive comments about the beautiful decorations in the Castle. On New Year's Eve we hosted dinners and I hope many of you will have enjoyed the accompanying fireworks show at midnight.

With the relatively mild weather, we are seeing unseasonably early bulbs breaking through in the garden and have had to bring forward our garden mulching plans. Snowdrops will doubtless be up and about in the near future, followed by crocuses, so keep an eye out on your walks.

In March, daffodils will be coming out *en masse*, marking a year since I arrived at the Castle. How time has flown! I was recently delighted to find a historical source confirming that when Lady Baillie returned to the Castle each spring, she insisted on being taken to see the daffodils straight away. A woman of undoubted good taste!

There are lots of new developments coming up this year. Easter will see the launch of 'Bringing the Castle to Life', exploring our unique story. Most castles are about sieges and battles, but Leeds is quite the opposite. It has always been a glamorous retreat, a place in which to relax, enjoy sport and great food and to do a little business on the side. In future, we will tell the story of a castle with strong female owners who derived power and position from their ownership.

The Castle interiors have not been changed for some time and will now tell the stories of the 1930s, during the glamorous country house parties hosted by Lady Baillie, against a background of design, fashion, celebrities, politics and the shadow of impending war. We will use theatrical dressing, audio visual presentation, plus sounds and smells to make it feel like the occupant (above or below stairs) has just left the room.

The first stage of the new look will launch in April 2022, with the second stage in the Gatehouse – featuring an immersive experience about the six mediaeval queens who owned Leeds – launching in July.

Lots of reasons are coming up for renewing your ticket for a full year of activity and fun. We will be running a Wildlife-themed trail for February Half Term, a Jubilee Street Party event, jousting, a new Design Festival in September and a major new winter event.

We are also redesigning the visitor entrance to the Estate, with a completely new interior to the Visitor Reception and Park Shop, together with the introduction of inspirational new retail ranges to tell the Castle's new story. This will also launch ahead of Easter 2022.

The work to repair the Castle stonework continues and we were pleased to secure an additional grant from Historic England to carry out further repair work on the Ivory Tower alongside the main programme of works. We hope

for not too much freezing weather over the winter so that we can continue the work with lime mortar to repair the facings.

Helen Bonser-Wilton

Chief Executive

The poster features the MTW logo (Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells) and the NHS logo. The main heading is 'Hospital Volunteering Opportunities' in green cursive. Below it, the text reads: 'We need you! Volunteer with us and help us deliver outstanding care to our patients. Our volunteers are an integral part of the MTW team, making a real difference to our patients and supporting our staff in so many ways.' It lists roles such as meeting and greeting patients, supporting the Chaplaincy team, and helping the Macmillan Cancer Support team. Contact information includes an email (mtw-tr.volunteers@nhs.net) and a phone number (01622 224719). A quote from David Coleby, MTW's volunteer of the year 2021, is included in an orange speech bubble: 'It's amazing to be able help people as they come in, if they are anxious or nervous. The power that a smile and a cheery wave can have – it really makes a difference to our patients, visitors and staff'.

Maidstone Task Force

Maidstone Task Force are a specialist team dedicated to tackling high harm crime and community issues, currently focused in Shepway, Maidstone.

In 2021 they have had some incredible results including over 100 arrests, thousands of pounds in drug seizures and strong relationships built with the local community.

They listen and act upon intelligence given to us by you!

Just last week they seized over £Ma2,000 of heroin from a vehicle highlighted to them by the community, with 2 in custody for the offences.

If you have any information that you want acted upon then please email them at maidstone.task.force@kent.police.uk



PATRIK GARTEN'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this month's edition. Obviously, the usuals are simmering in the background: Local Plan Review, constitutional changes etc, but to report there is nothing new. So let me start with some national news:

The **Landscapes Review's final report** was published in 2019 after the government asked for an independent review into whether the protections for National Parks and AONBs are still fit for purpose. The review was led by Julian Glover and supported by an experienced advisory group. There is much to welcome in the Government's long-awaited response this month as it sets out actions to boost nature recovery, mitigate climate change, improve people's access to nature and safeguard our protected landscapes for future generations, all of which closely link to our recently adopted AONB Management Plan.

However, the Government proposals, as currently presented, fall short of the ambitious, transformational change that Julian Glover and his team envisaged. Of most immediate concern is what appears to be a continuing failure to match expectations with resources, or to grasp the serious financial predicament facing AONBs across England, including the Kent Downs. Chronic under-funding was a central issue identified by Glover's review.

Hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses are being contacted by Maidstone Borough Council to check if they are eligible for the new **Omicron one off government business grant**.

The Council has acted quickly to make sure that all eligible businesses can claim the new grant of up to £6,000 and is emailing eligible businesses to invite them to make a claim.

Hospitality businesses were really relying on Christmas to help increase their trade and unfortunately the growth in the Omicron variant put paid to this. The new government grant will hopefully help, if only in a small way.

For further information about the new Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant visit: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/other-services/covid-19/tier-2-primary-areas/advice-and-help-for-businesses>

Guidance can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1044354/omicron-hospitality-and-leisure-grant-guidance.pdf

Any business that does not meet the eligibility criteria for this grant and is experiencing difficulty as a result of the pandemic should contact the Maidstone Business Boost Team by emailing MBB@maidstone.gov.uk to find out what other support, including grants, is available.

To keep up to date with all information on other support for businesses, please sign up at <https://www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk/newsletter/>

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) and BBS Construction are calling on **artists**

to submit proposals to develop a piece of public art for the new café building within Mote Park.

The artwork is to last a minimum of 10 years and there is strong preference for it to be based on the history of Mote Park, possibly incorporating memories of the past, people and children in the park over the years. Artists should consider how their piece of public art could be used to raise the profile and celebrate not just Mote Park, but Maidstone and its heritage.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an artist to create something that will leave a lasting mark in Maidstone. Artists are free to work in any medium and to interpret the history of Mote Park theme in any way they wish, to explore new technologies and creative ideas for the design and development of the public art.

The new café in Mote Park is a key part of MBC's plans to regenerate the park and encourage both new and returning visitors into the county town. It is expected to open in Summer 2022 and will include indoor and outdoor seating, flexible space for learning, an educational and meeting area for local schools and community groups to hire and new modern toilet facilities.

Artists have until 11 February 2022 to submit a proposal. Details can be found at: https://www.bbsconstruction.com/file_upload/files/Wider%20artist%20brief%20December%202021.pdf

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) is on a mission, asking everyone to play their part in helping to **keep the borough clean and tidy**.

After the first Covid lockdown MBC saw a massive 250% increase in roadside littering. In 2020 Council teams removed over 1,950 tons of waste which had been illegally disposed of on the highways across the Borough. Additionally, the start of every new year sees a 20% rise in waste including household waste, fly-tipping and illegal carriers offering to remove it.

To combat the problem MBC has introduced the [#CleanUpMaidstone](#) campaign encouraging everyone to play their part and help to eliminate litter now and for future generations.

The Waste Crime and Street Cleansing teams have a zero-tolerance policy and will fine anyone who is caught committing a littering offence. Their team of 34 people work tirelessly to clean the streets, retrieve the litter and clear the roads of fly-tipping across the borough.

Council officers successfully applied 265 enforcement actions between 1st January, 2020, and 30th September, 2021 for waste offences. The team also seized 45 vehicles during the same 18- month period. Don't forget, I told you recently about our new camera technology to help identify more people littering from their vehicles.

And, if you are disposing of your rubbish, please ensure that your contractors have the correct waste carriers licence. You can check it via the government website: www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information.

If you commission a dodgy contractor who fly-tips your waste, you can be held responsible.

And finally...

You may not have realised, but for many years Maidstone had no administrative buildings of their own and had to rent their office space. The council has now acquired a 199-year lease over Maidstone House and the adjoining Link building from the owners of the Mall shopping centre.

Funding for the purchase comes from the Council's internal capital resources and Public Works Loan Board borrowing. The purchase allows Maidstone to reduce occupancy costs and give taxpayers better value for money.

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)
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All in the month of February

It was:

175 years ago, on **11th February, 1847**, that **Thomas Edison**, American inventor and businessman was born. Best known for inventing the first practical incandescent light bulb, phonograph, movie camera and projector, and many more.

100 years ago, on **8th February, 1922**, that the first **radio was installed in the White House**.

Also **100 years ago**, on **28th February, 1922**, that **Egypt** gained its **independence** from the UK.

90 years ago, on **27th February, 1932**, that British physicist **James Chadwick** announced his discovery of the neutron subatomic particle in the journal Nature. He was awarded the 1935 Nobel Prize for Physics for his discovery.

80 years ago, on **8th February, 1942**, that the **Battle of Singapore** took place. The Japanese then occupied Singapore until September 1945. This is regarded as the worst disaster in British military history, with about 80,000 British, Indian and Australian troops captured.

75 years ago, on **7th February, 1947**, that the first of the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).

70 years ago, on **6th February, 1952**, that **Princess Elizabeth** ascended the throne following the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

65 years ago, on **16th February, 1957**, that the **Toddlers' Truce** was abolished in Britain. During the Truce, television admissions closed down for an hour so that young children could be put to bed. Children's programming ended at 6pm and adult programming began at 7pm.

60 years ago, on **20th February, 1962**, that **John Glenn** became the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth. He made three orbits in the space capsule *Friendship 7*.

50 years ago, on **9th February, 1972**, that the British Government declared a **state of emergency** over the miners' strike which began in January. From 16th February, electricity supplies to homes and businesses were cut off for up to nine hours a day. The strike ended on 25th February.

Also **50 years ago**, on **18th February, 1972**, that the House of Commons voted narrowly in favour (by eight votes) of joining the **Common Market** (now the European Union).

30 years ago, on **20th February, 1992**, that the **English Premier League** was founded, superseding the first division of the Football League.

25 years ago, on **13th February, 1997**, that an inquest into the death of black British teenager **Stephen Lawrence** ended. The jury decided that he had been

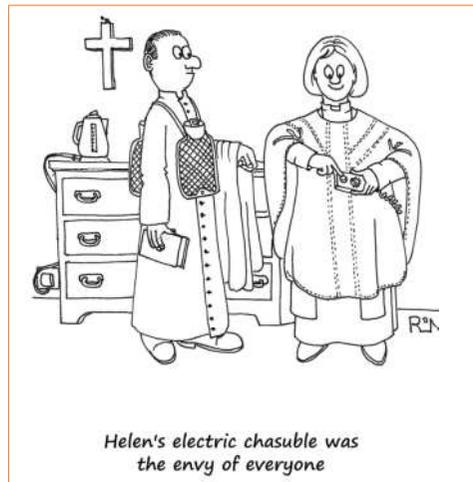
unlawfully killed by five white youths, but they were not convicted. The case was one of the highest-profile racial killings in British history. Two of the perpetrators were eventually convicted in January, 2012, and sentenced to 15 years and 14 years in prison.

Also **25 years ago**, on **22nd February, 1997**, that scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh announced that they had successfully cloned a mammal for the first time: a sheep named *Dolly*.

20 years ago, on **4th February, 2002**, that **Cancer Research UK** was founded. It is the world's largest independent cancer research and awareness charity.

Also **20 years ago**, on **19th February, 2002**, that **NASA's Mars Odyssey** space probe began mapping the surface of Mars using a variety of imaging systems. It later discovered huge reservoirs of underground ice.

10 years ago, on **11th February, 2012**, that **Whitney Houston**, one of the bestselling music artists of all time, died. She drowned in her hotel bathtub because of coronary artery disease and drug intoxication, aged 48.



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Through our conversations so far, we have heard clear views from unpaid carers about what is important to them and have brought them together in the draft strategy document. The need to reflect the 'key moments' in a carer's journey (as well as a person's ongoing support needs) has been included and the key moments themselves have been shaped by recent feedback from our engagement sessions.

Our aim is to work more closely with unpaid carers and our partners to turn these ambitions into reality and bring welcomed improvements to the experiences of carers in Kent.

Have your say:

We need your views on the draft strategy, which sets out what changes we want to see in the future and outlines the principles we will follow to achieve our five-year vision of:

"Making a difference every day by supporting and empowering you to live a fulfilling life whilst being a carer, as long as you are willing and able."

**For more information go to Kent County Council – Adult Carers Strategy.
Consultation closes 22nd February, 2022.**

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Love

Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy.

Life

In the midst of married life, we are in debt.



A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?"

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My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your conference, but please do not be deluded into thinking that conferences are there to teach you anything. Conferences exist to provide another entry on your CV, to give you time off while flattering yourself that you are working, and to make the person leading it feel that their life is not wholly pointless.

As it happened, I was also invited to the same one, the one entitled 'Learning how to say no.' But I refused to attend, thereby proving that I didn't need it anyway.

There are certain useful points you need to learn for conferences. First, about half the attendees will have been together only the previous week attending another conference in another part of the country. They will be eager, enthusiastic, and overflowing with management platitudes. Avoid them at all costs. Should one of them say to you: 'expect the unexpected' you have my permission to strangle them. They won't have expected that!

Secondly, when you are all asked to go through that ghastly process of introducing yourselves to everyone else, make it up. I think the last time I was obliged to do this I became a butcher specialising in exporting offal to Saudi Arabia. All your clerical colleagues will then panic that they have turned up for the wrong course and the leader will make sure that you are not asked another single question throughout the event. Both outcomes are satisfying.

Thirdly, do realise that when you are asked to divide into small discussion groups, it means that the conference leader has run out of ideas about what to do next. Do not, at all costs, volunteer to be chairman. It only means that when you have to report back – and if the leaders use the word 'plenary', then by all means contemplate strangling them also - you will be involved in sticking sheets of paper on to walls, which will then rip off the wallpaper when you try to remove them.

You will also have the embarrassment of finding that every felt tip pen you try to use will be empty, and what you thought were the conclusions your group had arrived at will be volubly contradicted by all the other members.

No, if you are ever obliged to attend another course, take a good book, enough claret to cover every evening away, and develop a debilitating illness that, while enabling you to attend every meal, obliges you to retreat to your room for the rest of the day. You will leave having learned as much on whatever the topic was as your colleagues, but you will return refreshed and eager to make the next booking.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

VILLAGE DIARY

February

3rd	1.00 pm	Funeral of Revd. Nigel Fry	Lenham Parish Church
9 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
9 th – 12 th		Pantomime – Goldilocks	Village Hall
14 th		St. Valentine’s Day	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
15 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
19th	8.30 am	Men’s Breakfast	The Dirty Habit

March

1 st		Shrove Tuesday	
2 nd		Ash Wednesday	
6 th		First Sunday of Lent	
9 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
17 th		St. Patrick’s Day	
20 th		1 st Day of Spring	
27 th		Mothering Sunday	
		BST - Clocks go Forward	

April

11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 th		Maundy Thursday	
15 th		Good Friday	
17 th		Easter Sunday	
18 th		Easter Monday	
		Bank Holiday	
23 rd		St. George’s Day	

May

2 nd		Bank Holiday	
9 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
26 th		Ascension Day	

June

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

July

11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
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August

29 th		Bank Holiday	
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New additions in red.

Please send information for Village Diary and Regular Meetings to
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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
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	Contact:	Barbara Lloyd 880282 Dawn Perry 880634
School Terms	2022	
	Term 3:	4th January—11th February
	Term 4:	21st February—11th April
	Term 5:	19th April—27th May
	Term 6:	6th June—22nd July
Scouts:		
Wednesdays,	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Kingswood Scout Hut
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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