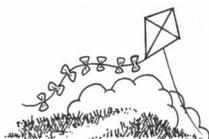


Hollingbourne & Hucking

June 2021

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

All Saint's Church—6th June, 12.00 pm



*Post Office now at
The Sugar Loaves*



Father's
Day



*Queen's Official Birthday
12th June 2021*



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Shower of blessing

We are all looking forward to these red-letter days when some of the Covid restrictions are lifted and life slowly, but steadily, returns to normal. There's a big day, we hope, this month when for many people plans can be made, holidays in this country can be booked and we can go back to doing the things we know and love. I've seen people determined to make up for lost time, sitting outside in pub gardens when it's absolutely freezing or 'enjoying' a picnic wrapped up in big coats, hats and scarves. Janette and I have booked a few days up in the Lakes: as some of you know, a particular favourite destination, as it is ages since I've been.

I remember a holiday I had in the Lake District some years ago. It rained for only two days of the fourteen I was up there. It was brilliant sunshine and very warm most of the time – very unusual, I can hear you say! But on those two days that it rained, boy, did it rain! One of those days was the last day of the holiday before returning home and, as I hadn't performed my customary 10 mile walk round Derwentwater, I decided it had to be done, despite the weather. I got drenched, but I loved every minute of it. When I had to use footpaths close to the narrow, but busy roads, cars would send water splashing over me. I would smile through gritted teeth at the occupants of the car, as I wished the driver a very good day with a cheery wave. It wouldn't spoil it for me, no way. I felt great, but I did feel sorry for a group of around 40 children on holiday from a school in London. They were out for a walk too on their last day before returning home. 'What a shame,' I thought, as the mountains were hidden from view by thick rain-filled clouds. I prayed silently that it might brighten up for them, so they could see the lake and surroundings that were completely invisible. And guess what? It started to rain even harder. I felt so disappointed for them, soaked to the skin and covered in mud; but they seemed so full of fun and excitement. 'What a terrible day you've had', I said to one of the adults with them. She smiled at me, looking quite surprised. 'Not at all', she replied. 'They've all had a wonderful day. They'll never forget being able to paddle through streams and puddles; squelch through mud and see the waterfalls cascading down the hills. Don't forget, some of these children have never been out of the city. They are experiencing things, even on a day like this, that they've never experienced before.'

Summer is a time for enjoying God's creation, no matter where we are. Maybe you've sometimes prayed for something, or for someone, and God hasn't seemed to take any notice, or maybe the opposite of what you wanted has happened. Could it be that God has something better for you or that person or that situation? Those 40 schoolchildren gave me a lot to think about that wet day in the Lakes. May each of us spend some time this month thanking God for his creation, the world and the people around us.

After all, he does shower his blessings on us!

Captain Graham Bibby
Team Missioner, North Downs Team

SERVICES 2020/21 (YEAR B)
JUNE 2021

30th May

Services

Trinity Sunday

Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Hucking	2.00 pm	Eucharist
Readings Isaiah 6: 1-8; John 3: 1-17		

Readings

6th June

Service

Readings

Trinity Sunday

Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings Genesis 3: 1-15; Mark 3: 20 – end		
APCM	12.00 pm	

13th June

Service

Readings

Trinity 1

Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings Ezekiel 17: 22-end; Mark 4: 26-34		

20th June

Service

Readings

Trinity 2

Hollingbourne	1.00 am	Eucharist
Readings Job 38: 1-11; Mark 4: 35-41		

27th June

Service

Readings

Trinity 3

Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Mark 6: 1-13		

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

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

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/UC4KnCwLrj4ACApkvUEyXvg>

or if you are on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/northdownschurches/>



EDITOR'S NOTES

Not a lot to report this month. I still await information from the local organisations as to their 'rebirth', but have not, so far, had much joy. I shall keep nagging.

After the Elections last month, I have been inundated with newsletters from our elected representatives — MP, KCC and Maidstone Borough Council. They actually make quite interesting reading!

The Neighbourhood Contact Service has been rearranged, for various reasons, and details of the up to date contacts are as an advert in the magazine.

We still promote activities for Leeds Church and they are holding a Plant Sale on Saturday, 5th June — see advert.

All Saints Church is holding its Annual Parochial Council Meeting at (approx.) 12.00 pm on Sunday, 6th June, to which all members of the Parish Electoral Roll are welcome.

12th June marks the Queen's Official 95th Birthday. Apparently a celebration is planned at Windsor (larger than last year's pandemic variety).

The Parish Council Meeting is due to go 'live' again on Monday, 14th June, at 7.30 pm at the Cardwell Pavilion.

Fathers' Day comes on 20th June. No doubt children are thinking of 'inventive' gifts for parents – another one for the shelf, maybe!

Next day, the 21st, is both the First Day of Summer and (allegedly) the end of Lockdown Stage 4. Are we holding our breath?

It is rumoured that (lifting of restrictions permitting) the W.I. is due to hold its first meeting at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 22nd June. (Not the usual third Tuesday).

And that it about it.

Still waiting for 'hopes for after Lockdown' and any other information.

Here's hoping for rather better weather than recently.

Carole Findlay

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New Post Office location

Most of the village are already aware of the New Post Office location at the Sugar Loaves, Eyhorne Street.

However, following a public consultation, they have now written to confirm the new location and times.

New Post Office Location

The Sugar Loaves, 56 Eyhorne Street,
Hollingbourne, Maidstone, ME17 1TS.

Wednesday - 09:00 – 13:00

Our elderly vicar was very devout, but sometimes lost his place during the service. One Sunday as we reached the Creed there was a long silence, so the curate went across to him and gently touched his arm. "I believe in God," she whispered.

The vicar smiled back happily. "Oh so do I, so do I!"

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today, it's called golf.

Hollingbourne Speedwatch & Road Safety working group

Road Safety and traffic has long been an important topic in Hollingbourne. Following on from the parish council's Highways plan, the newly formed **Hollingbourne Speedwatch** and the residents 20's Plenty campaign, it has been decided that a working group will be formed, comprising of both residents and members of the parish council,, to target and work through some of the main road safety issues in the village.

There is a WhatsApp group dedicated to the **Speedwatch** – available to join (see WhatsApp on website) who have elected three members to join.

The Parish council will announce their volunteers at the next meeting.

If you, or anyone else you know, would like to be a part of this group then please do email or phone **Vicki** on **07856 180003** or **pchollingbourne@gmail**



SUMMER PLANTS



Important information for those of you with space still to fill in your gardens or surplus plants. On **Saturday, 5th June**, there will be a **'Bring & Buy' Plant Sale** at **St. Nicholas Church Leeds, ME17 1RJ**, starting at **10.30am**. Nominal closing time is 2.30pm, but we may finish earlier if sold out, so get there early!

There will be a good selection of flowers, and also house plants and vegetable plants, and we welcome donations of any healthy plants and thinnings that you may have (but please label anything you bring).

There will be experienced gardeners available to pass on tips and give advice.

If virus regulations allow, **refreshments** will be available and there is free car parking adjacent.

Proceeds of the sale will go towards new church heating.

Enquiries call 01622 842915





CHURCH CLEANING HELP!



Once again another year has passed and it will soon be time for me to draw up the new rota for our band of church cleaners. Sadly this year some people have had to drop out through ill health or other reasons.

Is there anyone in the village who would be prepared to give an hour or so three times a year to help us maintain this wonderful building?

Please give me a ring on 880520 or 07941263479 if you are able to help.



Katie Brice



During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognise Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognise Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognise the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Methodists do not recognise each other in the pub.



LEEDS SERVICES

6 th June	Leeds	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Communion APCM
13 th June	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Afternoon Worship
20 th June	Leeds	11.00 am	Eucharist
27 th June	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

Hollingbourne Neighbourhood Contacts

Due to the Covid restrictions this service is currently suspended until the 21st June 2021, subject to Government advise prior to that date.

Once the 21st June, 2021, is given the 'all clear' then the volunteers will be available for transporting residents of the village for medical appointments (Hospital, Doctors, dental etc.) should members of their family, friends or neighbours be unavailable to help.

Should you be unable to contact any of the volunteers or they are not available for your particular need at the time, please contact the Coordinator of the scheme, June Pockett on the numbers below.

This scheme is purely voluntary and does not have a monetary fund, therefore payment for transportation is discretionary on the part of the person requiring this service.

We are always pleased to have voluntary drivers and if you are interested in helping with this service, you can contact June.

Drivers are:

Katie Brice	01622.880520
Christine and Nick Maynard	01622.880378
Barbara Tremble	01622.880216
Pete Brown	07997.134771
Jean Wellman	01622.880598
June Pockett (Coordinator)	01622.880763
	07767.367611

A group of tourists was watching the re-enactment of an ancient Egyptian religious ritual. One pointed to the statue that was being praised, and asked a nearby local for the name of the god. "Why do you ask?" the local man replied.

The tourist shrugged. "Oh, just idol curiosity!"

09/05/2021



Dear Residents

First of all, a MEGA BIG THANK YOU to all of you who put their trust in me to run for a second term as your Maidstone Borough Councillor. Your votes mean a lot to me.

What is clear, however, is that a vast number of residents in the North Downs are of the opinion that my convictions and abilities are better suited to a proper professional career. While I returned almost the identical number of votes as I did in 2016, this election has shown that there is a huge number of disenfranchised residents who, normally silent, went out this time and lodged a massive protest vote. The avid campaigner of the Green Party recruited almost 300 new votes. A hundred of them never having voted in the past 20 years I have to take my hat off to Mr Jeffrey and his team. This outcome is not unique to the North Downs Ward, but replicated throughout Maidstone.

The surprise (or not so) is the decline of the Post-Brexit Liberal Party - and Labour not doing too well either. For Maidstone this means a big change. For the first time since 2014 the Conservatives will be in control in Maidstone, if only by a very small margin. Yes, for many years we, the Conservatives, were the opposition! Which obviously makes me wonder why there was such a huge protest vote in the North Downs? There is certainly a lesson for me to learn.

As I said in my newsletters before the elections, your votes mean a lot to us politicians. An astonishing 46% voter turn out is good for democracy and gives the Borough and County Councillors as well as the PCC a strong mandate. It also makes the point that the North Downs are neither Patrik's (nor the Conservative's) little 'thiefdom', but a lively political community with different opinions and voices. Most of all, we must never take your votes (or silence) for granted.

And on that note, let me roll up my sleeves: for the next three years (yes, this term is only three years) I will be YOUR voice at MBC. My door / phone-line / email is always open for you, whether you voted for me or not.

I am looking forward to meeting you all, as soon as covid restrictions will permit, and that we will catch up with annual parish assemblies over the summer, particularly in those villages and hamlets where there are no monthly parish councils.

Just one last word: I know that my challenger(s) peddled a lot of promises, and that is the challenger's prerogative. Not all of those promises were in the remit of a Borough Councillor for whose office they were standing. Anything to do with highways for example is, by law, out of my hands. Highways are the sole responsibility of Kent County Council and our newly elected County .

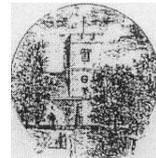
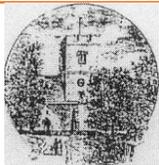
Councillor Shellina Prendergast. Of course, I will support her in all her efforts and hope that, as a team, we will represent you adequately

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

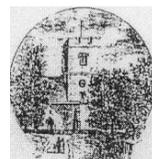
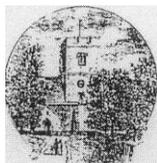
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Candidate Name	Party	votes
Patrik Garten	Conservative	472
Stuart Robert Jeffrey	Green Party	407
Theresa Ruby Lyons	Labour Party	46
Zeina Toric-Azad	Liberal Democrats	25



ANNUAL PARISH
CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will take place in All Saints Church after the 11.00 Service (at approximately 12.00 pm) on **Sunday, 6th June**. All on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend.



What do you think will happen after Covid?

You can take your choice: a recent survey has found that a third of us think that society may *never* go back to the old ways, a third of us think we will go back to *exactly* as we were before, and a third of us think that we will be *keener than ever* to stay together.

The Together Coalition, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been working for the past year on a piece of research to track just what has happened to communities during lockdown.

The new research has found that "people feel a stronger sense of connection to their neighbours and community. ... We found a clear public appetite for a society in which we are more connected to each other, and the community spirit of 2020 is kept alive."

It also found that around 12.4million people have volunteered during the pandemic, 4.6million of them for the first time. And 75 per cent of those volunteers would be happy to do so again.



HOLLINGBOURNE READING GROUP

Not only is the weather warming up, but we are able to meet indoors, although not in large numbers. However, it will be a start. Every time I am in the garden and a friend walks across the meadow, we always chat about what we are reading.

More television links coming up. Firstly, the serialisation of a Colson Whitehead's **book 'The Underground Railroad'** about the route of slaves escaping from the south. Also, the return of **'Between The Covers'**, the BBC discussion programme looking at books.

One positive thing to come out of lockdown is that a study of reading habits of children showed that children read more during lockdown. A closer look revealed that the books were more challenging and, in particular, 11 & 12 year olds were reading longer books of greater difficulty.

One good thing about being able to travel around the country is visiting local bookshops, often small premises that incorporates a coffee shop. It is lovely to have a coffee at Sissinghurst and browse their secondhand books.

Best sellers remain the same as last month, with **Kate Garraway's** book at number one, followed by books on **Prince Philip & Captain Tom**.

Happy Reading

Dawn Perry

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Music Notes June 2021

By the end of June, it seems likely that orchestras and choirs will be able to rehearse again 'in the flesh', albeit while still taking precautions on spacing, etc. However, the lack of rehearsals up to now means no concerts locally yet. The delayed 2020 BBC Young Musician Competition has completed at last, and the performances of the final were as always quite phenomenal. If you did not manage to watch it on TV, the winning performance is still on Youtube and the whole final is available on BBC i-player.

Meanwhile, I will continue to regale you with musical anniversaries, this time for June. There are lots, so here are just a few relating to the more well-known musicians:

- 8 June** 350th anniversary of birth of Tomaso Albinoni, Italian composer
18 June 200th anniversary of the first performance of Carl Maria von Weber's popular opera 'Der Freischütz'.
25 June 100th anniversary of birth of Peter Wishart, English composer.
29 June 80th anniversary of death of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, Polish pianist, composer and politician.

I suspect that Peter Wishart is the least well-known of those I have listed, and, as he was almost a local, I will quote his Wikipedia entry:

Peter Charles Arthur Wishart (25 June 1921 – 14 August 1984) was an English composer. born in Crowborough. He studied with Nadia Boulanger in Paris from 1947–1948 and taught at the Guildhall School of Music, Birmingham University, King's College, London and Reading University, where he was Professor of Music from 1977. His compositions include several neo-classical operas, orchestral and chamber pieces, and a large amount of church music. Critics have commented on Wishart's strong and individual lyricism and his admiration for the music of Igor Stravinsky.

He was married to the mezzo-soprano singer Maureen Lehane, with whom he worked at Reading University. His son by a previous marriage, James Wishart, is also a composer. After her husband's death, Maureen began a music festival in his memory, the Great Elm Music Festival.

BJH

And here is another music definition:

Harpichord – a type of keyboard instrument, a precursor of the piano and cursed ever since.

Arriving at church to attend a wedding, a formidable looking lady in a large hat was greeted by the usher. "Are you a friend of the groom?" he ventured.

"Certainly not," she said indignantly. "I'm the bride's mother."



Hollingbourne Meadows Trust - News Bulletin June 2021

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



If all goes according to plan, the coronavirus restrictions should soon be lifted and we can look forward to summer when we can all enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery surrounding our village. Although a large number of people are looking forward to holidaying abroad, for those who do not wish – or are unable – to do so, we must be thankful that we have such beautiful countryside on our doorsteps. Please come and enjoy the Meadows, but ensure that you still follow the guidelines in order to keep safe and healthy, keep the coronavirus under control and to avoid another lockdown. Do not forget to leave only footprints when you leave!

Over the past year of being under restrictions the village planned events have been postponed. We believe that a great number of people are looking forward to getting out and meeting up in the open. As the Annual Village Fête has been postponed for another year, it was felt that we all needed another social gathering so that we can come together once again. The Trust is working with Hollingbourne Parish Council on the plans for a summer picnic at the Lance Memorial Ground on **Saturday, 24 July**, when, hopefully, the restrictions will be lifted.

The aim is to have an informal gathering where there will be a bar, food, entertainment and activities for all. More details will be released shortly so please check out the Parish website, Noticeboards, and Village Store for further information. The Trust will be there with a marquee, in order to offer a warm welcome. We will love to hear from you about what you like and do not like about the Meadows and for you to share ideas that you have. Please come along and say hello.

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

The **Hedge of Hope** involves the provision of biodegradable wooden discs, which can be decorated and hung on the hedge in Godfrey Meadow using hessian. This has allowed people to display inspirational and hopeful messages for all to read. The Trust is being supported by **Woods of Hollingbourne**, who are holding a quantity of bio-degradable wooden discs. While this has been successful, there are still a quantity of discs available to be collected – all we ask is for a donation to cover the costs, although this is not mandatory: a sum of £2 is suggested.

Following the success of the **Miles 4 Smiles** campaign which we ran in November last autumn, we are aiming to run this again to promote people getting out and walking for charity. Watch this space and the HTML website for details which will be released nearer the time.

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



A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

With Father's Day in mind:

What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity. – *Richter*

Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – *Mozart as a boy*

A father is a banker provided by nature. – *French proverb*

The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*

In one small rural village the local vet also led the local Neighbourhood Watch group. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"He is, but tell me, do you need him as the vet or the Neighbourhood Watch?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it!"

There was a feud between the minister and the choir director of a church. The first trouble came when the minister preached on 'Dedicating Yourself to Service', and the choir director chose to sing: 'I Shall Not Be Moved'.

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the minister put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on 'Giving'. Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: 'Jesus Paid It All'.

By this time, the minister was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on 'The Sin of Gossiping'. And sure enough, the choir director selected: 'I Love To Tell The Story'

By now, there was no turning back. The following Sunday the minister told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the choir director led them in: 'Why Not Tonight'?

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the minister resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The choir director could not resist: 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'.

The Lord's work

On leaving the local Churches Together lunch, the Catholic priest was heard to say to the Methodist minister: "Well, at the end of the day, we're all doing the Lord's work: you in your way, and I in His."



Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden



Cutbacks to the school budget had somewhat restricted after-school activities.

HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

Monday, 14th June

Monday, 12th July

No Meeting in August

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

An old Italian priest lived alone. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was so hard. A member of his church, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. So, the old priest wrote a letter to his parishioner and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. I remember you in my prayers!

Fr Louis

A few days later he received a letter from his parishioner.

Dear Fr Louis, whatever you do, don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Thanks for your prayers.

Vinnie

At 4 am the next morning, the local police arrived and dug up the entire area, without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old priest and left. That same day the old priest received another letter.

Dear Fr Louis, You can go ahead and plant your tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Vinnie

All in the month of JUNE

It was:

175 years ago, on 28th June, 1846, that Belgian musical instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented the saxophone.

125 years ago, on 4th June, 1896, that Henry Ford completed his first automobile, the Ford Quadricycle, and gave it a test run around Detroit Michigan. It was a simple frame with an engine, two gears, a tiller for steering and four bicycle wheels. It had a top speed of 20mph. Its success led him to establish the Ford Motor Company.

100 years ago, on 10th June, 1921, that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born on a dining room table in Corfu. He was the husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

90 years ago, on 13th June, 1931 that Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, British pharmacist and philanthropist, died. He had turned his father's Boots Company into a national chain of chemists.

80 years ago, from 22nd June to 5th December, 1941, that Operation Barbarossa took place. It was the German invasion of the Soviet Union, the largest military operation in history. In the end, it was a Soviet victory, for the German invaders were repelled when they reached Moscow, and then driven out of Russia by a Soviet counterattack.

75 years ago, on 26th June, 1946, that Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery became Chief of the Imperial General Staff (head of the British army).

65 years ago, on 13th June, 1956, that the first European Cup final (soccer) was held, in Paris. Real Madrid (Spain) beat Stade de Reims (France) 4-3. The European Cup is now known as the UEFA Champions League.

60 years ago, on 6th June, 1961 that Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and psychologist, died. He was the founder of analytical psychology.

50 years ago, on 16th June, 1971, that John Reith (Lord Reith), 1st Baron Reith, Scottish business executive and politician, died. He was Manager and Director General of the BBC in its formative years. He also formed BOAC (now British Airways).

40 years ago, on 5th June, 1981, that the first report of AIDS took place. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA reported that five homosexual men in Los Angeles were suffering from a rare form of pneumonia found in patients with weakened immune systems. These were later recognised as the first official AIDS cases.

Also **40 years ago**, on 22nd June, 1981, that American tennis player John McEnroe earned the press nickname 'Superbrat', when he threw a tantrum during his first-round match against Tom Gullikson at Wimbledon. He hurled abuse at the umpire, swore at the referee, and popularised the phrase 'you cannot be serious' when he disputed a line call. Nevertheless, he went on to win the men's singles championship that year.

25 years ago, on 4th June, 1996, that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened. The bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway.

20 years ago, on 22nd June, 2001, that two British schoolboys, who murdered two-year-old James Bulger in Liverpool in 1993, were released from secret custody after 8 years. They were given new identities and moved to secret locations.

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Miscellaneous musings on life

It is not marriage that fails, it is people that fail. - *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers. - *Robert Quillen*

The contented man is never poor, the discontented never rich. - *George Eliot*

Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of pleasures; costs nothing and conveys much. - *Erastus Wiman*

Any fool can criticise, condemn and complain – and usually does. - *Dale Carnegie*

Anger is just one letter short of danger. - *Anon*

Know thyself? If I knew myself, I would run away. - *Johann Wolfgang*

The reason some people know the solution is because they created the problem. - *Kelly Fordyce*

To reply to a nasty remark with another nasty remark is like trying to remove dirt with mud. - *Anon*

College: the land of the midnight sons. - *Anon*

We have seen more pictures of college students engaged in various sports than we have seen pictures of students taking home books from the library. - *Anon*

They say that the traffic is so bad in town that a man is knocked down every day - and he is getting jolly well fed up with it. - *Anon*

Anyone who has been to an English public school will always feel comparatively home in prison. - *Evelyn Waugh*

Psychology is the study of the id by the odd. - *Anon*

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless. - *Anon*

Job cursed the day he was born. Most babies can't even speak till they are at least 18 months old. - *Anon*

People treat the Ten Commandments like a history test - they attempt only three. - *Anon*

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. - *Anon*

Fashion: A form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. *Oscar Wilde*

The Himalayas are the raised letters upon which we blind children put our fingers to spell out the name of God. - *J H Barrows*

Annual report from KCC Cabinet Member, Shellina Prendergast Kent County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East—Annual Report May 2021

Dear Resident,

The last year has been an incredibly tough period for all our communities and businesses. As we take our first steps to get the country out of the restrictions, I want to thank all of you for having played your part, showing much resilience, patience and resolve in helping to get the virus under control and supporting each other through the difficult times.

Uniquely in the country, Kent has confronted not one but two – or three – huge challenges: Covid-19, the end of the Brexit transition and the arrival of large numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children last spring and summer. Kent County Council has been there with residents and businesses throughout this – supporting the vulnerable through the “Kent Together” scheme, securing millions of items of PPE, rolling out community testing and supporting families, businesses, and the many voluntary and community organisations on the road to recovery. Below are some examples of the work in key areas led by Kent County Council during this time:

Kent’s Children, Young People and Families

HeadStart Kent, a programme that has enhanced the mental health and well-being of young people in the county since 2016, has been awarded extra funding to continue its vital work for an additional year – <https://kccmediahub.net/headstart-kent-awarded-additional-years-funding745>

Supporting families under financial pressure in the crisis, supporting the voluntary sector in working to tackle financial distress, **Free School Meals** in the October half term and since, and the £10m **Helping Hands** scheme to support individuals, families and businesses.

Kent County Council has protected tax payers from the cost of the arrival of large numbers of young asylum seeking children through a new and increased funding deal agreed with Government last summer. We continue to press the Government to establish a sustainable National Transfer Scheme which will ease the pressure on border authorities like Kent.

Reconnect – a universal community-based programme of activities currently being developed to help children and young people reconnect with their pre-Covid-19 lives. <https://kccmediahub.net/ambitious-kcc-led-community-programme-will-help-children-and-young-people-reconnect-with-their-pre-covid-19-lives745>

91% of Kent schools are rated as good or outstanding. The challenge of a rising school population has been met by building out places for an additional 25,000 students over the last ten years.

Supporting Communities and the Voluntary Sector

The **Library Service** introduced the popular Select and Collect and digital services while maintaining the important Home Library Service – a vital link for many vulnerable residents.

Over 4000 miles of Public Rights of Way saw increased usage of up to 100% in places and the 9 Country Parks have never been busier.

Community Wardens, already highly valued before the pandemic, played a vital frontline role supporting and protecting those who were vulnerable and in need of help.

Support for the cultural and sports sectors facing the considerable challenges as a result of Covid-19.

Investing in communities and the voluntary sector, most recently through the **Crowdfunding Kent** initiative where Kent County Council committed £500,000 to co-fund community projects that help recovery from the pandemic.

Launched the **Kent Together** initiative working with communities and borough councils to provide 24/7 help and support to those who were vulnerable and isolated due to the pandemic and in need of essential supplies including food and medication.

Delivered over 1000 carephone devices to vulnerable and isolated residents, enabling them to connect with friends, families and carers during lockdown.

Brexit Transition

Along with local and national partners, Kent County Council made huge preparations for the end of the Brexit transition to ensure that roads and services remained open for residents and businesses.

When the French Government shut the borders just before Christmas, KCC staff, Members and partners worked tirelessly to resolve the crisis. Transition plans were adapted, testing centres were set up and welfare measures were put in place for those stranded by the closure.

Backing Kent's Businesses

Helping businesses during the pandemic has been the at the core of our work – investing in the Kent and Medway Covid Help Line, assisting more than 14,000 businesses and making millions of pounds available in affordable loans to help businesses survive and prosper as we come out of the current crisis.

No Use Empty scheme, supported by £12m of support last year, provides interest free loans to small, local builders to bring empty properties back into use. The scheme has delivered almost 6,500 homes on brownfield land, safeguarded hundreds of local jobs, created new homes and improved derelict areas of land.

Broadband for Businesses and Homes

Kent County Council has worked with the government agency BDUK to deliver better broadband across the county and several communities within Maidstone Rural East have benefitted from this. This has included:

Delivered faster broadband connections to over 140,000 homes and businesses across Kent that would otherwise have been left with no or slow broadband.

Provided funding to over 2,000 rural homes and businesses (without superfast broadband connections) through the **Kent Top-Up Voucher** programme.

Enabled access to superfast broadband of at least 30mbps to over 95% of homes and businesses in Kent.

Roads and Rail

Committed another £10m to this year's pothole blitz after a year in which Kent Highways filled in almost 50,000 potholes and patched the equivalent of 50 full size football pitches.

Invested £11m in a road resurfacing programme and five-year maintenance plan.

Kent County Council launched the **Vision Zero Strategy** for road safety which not only has an ambitious aim for reducing or eliminating road accident deaths by 2050 but represents a new way to engage with communities and address local road safety concerns.

The **Kent Rail Strategy 2021** positions KCC to influence future plans for Kent's rail services.

Protecting our Environment

Commitment to reach Net Zero for our own services and buildings by 2030 together with projects and funding in place to deliver this target along with a plan for Kent as a whole to achieve this by 2050.

Launched an innovative **Plan Bee** for pollinators, ambitious work on biodiversity and plans, already underway, to plant a tree for every resident in Kent.

Less than 1% of waste collected in Kent goes to landfill; the rest is recycled or turned into energy.

The above is just a flavour of the work at Kent County Council. As we emerge from Covid and lockdown, we are working to build a better future for Kent: standing up against national targets for housebuilding in the county while securing the services and infrastructure we need so that they come with, not after, any development; supporting both young and older people after this toughest of years; and costed plans in place to protect our environment and achieve net zero.

This is a time to feel optimistic. My thanks again to all of you for the part you have played in helping and supporting our communities and for taking the steps and following guidance to reduce the spread of Covid 19. I am very proud to represent residents of Maidstone Rural East – together we make a great community!

All the best

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Election results for our Borough and KCC Councillors

Both existing candidates for Maidstone Rural East and Maidstone were re-elected last week, congratulations Patrik and Shellina.

Maidstone Rural East - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Outcome
 Shellina Prendergast	Conservative	3884	65%	Elected
 Susan Theresa Parr	Green Party	1073	18%	Not elected
 Marlyn Randall	Labour	515	9%	Not elected
 Hannah Amanda Perkin	Liberal Democrat	332	6%	Not elected
 Twiz Stripp	Reform UK	144	2%	Not elected

Borough - KCC, PCC, Ward and Parish Elections - Thursday 6th May, 2021

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Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Outcome
 Patrik Garten	The Conservative Party Candidate	472	50%	Elected
 Stuart Robert Jeffery	Green Party	407	43%	Not elected
 Theresa Ruby Lyons	Labour Party	46	5%	Not elected
 Zeina Toric-Azad	Liberal Democrats	25	3%	Not elected

Details	Number
Seats	1
Total votes	950
Number of ballot papers issued	956
Number of ballot papers rejected	6



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Helen Whately's Parish Update – May 2021

Our road to recovery

The past few weeks have seen glimpses of normal life return.

When I was in Lenham recently, people were calling into shops, returning from the school run, and chatting in the queue outside Home Bake. It was exactly the kind of afternoon that would have seemed so normal in 2019, but now, fills me with hope and relief.

The progress we've made in bringing the virus under control is thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of so many people and the phenomenal success of our vaccine rollout.

Our local vaccination teams have been working flat out for the past five months getting jabs into arms. Over 580,000 people in Kent have now received two doses of a Covid vaccine, helping to save lives and get us back to something like normal life.

But we are not out of the woods yet. These next few weeks will be crucial in keeping the virus under control and keeping our recovery on track. Everyone can play their part by following the guidance, taking up the offer to get vaccinated, and getting tested regularly.

National recovery was at the heart of the Queen's Speech. A new Health and Care Bill will help us better integrate services and give people the care they need closer to home. A new public body for our railways will help deliver simpler fares and reliable services. And an enhanced Environment Bill will put nature at the heart of our recovery.

There is still a long way to go, but we are on the road to recovery.

Back to school

I visited Hollingbourne Primary School recently to talk about the improvement work the school is trying to secure and was given a tour by two of the Year 6 House Captains.

I'm pleased that the new funding formula for schools is making a difference - particularly to schools that have been historically underfunded. This is something I called for along with other Kent MPs.

The new funding formula for schools means every primary school is guaranteed £4,000 per pupil with secondary schools getting at least £5,150 per pupil.

Getting businesses back on their feet

Seeing shop doors open and pints being pulled again has been a truly wonderful sight over the past few weeks.

The excitement of being able to welcome back customers was clear from the shop owners and traders I spoke to in Lenham recently.

Local shops are far more than just places to pick up essentials. They are part

of the glue that holds communities together. As restrictions ease, it's more important than ever we support our local businesses.

I know the cut in VAT for hospitality businesses and extension of the business rates holiday are making a big difference to many local businesses, in addition to grants and the furlough scheme.

Cultural recovery

Local arts and culture have received another boost from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund.

Over £150,000 was provided to groups in Faversham and Mid Kent from the second round of allocations, including the Urban Soul Orchestra. The Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone has also received a grant from the Fund.

As a former Arts Minister, I know just how important culture and the arts are to our society and economy.

I'm eager to see theatres and music venues come back to life as soon as possible. In the meantime, it's good news that more local arts and culture groups are being supported through this difficult time.

Have your say on Shepway regeneration plans

A consultation has been launched on plans to regenerate part of Shepway.

I'll be meeting Golding Homes in the summer to discuss their plans, which would see Cambridge Crescent developed to include 240 new homes, an updated shopping area, and new public spaces.

While improvements are needed, change can be unsettling. Residents of Cambridge Crescent will rightly have questions about these plans – particularly where they will live during the construction phase and compensation plans.

It's essential this development puts community needs first and focuses on making life better for people in Shepway, which is why this consultation is so important. For more information contact shepwayregen@goldinghomes.org.uk or call 01622 212790.

No truck with rule-breaking lorries

I've stepped up efforts to get HGVs off country roads.

With Channel freight returning to normal and Operation Brock being ended, there is no excuse for lorries who continually flout the weight limit on roads.

I know this continues to be a problem on the B2163 through Leeds, where a 17-tonne weight limit is in place. I raised this with Kent County Council and Kent Police, and I'm pleased more checks have been carried out recently. Thank you to everyone involved in the Lorry Watch scheme in the village.

Getting these weight limits put in place is a step in the right direction, but they need to be properly enforced.

24/05/2021

Dear Residents

For too long Maidstone has been governed by a weak coalition of Liberals, Labour and Independents in an ineffective Committee system of government.



As a result of the recent elections the **Conservatives took control of Maidstone Borough Council** at last Saturday's constituting meeting. We believe in fundamental reform of the council's decision-making process and government arrangements. This will include a decision to revert from the current Committee system to a **Cabinet based form of government**, to take effect from the Council's 2022 annual general meeting.

Here are the strategic points, which the Conservative led administration will seek to address:

Planning this is one of the council's most high-profile activities and must be fully resourced. We would like a review of the planning service to ensure that it is capable of delivering the local plan review on time together with a stringent set of development management policies. **Conservation and enforcement** is currently not adequately resourced and a sufficient number of officers need to be employed to deal with the tasks in hand.

The correct **balance between member decisions and delegated decisions** needs to be attained. Planning enforcement must be effective and provide a credible deterrent against unauthorised works and breaches of planning conditions.

Whilst we agree with provision for travel choices, this should **no longer extend to the dogma of "modal shift"** as a professed solution to congestion from over-development. We retain our long held view that a **Leeds / Langley Relief Road** is necessary in helping to resolve congestion. A plan is needed for the entire southern and western area. Other traffic-related blights require increased attention too, - such as inappropriate HGV routes and speeding in residential streets and villages

Traffic congestion is also a contributory factor in unacceptable **air quality** locally. We want to see increased action to deliver clean air from initiatives to encourage large-scale tree planting through promoting much greater use of electric vehicles. A move towards electric vehicles should not only be encouraged privately, but should also include the council's own fleet, when vehicles are up for replacement.

Conservative members had an active part in the Council's Climate Change And Biodiversity Working Group: **The Council's Declaration of Biodiversity and Climate Emergency was adopted with Conservatives' support in April 2019.**

We want our Borough to be the cleanest place in Kent. We would like to see an increase in the frequency of street cleaning and we are seeking firm enforcement against **littering and fly-tipping**.

Over the past years, our group has made its position clear on **anti-social behaviour** and community safety. We favour a greater use of public spaces protection orders and community protection notices and we will be seeking a review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the community safety unit.

The council's work on early **prevention of homelessness** is to continue and our members have been keen on the development of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Strategy. Increased direct contact of elected members with registered housing providers will allow us to be more proactive in insuring standards of affordable housing. We want the council to work with housing associations and social landlords, using enforcement powers where necessary, to ensure that repairs get done and that properties and estates are maintained to protect residents from anti-social behaviour and nuisance neighbours.

The Conservative Group has in recent months demonstrated its commitment to maintaining the **Hazlitt Theatre**. We view it as key to life in the Borough and to the economic well being of the town. We are also committed to **the museum**, but we wish to explore further options for its sustainability and consider a more commercial approach to its offering.

The provision of culture and leisure activities must not be seen as just a town centre issue. Culture and leisure is vitally important for the Borough, especially in **rural areas**, and further investment is much needed.

Finally, we would like to continue to champion the work of **parish councils** and support the establishment of residents association particularly in unparished areas together with increased participation in neighbourhood watch schemes.

And on that note, let me roll up my sleeves: for the next three years (yes, this term is only three years) I will be YOUR voice at MBC. My door / phone-line / email is always open for you, whether you voted for me or not.

PATRIK GARTEN

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I gave my four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."

Keep it short The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So in conclusion...."

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My dear Nephew Darren

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Several parishioners have decided that they can't possibly share cars even with their own spouses, as in their 15-room homes they have successfully (and in some cases, happily) avoided each other for months. So, the lane outside the church has filled up each week with Mercedes nudging Audis, and Land Rovers easing in between Bentleys.

Others arrive on horseback. But they are careless about leaving their horses to graze in the churchyard, and I have had to remind them twice that flowers in memorial vases are not fodder. The horses do help to keep the grass down, but unfortunately our verger now objects to standing outside during Mattins, holding the reins of half a dozen horses. He says it is not part of his job description, which only confirms my view that there is entirely too much fuss these days about having job descriptions at all.

Major Crompton's devotion to his new sit-on lawnmower has inspired him to travel to church on it. Since he is unable to uncouple the mowing apparatus, the tarmac on his two-mile drive is acquiring interesting patterns. His drive, at two miles per hour, along narrow lanes means he arrives leading a procession of cars, with drivers given the opportunity to exercise the Christian virtue of patience.

Mrs Pendleton, on the other hand, leads a small but select group from the Mothers' Union who are all keen cyclists. They all arrive on a whoosh of fresh air, their hair in total disarray, but with pink cheeks glowing with health. Nobody in church minds sitting near them, as anyone who can manage to peddle an old three-gear bicycle up the hill to our church is most unlikely to be sickening for anything.

Finally, of course, the majority arrive on foot, having negotiated fields, stiles and assorted cattle on the way. The countryside may well praise God, but one does wish they wouldn't bring quite so much of it into church.

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VILLAGE DIARY

June

6 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
	12.00 am	Annual Parochial Council Meeting	
12 th		Queen's Official Birthday	
13 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
16 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
20 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
		Fathers' Day	
21 st		First Day of Summer	
		Lockdown Step 4	
22 nd	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
27 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church

July

4 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
11 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
12 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
18 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
24 th		Hollingbourne Village BBQ	Lance Memorial Field
25 th	11.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
31 st		Tax Payments Due	

August

2 nd		Bank Holiday	
11 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
30 th		Bank Holiday	

September

8 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
?		Garden Society Autumn Show	

October

?		Garden Society Annual Supper	
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November

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

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 (<i>fortnightly</i>)	11.55 am – 12.25 pm		Village Hall
Parish Council:			
2nd Monday (<i>except August</i>)	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	2021	Term 6:	7th June - 16th July
		Term 1:	1st September—22nd October
		Term 2:	1st November—17th December
	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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