

Hollingbourne & Hucking

March 2022



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LANCE MEMORIAL FIELD



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VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

As I write this it is early February and the weather still hasn't really decided what its going to do. Cold or mild? Frost or rain?

However, by the time you read this piece, it will be March and, hopefully, Spring will have taken hold of the world. This year Easter is late and March is dominated by Lent. Is there any other season in the church year which divides opinions so greatly and instigates so many mixed emotions?! Is Lent a time of puritan abstinence? Is it a time of holiness and piety, sackcloth and ashes?! Do you still tell the stories of the year you gave up coffee AND chocolate and almost didn't make it through?!

I am reminded of a splendid old poem by Robert Herrick, exploring the true meaning of Lent. It reads like this:

Is this a Fast, to keep
the larder leane?
and cleane,
from fat of veales and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
of flesh, yet still
to fill
the platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an houre
or rag'd to go,
or show
a down-cast look, and sour?

No: 'tis a fast, to dole
thy sheaf of wheat
and meat
unto the hungry soule.

It is to fast from strife,
from old debate,
and hate:
to cleanse thy life.

To shew a heart grief-rent;
to starve thy sin,
not bin;
and that's to keep thy Lent.

Put simply, as we journey through Lent, let us aim to resist sorrowful expressions and maybe look beyond dietary omissions. Let us adopt a posture of charity, reconciliation and love and, in a special way, let us use the season of Lent to journey closely with each other and with God.

ROB TUGWELL

SERVICES 2021/22 (YEAR C)
MARCH, 2022

6th March

Service

Readings

Lent 1

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Luke 4: 1-13

13th March

Service

Readings

Lent 2

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Genesis 15: 1-12; Luke 13: 31-end

20th March

Services

Readings

Lent 3

Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

Isaiah 5: 1-9; Luke 13: 1-9

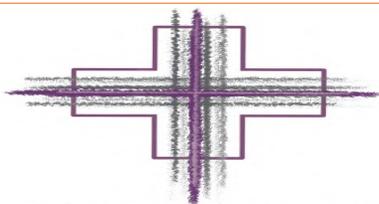
27th March

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ASH WEDNESDAY

LEEDS SERVICES

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

As things stand when we go to press, mask-wearing is optional and singing is allowed. We continue to recommend that 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 March, at Leeds, a free continental breakfast will be available to those who wish to partake.

Work on the heating at Leeds continues during March, so no midweek services are planned there this month.

If you wish to be advised of any last-minute changes, please notify Brian Hardy on 01622 842915.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Much more to say this month. We kick off with the W.I. Pancake Races on Tuesday, 1st March, (Shrove Tuesday) when the W.I. and school will be tearing around the Lance Memorial Field. Hot Drinks and Hot Cross Buns available. Let's hope the weather is more favourable than this morning!

Hollingbourne Meadows Trust is holding its AGM at the Cardwell Pavilion on Tuesday, 8th March, while the Parish Council meets on 14th March.

Two patron saints celebrate this month – St. David on 1st March and St. Patrick on 17th March.

Let us hope that the first day of Spring on 20th March means what it says on the tin.

Mothering Sunday is on 27th March – the morning that the clocks go forward and you lose an hour's sleep – but the service at All Saints is not until 11.00 am, so plenty of time to struggle out of bed.

We are delighted that Andrew Snowdon's 'Country Notes' make their appearance again. His comments on the passing of the year are always enlightening.

Once again, I have had to trawl various sources to find information of what is happening in the village. It would be helpful if organisers could let me know themselves.

The days are getting longer and the 'feelgood' factor rises with every minute of extra light. Let us hope that Covid is in retreat and 'normality' can resume.

Carole Findlay

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Never mind Cinderella – don't forget the clocks go **FORWARD** on
Sunday, 27th March.

Remember **SPRING FORWARD/ FALL BACK**



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Country Notes for March 2022

This is the month when, towards the end, winter moves into spring. However, at this time of the year the end of winter can often feel like spring and the start of spring can often feel like winter! The last few weeks have seen a huge variety of different weather types. There have been dry spells, wet spells, warm days, cold days, frosty mornings – but no snow, as yet! Most memorable of all will be Storm Eunice which brought the strongest winds for a very long time, together with a certain amount of destruction to property. If you were one of those who suffered damage to home or possessions you do indeed have our sympathy.

The most obvious general destruction though, was the sight of so many trees brought to the ground. In many cases the visible signs were of branches and twigs littering the ground. However, some venerable old trees also came crashing down, and what a sad sight it was to see trees, which have withstood the ravages of several centuries, brought so suddenly to an end. Had it been the nesting season there would have been many fledglings and other creatures that would have suffered as well, but during the dormancy of winter this was not the case.

Trees on highways and paths needed to be cleared, but many also fell where they did not cause much of an obstruction. In the case of these trees, those that are left may, eventually, provide new habitats for mammals, birds, insects and plant life. Woodpeckers will no doubt eventually enjoy probing the dead wood for grubs. Other creatures may find among the fallen debris somewhere to make home and in winters to come others may find shelter where none was before.

It is an ill wind, they say, that gathers no moss!

Andrew Snowdon



The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad!
Yes! Honestly! It's true!
He pressed Control and Enter -
And disappeared from view!

It devoured him completely
The thought just makes me squirm!
He must have caught a virus
Or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even searched the internet
But nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google
My searches to refine
His reply was in the negative,
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox
My Grandad you should see -
Please copy, scan, and paste him
And send him back to me!

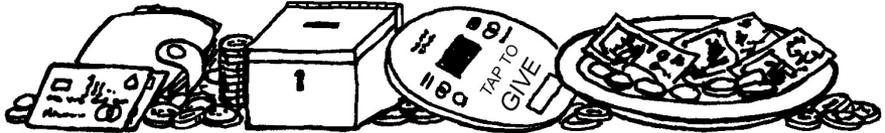
By Nigel Beeton



*Steve put the finishing touches to
Peter's Lent array*

The reporter was interviewing the town's oldest woman. "And what do you find is the best thing about being 104?" he asked.

"That's easy," she said. "No peer pressure."



A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult, while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

In Swansea there used to be a well-known firm of solicitors called W G Christian and Sons. A letter sent to them from overseas was addressed simply: W. G. Christian, South Wales. It eventually arrived at their office with a note from the Post Office attached. It read: "No Christians in Cardiff - try Swansea."

I said I have a can-do attitude...I never said I have a will-do attitude.

The minister came to see me the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am - in the bedroom, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement - I ask myself, 'Now, what am I here after?'"

READING GROUP MARCH 2022

As Winter plods along & the Pandemic remains ever present, once more reading is an important part of life.

As usual, crime fiction features heavily in any review of new books. It was interesting to read the latest **Elly Griffiths**' book, **'The Locked Room'**, as it begins during the start of the pandemic. We forget the beginning & how we all felt - do we have enough food, are we allowed to go shopping, how hard is home schooling, how do we keep our children on track & not bored by being at home all the time? It was interesting to read our early thoughts all over again.

Two interesting autobiographies with ties to television: **'This is Going to Hurt'** by **Adam Kay**, now a television series starring Ben Whishaw, funny yet frightening. Then **'Boy in a China Shop'** by **Keith Brymer Jones**, famed for his pottery & as a judge on The Pottery Throwdown.

Two wonderful authors have new books out:

Isabel Allende's 'Violeta' set between 1920 & 2020, going from Spanish Flu to COVID.

Anthony Doer's 'Cloud Cuckoo Land', follows on from his award winning **'All the Light We Cannot See'**.

For many months **Richard Osman** has had two books in the best sellers, but now **Colleen Hoover** has three books in the best seller lists. How do they do it?

Happy Reading into Spring.

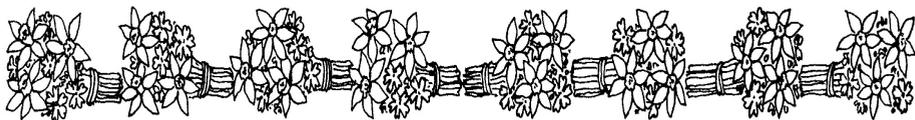
Dawn Perry
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Numbers drop at Sunday services

In the past 30 years, the Church of England has seen a steep decline in the attendance at Sunday services.

Numbers are down by an average of 40 per cent at Sunday services in churches across the UK's 43 dioceses. The only exception is London, where there has been a rise in Sunday worshippers.

A recent analysis of Church of England data shows that between 1987 and 2019 the number fell from around 1.2 million to 689,000.





Music Notes March 2022



So, February came and went, and most of the planned music took place. Audiences in some cases were a bit thin, but from what I saw the pantos were very well attended. March has a good selection of events, and restrictions look like being very light, so go out and enjoy the music!

Saturday, 5th March at 7.30pm at **St. Nicholas Church**, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1JA, **Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra** concert includes **Brahms's Tragic Overture** and **Sibelius's Symphony No 2**. Tickets at the door or from website <https://sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk>

Saturday, 12th March at 7.00pm at **Rochester Cathedral**, **Rochester Choral Society** sings **Handel's Messiah**. Tickets from tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk

Saturday, 26th March at 7.30pm at **St. Nicholas Church**, Poplar Grove, Allington, ME16 0DE, **Maidstone Choral Union** will perform **Chilcott's St. John Passion** and **H. Schutz's Die sieben worts**. Tickets: mcuconcertmanager@gmail.com or at the door.

Also, on Saturday, 26th March at 7.30pm at **Maidstone Leisure Centre**, ME15 7RN, the **Maidstone Symphony Orchestra** continues its season with a concert that includes **Dvorak's Cello concerto** and **Frank's Symphony in D minor**. Tickets: 07817 429143

Saturday, 2nd April at 7.30pm at **Holy Cross Church**, Bearsted, ME14 4EE, **Bearsted Choral Society** perform **Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah**. Tickets: 0333 6663366

While I haven't any forward programme for TV in March, for those stopping at home I can point to two special concerts on Radio 3:

On **4th March at 7.30pm**, to celebrate 40 years of the **Barbican Centre London**, the concert broadcast from the Centre includes **Judith Weir's** choral work **Concrete** and **Elgar's Cello Concerto**. The latter was performed at the venue's very first concert in 1982.

On **15th March at 7.30pm** the concert by the **Nash Ensemble** re-creates **Dame Myra Hesse's** legendary recitals performed at the **National Gallery** during World War II. These featured popular composers of the time including **Bax**, **Ireland** and **Warlock**.

BJH



HOLLINGBOURNE WI PANCAKE RACE

GET READY TO FLIP!

SHROVE TUESDAY - 1st MARCH 2022

at 1.30pm

LANCE MEMORIAL FIELD

Races for WI members – both walking and then running

Races for Villagers

THEN at 2pm

Races for **HOLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL**

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IN THE CARDWELL PAVILION

DO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS TRADITIONAL EVENT

Laughter is like changing a baby's nappy: it doesn't permanently solve any problems, but it makes things more acceptable for a while.

Bored with retirement?

People who retired early (before the age of 66) are going back to work. A study has found that the reason is because they miss having a sense of daily purpose in their lives, or they miss the companionship of work colleagues.

A recent study by Aviva found that people who want to retire early do so primarily because they want to have more freedom while still being fit enough to enjoy it. But sometimes, it seems, retirement is not as much fun as they had expected it to be.



W.I. PROGRAMME 2022

FEBRUARY 15	Alpaca talk - Rosemary Thirkell
FEBRUARY 22	Christine Rogers Darts Match Sugar Loaves-Start 7 for 7.30
MARCH 1	PANCAKE RACE Lance Memorial Field 1.30 pm
MARCH 15	Fabulous Fifties- Delia Taylor
APRIL 2	Barn Dance Village Hall 7.30 pm
APRIL 19	Melanie Gibson-Barton Three women, one man
MAY 24	Elections /Social
JUNE 21	The History of Hollingbourne Helen Allinson - Talk to start at 7.30
JULY 19	The History of the Red Arrows Guy Bartlett
AUGUST	Hols
SEPTEMBER 20	Making a sensory Border Jo Arnell
SEPTEMBER 30	QUIZ QUIZMASTER – CLAIRE - £50
OCTOBER 18	Travels around America

HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

Monday, 14th March

Monday, 11th April

Monday, 9th May

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

Beware those innocent family board games!

If you want to start a family row, you could always suggest a game of Scrabble. It seems that it is the board game which scores highest in sparking arguments.

But don't underestimate the potential of Cluedo and Monopoly. Apparently, the Royal Family long ago decided not to play Monopoly, because it got too "vicious", according to Prince Andrew in 2008.

If you want to keep calm, better to play Ludo or Risk, which seem to be much more peaceable. The survey of board games was conducted by thortful.com, a greeting card firm.

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to him only when they are in trouble. - Anon

Smile as you eat your broccoli

If you look happy while you are eating vegetables, you will help your children consume up to double the amount that they would have eaten otherwise.

A study by the College of Health and Life Sciences at Aston University has found that adults who have a positive expression on their faces while they eat can convey 'food enjoyment' to their children, who are then more willing to try the vegetables for themselves.

Take your holiday at home – but beware!

A 'staycation' sounds so safe. But recent data from NHS Digital reveals that people who engage in outdoor leisure activities in the UK may then risk getting struck by lightning. Strikes and injuries increased sixfold in 2020.

Of course, the likelihood of you being hit by lightning in the UK is still at about 1.2 in a million. But it rises significantly if you go on outdoor leisure activities such as hill walking, fishing and camping. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) reports that people are mostly struck by lightning either just before or just after the peak of a storm, when they think they are safe. And the Met Office has warned that it is a myth that lightning never strikes the same place twice, or that it always strikes the tallest object around.

Most deaths occur among young people aged 20 – 29 during outdoor activities. The majority of lightning strikes occur from May to August, and more than a quarter of people who get hit, get hit on a Sunday.

But lightning is not the only peril of a staycation. In 2020, thousands of us ended up in A&E needing treatment for injuring ourselves with a power tool or having been bitten by a dog.

A timid curate went into a shoe shop to try on some shoes. "Try those – they are just right for you," decreed the very superior sales assistant. The curate struggled to get the shoes fastened, but he failed. The assistant frowned and looked down. "Well, no wonder. Try pulling the tongue out."

"Well, theyth sthill feelth a bith tighth."

We need to save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

No woman ever shot a man while he was doing dishes.

The Archbishop speaks on vaccines

The Archbishop of Canterbury has shared his doubts about mandatory vaccines, while urging people to get vaccinated "to look after their neighbours".

"I'm not personally in favour of compulsory vaccination by law," the Most Revd Justin Welby recently told BBC's Today programme. "But I am very much in favour of encouraging people, of incentivising people to get vaccinated."

The leader of the Church of England made the remarks as he was asked what society's attitude should be towards individuals who have decided not to get vaccinated against Covid. He said: "Condemning people doesn't do much good, far from anything else. But also, it increases the general sense of anger that comes at a time of insecurity and fear and grief. I think we need to be encouraging people to look after their neighbours."

It is understood almost 80 per cent of UK adults are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



Mothering Sunday

11.00 am

27th March



At

All Saints Church

Hollingbourne



LEEDS CASTLE

It feels as if Spring is finally on its way! The first daffodil on the estate was spotted this week and the snowdrops are out all over the place, together with beautiful hellebores around the Pavilion Garden. We can't wait till the daffodils break out en masse on the slope overlooking the Castle to get those stunning photographs.

A couple of weeks ago, a huge pile of mulch arrived, and dozens of staff and volunteers spent the day shovelling it into the gardens to lock moisture in and get everything set up for the year ahead. It won't be long before we are into the annual rhythm of daffodils, bluebells, tulips, bearded irises and roses as warmer weather approaches.

In the meantime, February half-term approaches and we are launching Wildlife Week at the Castle, with Kent Wildlife Trust on site to talk about various wild animals and their care. There is a children's trail, as usual, and we hope to welcome lots of happy and excited visitors.

Meanwhile, we are progressing a number of major changes. The contractors are now on site working on transforming Estate Office Reception into a new 1930s-themed Accommodation Reception, so we can give overnight guests a better arrival experience. We are also on site with the Visitor Reception building, which is being completely stripped out and rebuilt into a fit-for-purpose Visitor Reception and Shop, which will introduce the story of Leeds Castle as soon as guests arrive.

By Easter the shop will be stocked with lots of new ranges unique to Leeds Castle, celebrating the design, the flowers, the different eras of history and the food and drink of Kent. This will include a Leeds Castle craft beer and craft gin, so make sure you get your drinks in for the upcoming Jubilee celebrations!

Work continues on the stonework repairs, and we have been pleased to secure some additional funding from Historic England to carry out repairs to the Causeway Wall over the next couple of months. Fingers crossed for not too much freezing weather over the next seven weeks, as the lime mortar used on the Castle does not like the cold.

The work is now underway on the programme to Bring the Castle to Life. The faux mediaeval dressings in the Castle are being removed as we move towards restoring the Castle to the scene of a 1930s Lady Baillie House Party. During the removals, we uncovered a hidden original Castle window, with a glorious, gilded shutter that will be visible for visitors in future.

We are now removing protective carpets in the Gloriette, to uncover original 1920's floors. We will be installing Eyemats, a custom made covering that takes an exact photographic image of the floor so that guests can enjoy the look of the original floor, while it is protected.

We will also be introducing theatrical dressing, with sounds and smells that make it feel as if the occupant (above or below stairs) has just left the room. All guests will enter through the front door of the Castle, rather than through

the current Wine Cellar entrance.

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

Helen Bonser-Wilton

Chief Executive

Shy about reading out loud?

Practise by reading to your dog, who won't be critical of your mistakes, or interrupt you.

Dogs who listen to people reading are being used in schools and prisons across the country. It is all a part of The Kennel Club's Bark and Read Foundation, which was first set up to give children the confidence to read out loud to specially trained support dogs.

More details at: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/charity-work/bark-and-read/>

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'Anxiety' comes top

The word 'anxiety' has been chosen by children as how they would describe their experience of 2021.

Oxford University Press (OUP) asked more than 8,000 pupils, aged between seven and 14, to select a word from a shortlist of 10 words. The words were: anxiety, challenging, isolate, wellbeing, resilience, bubble, kindness, remote, cancelled, empathy.

The children were asked to choose which word they felt was most applicable to them. 'Anxiety' was closely followed by 'challenging', and then 'isolate'.

The moral turmoil of our times

Yes, Britain is in serious political and moral turmoil. So is the USA. Many other countries are heading towards totalitarian rule or are savagely divided along tribal, religious, or racial lines.

We shouldn't concentrate on cataloguing our complaints, though, before counting our blessings, which is a healthier activity for the human soul. Here's a start. The British National Health Service may not be the best in the world, but we're the envy of the many countries which have nothing. Arguably, we were the first with a mass vaccination programme. We have a comparatively good legal system which benefits from its independence from Parliament. The introduction of a Living Wage for workers was a step in the right direction.

There are still vestiges of Christian civilisation: we can appeal to an underlying sense of justice, and in this year when we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we can be grateful for her exemplary life of Christian service.

Now for the downside. Many of the old moral signposts have been vandalised or destroyed. We don't trust our leaders. So many commercial companies have broken the law (Argos, BP, HSBC, NatWest, Royal Mail, Southeastern Trains, Tesco, Vodafone, Volkswagen, Wells Fargo, etc) that we wonder which others aren't on the list simply because they haven't yet been caught. Fines for breaches in data protection cost (in Euros) Amazon 746m, WhatsApp 225m, Google 50m, British Airways 22m.

Freedom of speech is threatened by those who claim to be liberal minded but would censor anyone who holds different convictions. Sex is now widely regarded as a recreational activity. Most people protest they are not racist, without recognising its insidious subtleties. Hypocrisy is No 1 on the moral hit list, though its origin in the New Testament and, consequently, its true meaning, go unrecognised. We are clinging on to our trust in the Police Force, despite grave breaches by officers.

The 18th Century American President Thomas Jefferson said, "The government you elect is the government you deserve." Jesus said, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." Both suggest that criticism should begin at home.

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*April 23rd 7pm at Leeds
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*Food by Kashmiri
Kitchen*

Licensed Bar

*Music by Sold on
Soul*

Tickets £30 in advance



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Cardwell Pavilion, Greenway Court Road, Hollingbourne ME17 1QQ

Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. To receive Apologies for Absence.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 February 2021.
4. To receive the Report of the Board of Trustees/Directors.
5. To receive and, if approved, to adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.
6. To elect Trustees/Directors. In accordance with Clause 24 of the Articles of Association, one third of the members of the Board of Trustees/Directors will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

This year Liz Jordan will be retiring from the Board by rotation and will be offering herself for re-election at the meeting.
6. To transact any other business which may properly be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

The formal business of the AGM will be followed by an update on plans for 2022 and the opportunity for general discussion.

Any questions raised by members in writing by Tuesday 1 March 2022 will be dealt with during the agenda as appropriate.

If any member would like to appoint a proxy to vote for them at the Annual General meeting please let the trustees/directors know by 1 March 2022 using the contact details below.

Remembering Mothers

The honouring of mothers goes back to Roman times. Each Spring, a pagan festival honoured Cybele, supreme Goddess of Fertility and Mother of all the Gods. Other celebrations paid tribute to Mother Earth. From the Middle Ages, in England, it became traditional for outdoor labourers and craftsmen to have a day off in Lent. Later, domestic servants were also given short leave to visit their mother and family.

These brief holidays became opportunities to go to church. This might have been their home church or their nearest cathedral. The Services at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. The term 'Mothering Sunday' dates from the 16th century. This year it falls on the 27th March.

'Mother's Day' is a secular festival. It originated in 1908 after a woman called Anna Jarvis held a church memorial service for her mother in West Virginia, USA. She was a peace activist and a nurse. She founded Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna wanted people to honour the mother of the family, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Before she died Anna regretted the commercialism that followed and expressed that this was never her intention.

Many mothers are mentioned in the Bible along with interesting stories about them. These include Eve, Hagar, Leah, Ruth and Bathsheba, to mention only a few. A few times God enabled childless women to have a baby: Rachel, Rebekah, Manoah's wife (unnamed) and Hannah who eventually gave birth to Joseph, Jacob, Samson and Samuel respectively. There was also Sarah, wife of Abraham, who aged 90 became the mother of Isaac.

It is possible that these miraculous births were remembered by the Virgin Mary. She was certainly aware that her elderly relative was pregnant. These events foreshadowed angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was going to have a baby. Then added "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

On our Mothering Sunday, what else can we remember about mothers and give thanks to God for them?

A manager, an engineer, and a programmer were driving down a steep mountain road when the brakes failed. After a terrifying few seconds they managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment. Shaken by their narrow escape from death, they got out. The manager said, "We need to organise a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, and then develop a solution." The engineer disagreed, "No that never works. I will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it."

Then the programmer said, "You are both wrong. First, we need to push the car back up the hill, get back in, and see if it happens again."

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Helen Whatley's Parish Update – February 2022

Covid down, levelling up

2022 has got off to a busy start.

With Covid restrictions eased, I've been enjoying meeting people face to face again – on top of the virtual meetings which have become a feature of life for many of us.

Whether it's visiting a farm in Langley or a community centre in Faversham (or even an outdoor adventure centre!), getting out and talking to people is one of the parts of being an MP I most enjoy.

We've come a long way since Christmas, when the Omicron variant threatened to delay our recovery. Thanks to our booster campaign and the hard work of NHS and care staff, and volunteers, we've turned a corner - though I do know schools are still seeing high numbers of cases.

My focus now is on supporting our local recovery from Covid – whether that's helping secure more NHS dental appointments, getting our local train timetable back on track, or tackling the backlog in applications at the DVLA.

As Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, I've been working to boost the productivity of small businesses with our Help to Grow: Digital scheme – something many of our local businesses can benefit from. I've also been working on our Tax-Free Childcare scheme and Energy Bills Rebate to help households with the cost of living.

It's been great seeing how schemes to boost jobs and skills are benefitting people locally. I recently met some of the 3,000 'Kickstarters' in Kent on a visit to the West Faversham Community Centre – another sign that our plan for jobs is working.

I'll continue to do everything I can to help my constituents over the coming year. If you have a problem that you think I can help with, then please get in contact with me.

PM and Chancellor visit Maidstone Hospital

I was delighted to welcomed Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak to Maidstone Hospital in early February.

The hospital is home to the Kent Oncology Centre, which is delivering some of the best cancer treatment in England.

The centre is part of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust which is one of only a handful of hospital trusts to meet the national standard for treating cancer patients within 62 days.

I'm determined to help the hospital build on this success and expand its work so that even more people can benefit.

3,000 'Kickstarters' in Kent

Latest stats show that over 3,000 young people across Kent have benefitted

from our Kickstart scheme, which provides Government-backed work placements.

It was great to be back at the West Faversham Community Centre recently – talking to young people about how the work placements provided by Kickstart are helping them find jobs.

The first steps after leaving school are crucial, but they can also be daunting. Speaking to 'Kickstarters' in Faversham and Maidstone, it's clear the programme has given them opportunities they might never have dreamt of.

My message to the Housing Minister

I recently met the then Housing Minister, Christopher Pincher MP, to convey concerns from local residents and councillors about housing numbers in Kent.

In my meeting with the Minister, I highlighted the challenges both Maidstone and Swale Borough Councils are facing in meeting their housing needs, as well as unhappiness from local residents at the scale of proposed development.

I'm determined to make sure that Ministers understand the challenges we face in Kent. People elected me to stand up for our community and that's what I will do.

Making country roads safer

I'm working with the local police and Kent Highways to make roads around Headcorn safer. It's clear we need joined up action to make this happen – with better road signage and stronger enforcement.

This work is already underway with Kent Police running "Operation Mandalay" to catch dangerous drivers around the village. The police also ran a "Neighbourhood Week of Action" in January to clamp down on speeding across Maidstone.

Kent Highways will be running speed surveys in Headcorn and also carrying out a general review of road signage and white lines around the village.

Reclaiming Pilgrims Way

I've been concerned by reports about off-road vehicles using sections of the Pilgrims and North Downs way illegally. Riders flying up these tracks are putting people in danger and causing misery for local residents.

Last month, I called a meeting with local councillors, police, and Kent Highways to discuss solutions. Local Councillors and I will be organising a further meeting of those affected, to make sure that enough of these instances are being reported to the police.

If you've been affected by this, please do report incidents to 101 or online. I'm determined not to let a small minority spoil our green spaces.

Action to tackle illegal hare coursing

The sight of tyre tracks through fields, broken gates, and damaged crops has

sadly become all too common in the countryside.

I've called on Ministers to introduce tougher laws to tackle the blight of illegal hare coursing, and I'm pleased that new legislation is now being introduced.

The Government has confirmed that it will be amending the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to strengthen law enforcement for hare coursing. The proposals include new offences, tougher penalties, and powers to stop those found guilty from keeping dogs in future.

Wear your daffodil to support Marie Curie and the National Day of Reflection

This March the UK's leading end of life charity Marie Curie will once again be asking people across the UK to support its Great Daffodil Appeal.

Money raised from the flagship fundraising appeal will help the charity's doctors, nurses and hospice staff continue their vital work providing expert care to people at the end of life, and their families. Funds raised also go towards the Marie Curie Information and Support Line, which provides support for people dealing with all aspects of end of life including bereavement.

Last year Marie Curie provided direct support to more than 69,000 people – a 15% rise on the previous year – which is more than ever before.

Marie Curie would like to encourage as many people as possible to give their money or time through volunteering, donating, and fundraising. This could include taking part in a Step into Spring challenge, organising a fundraising event, purchasing products from the Marie Curie online shop, or donating.

This year, for the first time in two years, Marie Curie's volunteer collectors will be back on the streets donning their daffodil hats and selling the charity's iconic daffodil pins.

During the Great Daffodil Appeal, on 23rd March, Marie Curie is inviting everyone in the UK to take part in the National Day of Reflection. It will be a day to come together and support the millions of people who are grieving and remember those we have lost.

You can show your support for the day by wearing a daffodil pin and joining the minute's silence at 12 noon. Or take part by joining one of the many local events happening across the UK or join one of the online talks for inspiration, support and reflection.

For more information on the National Day of Reflection and how to support Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal this March, visit: mariecurie.org.uk



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500 years ago, from **9th to 17th March, 1522**, that **Martin Luther** preached his *Invocavit* Sermons. He urged citizens to adhere to the core Christian values and trust in God, rather than using violence to bring about change.

175 years ago, on **3rd March, 1847**, that **Alexander Graham Bell**, Scottish-born American engineer, and scientist, was born. Credited with inventing the first practical telephone.

150 years ago, on **16th March, 1872**, that the first **FA Cup Final** was held at the **Oval** in Kennington, London. Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0.

100 years ago, on **10th March, 1922**, that Indian independence leader, **Mahatma Gandhi**, was arrested and charged with sedition for his campaign of non-cooperation against the British Indian government. He was sentenced to six years in prison but released after two years, as he needed surgery.

80 years ago, on **8th March, 1942**, that the bombing of **Essen**, Germany, took place. It was the first attack on a German city by the British RAF following the Area Bombing Directive of 14th February, which authorised the bombing of civilian areas.

Also 80 years ago, on **25th March, 1942**, that **Aretha Franklin**, the Queen of Soul, was born. The American soul/R&B/pop/gospel singer was known for her many hit songs including *Respect* and *I Say a Little Prayer*. (Died 2018)

75 years ago, on **1st March, 1947**, that the **International Monetary Fund** began operating.

70 years ago, on **11th March, 1952**, that **Douglas Adams**, British comedy writer and dramatist was born. Best known for *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series. (Died 2001).

65 years ago, on **25th March, 1957**, that the **Treaty of Rome** was signed, creating the **European Economic Community** (EEC), which came into force on 1st January 1958. It was renamed the European Community in 1993 and dissolved in 2009, having been replaced by the European Union.

60 years ago, on **19th March, 1962**, that the American folk-rock singer **Bob Dylan** released his debut album *Bob Dylan*.

50 years ago, on **24th March, 1972**, that the government of **Northern Ireland** resigned, and on **30th March, 1972**, that the British government introduced direct rule of Northern Ireland from Westminster (until 1999).

40 years ago, on **3rd March, 1982**, that the **Barbican Centre** in London was opened. It is the largest arts and conference venue in Europe.

30 years ago, on **19th March, 1992**, that Buckingham Palace announced the separation of the **Duke and Duchess of York** (Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.)

25 years ago, on **6th March, 1997**, that **Queen Elizabeth** launched the official Royal website: www.royal.gov.uk

Also 25 years ago, on **21st March, 1997**, that the **Rev W V Awdry**, British clergyman and children's writer, died. Best known as the creator of *Thomas the Tank Engine*.



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"Yes, and we had at least three strangers, though I didn't see them."

"Then how do you know?"

"Because there were three £10 notes in the collection plate."

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A good name

A good name is more desirable than great riches... (Proverbs 22:1-3)

Supposing someone is accused of a serious crime and arrested by the police but not charged. They may eventually be found not guilty in a court or not even charged at all. A relative of the alleged victim is angry that the police have not done what they were expecting, and they start spreading allegations on social media. We live in a world where news and rumours travel quickly where public comments can be made and not easily withdrawn.

What can you do if you are the victim of untrue allegations and accusations? A defamatory statement is an untrue statement to a third party which causes serious harm to reputation. If it is defamatory then you could claim compensation in court. This is usually only an option for very rich people, as cases like this are not straightforward.

There is a phrase about washing dirty laundry, and also there is one about no smoke without fire. Lots of people must have regretted going to court because their action has just led to more bad publicity.

If you consider taking legal action, keep records of what was said or posted by whom and when. You will need evidence to do anything. If there are untrue or abusive messages on social media, complain to that organisation and ask them to take them down.

Think carefully about what your social media presence is, and check your privacy settings. Ask a friend to search for you and see how much private information they can find on you. It surprises me how many people put holiday and children's family photos online for everyone to see.

As always this is a light-hearted introduction to a complicated and serious issue. Please always get proper advice.

A penny saved is a ridiculous waste of time.
A stitch in time would have confused Einstein.



...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!



...er.. apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

PATRIK GARTEN'S NEWSLETTER

The year has barely started and I am overwhelmed. Sorry, so many news — exciting ones and bad ones too

Let's start with the less important items here and put the vital corks at the end:

Garden waste

After North Downs having been the worst affected ward last autumn for missed garden bin collections, I was looking forward to 2nd February when this item was referred by full council to CHE committee. Officers presented a report for noting. Granted, great amendments were made since November but, when I asked members not only to note the report but to seek refunds of fees or an extension of service period plus a personal apology to customers, who clearly paid for a service which they did not receive, I shouldn't have held my breath. If the council offers a non-statutory service and cannot deliver, then this does reflect on the reputation of the local authority. The only remedy is now to pursue the issue in the small claims court. If members of the public want to explore this way, I'd be happy to assist as their McKenzie friend.

Conservation Areas and Household Waste Disposal Sites (HWDS)

(April Fools Day coming early)

At SPI committee, after I pushed for a conservation area appraisal for Hollingbourne, the next agenda item on the agenda was a reference to KCC about the expansion of the Tovil Household Waste Recycling Centre and the building of a new additional site in the east of the Borough. Both I welcomed wholeheartedly, upon which Cllr Clive English (Lib) quipped that this will be built in Hollingbourne.

I double-checked and there are NO plans for a HWDS in Hollingbourne. I certainly would welcome one if there'd ever be some plans for one near the Biffa depot or there about, but obviously not inside the conservation area.

After having made further enquiries I am only aware of the new HWDS currently being built at Allington and I read about another one planned for Lenham Heath, should that development go ahead.

The good news of the month:

Maidstone Borough Council's (MBC) Climate Action Plan is ranked joint 25th place nationally out of 325 UK councils who have declared a climate emergency and has received the top score among Kent councils according to a Climate Emergency UK campaign.

Electoral Reform:

I reported previously that the boundary commission is looking at redrawing the map for council wards post-2024. I am still shell-shocked about the latest proposals: There is a good chance that North Downs Ward will be split into three slices West to East: Stockbury forming a new ward with Detling and Boxley; Hollingbourne, Hucking and Bicknor joining Leeds and Wychling,

Fristed, Otterden being annexed by Lenham. It's early days and things are clearly at consultation stage. Please add your comments here: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/32722> . I certainly would be upset at losing two-thirds of my ward, which currently represents many small communities within the AONB.

Christmas coming early:

You may remember that last year I was granted some funds by the Kent Community Rail Partnership to pursue the development of Hollingbourne Station into a community centre. Now South-Eastern have dug even deeper into their pockets and are proposing to undertake some refurbishment works prior to handing the railway station over to the community. With any luck, no promises made, Hollingbourne will have its own community-run Railway Station / Community Centre this side of your summer holiday.

And now the Major Corker:

(please read and digest slowly)

For any of you who may not already know, Binbury Park is a proposed new garden village on the site of the former Detling Aerodrome off the A249 Sittingbourne Road. This site lies entirely in the AONB and, if permitted, would form the largest development within an AONB anywhere in the country. Further information can be obtained by visiting:

https://maidstone.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/132576/ED-022-Binbury-Park-Garden-Village,-Detling-September-2016.pdf

For some years the developer has been eyeing up this site and put in a planning application for 1,100 homes . By law, the council has to consider this application. **So far so good.**

I hear on the grapevine that a special meeting of the planning committee will be held on 16th of March, dealing solely with this application.

The planning application, and all its 439 associated documents, can be viewed on the MBC website. The Planning Reference is 18/504836. It was validated on 18 September 2018 – over 3 years ago! Although the site is known as Detling Aerodrome, most of the land involved is within Thurnham Parish and a small area is within Stockbury Parish.

If Maidstone (MBC) were to allow or refuse this application, there will undoubtedly be an appeal.

I thought that it would be helpful if I explained how major applications like this one, which is in conflict with national planning policy, are handled by the Government. If a development of this scale were to be permitted by the District Council in an AONB, I am certain that it could only be by way of a Ministerial decision.

Planning appeals are mostly determined by Planning Inspectors, in the name of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (SoS). Some major or hugely controversial appeals concerning issues of national planning policy may, however, be 'recovered' from the Inspectorate and

referred directly to the SoS for decision. In these cases, instead of the Inspector issuing a decision himself, he sends his report and recommendation on the appeal to the Secretary of State.

The Binbury Park planning application gives rise to serious conflicts of national planning policy concerning the protection of AONBs, encouraging more housebuilding and planning for climate change. I would not, therefore, be surprised if any appeal for this development is recovered for a decision by the SoS and that a decision on it will then be made by the SoS, and not by an Inspector.

Once the inquiry has been concluded, the Inspector will submit his conclusions and recommendations to the SoS and a decision will be issued in the same way as a decision on a recovered planning appeal.

So, what is likely to be the outcome? On the basis of what I know at present, I think that if Maidstone refuses the application, it is very likely that an appeal will be dead in the water and the Inspector (or SoS) follows the Council's decision. If MBC resolves to permit the application, it will almost certainly be called in by the SoS and MAY be refused. But who knows?

No doubt, you are aware that Maidstone is currently going through the hoops of its Local Plan Review. A Local Plan should give local communities certainty about forthcoming developments and protection against unwanted ones. Over the past months I have reported that the Local Plan Review went through several stages of consultation. All 55 members of the council had the chance to input their two senses. We saw many public protests regarding garden villages in Lidsing and Lenham Heath. It is a difficult and ongoing journey.

The Binbury proposal may have fantastic features, may be sustainable and even improve certain traffic problems on the A249, but for the very reason that the Binbury Development is entirely within an AONB it was not included in the Local Plan. You may even argue that this particular area of the AONB doesn't deserve its status. Fact is, however, that it is part of the AONB and, by law, it deserves special protection until or unless Parliament revokes this designation.

So, one would expect that the decision on the 16th will be a foregone conclusion. It is not in the Local Plan Review; it is in an AONB and the current Local Plan Review meets its criteria for fulfilling the future housing delivery targets in the Borough. Except – certain members may see the wonderful benefits of this proposal. Those Councillors may have always wanted this development but were too scared to put it in the Local Plan. Outside an AONB it would surely tick all the right boxes for a great development, and it would take the pressure off the two other proposed garden developments in Lidsing and Lenham Heath.

To me, however, the permission of Binbury on the 16th would drive horse and cart through the Local Plan. A development of this size must be considered by the Local Plan-making process, must stand up to scrutiny by all 55 elected members as well as public consultation. Allowing this development through

the backdoor, by a specially convened planning committee of only 13 members, without the due process of Local Plan making and public consultation would be **outright immoral and undemocratic !**

What is the point of us slugging for months over the Local Plan Review process, if a special meeting of 13 committee members can circumnavigate everything we worked for?

How often do I hear councillor-colleagues crying that their hands are tied by the Planning Inspector?

And never mind how wonderful the merits of the development are but allowing it in order to delegate the moral decision-making to a Planning Inspector, or even the SoS, would represent **cowardice** by your locally elected councillors.

My bit's said..... next newsletter expected after the 16th of March – update to follow

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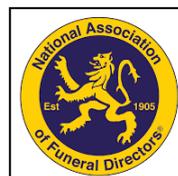
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The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren,

It seemed such an innocent suggestion. A local farmer announced that he wanted to arrange a Spring Music Festival. I could already hear Mozart string quartets being played in our Lady Chapel, and arias from Donizetti operas being sung *al fresco* in the Glebe field, while we sipped champagne in the warm Spring sunshine and admired the flowers.

Unfortunately, our farmer was thinking of a heavy metal weekend in one of his fields. The teacups began to rattle when village talk turned to portable lavatories, mobile catering vans and using the churchyard for overflow camping space. Then the police arrived to discuss crowd control and drug policy. At James the Least of All we tend more towards congenial dinner parties, with drugs labelled Bollinger or Glenfiddich.

That was the point when Colonel Trubshaw began to search out his old shotgun. His wife even stopped serving coffee after Mattins, in order to patrol the perimeter of their estate with their arthritic spaniel. On the other hand, Miss Little went a little mad. She exchanged her usual tweeds and brogues and pearls for a red bandana, long patchwork dress and peace beads. She must have enjoyed the 1960's.

It was time to take action, so I told our farmer that St James the Least of All would support him to the hilt. Our ladies would, of course, do flower arrangements for the stage, and our sidesmen would greet the campers as they arrived. We would provide a full choral Evensong on Friday night, to help set the tone for the weekend. When the farmer gasped something about heavy metal, I was able to reassure him. "Heavy metal? We're doing that Saturday morning from about 6am, when our bellringers will give a three-hour exhibition of change ringing." The farmer pleaded something about singing, and I was able to reassure him on that point as well: "On Sunday we'll do a Songs of Praise, and not to worry, your campers can choose their favourite hymns from 'Ancient and Modern'."

I was thanked profusely, but the following week, our dear farmer wrote to tell me he had decided to graze sheep on his field after all. Shame about that.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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VILLAGE DIARY

March

1 st		Shrove Tuesday / St. David's Day	
	1.30 pm	W.I. Pancake Race	Lance Memorial Field
2 nd		Ash Wednesday	
6 th		First Sunday of Lent	
8 th	7.00 pm	Hollingbourne Meadows AGM	Cardwell Pavilion
9 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
15 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
17 th		St. Patrick's Day	
20 th		1 st Day of Spring	
27 th		Mothering Sunday	
		BST - Clocks go Forward	

April

2 nd	7.30 pm	W.I. Barn Dance	Village Hall
9 th	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast	The Dirty Habit
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	
19 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
23 rd		St. George's Day	

May

2 nd		Bank Holiday	
9 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
24 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
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	
	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall

July

11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
19 th	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall

August

29 th		Bank Holiday	
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New additions in red.

Please send information for Village Diary and Regular Meetings to Carole Findlay 01622.583636 hollingbourne.parc magazine.editor@hotmail.com

REGULAR MEETINGS

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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 4: 21st February —11th April
Term 5: 19th April —27th May
Term 6: 6th June —22nd July
Term 1: 1st September —21st October
Term 2: 31st October —16th December
Term 3: 3rd January -10th February
Term 4: 20th February – 31st March
Term 5: 17th April -26th May
Term 6: 5th June —21st July

2023

Scouts:

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

Short Mat Bowls:

Mondays (not 2nd) 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)
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