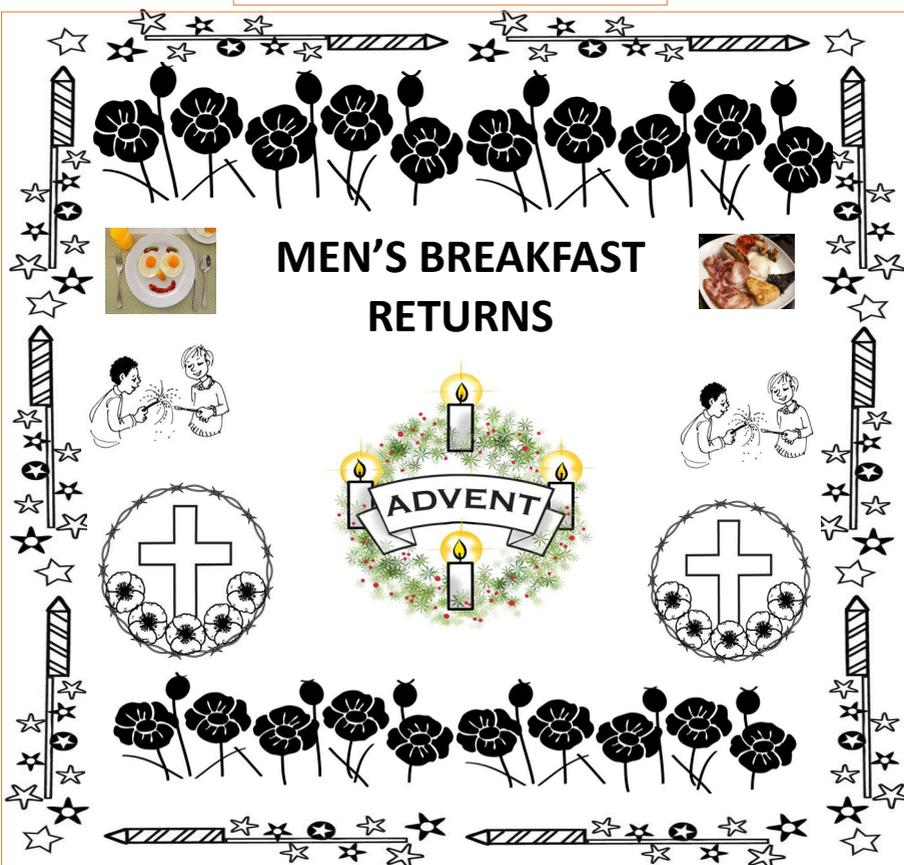


# Hollingbourne & Hucking

November 2021



**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
RETURNS**



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This is the website for the six Churches that constitute the Pilgrims Way church community. Some of you may already be aware of its existence and some may not. It was created at the beginning of 2019 and then, for reasons which are best described as technical, had to have its web address altered so that it could be found more easily, which took some time.

This website superseded any previous websites that individual churches may have had. For example, Boxley had its own website, which was faithfully maintained by Les Ellis for many years and, when he was looking to reduce his considerable workload, I made the mistake of not moving quickly enough! I have absolutely no claims to website wizardry and, indeed, rely on our son-in-law for technical advice - who really does know his stuff - thankfully. However, I am prepared to do my best and see where it leads me!

The onset of the pandemic gave me the opportunity to review the current design and content. The aim of this was to see how user friendly it was and how easy to find "stuff", whilst providing essential information about the church service programme. Now that Rob Tugwell has been appointed, it seems appropriate to carry out a more detailed review, so that it supports his work in our community. To this end, we have now had our first meeting to develop our thoughts/ideas. For example, we have just had Google Analytics plugged into the website, an application that enables you to see how many people have actually visited the site, which page, how many times and where from in the world etc. In August, the site had 119 "visits" and interestingly 2 of these were from Russia and Thailand. I am hazarding a guess that this was not a parishioner on holiday!

Over the coming months I will keep you informed of any changes we decide to make. In the meantime, if you have any observations/thoughts about the current website layout/content please feel free to email me at: [contact\\_dtasker@hotmail.com](mailto:contact_dtasker@hotmail.com) so that we can include them in our deliberations. Thank you.

*David Tasker.*



## SERVICES 2020/21 (YEAR B) NOVEMBER 2021

### 7<sup>th</sup> November Advent - 3

**Service** Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

**Readings** Jonah 3: 1-5 & v10; Mark 1: 14-20

### 14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday

**Service** Hollingbourne 10.45 am Remembrance Service

### 21<sup>st</sup> November Christ the King

**Service** Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

**Readings** Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; John 18: 33-37

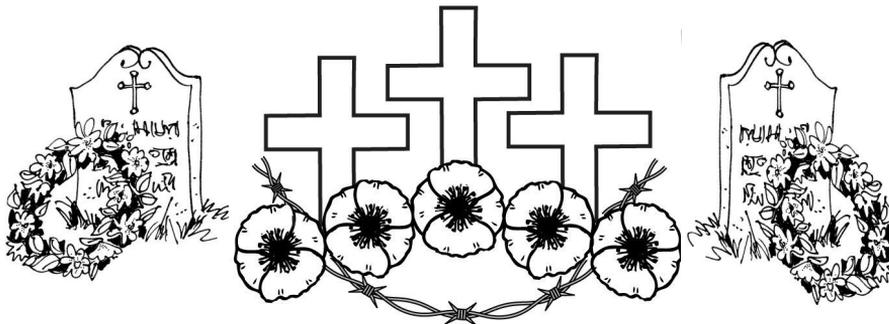
## SERVICES 2021/22 (YEAR C)

### 28<sup>th</sup> November Advent 1

**Service** Hollingbourne 11.00 am Eucharist

**Readings** Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36

Thanks to the support of **VOLUNTEERS**, the Church will be open for Private Prayer between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm every day.



## LEEDS SERVICES

7 <sup>th</sup> November	Leeds	9.30 am	Café Service
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Leeds	11.00 am	Wreath Laying at Memorial
	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Remembrance Service
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Leeds	9.30 am	Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

## EDITOR'S NOTES—November 2021

Have you got used to the new time yet?

November is proving a busier month. **Fireworks at The Lance Memorial Field on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** – gates open at **5.30 p.m.** (see advert)

**Remembrance Sunday** takes place on **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**. A **Remembrance Service** will be held at **All Saints Church** at **11. am**. Don't forget to **buy your poppy**.

The **Parish Assembly** takes place on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30 pm** at the **Village Hall**. Contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to take part.

Advent and the new Church Year begins on **28<sup>th</sup> November**. The beginning of the real preparations for Christmas. Let's hope it doesn't get cancelled at the last minute this year. (Last year I had a fridge full of food, while my sister-in-law had to chase round to find a crust to eat!)

The **Men's Breakfast** is back! **8.30 am** for a **Full English Breakfast** (with Guest Speaker) at the Dirty Habit on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Contact **Jim Findlay** on [jwmfindlay@hotmail.com](mailto:jwmfindlay@hotmail.com) if you would like to join in. Places are going fast. (see advert).

I have checked on the Mobile Library. Timetables may have changed (or I may have missed the changes!) and it would seem it is now running on a four week schedule – Red and Blue, Week 1 or Week 2. Hollingbourne is on Red 1, which means the next visit is due on (?) . (Maybe someone can give me a steer!)

**Deling** are running two events this month - the **Poetry of Pam Ayres** on the **6<sup>th</sup>** and their **Christmas Fayre** on the **20<sup>th</sup>** (see diary).

Village organisations seem to be emerging from the chrysalis of Covid Lockdown and I am looking forward to hearing of plans for all groups and societies for 2022.

Contact Carole Findlay at [Hollingbourne.parish.magazine.editor@hotmail.com](mailto:Hollingbourne.parish.magazine.editor@hotmail.com) to put information, corrections etc. in the December issue, preferably by **10<sup>th</sup> December**.

An elderly couple died and were received by St Peter through the Pearly Gates into heaven. They found it a wonderful place. The husband said to his wife: "If you hadn't fed us such healthy food all our marriage, we could have reached here years ago."

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."

# HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

*Monday, 8th November*

*Parish Assembly—15th November*

*13th December*

*11th January, 2022*

*At 7.30 pm*

*At The Cardwell Pavilion*

*Residents and representatives of the media interested in joining the meeting should contact the Clerk via [pchollingbourne@gmail.com](mailto:pchollingbourne@gmail.com).*

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

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



## Pets and fireworks- RSPCA Advice

As we come into this year's Firework season and prepare for the Village fireworks then please do remember to look after your pets.

The [RSPCA advice](#) for looking after pets during fireworks is below

### How to calm dogs during fireworks

Walk them during daylight hours to avoid times when fireworks are likely to be set off

Close windows and curtains to muffle the sound of fireworks

Put on some music or tv to mask the firework sounds

Create a quiet space where your dog can feel in control

Create some hiding places around your home

### Cats

Provide hiding places in your home

Cats can become more stressed if they're outside during fireworks

[Microchip](#) your cats in case they're startled and escape outside

### Small animals

Partly cover outside cages and pens with blankets so an area is sound-proofed and hidden, but allow another area for the animals to look out

Provide bedding small animals can burrow in

Consider bringing them indoors – this will need to be done gradually so plan ahead

### Keeping horses safe during fireworks

It's not just animals in the home that can be scared of fireworks – horses can be too.

Check locally to see if there are going to be any firework displays in your area

Where possible – tell the organisers of firework displays that horses are nearby and ask them to set off their fireworks in the opposite direction

For top tips on keeping your horse safe and secure during the firework season – please follow the [advice from the British Horse Society](#)



## READING GROUP NOVEMBER 2021

At long last there is another **Amor Towles** book. '**A Gentleman in Moscow**' is my favourite book, but now there is a new one, '**The Lincoln Highway**', which will go on my Christmas list.

The book charts now have two books by **Richard Osman**, 'The Thursday Murder Club' and the sequel, '**The Man Who Died Twice**'. Once again, **JK Rowling** is in the charts with '**The Christmas Pig**', which I have bought for our grandson.

I have just finished reading a book which I enjoyed, but was disappointed when it just stopped. There was no ending where all the loose ends are tied up, nothing. I suppose this means that there will be a sequel. In schools & colleges pupils are taught the form of a story which must have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Exams are marked on this. Not true any more. However, I think that **Dickens** & **Roald Dahl** went against traditional form in order to create tension & suspense.

It is at this time of year that we begin to think about what books we would like for Christmas, nice, hard-back books that are wonderful to hold and end up sitting on the coffee table. I shall choose my own and not be swayed by the publishers who advertise the latest celebrity autobiographies or cookbooks.

Great fun researching.

**Dawn Perry**

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# Robbery in Hasteds

Villagers are reminded to be extremely careful as the nights draw in as last night a home in Hasteds was robbed overnight, and cars broken into in Godfrey Meadow at around 1:40-2:20am.

If anyone recognises this person caught on camera then please do come forward with any information.



## **Remembrance Service**

**14th November, 2021**

**10.45 am Remembrance Service at  
All Saints Church**



## **Good to slow down in the rain**

A cut to the speed limit on motorways in wet weather would be backed by the majority of UK motorists. Such is the finding of a recent poll by the RAC, following a rise in serious accidents.

Almost three-quarters of us would be in favour of following the French method of lowering the speed limit on all major roads when it rains. The Highway Code states that stopping distances in wet weather are at least double those on dry roads, as tyres have less grip.

A spokesman for the RAC said that figures show that 'driving too fast for the conditions' and 'slippery roads' are still among the top 10 reasons for motorway collisions, and they "contribute to significant numbers of serious injuries and even deaths each year."

# GOLDILOCKS

— NOT TOO HOT, NOT TOO COLD —

The *Hollingbourne Pantomime* is alive and kicking and ready and prepared to go forward to a new production in 2022!

This time we have a new writer, **Jerry Osborn**, who has trodden the boards in past shows and has come up with an entirely new and original version of the classic *'Goldilocks'*.

We'll be looking for back-stage crew who like making scenery, painting or generally doing stuff.

The shows will go on from the **9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**, in the Hall, so make a note in your diary for the best, all home produced local panto there is!

Looking forward to seeing you all!



## Music Notes November 2021

At last, the programme of local amateur concerts is back to full strength. I am able to revert to providing a list which will keep you entertained for much of the month. Check the timings – some artists seem reluctant to add the time to their publicity, so you will have to buy a ticket perhaps to find out when it starts! Anyway, here is the list:

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm** in **Holy Cross Church**, Bearsted ME14 4EE, **Bearsted Choral Society's** first concert of the season is of **Mozart's Requiem** Mass and **Joseph Haydn's Little Organ Mass**. Tickets at the door or via [tickets@bearstedchoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@bearstedchoral.org.uk)

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00 pm** in **All Saints' Church**, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, **The Maidstone Singers** are joining forces with the **Central Band of the Royal British Legion** to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Royal British Legion. The concert will include **Sir Karl Jenkin's The Armed Man** – a moving Mass for Peace. Tickets contact: [tickets@themaidsstonesingers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@themaidsstonesingers.org.uk)

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30 pm** at **All Saints' Church**, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, **Sutton Valence Choral Society** perform **Fauré's Requiem** and several works by **Handel**. Tickets 01622 861313

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm** at **Mote Hall**, Maidstone ME15 7RN, **Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's** second concert of the season features French oboist, **Olivier Stankiewicz**, in **Mozart's Oboe Concerto**. The concert also includes works by **Rossini** and **Brahms**. Tickets Phone 0333 666 3366.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm** at **All Saints' Church**, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, **Maidstone Choral Union** will hold an afternoon Christmas concert which will include *Wassail* by **Alexander L'Estrange** and *Carols* for choir and Audience. Tickets from [mcuconcertmanager@gmail.com](mailto:mcuconcertmanager@gmail.com) or at the door.

If you are unable to get out – and I know some of us are still self-isolating – remember **BBC Radio 3** provides a quality afternoon **concert** every weekday at **2.00pm**. It lasts till 5 pm every weekday, except **Wednesday**, when **Choral Evensong** takes over at **3.30pm**. There is a further **concert broadcast** from a leading concert hall at **7.30 pm** every weekday.

**BJH**

War does not determine who is right - only who is left. – *Bertrand Russell*

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. – *Billy Sunday*

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife."

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### **Love your trees: 27<sup>th</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December**

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). This year, it runs from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is a good time to both celebrate your current trees, and to plant more trees in your area. You don't have to necessarily hug a tree to prove your appreciation; there are plenty of other ways to support them. Visit:

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## WI NEWS NOVEMBER 2021

Andrea managed to organise the Litter Pick to finish just before the downpour began so we could hot foot home, warmed by the buoyant feeling that doing a good deed gives you.

We enjoyed our coffee and cakes 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration held at the Sugar Loaves. Thanks to Steve and to Dexter his dog who joined in by enjoying a 'Woofin' (a dog muffin).

Our members welcomed the return of Peter Griffith, who entertained us and our visitors with Part 2 of his Sat Nav to Sextant talk. This phase of Peter's flying career was an even more colourful presentation of his life in the air. I can only list the highlights: bringing a toilet through customs; delivering equipment for the Gulf War; sea planes in Ankara where the crew flew in WADERS to cope with the terrain; how to cope with bears in Alaska (talk to them; working for Warren Buffet flying the very, very rich and famous (the interiors of the planes were mind-blowingly luxurious - including a golden seat). However, his greatest joy was flying a Spitfire over Kent. All illustrated with wonderful videos.

We have been given a book entitled 'The Country Housewife's Handbook' compiled by the West Kent Association. Printed in 1943 this contained recipes for wine, beer, make do and mend and what every woman really needs to know - how to make a dry stone wall. We feel quite adventurous making our own Christmas Wreaths in November with greenery collected from around the village!

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, our speaker will be Katherine Hook. Her talk is entitled 'Sloe Seduction' in which she shows the many ways that chocolate and sloes can be combined to make irresistible eats.

Visitors are very welcome after 8pm at the Village Hall. £3 on the door.

### **Val Williams**

Secretary: Hollingbourne WI

## Good news for coffee lovers

If you drink a cup of coffee a day, you could reduce your risk of having a stroke by a fifth.

A recent study, by researchers at Semmelweis University in Budapest, found that people who drink a moderate amount of coffee (from half a cup to three cups a day) are 21 per cent less likely to have a stroke, as compared to people who avoid coffee completely.

About 100,000 people in the UK suffer a stroke each year, and it is the fourth leading cause of death, just behind dementia, heart disease and lung cancer.

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## **LEEDS CASTLE**

As I write, the sunshine has returned, but there is a definite nip in the air in the mornings and the trees are changing colour, so we will soon be into Autumn Colours season at the Castle – a perfect time to bundle up warm for an autumnal walk, with a warming hot chocolate or coffee en route.

As the seasons change, we have introduced a couple of new experiences – *Meet the Birds of Prey* and *Garden Tours*. *Meet the Birds* gives you a chance to get up close with owls and hawks and to ask all those things you have always wondered about these magnificent birds. It is remarkably relaxing stroking an owl, so I hope many of you will get an opportunity to do so over the coming months.

*Garden Tours* are now also available, led from Visitor Reception through the history and planting designs of the Princess Alexandra Gardens and Pavilion Lawn, to the Culpeper and Lady Baillie Mediterranean Gardens, designed by Russell Page, one of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's leading landscape architects. Book your place on the Leeds Castle website.

During September we ran our first ever sculpture event with *A Botanical Showcase*, featuring more than 30 stunning artworks from contemporary sculptors, situated all around the estate. This was extremely popular with visitors and many people (including myself!) were fooled into thinking that some of the sculptures were actual plants.

At October Half Term we will be running *Hallowe'en* at Leeds Castle, with a series of spooky themed activities for families to enjoy. Autumn colours will also be out around that time and are expected to be especially good this year, given the weather conditions. So don't forget to check these out during October/November on your footpath walks and visits.

The popular *Fireworks Spectacular* takes place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November and is now completely sold out. I hope many of you will join us to enjoy the biggest and best pyrotechnic display in the South-East.

From 27<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> January, we will be hosting *Christmas at the Castle*, this year with a *Twelve Days of Christmas* theme. There will be a series of artistic installations, each representing one of the days, some with interactive elements that are ideal for family fun. If you are looking for Instagrammable moments, this should do the trick very nicely. We will also be decorating the Castle with its traditional Christmas trees.

We have hosted over 45 weddings during August and September, with many postponed from last year. It was great to see the Castle back into celebration mode and to welcome so many couples for their special day.

The next phase of the major project to conserve the stonework of the Castle is now under way, with scaffolding going up as I write. This project will be completed over the autumn and winter, with replacement of lime mortar and repairs to the original stonework.

This programme, which will continue for at least the next 5–7 years, is essential to safeguard the Castle for future generations, but hugely expensive. We have secured some funding from Historic England to cover 80% of this cost and will need to seek funding from other sources to complete the following phases over the next few years.

Hoping your October is good.

**Helen Bonser-Wilton**

Chief Executive



### **Is it hard to park your car in the garage?**

It is not your fault: the bestselling modern cars have become bigger by about up to a third. A comparison of the most popular models sold in 1965 and 2020 had found that most popular modern models have expanded from 59 inches (1.5m) in width to 71 inches (1.8m) in width. Their length has gone from 153.5 inches (3.9m) to 169 inches (4.3m). The most popular 2020 model, the Ford Fiesta, has a width of 66 inches (1.7m).

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*...it's perhaps not the most dynamic of mission statements...  
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When Lot's wife looked back," said the Sunday School teacher, "what happened to her?" "She was transmuted into chloride of sodium," replied the boy with the high IQ.

Reporter: "What do you think is the trouble with farming these days?"

Old farmer: "Well – in my day when we talked about what we could raise on 60 acres, we meant maize, not bank loans."

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

I am a mental tourist. My mind wanders.

### **Are any of your friends 'flakes'?**

If so, you will know the scenario: they happily agree a plan with you to do something, and then at the last minute, they cancel and don't show. As one sufferer of flaky friends put it: "Flakes are on a rise of epidemic proportions. People are becoming less reliable... the younger the generation, the worse it gets."

Of course, it is easier to flake in the digital age. It is easier to text a cancellation than to tell someone face to face that you are letting them down.

But if you are a flake, and you do it too often, beware: your friends may begin to distance themselves from you. Who wants to be friends with someone who is unreliable?"

### **What is outside your front door?**

Our traditional front gardens are disappearing at a phenomenal rate, as more and more of us turn our green space into a driveway for car parking.

More than one in 10 (12 per cent) of people in the UK have now converted either some of or all their front garden into a parking spot, according to a recent survey by Direct Line Home Insurance.

It seems that homeowners are fed up with crawling the streets outside their properties looking for a space to park, and they are reluctant to leave their vehicles too far from their doorstep.



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## **HOLLINGBOURNE VILLAGE FIREWORKS 2021**

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event and it will be held on **Friday, 5th November**, at **The Lance Memorial Field (Cardwell Pavilion)**. The gates will open at 5.30pm. Please enter the field by either the corner entrance (near the playpark) or the vehicle main gate. For safety reasons the footpath entrance at the corner of Greenway Court Road will be closed for the duration of the event - please use the vehicle entrance on foot as an alternative.

**Licensed Bar, BBQ, Brownie Stall of goodies.** Tickets are **£ 5 each, under 5s are free.** Please email **[hollingbournefireworks@hotmail.com](mailto:hollingbournefireworks@hotmail.com)**, stating the number of tickets you require and I will send BACS details for payment by return. Tickets are also available at **Woods Village Shop**. Please note that no physical tickets are being issued, advance sales will be added to a pre-paid gate list.

This event is run by villagers for the villagers. Come along and make it an evening out for the family with great company, fine ales, tasty affordable food and lots of whizzes and bangs. **ALL** profits from this lovely local event will go back to Hollingbourne Village organisations.

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#### ***'The small print'***

No personal fireworks are permitted. Children must be supervised at all times. Lighting will be limited, so please bring sturdy footwear and a torch or two. There is no parking at this event, so please park sensibly with respect for other road users, the village residents and, if at all possible, walk to the event. Please do not attempt to park in Culpeper Close or in Hasteds. Toilet facilities will not be available at this venue. Please buy your sweets/glow sticks/goodies from the Brownie stall inside the event and not hawkers sited outside the venue.

See you all there!

**Beccy Stroud**

## **Our affection for Premium Bonds**

Some 65 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1956, Premium Bonds went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.

The idea was to persuade people to save again following the Second World War, and on the first day alone, £5 million worth of Bonds were bought (equivalent to about £120 million today). The name of the machine that generated the winning numbers – the Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment, shortened inevitably to Ernie – became common in everyday conversation.

There is no guarantee that you will ever win, which in many people's eyes defines Premium Bonds as gambling, though the counter to that argument is that you can never lose your stake. You do, however, lose whatever interest you would have accrued if you had invested your money elsewhere.

The current odds against each £1 Bond winning a prize are 34,500 to 1. This has been described as "a gamble with very poor odds". Nevertheless Premium Bonds are said to be held by more than 22 million people, or about 1 in 3 of the UK population.



## **Why you should never play fetch with sticks**

Dogs and sticks do not mix, and now vets have issued a warning about the possible dangers.

Following two incidents where dogs chasing sticks impaled themselves and nearly died, the British Veterinary Association (BVA) warns that getting your dog to run with a stick can be life-threatening, and as it can lodge down their throat or puncture their soft palette or even paws.

Instead, people should use blunt toys that cannot piece flesh, such as rubber sticks, balls and frisbees.

Senior vice-president of the BVA said: "Vets frequently see dog injuries caused by sticks, ranging from cuts and scrapes in the mouth to the stick becoming lodged in their throat. I have seen cases of traumatic stick injuries that have needed extensive surgery to fix.

"We would never discourage owners from exercising or playing with their dog, but our advice is to swap sticks for dog-safe toys instead, and so avoid such easily preventable and distressing injuries."

(Editor's Note : This happened to my son's Labrador. An expensive trip to the vet when he impaled a stick in his throat.)

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## All in the month of NOVEMBER

It was:

**200 years ago**, on **11<sup>th</sup> November, 1821**, that **Fyodor Dostoevsky**, the Russian novelist, short story writer and journalist was born. Best known for his novel '*Crime and Punishment*'.

**150 years ago**, on **10<sup>th</sup> November, 1871**, that Welsh journalist and explorer, **Henry Morton Stanley**, located the missing missionary and explorer, **Dr David Livingstone** near Lake Tanganyika, in present-day Tanzania . He might or might not have greeted him with the words: "*Doctor Livingstone, I presume?*"

**125 years ago**, on **16<sup>th</sup> November, 1896**, that **Oswald Mosley**, British fascist politician, was born. Imprisoned for three years in 1940 for founding the British Union of Fascists.

**100 years ago**, on **11<sup>th</sup> November, 1921**, that **Remembrance poppies** were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war. In the UK they are sold by the **Royal British Legion** to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

**90 years ago**, on **30<sup>th</sup> November, 1931**, that the **Crystal Palace** in London was destroyed by fire.

**80 years ago**, on **13<sup>th</sup> November, 1941**, that the British aircraft carrier, **HMS Ark Royal**, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea near Gibraltar. It sank the following day.

**65 years ago**, on **5<sup>th</sup> November, 1956**, that **Premium Bonds** went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.

**50 years ago**, on **14<sup>th</sup> November, 1971**, that **NASA's Mariner 9 spacecraft** (launched that May) reached Mars. It was the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. Mars was engulfed in a planet-wide dust storm at the time, but 85% of the surface was eventually imaged. Mariner 9 was deactivated in October, 1972.

**40 years ago**, on **12<sup>th</sup> November, 1981**, that the **US Space Shuttle Columbia** was launched on its second flight into space, becoming the world's first reusable manned spacecraft.

**30 years ago**, on **5<sup>th</sup> November, 1991**, that **Robert Maxwell**, Czech-born British newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, was found dead at sea off Tenerife. Following his death, he was found to have fraudulently misappropriated the Mirror Group's pension fund.

Also **30 years ago** on **18<sup>th</sup> November, 1991**, that the Church of England envoy, **Terry Waite**, and American educator, **Thomas Sutherland**, were released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage since January, 1987, and June, 1985, respectively.

**25 years ago**, on **30<sup>th</sup> November, 1996**, that England officially returned the **Stone of Scone** to Scotland after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and (later) English and British monarchs. Scotland agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.

20 years ago, from **12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2001**, that the **Afghanistan's ruling Taliban** abandoned the capital without a fight, as a coalition of US/NATO and Northern Alliance forces entered the city.

Also **20 years ago**, on **29<sup>th</sup> November, 2001**, that **George Harrison**, British rock guitarist, singer and songwriter with the Beatles, died.

**15 years ago**, on **13<sup>th</sup> November, 2006**, that **Google** acquired the video-sharing site **YouTube**.

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

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### DETLING CHURCH EVENTS

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**Saturday, 6th November** - A humorous recital of the **poetry of Pam Ayres** by **Sue Spiel** takes place @ **Detling Church** on at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 to include tea/coffee and a slice of cake. Contact Steve on 01622.736034 or e mail [sw\\_west@bfinternet.com](mailto:sw_west@bfinternet.com)

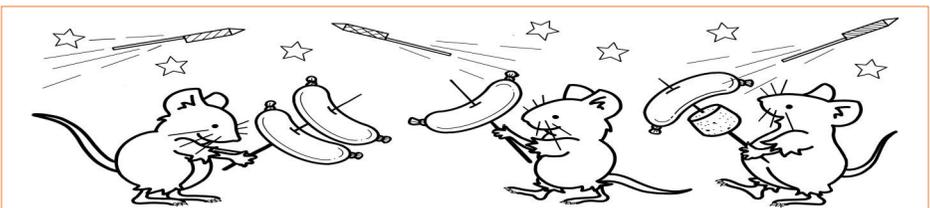
**Saturday, 20th November** - **Detling Village Christmas Bazaar** takes place on @ **Detling Village Hall**. If you would like a stall for this event the cost is £10. For further information contact Sally on 07376.295007.

## **Contactless payment limit goes up**

The contactless payment limit has just more than doubled. It now stands at £100. And while this will be more convenient to many of us, it is also "a thief's dream."

So say the critics. As one financial expert from fund shop AJ Bell, points out: "By spending £100 a pop without having to put in a PIN, it will be very easy for thieves to blitz through money quickly, before you even spot that your card is lost or has been stolen."

Another finance expert, from the consumer group Fairer Finance adds: "it's much more attractive for petty criminals to steal cards and use them a few times if they can spend up to a three-figure sum."



Political campaign: a war in which everybody shoots from the lip.

Power will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough, nor good enough, to be trusted with unlimited power. – *Charles Caleb Colton*

A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory. – *Mark Twain*

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination. - *Andrew Lang*

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go. - *Oscar Wilde*

## **Do you prefer using cash?**

Access to cash is still an 'essential piece of infrastructure' for elderly people. Cutting them off from cash and banking services is tantamount to excluding them from society.

So warns Age UK, which has been pointing to recent figures from the Financial Conduct Authority that show that about 2.4million people aged 65 and over still rely on cash in their day-to-day life. That represents about a fifth of all older people. And while cash use has plummeted during the pandemic, Age UK stresses that it would be a mistake to assume that everyone can make all their financial transactions digitally.

A YouGov survey in January 2021 found that more than half of over-65s in the UK had used cash within the previous week.



An epic struggle between good and evil took place in the Vicarage kitchen

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it.

"It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

People at my workplace have started a funny new tradition where they give names to the food in the office fridge. Today I ate a sandwich called Mark, followed by some cake called Rosie.

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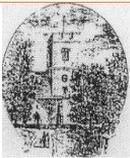
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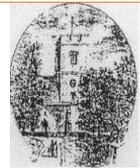
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No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



## VILLAGE DIARY

### November

3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.10-12.40pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Firework Display	Lance Memorial Field
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Poetry of Pam Ayres	Detling Church
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
15 <sup>th</sup>		Parish Assembly	Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>		Detling Village Christmas Bazaar	Detling Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>		Stir Up Sunday	
27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast	Dirty Habit Pub

### December

1 <sup>st</sup>	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	W.I. Christmas Party (TBC)	Village Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Eve	
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints Church
25 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Day	
26 <sup>th</sup>		Boxing Day	
31 <sup>st</sup>		New Year's Eve	

### January

1 <sup>st</sup>		New Year's Day	
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
13 <sup>th</sup>	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall

### February

14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
9 <sup>th</sup>	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>		Pantomime – Goldilocks	Village Hall

### March

9 <sup>th</sup>	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
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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**

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**2022**

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### Term 3:

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### Term 4:

21st February—11th April

### Term 5:

19th April—27th May

### Term 6:

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### Short Mat Bowls:

Mondays (not 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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**

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<b>OPEN</b>	<b>MONDAY / TUESDAY</b>	<b>8 AM - 2 PM</b>
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As a result of the unfolding Covid-19 crisis, we currently prioritising the supply of fresh, local products to members of Hollingbourne and the surrounding community. We are currently receiving deliveries of

- Fresh baked bread and cakes
- Milk and dairy products
- Fresh meat from Doughty Butchers
- Local free-range eggs
- A range of Fruit and Vegetables has been significantly increased

We are also offering a FREE local delivery service (3 mile radius) for those who are self-isolating or those who are unable to leave their property.

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