

Hollingbourne & Hucking

September 2021



The Great Leeds Book Sale

FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

4.00pm to 8.30pm

SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

10am to 2.30pm



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Church & Village News

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VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

As I write this we are preparing to move, with the removal company due to arrive with their lorry in three days' time. The tip has been a recent friend of ours and we hope we have blessed local charity shops with our considerable number of recent donations! For us, as a family, we have been saying many goodbyes in preparation for the move and the adventures ahead. We are pleased to be staying in Kent and in Canterbury Diocese and are excited to put down roots in the North Downs. While there is much I could write in this first magazine piece, I thought you might be most interested in finding out a bit more about who is joining you this September.



Firstly, I am, of course, Rob, and I join you having served my curacy in Whitstable parish. For most of my curacy I continued as chaplain to Junior King's School and it was during my time as chaplain that I trained for ordination. Before working as a chaplain, I taught for around 10 years before moving to work with families, children and teens at a large church in Reigate. I grew up in Kent and have lived all of my life in the south-east. Outside of work, I have quite a broad range of interests, including most sports. Fishing and rugby are two great passions, so I am very pleased to be moving next to Mote Park which, of course, has its own lake and is home to Maidstone Rugby Club!

Like me, Nancy has worked in both school and church contexts. Most recently, she was a boarding houseparent at Junior King's, caring for girls from all over the world. In moving to Maidstone, Nancy will continue to work in pastoral care, including growing her teen coaching business called Harbour Lights Wellness. Nancy has a great many interests: she played sport to a high level when at school, is a talented musician and loves performing arts.

Harry is our elder son, and he will be starting year 10 in September. I'm hoping he will join me at Maidstone Rugby Club and I still aspire to one day playing a match alongside him. Most likely as he is on the way up and my performances are in rapid decline!

Daniel is our younger son. He will be going into year 6 in September and is joining a local primary school. He loves his PlayStation(!), is also becoming more interested in football and we hope that he will get involved in a local team.

In a simple way, that is us. We look forward to meeting you all very soon and journeying together through life in the Pilgrim's Way.

ROB TUGWELL

SERVICES 2020/21 (YEAR B)
SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>5th September</u>	<u>Trinity 14</u>		
Services	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings	Isaiah 35.4-7a; Mark 7.24-37		
<u>12th September</u>	<u>Trinity 15 - Welcome Revd Tugwell</u>		
Service	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Mark 8.27-38		
<u>19th September</u>	<u>Trinity 16</u>		
Service	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings	Wisdom 1.6-2.1 & 2.12-22; Mark 9.30-37		
<u>26th September</u>	<u>Trinity 17 - Harvest Service</u>		
Service	Hollingbourne	11.00 am	Eucharist
Readings	Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16,24-29; Mark 9.38-50		

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

Thanks to the support of VOLUNTEERS the Church will be open for Private Prayer between 10.00 am and 3 pm every day.

LEEDS SERVICES

5 th September	Leeds	9.30 am	Café Service
12 th September	Broomfield	3.30 pm	Communion
19 th September	Leeds	9.30 am	Communion
26 th September	Kingswood	11.00 am	Family Communion

EDITOR'S NOTES

As I mentioned last month, not a lot was happening in August. I am afraid September has the same message. The **4th** would be a good day to stay off the road as the *Leeds Concert* is taking place. We hope to see a number of walkers and cyclists dropping into All Saints Church on Saturday, **11th**, when '*Ride and Stride*' takes place, raising funds for our church.

Revd. Rob Tugwell is due to take his *first service at All Saints Church* on Sunday, **12th** September (see ad). We wish him well in his task of coping with all the parishes of the Pilgrims Way Churches. His first 'View from the Pulpit' letter is in this month's magazine.

St. Margaret's Church, Huckling, are holding their *Harvest Songs of Praise and Buffet Supper* at 6 p.m. on Sunday, **19th** September (see ad). A chance to see this lovely little church.

The W.I. are scheduled for a meeting on the **21st**.

The BIG event is the '*Great Leeds Book Sale*' taking place on Friday, **24th**, and Saturday, **25th**. (see ad). Lots and lots of books to choose from – get those Christmas presents early. Or just stock up on your winter reading.

There will be a *Harvest Sunday Service* at All Saints on Sunday, **26th** September. (see ad). Contributions to the 'Food for Thought' programme will be gratefully received. The team dealing with the homeless and less advantaged have been working their socks off during the various lockdowns and deserve our support.

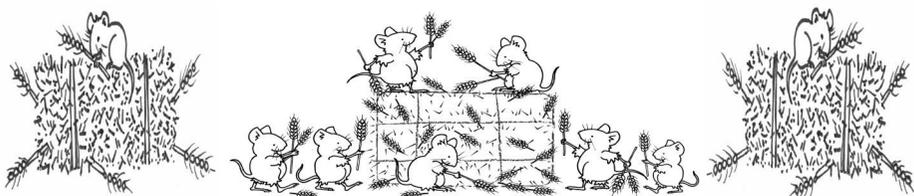
Early notification – Detling have organised a number of events, starting with the *Detling Quiz* (great fun – we have taken part several times) on **2nd October**. (see ad).

Apologies if I have missed anything, but my plea remains – let me know what is going on in the village!

Enjoy the new season – back to school, shuffling through the fallen leaves, splashing through the puddles.

Carole Findlay

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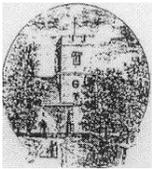
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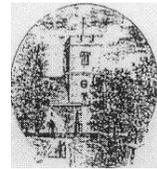
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CHURCHES

Growing together

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All Saints
Hollingbourne



Revd. Rob Tugwell will take his first service at Hollingbourne on Sunday, 12th September, at 11.00 am at All Saints, Hollingbourne.

Everyone is encouraged to welcome him to his new appointment to the Pilgrims Way Churches.



*St. Margaret's Church
Hucking*

Music Notes September 2021

Well, the promised release from virus restrictions for amateur musicians has come to pass and rehearsals are starting, but there is an inevitable time-lag before concerts can be produced. My researches show that **Maidstone Symphony Orchestra** has a concert planned for **9th October** and **Maidstone Choral Union** has a concert planned for **30th October**. **Maidstone Singers'** deferred concert takes place on **20th November**. September, however, is too early for the amateurs, although we can look forward to the professional **Leeds Castle** classical concert on **4th September**. The **Last Night of the Proms** is **11th September** and you can see it on BBC2 (first half) and BBC1 (second half). Twenty of the Proms will be available on BBCiplayer until 11th October.

Meanwhile I continue to search out anniversaries; here they are for September:

- 8 Sept:** 180th anniversary of the birth of Antonín Dvořák, Czech composer.
- 10 Sept:** 80th anniversary of birth of Christopher Hogwood, English conductor, harpsichordist and musicologist.
- 11 Sept:** 310th anniversary of birth of William Boyce, English composer and organist.
- 22 Sept:** 20th anniversary of death of Isaac Stern, American musician.
- 27 Sept:** 100th anniversary of death of Engelbert Humperdinck, German composer.

I will select **William Boyce** for details:

Born in 1711, he was a choirboy in St. Paul's Cathedral and went on to hold a number of posts in church music before being appointed as Master of the King's Music in 1757. His compositions varied widely – from songs for the Vauxhall Gardens to oratorio; from instrumental sonatas and opera to Garrick's 1759 pantomime *Harlequin's Invasion*, which contained what became Boyce's most famous song, *Hearts of Oak*.

As Master of the King's Musick, Boyce had the responsibility of writing music for royal occasions. However, he refused to make a new setting of Zadok the Priest for the coronation of George III, in 1761, on the grounds that Handel's setting of the anthem was unsurpassable – as a consequence of which Handel's setting has been played at every subsequent British coronation.

William Boyce (attributed to Mason Chamberlin (1727–1787))

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And here is Old Amos's thought for September:

"If tha' can tell t' difference between good advice and bad advice, tha' doesn't need advice"



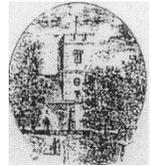
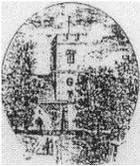


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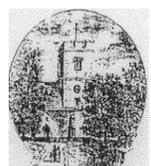
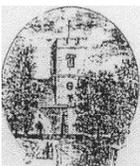
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All Saints Church Hollingbourne



*Thanks to the support of
VOLUNTEERS from the
church community, the
Church will be open every day
from 10.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.*



Hollingbourne Reading Group

It is always good to see or hear programmes that review books as it gives ideas of what to read next. So, it was especially good to watch the programme with **Richard E Grant**, 'Write around the World'. He has a very gentle voice and it is good to see countries where we cannot go showing us excellent books.

His visit to Italy showed us beautiful places as well as reminding us about the books by **Eleanor Ferrante**, starting with *My Brilliant Friend*. We then went to Pompeii with **Robert Harris** & even found out that **Charles Dickens** wrote a travelogue.

Next stop was France, with **Alexander Dumas** & *The Count of Monte Cristo*, **F Scott Fitzgerald** and **Patrick Suskind**.

Finally, to Spain with **Ernest Hemingway**, **Laurie Lee**, **FG Lorca** & **J G Ballard**. In addition, I am having to give grandchildren ideas of what to read next, so was delighted to discover the series *The Boy who Cycled the World* by **Alastair Humphreys**.

A fun story with lots of facts too.

Happy Reading

Dawn Perry

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Dead Sea Scrolls – brought to light 30 years ago

Thirty years ago, on 22nd September 1991, photographs and transcripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls were made available to scholars generally for the first time.

The Scrolls – ancient, mostly Hebrew or Aramaic manuscripts of leather, papyrus, and copper – were first found in 1947 near the shore of the Dead Sea. They come from various sites and date from the third century BC to the second century AD.

The decision by the Huntington Library, which is in San Marino, California, to make the Scrolls public was hailed by its director, Dr William A Moffett, as a bold move “equivalent to breaking down the Berlin Wall”. Up to that time access to the scrolls had been restricted to a fairly small group of ‘authorised’ scholars.

The Huntington photograph collection was created by philanthropist Elizabeth Hay Bechtel in 1980, with Robert Schlosser taking the actual pictures. After her death in 1987 they became the property of the library, with no agreed restrictions on their use – unlike the official collections, which certain experts reserved for their own use “to ensure scholarly accuracy”.

Last year the Museum of the Bible, in Washington DC, confirmed that all 16 of the fragments it owns are modern forgeries.

Equipment robbery in Hollingbourne

Residents are reminded to be extra vigilant after MBC Workmen had their equipment stolen at the beginning of August.

Whilst leaving their vehicle to mow the grass at All Saints Church, all the equipment that they had left on their truck was stolen.

Before setting off on a business trip to Birmingham, I called the hotel where I'd be staying to see if they had a gym. The hotel receptionist's sigh had a tinge of exasperation in it when she answered.

"We have over 100 guests at this facility," she said. "Does this 'Jim' have a last name?"



In praise of motorway services

What have you got in common with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton?

You have all visited the Watford Gap Services on your way up or down the M1.

Back in the early 1960s, the M1 transformed the way that bands could travel, and visiting the service station was an integral part of their trip. In the 60 or so years since motorway services opened, they have also become part of life for tens of millions of us.

Motorway services not only provide a much-needed break from the road, they are also a great place for people-watching. All sizes, shapes and varieties of people can be found in one. As one journalist put it: "a motorway service station is the ultimate human zoo."

Not everyone used motorway services back in the 1960s. Many people just pulled over onto the hard shoulder and unpacked a picnic. There was even the true story of the family who pulled their car onto the central reservation of the motorway to have lunch – and survived to tell the tale.

Motorway services also confused people. One distraught couple, heading north, reported their car had been stolen. The police found they had crossed the pedestrian bridge, and then could not find their car in the south-bound car park.

Today there are 111 service stations in the UK. The law states that they must not be more than 28 miles apart, or 30 minutes of travelling time. By law, they must provide two hours of free parking, free toilets, and a free play area for children.

The first two motorway services were Watford Gap and Newport Pagnell, both of which opened in early November 1959, along with the M1.



*St. Margarets Church
Huckling*

**Huckling Harvest Songs of Praise
&
Buffet Supper**

19th September 2021

**Please reserve your place by contacting
David & Janette Silsbey
Tel: 01622 884631**

Please note the date for our ‘Harvest Songs of Praise & Buffet Supper’ and we welcome all those who would like to enjoy a pleasant social evening within St Margarets Church including a Buffet Supper, Raffle etc. Would you please let us know beforehand, however, to help us with the buffet preparations. Cutlery, plates and glasses will be provided, as well as apple & orange juice drinks but we do ask that you bring your own wine. The service begins at *6.00pm* with the Buffet Supper being served immediately after.

The Great Leeds Booksale

This year that regional event “**The Great Leeds Booksale**” will be held much earlier than usual. It is hoped to put new heating in St. Nicholas Church and, although we don't yet have installation dates – we haven't yet raised all the funds, but tenders are out as we go to press – we don't want to risk that the Booksale might clash with the work of putting in the new system. We have, therefore, fixed these dates – **Friday 24th and Saturday 25th September**. Please note them in your diaries and make sure you come to buy your year's supply of reading.

If virus regulations permit, we hope to have the usual refreshments each day and a stall selling cakes and preserves on the Saturday, so that, as well as being the incredible source of inexpensive books for which the sale is now famed, it will again be an opportunity to meet your friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

We will, of course, need all the usual help (and more, if possible, in the week before the sale) to put out books; in the week after to pack away 'unsolds', and, on the day, to help with refreshments, the cake stall, raffle and organisation generally. If you can help, please call **Brian Hardy** on **01622 842915**.



HARVEST SUNDAY



26th September, 2021



11.00 am



Gifts of tinned and packet food also long life milk, are asked for, which will be brought up to the altar, They will then be taken to the Day Centre in Maidstone for the Homeless and for Vulnerable Families.



Celebrate the Harvest Season

The Great Leeds Book Sale

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this year

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The Great Leeds Book Sale of all types of second-hand books is a must for all readers.

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Proceeds towards new church heating

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"



HOLLINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Next Meetings are to be held on

Monday, 13th September

Monday, 11th October

Monday, 8th November

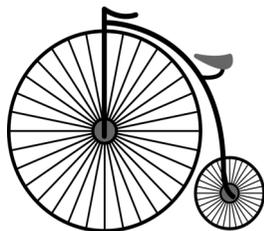
At 7.30 pm

At The Cardwell Pavilion

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

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



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Saturday 11 September 2021

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LEEDS CASTLE

As I write, summer has finally returned after an astonishing and unwelcome amount of rain over the past month. The grounds and gardens are looking suitably lush due to the rain and the hollyhocks are now giving way to echinaceas, so plenty of colour still around. Given this odd, disrupted summer, we have to hope for an Indian summer during the Autumn to catch up on outdoor enjoyment.

Since I wrote last, the final stage of lockdown easing has completed on 19th July. As such, we have removed the one-way system around the estate and in the Maze, along with the requirement to book a timed slot to visit. We continue to manage the numbers into the playgrounds and into the Castle, to avoid overcrowding. Visitor feedback has been very positive, not least because we have retained sanitising measures and ask all visitors to wear a mask when in indoor spaces.

It has been great to get the popular land train up and running again as of the end of July. Visitors are also enjoying the new Obstacle Course in Vineyard Field, aimed at eight-fourteen-year olds, with a fun self-timed element. The Book of Leeds Castle-y Challenges, that is free to all ticket-holders, has also been very popular and is leading to a spate of rolling down hills, dabbling feet in the stream, playing Pooh Sticks and many other fun outdoor challenges that can be done as a family. Visitor numbers are proving to be positive – in between the bouts of torrential rain!

August and September are peak months for weddings this year, with many postponed from 2020. We are hosting over 40 weddings at the Castle and Maiden's Tower by the end of September. It has been lovely to see major life events being celebrated again and to feel the Castle come back to life in its traditional entertaining role.

In events, the popular Leeds Castle Concert will be taking place on 4th September. We are looking forward to welcoming back guests, regular and new, with great music from the London Philharmonic, fireworks and Spitfire flyover. Fireworks will take place from around 9.45 p.m. that day.

And for a month from 6th September we will run a new floral garden sculpture trail, featuring stunning installations from a number of contemporary sculptors, situated all around the estate. This replaces the Floral Festival and should stagger visitor numbers across the month rather than concentrating everything into a few days.

At the Birds of Prey Centre, we have another chick – a rare 4-week-old black faced barn owl. As they grow up and grow feathers – they are currently a ball of grey fluff – they will be trained and will take part in the popular Birds of Prey displays. Our black/red kite cross chick, Toddy, and the peregrine falcon chick, Senna, have both been growing like Topsy and are now fully-feathered and treble the size they were.

It continues to be a financially challenging time for the Castle as an

independent charity, not supported by public funding. The multi-million-pound annual costs of caring for a 900-year old Castle and estate continue, even in times of much lower income. We also have the financial challenges of continuing the programme of works to stabilise and repair the stone walls of the Castle.

From October to March, we will be undertaking the latest phase of this essential – but hugely expensive – work to look after the Castle for future generations, with multiple other phases to follow when funds allow. There will, therefore, be scaffolding on the front of the Castle for these six months, but it will all be looking very good for the spring!

Helen Bonser-Wilton

Chief Executive



When someone splashes you

You have just been to church to get some more parish magazines and take them to the village shop, as they have sold out again. It is raining hard, and the main road is flooded again. A car drives through the puddle, soaking you from head to toe. You go home muttering to yourself, irritated that now you have to change your wet clothes.

There are worse things in life than being soaked by a car, but it is not nice, and it could even be an offence. Inconsiderate driving is defined as driving 'without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road'. A person using the using a pavement could be included as someone using the road.

The Road Traffic Act 1988 goes on to say: 'A person is to be regarded as driving without reasonable consideration for other persons only if those persons are inconvenienced by his driving.'

If you are soaked, then you certainly are inconvenienced! If you yourself are convicted of careless or inconsiderate driving, then you could be fined up to £5,000, and your driving licence endorsed with 3 to 9 points.

Who is to blame for the flood? If a drain or a roadside ditch is blocked or not repaired then either the owner of the land adjoining the road or the highway authority, usually a local authority, may be responsible. It may depend on whether the ditch is part of the highway. But certainly floods on roads can be dangerous: vehicles may try to avoid the water and then collide with other traffic.

If there is an area near you which regularly floods, it may be worth contacting the local parish council or highways department to see if they are aware of it. Public authorities have limited resources, but it may help to tell them. As always this is a highhearted guide, and if in any doubt get advice.

A young man rang his mother to announce, with great excitement, that he'd at last fallen in love and was contemplating marriage. He went on: "Just for fun, I'm going to bring over my girlfriend and two of her friends. I would like you to try and guess which one I'm going to marry."

The mother agreed. So, the next day her son arrived at his mother's house with three beautiful young women. They sat on the sofa and chatted for a while with the family.

When his mother went out to the kitchen to put the kettle on for tea, her son followed her. "Okay, mum," he said. "Guess which one I would like to marry."

She replied at once: "The one in the green dress." Her son was astonished and asked how on earth she had guessed. The mother shrugged. "That's easy. I don't like her."



Food for Thought Needs Your Support!

*To donate food, please contact Matt directly -
drop off's welcome*

Matt Lamb - Maidstone Day Centre Manager
manager@homelesscare.org.uk
01622 674064



At present, we are running very low on some tinned items to include in our food parcels and are in need of the items listed below in order to continue supporting the people who really need it. We are in **urgent** need of:

- Tinned Ham
- Corned Beef
- Spam
- Tinned ready meals (eg, chilli con carne)
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Mixed vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits

***Maidstone Day Centre thank you for your support, together we can make a
difference in our borough.***

Food for Thought continues to busily distribute food parcels - 224 in July to be precise!

Unfortunately, at present, we are running very low on some tinned items to include in our food parcels and are in need of the items listed above in order to continue supporting the people who really need it.

Please contact Matt directly on 01622.674064 or
manager@homelesscare.org.uk regarding donations.

DETLING CHURCH EVENTS

Please find below a list of fund-raising events and contact the named person for each to book and secure your tickets asap.



Saturday, 2nd October – **Quiz Night** 7.30 pm start @ ***Detling Village Hall.***

Tickets £10 each, to include a ploughman's supper, bring your own drinks and glasses. Contact Sally on 07376.295007 for further enquiries or to book your places/tables. (Max table of 8). If you are not a full table, we will happily put you with others to make a table up).

Saturday, 23rd October – **Dr Jazz Evening** 7.30 pm start @ ***Detling Church.***

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Book your place early to secure seeing this fab band. Contact Sally on 07376.295007 for all enquiries or to book your tickets or e mail sally.howells3@btinternet.com

Make your own ceramic Christmas wreath, morning and afternoon workshops with limited places available at ***Detling Church.***

Contact Brenda via brendaburgess@brendaburgessarts.co.uk for bookings and further information.

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@btinternet.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.

What does your Council Tax pay for?

A helpful little guide to council tax distribution for Maidstone Borough, using **band D** as a reference.

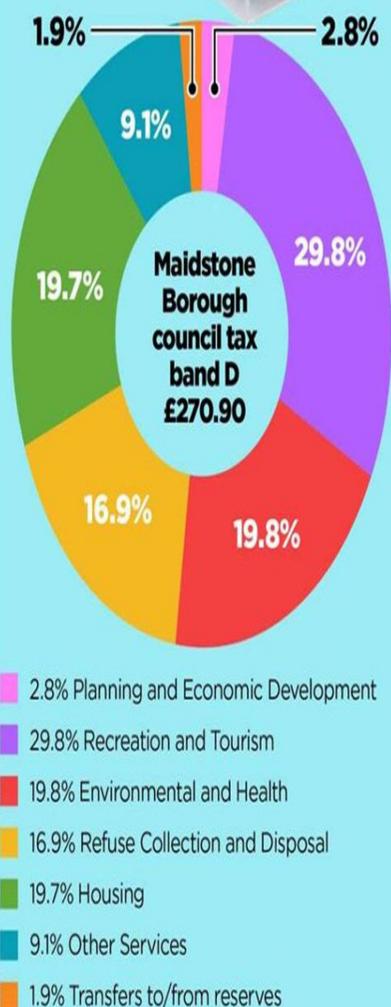
A **band D** yearly bill would be **£1,988.63**, Maidstone borough council accounts for just **£270.90** of this, **13.6%**.

The total amount is then made up from **£159** for the **Adult Social Care** supplement, **£218** for the **Police** and **£80** for the **fire authority**.

From its share, **Maidstone Borough Council** delivers **refuse collection, street sweeping, maintains parks and open spaces, helps to accommodate the homeless and carries out a wide range of other services.**

MBC also has a capital programme, worth **£108 million over the next five years**, which will be used to invest across the borough of Maidstone. Investment plans include **new housing, improvements in our parks, and the new Maidstone Innovation Centre based at the Kent Medical Campus – Junction 7 of the M20 to attract new businesses and new jobs to the borough.** The capital programme is largely funded by borrowing, but MBC will ensure (as required to do so by law) that the borrowing is affordable and that the schemes in which they invest meet the criteria that the council has set itself.

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100 years ago, on **8th September, 1921**, that **Sir Harry Secombe** was born. This Welsh comedian, actor, writer, singer and TV presenter was one of the stars of the 1950's radio series *The Goon Show*.

80 years ago, on **1st September, 1941**, that Nazi Germany ordered all Jews in Germany and its occupied territories to wear a **yellow Star of David badge**.

75 years ago, from **20th September – 5th October, 1946**, that the first **Cannes Film Festival** was held.

65 years ago, on **16th September, 1956**, that **Play-Doh** went on sale in the USA. It was originally sold as a wallpaper cleaning compound, but was then relaunched as a modelling compound when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

60 years ago, on **11th September, 1961**, that the **World Wildlife Fund** (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

50 years ago, on **15th September, 1971**, that **Greenpeace**, the international environmental group, was founded in Vancouver.

30 years ago, on **6th September, 1991**, that the Russian city of **Leningrad** was renamed **St Petersburg**, restoring its original name.

30 years ago, on **22nd September, 1991**, photographs and transcripts of the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were made available to scholars generally for the first time.

25 years ago, on **27th September 1996**, that the **Taliban seized control of Kabul**, Afghanistan, ousting President Burhanuddin Rabbani, and executing former President Mohammad Najibullah.

20 years ago, on **11th September, 2001**, that the **9/11 terrorist attack** on the USA took place. 2,973 people were killed.



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The old lady wanted to know why... The Cashier returned her bank card and irritably told her "these are the rules, please leave if there is no further matter. There is a line of customers behind you".

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds and handed her card back to the teller and said "please help me withdraw all the money I have." The Cashier was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her "you have £300,000 in your account but the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back again tomorrow?

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The Cashier told her any amount up to £3000. "Well please let me have £3000 now." The Cashier kindly handed £3000 very friendly and with a smile to her.

The old lady put £10 in her purse and asked the Cashier to deposit £2990 back into her account.

The moral of this story is....

Don't be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime learning the skill.

Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?

The middle class consists of people who are not poor enough to accept charity and not rich enough to donate anything.

How different churches cope with adversity

When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"



HOLLINGBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACTS

Volunteers are now available for transporting residents of the village for medical appointments (Hospital, Doctors, dental etc.) should members of their family, friends or neighbours be unavailable to help.

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

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

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

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Children's Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.

EVAPORATE: Magic trick performed by children when it comes time to clear the table.

FRUIT: Something that is never to be confused with dessert.

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PATRICK GARTEN'S NEWLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2021

Keenest recyclers are contaminating waste

A report by the Centre for Social Innovation, part of the Keep Britain Tidy charity, has warned that committed recyclers are among the worst offenders for putting rubbish in the wrong bins. They are so keen to ensure waste does not end up in landfill that they hope for the best and throw any plastic, whether suitable for recycling or not, into their recycling bins. In 2019-20, 525,000 tonnes of household recycling collected by councils was rejected at the point of sorting because of such contamination. Each tonne from a household bin that is rejected costs an extra £93 to incinerate, amounting to almost £49m a year. Here are more details of what you can put in your bin: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/primary-areas/what-can-i-put-in-my-bin>

Social Tariff for water

Maidstone Borough Council is the first local authority that it is working with South East Water to help people on low incomes with their water charges. Over 7,000 residents, whose household income is under £16,385, will have their fresh water charges capped at a ceiling amount. For wastewater, customers receive a reduction of either 25% or 50% depending on their circumstances.

Qualifying customers in the Borough of Maidstone who are not already on the *Social Tariff*, will be advised by South East Water in writing that they have automatically been given the reduced rate. For more information about the Social Tariff please go to: <https://southeastwater.co.uk/get-help/help-paying-your-bill>

LoveFood@Lockmeadow reaches full capacity with world food outlets

LoveFood@Lockmeadow is Maidstone's newest eating-out experience with up to eight amazing different eating experiences in one place.

An initiative of Maidstone Borough Council (MBC), the food hall is scheduled to open in October. All eight units will be filled with exciting local tenants ready to satisfy food lovers' tastebuds, featuring modern street-style food with a choice that spans the globe, including Thai, Jamaican, Asian, vegan and American.

LoveFood@Lockmeadow will occupy the vacant unit of Gourmet Burger Kitchen at the front of the building and the adjacent empty unit. There will be four food outlets on opposite side of the centre's front entry with a communal seating area.

The food hall is part of improvements to Lockmeadow, which also include a children's play area between the stag sculpture and the River Medway.

And finally:....

Bandstand concerts in Brenchley Gardens

Maidstone's Brenchley Gardens is set to host a series of events this summer for everyone to enjoy free of charge on weekends throughout September.

The concerts have been organised by Maidstone Area Arts Partnership and Make Some Noise, with funding from Maidstone Borough Council (MBC). They will be held on the Victorian Bandstand in the gardens, set in the heart of the town centre. The Sunday afternoon events will include Big Band, Jazz and Brass Band music, while the Saturday concerts will offer alternative music from local bands.

To help visitors enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Brenchley Gardens, MBC has also introduced bespoke deckchairs which are free for people to use throughout the summer. The deckchairs are available from 11am – 3pm, Thursday – Sunday each week, from 5 August until 19 September (weather-permitting).

All the projects planned for Brenchley Gardens have been made possible thanks to financial support from the European Regional Development Fund.

Entry to all of the events is completely free of charge. Full details can be found here: www.visitmaidstone.com

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Helen Whately's Parish Update – Summer 2021

Learning to live with Covid

For the past 18 months our lives have been determined by Covid.

It has cancelled plans, pushed businesses to the brink, and taken loved ones from us. While the pandemic is far from over, our phenomenal vaccine rollout has put us in a position where we can begin to learn to live with the virus.

Thank you to everyone continuing to work or volunteer in our local vaccination centres who've helped make this moment possible. Over 2.3 million vaccinations have been given out across Kent, with two thirds of adults in the county having received both jabs.

I know just how important easing restrictions has been for local businesses – especially our pubs and the hospitality sector, and in making life worth living again for so many people.

In the months ahead I'll continue supporting people and businesses affected by Covid and do everything I can to help our local NHS and councils through these crucial next few months.

More than at any point in the pandemic, people need to use their judgement to help keep the virus under control. Everyone can play their part by taking up the offer of being vaccinated and getting tested regularly.

It's up to all of us to think about how our actions and decisions can keep ourselves and others safe. If we're on a crowded train or busy shop, then wearing a face mask is the sensible thing to do. We have our freedoms back, let's use them carefully.

More money for our schools

Schools in Faversham and Mid Kent have been allocated £59 million by the Department for Education – up £4 million on last year.

Minimum funding levels will mean that every primary school will receive at least £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525 per pupil.

I've heard first-hand that our fairer funding formula is already making a difference to schools that have historically been under funded.

This month has also seen a number of our schools take part in virtual visits to Parliament – including The Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Park Wood and Oaks Primary Academy in Shepway.

Backing our tourism businesses

I visited Leeds Castle again recently to meet their new Chief Executive, Helen Bonser-Wilton.

I know the past year has been incredibly tough for tourism and hospitality businesses. I'm glad the Government has published a new strategy to help the sector back on its feet, which includes an extra £352 million in support.

With summer here, and restrictions eased, there's never been a better time to support our local hospitality businesses.

New autism strategy launched

As Care Minister I've been leading work to develop a new cross-government autism strategy.

Our new strategy will improve society's understanding of autism, help autistic people get the right support at the right time, and help more autistic people live their lives to the full.

It was great to meet people from the Kent Autistic Trust again last month for an update on their work supporting people with autism.

Stockbury roundabout set up upgrade

Following a public inquiry earlier this year, the Department for Transport has given the green light to a major junction improvement scheme at Stockbury roundabout.

This junction is in desperate need of an upgrade, so this news is going to be welcomed by commuters fed up with sitting in traffic. But I know that for people in Stockbury this will come as a huge blow as there are very real concerns that the village could be cut off as a result of the works.

I'll continue to work with local councillors, the Parish Council, and Kent County Council to find ways of improving access to the village – including pushing for a new bridge over the A249.

Shepway regeneration plans taking shape

I called into Shepway in July to see for myself how plans to redevelop Cambridge Crescent in Shepway could benefit the local community.

The proposals announced by Golding Homes would see Cambridge Crescent turned into 240 new homes, an updated shopping area, and new public spaces.

While investment in new housing and facilities is good news for the local community, people need supporting during these changes. I'll stand up for anyone who feels their concerns are not being listened to.

Flexible fares become a reality

June saw the introduction of new flexible season tickets for train passengers.

I've been campaigning for fairer fares on our railways, with a ticketing model that better reflects how people live and work, so I'm pleased to see this become a reality.

Under the new scheme, people can purchase a season ticket allowing travel on any 8 days in a month. For commuters from Maidstone, a flexible season ticket could save £832.00 per year on travel to London



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Garden waste collections

Due to the ongoing HGV driver shortage and COVID absence MBC's contractor has continuing issues with garden waste collections.

The contractor won't be able to return for these collections, as that would reduce crews available for the collection of domestic waste.

Properties in these affected areas will be prioritised for the next collection and considered for an extension of subscription, on renewal.

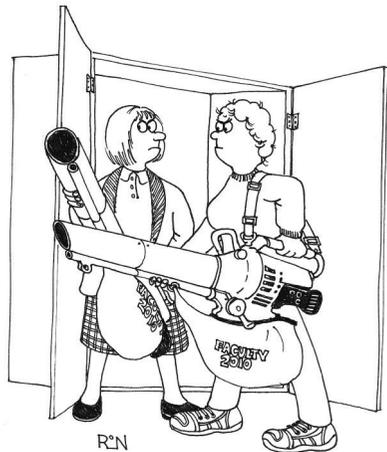
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A man went into a drop-in medical centre where the diagnosis was done by a computer. The patient keyed in his symptoms. The machine whirred and buzzed for a few seconds and then presented its findings on the screen. It said simply: "There's a lot of it about."



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."



*Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle
required a faculty*

Poster found in a church in France (translated)

'When you enter this church, it may be that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him. If you want to see him, send him a text while driving.'



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Saturday 10:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 9:00 - 9:00pm

Food Finishes

9 pm Monday—Saturday

8 pm Sunday

Unpopular estate developers try to make headway.

The developers of the hugely unpopular and contested housing estate on Windmill Lane seem determined to push ahead before their planning permission expired on 3rd August, despite having no legal access to the lane that will become the entrance.

The builders this week, using the Windmill car park as access and parking, pushed ahead to create the entrance despite numerous events stacking up against them.

The housing estate, which has been protested from its inception, is accessible only between a narrow gap between two listed buildings - Grade II listed Foxgrove House and the Grade II listed Windmill pub.

The narrow gap, which borders the basements of both properties, is highly unsuitable for the site traffic, and also the extra cars that the properties would bring.

This entrance is also part of the Hollingbourne Conservation area, established to preserve the historical nature of the ancient Village.

The developers have also failed to pause, despite the Parish Council unanimously voting against being satisfied with the respite survey and the discovery of items of specific interest in the recent archaeological survey.

"The evaluation has demonstrated the survival of locally and potentially regionally significant archaeological remains in the form of probable Anglo-Saxon burials in a restricted area of the site. The burials were left in situ. One contained a spearhead which was recovered. They cannot be definitively dated but might be of prehistoric date. All the features probably relate to a settlement site in the vicinity. It is suggested that, generally, the proposed development will have an overall high impact on the archaeological resource in the area."

Architect Guy Osborne based in Harrietsham who claims on his website that "We obtain planning for your land" has commissioned the builders to begin work, yet the land is owned by a Hollingbourne resident.



Before setting off on a business trip to Birmingham, I called the hotel where I'd be staying to see if they had a gym. The hotel receptionist's sigh had a tinge of exasperation in it when she answered.

"We have over 100 guests at this facility," she said. "Does this 'Jim' have a last name?"

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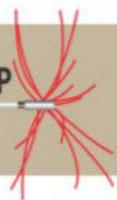
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My dear Nephew Darren

As with many of your ideas, your intentions are admirable; it is just that they don't work.

So, it was with the recent wedding in your church, where you allowed the happy, but quite mad, young couple to try and imitate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. It was kind of them to want to celebrate Will and Kate's recent 10th wedding anniversary, but it did not seem to occur to anybody that your church, converted from a 1960s warehouse, is fractionally less impressive than Westminster Abbey. And I feel that a backdrop of a car park and canal make a poor substitute for the Houses of Parliament and the Thames. Finally, even 43 very enthusiastic young people can hardly pretend they are a congregation of several thousand.

However, I do applaud your decision to invite me to take it, in order to impart a degree of gravitas to the proceedings, though, of course, I would not presume to upstage the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Although were he to ask my advice on how to run the Anglican Church, I have several helpful suggestions to hand.) But even I struggled to keep things on a proper course when the bride, lacking a horse-drawn carriage, simply walked up the lane with her ancient pony. (Which then tried to bite me at the church door!)

Her arrival was greeted with music. I will pass no comment on this, as the Bible says we are to make a joyful noise, not necessarily music, unto the Lord. I am sure that drums and kazoos and guitars all have their place – somewhere or other.

It was a pity that the groom, unlike Prince William, had not thought to get to the church on time – or indeed, at all. It was fortunate that the bride's mother found him in that pub nearby, or really, we would have struggled to complete the wedding.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Overall, chickens have probably flown further as an airline meal than they have as a species.

The sentence, 'Are you as bored as I am?', can be read backwards and still make sense.

Men don't want to see what's on television. They want to see WHAT ELSE is on television.

VILLAGE DIARY

September

1 st	2.30 - 4.00 pm	Mayor's Afternoon Tea (by invitation only)	
2 nd	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Mayor's Afternoon Tea	Maidstone Town Hall
4 th		Leeds Castle Concert	
8 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
11 th	10am – 6 pm	Ride & Stride	All Saints Church
12 th	11.00 am	Rev'd. Rob Tugwell's First Service	All Saints Church
14 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
19 th	6.00 pm	Hucking Harvest Praise & Buffet	St. Margarets, Hucking
21 st	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
24 th	4 – 8.30 pm	Great Leeds Book Sale	St. Nicholas Church, Leeds
25 th	10 am – 2.30 pm	Great Leeds Book Sale	St. Nicholas Church, Leeds
26 th	11.00 am	Harvest Service	All Saints Church
?		Garden Society Autumn Show	

October

2 nd	7.30 pm	Detling Quiz	Detling Village Hall
13 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
?		Garden Society Annual Supper	
11 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
19 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
23 rd	7.30 pm	Dr. Jazz Evening	Detling Church
31 st	2.00 am	Summer Time Ends	

November

6 th	7.30 pm	Poetry of Pam Ayres	Detling Church
8 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
10 th	12.10-12.40pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
16 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall
20 th		Detling Village Christmas Bazaar	Detling Village Hall
	7.30 pm	W.I. Barn Dance	Village Hall
21 st		Stir Up Sunday	

December

8 th	12.10-12.40 pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
13 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Cardwell Pavilion
14 th	7.45 pm	W.I. Christmas Party (TBC)	Village Hall
24 th		Christmas Eve	
25 th		Christmas Day	
26 th		Boxing Day	
31 st		New Year's Eve	

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

New additions in red.

Please send information for Village Diary and Regular Meetings to

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REGULAR MEETINGS

After school Club:

Schooldays to 6 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

Bellringing Practice

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

Bourne Musicians (3 months - 5 years):

Fridays 9.30 - 11 am **Village Hall**

Brownies:

Wednesdays 6.00—7.15 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

Cubs:

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

Explorers:

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

Hucking WI

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

Mobile Library

Wednesdays 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

2021

Term 1: 1st September—22nd October

Term 2: 1st November—17th December

Term 3: 4th January—11th February

Term 4: 21st February—11th April

Term 5: 19th April—27th May

Term 6: 6th June—22nd July

2022

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)

Boules 6.30 pm **Cardwell Pavilion**

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