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Yalding & Laddingford Parish Magazine would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her family on the death of Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.



FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The Summer before last, I headed down to the Lees on the off chance I might stumble upon some interesting wildfowl, I had my big 600mm lens on that day which is perfect for close up shots of small things far away, but not ideal for capturing the wider scene.

With the landscape being so flat, you get a wonderful view right across the field all the way from Hampstead Marina to where the village begins and just out of the corner of my eye, I spotted a flash of red. No, it wasn't a red breasted robin or a cycling peloton, but a Kent Fire Brigade fire engine out on a call and was racing along Lees Road clearly in a hurry to get to a call.

I immediately thought how cool it would be to capture a panning shot of it at speed, but I had to think quickly about my composition.

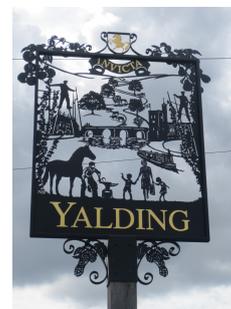
I gambled correctly on the truck following the road and over Twyford Bridge but the big lens I had on was totally unsuitable. It was going to be tight, but I had just enough time to make the switch and I frantically unclipped the 600mm in favour of my trusty 70-200mm.

It was now a race against time to get the other lens on, set a focal length, evaluate the aperture and dial in the shutter speed.

I had the aperture set to f/8 and a shutter speed of 1/30th second which would be slow enough to capture the motion of the speeding truck. In order to achieve this, I dropped the ISO right down to its lowest setting of 31. I had just enough time to fire off three frames, one of which caught the vehicle in just the right spot with the perfect amount of blur to show it in action. I was thankful I had the camera on a tripod as that would have been an added challenge to hold the camera still enough to get the perfect shot.

David Jenner

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Parish Message for May

May is probably my favourite month. Frosts are behind us, the garden starts to take shape and, being a few weeks into exposing my arms, legs, and face to sunlight again, I can rejoice for the passing of that bluey tinge of my winter skin.

If the government lockdown roadmap progresses to plan, May 17th will for this year be a turning point for us all. This date marks the return of the indoor reunions of families and friends. During the last year we have been subject to a plethora of social distancing regulations and rules, and have perhaps fallen out of the habit of hosting one another. In my parish role the recent rarity of face-to-face contact has led me to appreciate afresh the joy of hospitality. I have never appreciated more the value of a shared beverage and conversation. For those of you looking forward to such contact after the 17th, I would be happy to meet with you, your teapot and biscuit tin if you need a chat!

As I speak to others about the new freedoms we may enjoy, people seem to hold one of three views.

Firstly, there are those who are excited by the changes. They are menu planning for dinner parties, planning holidays and have already been found queuing outside Primark. This group are amongst the minority in my experience.

The second group are those who are concerned about the relaxation of rules. They are either worried about how others might act irresponsibly and endanger them or have lost confidence in leaving home. To be in big or busy places after the intimacy of staying locally for most of the last six months is a daunting prospect that will need gradually building up to.

The third group are those who have rather enjoyed the peace and quiet of the last few months. Many have appreciated less pressure to travel and rush about, more time for hobbies and not having to wear normal work clothes. Whilst the relaxation of rules for some may be looked at as the timely end to an unplanned sabbatical; for others, it feels intrusive having settled to life at a different rhythm that seems much more enjoyable than their life before Covid.

So how can we help each other to manage our different perceptions about the changes ahead? I think we need to be honest about how we feel and listen carefully to one another. As we reflect, we could do worse than consider the message from Psalm 121 which reminds us that:

“The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore.”

This Psalm is one of the Songs of Ascent which would have been sung as the people walked to The Temple in Jerusalem to worship. In the modern context we are called on behalf of God to watch over one another as we travel and meet.

In our Benefice, churches we have remained open for prayer and worship throughout the recent months of lockdown. For some the chance to visit church on a Sunday or Wednesday has been an important part of their routine; but for many, shielding or being cautious until they are vaccinated or otherwise feel safe, the month of May could mark the beginning of a return to church as well as other activities. Your church family will be happy to greet you whenever you feel able to return in person. Please be assured that our Covid protocols are top notch, and we do everything we can to ensure your safety. If anything is worrying you, please speak to one of us so that we can offer appropriate support.

In Luke 4, Jesus declared that he had come to ***“proclaim freedom for the prisoners...and to set the oppressed free...”***

Whilst this long winter may have felt like a prison at times, I hope that you are able to reflect on some of the positives of life lived more simply and embrace the new freedoms for yourself. We have in each church service prayed for you and your safety and will continue to do so. We look forward to welcoming you in person to church as soon as you feel ready.

With every blessing

Rev'd Lisa Cornell.

Church Services in the parish

St Peter and St Paul, Yalding

Sundays	09.30	Holy Communion
Tuesdays	18.00	Evening Prayer online (Traditional language)
Wednesdays	10.00	Holy Communion, Lady chapel (Traditional language)
	20.00	Study Group (online)
Thursdays	10.00	Study Group (online)
Fridays	18.00	Evening Prayer online (Contemporary language)

St Mary's, Laddingford

No services are being held at St Mary's for the time being.

In term time, St Mary's is reserved for use by Laddingford Primary school

St Margaret's, Collier Street

Sundays	11.00	Holy Communion
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RC Mass at Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlestead

Sundays	09.30	All welcome
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Our Discussion Forum will resume after Lockdown.

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Yalding Baptist Church

Everyone Welcome at Vicarage Road

(Sunday services: Zoom ID 857 4184 1757)

2nd May	10.30	Communion Service
9th May	10.30	Visiting speaker Bev Grove
16th May	10.30	All age service
23rd May	10.30	Usual service and Kitchen Crew (age 11+)
30th May	10.30	Usual service
		Mid week meetings: Zoom ID on request
5th May	20.15	Prayer and share
19th May	20.15	Bible study (Acts 8)

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yaldingbaptistchurch.my-free.website,

www.facebook.com/yaldingbaptistchurch

100 CLUB drawn in aid of church funds

April winners

1st	Jennifer Raikes	19
2nd	Martin Roberts	6
3rd	James Brown	45

Next Draw is on the 2nd May

Richard Young





Yalding Post Office

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Sorting Office news. Well, the posties are now operating from the new Medway Valley Royal Mail office at Snodland. Cheryl has kept her current round but, sadly Dan and Jo are no longer working the rounds in Yalding. Jo has gone back to her previous employment (before Covid) and Dan has transferred to a different office with a plan to move north in the relatively near future. We had a collection for Dan which was presented to him in a small ceremony on Friday 12th March and we all wish him and his family the very best of fortune for the future. There will be the odd teething problem arising from this move. The new posties will take time to settle in and sometimes mail will not come back to the Post Office for collection. Please be patient & understanding.

Please also remember that since Brexit all parcels to EU destinations now require a customs label. All customs labels have to be filled in with block capitals and be clear and legible and must include the senders' name and address. If not the package will not leave the country and will be returned to the sender.

For those customers with Post Office Card Accounts. (POCA) We await news from POL and Gov't about how they will cater for those who cannot transfer benefits to a standard bank account. POCA is due to cease operating in November.

The Coronavirus emergency. Please wear a mask in the shop. Only one customer in the shop at any one time (more than one allowed if residing together) Please also keep a safe distance apart whilst waiting to enter.

New stamps sets this month are the Wars of the Roses and Paul McCartney collections. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request. Foreign Currencies. We still have a stock of Euros and US Dollars... Hopefully people can resume foreign travel this year. POL have informed us that credit on Travel Money Cards can be encashed at all branches in UK currency.

Your Post Office offers free cash withdrawals with most debit cards, pay bills, top up gas and electricity cards and keys, pay in cheques and cash to most banks using your debit card. We do Health Lottery, phone Top-Ups, Fishing licences and Moneygram. And, of course...we sell stamps and send parcels and letters all over the world.

Bakery items fresh every day, Croissants and other pastries Thursdays and Saturdays, cold drinks, unique greetings cards by local artists, Yalding honey, Joan's jams, Bit Spicy curry mixes, hand-made fabric items, stationery, Yalding mugs, fresh eggs from local chickens, Loddington Farm fruit juices, Oakapple Farm fresh produce.....All in stock now.

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Early closing on Wednesdays and Saturdays (12.30pm Saturdays).

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News from LITTLE VENICE

Spring has sprung. The grass is ris; I know just where dem boidies is!

Our resident pair of swans have selected their nest site, built their nest and are sitting on several eggs. A pair of ducks are nesting in the vicinity of the ditch beside the field. They pop round to see me most days for a quick snack.

My four Indian Runner ducks seem to visit every time I even think about breathing. They will all take food from me, and two of them happily come into the pontoon to eat out of my hand. They are just SO demanding! And *noisy*! They have names given to them by the people who hatched them and introduced them to river life.

So, not only is the river busy, gardens on Little Venice are coming to life and there is an abundance of colour appearing. Camelias, daffs, hyacinths, violets, magnolia and so many others are brightening our little world.

The weather has certainly been challenging. We have gone from sitting out in the sun to building snowmen in the space of a week. They say variety is the spice of life but this has taken it a bit too far. If you haven't checked out our little library in the post room recently there are a lot of books there to choose from. There are also DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.

I think that's about it — apart from saying Hello and Welcome to our new owners at Little Venice.

The weather is getting warmer, lockdown is easing, so please everyone, stay safe. *Sally Hillier*



New hobby? Old love? Come Crafting at LADDINGFORD

Macrame, knitting, pottery or gardening, falling back in love with playing an instrument or simply diving into a new book. This year has taught us the benefits of peace in crafting. Escapism, meditative therapy for better sleep and relaxation, or an opportunity to meet like-minded people - crafting can be all or any of these things.

If any of this speaks to you, or if, like us, you're craving some crafty company, we'd love to welcome you to our craft group that meets at The Chequers in Laddingford.

You don't have to be a pro or even consider yourself an avid crafter - just come along for tea, coffee, a slice of cake supplied by Charles and Tracey and, of course a good natter about all things made.

This is a closeup of two tiny little baby hats we made for the Special Care Baby Unit at Maidstone Hospital.

Surely we'll be back by the summer, so if you'd like to join us, send us an email on agavin58@gmail.com . You'll be made very welcome.



Pauline Harper and Anne Hann

Phil Keeler's BIG BIKE RIDE for Dandelion Time

THE KM WEST KENT BIG BIKE RIDE and RAISING FUNDS for DANDELION TIME



I've been supporting Dandelion Time for some years now. This year I've decided to do the 100km West Kent Big Bike Ride as my main effort to help this small Kent charity.

KM, organisers of the Big Bike Ride, want 30% of the sponsorship funds raised to go to their own charity, to fund its child literacy, road safety and environmental work with schools, and to cover the costs of the event.

The other 70% of the funds I raise will go to Dandelion Time. Do read the details about Dandelion Time below.

Please sponsor me at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Keeler>

Thank you for your support for Dandelion Time. Phil Keeler

Dandelion Time transforms the lives of traumatised children in Kent using a therapeutic approach that is family based, embedded in nature with a range of activities that engage head, heart and hands. This nurturing environment allows children to build self-belief, strengthen relationships and develop the skills and aspirations for a brighter future.

Those referred are usually from deprived backgrounds and have complex needs. Their history frequently includes family conflict, exclusion from school, or placement in foster care. Past abuse or domestic violence is a factor for many families; children may be young carers for parents with poor mental or physical health, in addition to having to cope with traumatic experiences.

Often interventions from education, social or mental health services have been unable to resolve their issues, and Dandelion Time is considered a last resort to help these children to re-engage with school and re-connect with those around them.

Over their lifetime an excluded child will cost the tax-payer £370,000. Around 70% of excluded children referred to Dandelion Time do re-engage with education and it only costs £2,500 to put a child through the Dandelion Time Therapeutic Programme, so it is easy to see the fantastic value that this delivers.





Join our Laddingford Family!

Do you know anyone looking for a Primary School place? We still have a limited number of spaces in some year groups – please give us a call to enquire.

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual open events in November, if you missed these but would still like to know more about the school please get in touch with us via the school office email address below. We would be happy to have a chat with you, via phone or video call and to share some videos with you to give you a flavour of our school.

Our school website has lots of information too, including a virtual tour video on the 'admissions' page;

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Laddingford Primary School News

Summer Term News

I am writing this at the end of the Easter Holiday, looking excitedly ahead to what I very much hope will be something resembling a 'normal' summer term. Once again, we are all having to recalibrate our thinking, aren't we? As the country begins to open up again and we consider what we are happy (or indeed, delighted!) to do and what we are not yet comfortable with. At school this is happening too, with changing guidance still surprising us from time to time! Most recently, it looks as though we will be in a position to take children in Year 5 and 6 on their residential activity trip in May, with our trip booked for the week that this becomes possible once again. The company we are travelling with have given us great confidence in their Covid safety measures so I am delighted that these children are going to be able to have this important experience, after they have missed out on such a lot.

(The pictures below are a throw back from last time we went away in 2019. the Climbing wall on the left, and on the right, a delighted zip wire passenger arriving at speed!)

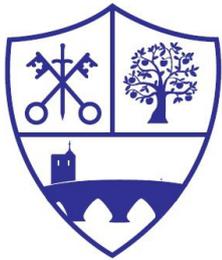


We have tentatively put dates in the diary for other events too, like Sports Day and our annual drama production. I'm sure things will still look a little different for the remainder of the year but I am delighted by the prospect of being able to hold bigger community events, such as the summer fair, if and when it is safe to do so.

The highlight of the curriculum last term was arguably Mr Ousby's English topic on Macbeth with Year 3 and 4 – they were captivated by the story (especially some of the gory bits!) and had a great time acting too. This term, children in year 3-6 will be embarking on one of my favourite topics; 'Ancient Egypt', I am excited to hear what aspects of the topic catch their interest and to see the work produced – we will share some highlights on our facebook page too so don't forget to give us a follow!

I hope you all continue to keep safe and well, and hopefully by the time you read this the weather will have warmed up a bit!

Take Care, Mrs Hitch



Yalding St Peter and St Paul
Church of England Primary School

Yalding St Peter and St Paul CEP School

Yalding School is a friendly and successful school. We have a unique setting with engaging, bright and inspiring classrooms and extensive outdoor learning spaces.

Our vision is to provide a caring and engaging learning environment which nurtures the well-being and aspirations of all members of the school community.

Our mission is to develop learners who are curious, motivated, creative, co-operative, persevering and independent.

Our school website has lots of information, including a short film and virtual tour video on the Home page.

www.yalding.kent.sch.uk

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Yalding School News

New projects - Big Questions

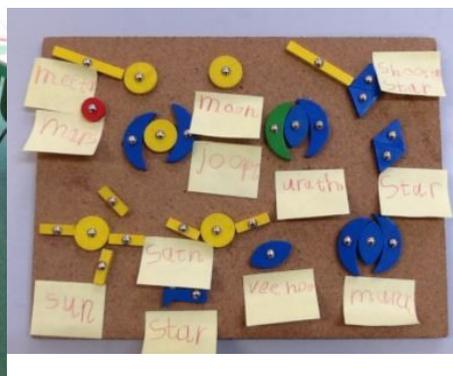
With all children back in school, we have been able to study our new projects. Each class, from Year 1 to Year 6, have a "big question" which ties all of their project learning together.

These questions inspire discussion and opportunities to reflect on wider issues. In term 4, the questions were:-

Year 1 – Is every country the same? Year 2 – Is it better to live in Yalding or The Gambia?
Year 3 – How do we build a society? Year 4 – How does adversity make us stronger?
Year 5 – Where does authority come from? Year 6 – What makes us human?

Reception

Bees class have been doing some very imaginative learning. Some of the children have created marble runs using Lego and others have used the shapes to make a picture of the planets, comets and stars.



Forest Schools

Before Easter, Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in Forest School Sessions. They have participated in team building and problem solving activities; fire building, whittling and creating self-portraits using natural resources.



Thinking of others

For Red Nose 2021, we decided to exchange one item of their school uniform, for something red. The playground looked very colourful at playtime, with children wearing red tights, T-shirts, dresses and jumpers.... Our families were very generous, donating over £260 for the charities supported by this event.

Mrs Friend

YALDING (Twyford) PRESCHOOL

We are so pleased with the success of our Easter trail and raffle. We raised an astounding £791.50 which will go straight into the resources for the children. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a joy to see all the children and their parents running around the village looking for the drawings drawn by our preschoolers. Did you crack the code I wonder?

Our Colouring & Drawing competition was a lot of fun, and we really struggled to choose a winner. Alexander won the first prize for his amazing

colouring-in of the rabbit, using vivid colours, filling up the whole picture, and it was clear a lot of time and effort went into his work. Well done Alexander, we are very proud of you. Runners up were Darcey, Harley and Rex.

We are making plans for September 2021! If you would like an Admissions Form, please email admin@yaldingpreschool.co.uk

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TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL



We would like to welcome all our new children to the start of our summer term where we will be enjoying lots of outdoor play in our wonderful, secluded garden. Our story times outside will start with our termly book **Anna Hibiscus' song** by Atinuke.

This tells the story of Anna Hibiscus who lives in Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers and lots and lots of her family. We are going to get to know her, her family and what makes them happy in this delightfully illustrated story that explores feelings, love and togetherness, in everyday life in Africa.

In our craft corner the children will be painting a self-portrait which will be displayed around the hall, making bead jewellery, and listening to African music. The children will also be pounding yams before cooking and tasting them during our snack time.

A huge thank you to all that donated their unwanted clothes for our 'bags to school' fundraiser last term, we raised an amazing £105.00 which will go towards our craft material for the children.

Enquiries: contact Tina Driver on **07805 796353** or email tandwngroup@gmail.com

YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alms Houses, Yalding

New Trustee Sought for Yalding Alms Houses.

Retirement from the committee leaves a vacancy for a new member. Trustees are required to attend between 2 & 4 meetings a year, as required. The committee consists of a chair, treasurer, clerk and 5 other members.

The new trustee will be involved in discussions and decision making to ensure the charity is run in the best interests of those it supports.

No previous experience is necessary. The members seek someone who is committed, willing to suggest &

question as well as listen to and consider other's ideas.

The Alms Houses were built in 1847 for 6 single women of the village. They continue to provide a safe and secure home for 6 ladies of our community.

If you are interested in this role or have any questions please contact the Clerk, De-Ann Parsons at **deannkember@gmail.com**

The Clerk would be pleased to hear from anyone with general Handyman skills who is interested in quoting for ad-hoc work at the Alms Houses. Contact the Clerk, De-Ann Parsons at **deannkember@gmail.com**

YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY

Yalding Garden Society's Zoom talk by Adam Alexander, entitled The Adventures of a Seed Detective was attended by some 50 members who all enjoyed the entertaining stories of how Adam had been growing since the age of 6, not just in height but as a gardener. His career was focused on filming abroad which gave him time to investigate unusual rare and endangered species of vegetables the seeds of which he has spent the last 35yrs collecting.

A more detailed report will be in the next YGS newsletter. There will be more Zoom Talks during the year and we hope to be able to hold our Autumn Show in September which will be a great opportunity for everyone to get together again. Perhaps our lovely outings to local gardens will resume soon also. If you are interested in joining the Garden Society contact **Joy Virden, Chairman 01622 814509.**

DIARY - Jenny Scott

It has been sometime since we've had a full diary page in the magazine, but the lockdown seems to be easing, so I thought I'd just mention that I am still here and anxious to receive all your events so we can have a Diary Page once more.

If you are planning to start up a regular group again, or have a one off event, please let me know so our readers can come along and join in! My number is always on page 2 with the Editor, Advertising, Treasurer and Distribution.

To save you looking, my numbers are **01892 459041 and 07785974951.**

EDITOR'S NOTES

Just a note to thank everyone for supporting us with your generous donations. It really means so much to us and makes all our efforts to bring you news all the more rewarding. You have it covered for the next 11 months!

We have received a request from Kenward Trust asking for volunteers and we have added this to our back page. They urgently need volunteers and if you think you may fit the bill, please apply.

They do such good work and they can only do so with the help of the community willing to give that little bit more.

New this month! Pet of the month.

Bernie is our first Pet of the Month and hopefully we will be having more very loved pets sent in - remember we need a really good picture and a short story about your pet, so we can all appreciate why you love your pet so much. *June Chapman*

Dr Elizabeth Fincham 1922-2021



“ Dr. Elizabeth” was one of the first women in England to qualify as a doctor. Persistence and organisation remained the hallmarks of her professional life, while devotion to her family was paramount.

She spent the middle 30 years of her long life living at Lees Lodge. She brought up her family there, while she and her beloved husband Paul served together as GPs to the people of Yalding. They were a great team. They differed in temperament and approach, but together they ran an efficient and happy practice.

The surgery was attached to the side of the house, with minimal space and amenities compared to those at Burgess Bank. Who could forget consultations with her, while Sam, the large cocker spaniel snored at her feet? Her office doubled as dispensary. The drugs on open shelves round the walls, arranged by her system which was entirely impenetrable to me when working as their locum.

After their retirement in 1986, when Tony took over the practice, they lived in, and enjoyed Ashdown Forest, until sadly Paul died in 2015. In spite of failing health, Elizabeth retained her sense of order and humour, and her love of chocolate! She died peacefully, sitting in her chair at home while Tony was with her.

Jonathan and I were privileged to represent the village at her funeral. It was held in her parish Church at Fairwarp, in the Ashdown Forest. The congregation was limited to thirty and no hymns of course. But it was a lovely, moving service with contributions from her three surviving children and three of her grandchildren. A choir of three provided beautiful musical interludes.

Afterwards she was laid to rest in bright sunshine, with the surrounding trees full of birdsong. RIP

Joy Virden

YALDING TREE GUARDIANS

www.yaldingtreeguardians.weebly.com



This month I'm going to talk about The Mighty Oak on Vicarage Road. This is one of three mighty oaks in a field horses used to frequent next to the driveway of Wardes Moat.

Mighty oak trees have been historically used for shipbuilding and currently they are felling 200 year old very straight oak trees in France to re-make the spire at Notre Dame as nothing compares to this wonderful strong wood.

The three oaks in this field must be at least 200 hundred years old, but they are not tall and straight by any means. Oak can be seen in all the medieval listed houses in Yalding with their loadbearing beams which

give the buildings their unique character.

Oak trees mature at 50 years old - then they produce acorns which feed hungry squirrels. Over 400 animals big and obviously very small live in a mature oak making it one of the best diverse trees we have.

Our other favourite oak is the One Tree on The Lees which has a round seat underneath, which is a welcome break for any walker enjoying our lovely countryside.

If you are a lover of trees, please look us up on Facebook - we get many posts of spectacular trees - always a sense of wonder.

Hi Bernie! - pet of the month

This is **Bernie** who is four years old.

This fabulous photo was taken by Lois' grandson, Rhys (age 15). Bernie lives in Paddock Wood but can be seen in Yalding when he quite often visits and stays with Lois.

He loves walking on the Lees, waiting patiently for a treat at The Post Office and running really fast, just enjoying life.

Bernie was one of 9 puppies to a Collie dad and a Labradoodle mum. He is intelligent, kind and funny and a great family dog and this picture says it all.

Have you a loving pet you would like to share with our readers? Send a clear picture and some words telling us all about them.



Yalding Parish Council

EXTRACTS FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

INCREASE IN HGV'S

The 7.5 weight restriction pilot scheme from Yalding to Langley is awaiting the DoT to devolve powers to KCC. This has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and may not come back to the table until November. The Chairman to make further investigations.

ACCESS TO THE KINTONS FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT, VICARAGE ROAD

The bridge should be completed by the end of April and our County Councillor, Mrs Paulina Stockell, has agreed to perform the opening ceremony as her final act before retirement.

FUTURE MEETINGS

It has been confirmed by central government that virtual Parish Council meetings will cease as of 7th May 2021, subject to a High Court challenge. The village hall is not available and there are no other suitable venues either available or large enough to allow social distancing. Not all Councillors are comfortable meeting face to face at this time. It was felt that processes need to be put in place to allow business to continue whilst keeping Councillors and members of the public safe.

•MOTION TO INTRODUCE A SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO THE CLERK

An example of a scheme of delegation to the Clerk had been previously circulated, The Clerk felt that this was something that should be in place anyway. It was proposed by The Chairman and all agreed to prepare a scheme for Yalding Parish Council for approval at the May meeting.

•MOTION TO HOLD ANNUAL PARISH AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021 VIRTUALLY BEFORE 7TH MAY

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April and The Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM) on 4th May, both virtually.

•MOTION TO HOLD THE 4TH MAY 2021 MEETING VIRTUALLY

It was agreed that the Parish Council meeting for 4th May would be held virtually following the APCM.

•MOTION TO CANCEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JUNE / JULY 2021

It was unanimously agreed not to hold formal Parish Council meetings in June or July 2021. Regular business would be dealt with by delegation and it was noted that the Chairman could call a meeting for any emergency items when a short meeting could be held outside.

YALDING ENTERPRISE PARK (YEP) - INFORMATION ON THE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

Outline permission was granted on 25 March with conditions.

Yalding Parish Council (YPC) spoke at the meeting with regards to S106 monies to be allocated to Network Rail to improve lighting and shelters, which appear to have already been done. With this development coming forward, it is a nonsense that there is no disabled access to or from platform 2. It is also difficult to access with a pushchair. MBC Cllrs agreed to redirect the monies for the provision of disabled access.

The planning officer had also commented that, with a railway station, there was no need for bus services to access the site. YPC pointed out that there was no railway connection from many of the surrounding villages and that it made sense for the Number 6 Arriva bus to access both the site and the station and the Nu Venture bus to access the site. This would open-up direct access to both hospitals as well as other areas further afield. This in turn would open up the catchment for employment at the site.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN, PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

It was agreed that Steve Clarke, planning consultant, should be appointed to prepare a submission for YPC if there were any material changes from the Regulation 18 submission.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Paulina Stockell is retiring at May's election and it was agreed to send a card and flowers to say thank you for her continued support of the Parish over many years.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It was proposed that, following the election, YPC write requesting either attendance of a Borough Councillor or a written report on MBC activities affecting the Ward at each meeting.

OPEN SPACES

YALDING VILLAGE GREEN

There has been some further, severe damage due to cars parking on the green. KG will progress the bollards as quickly as possible. Residents should only leave recycled rubbish next to the bin on bin collection day. It was noted that the small electrical goods were not being collected at the appropriate time and this would be reported to MBC. It was confirmed that advertising boards are not permitted on the Village Green and, as it is in a Conservation Area, planning permission would be required in any case.

THE KINTONS

KG will undertake the works with Community Payback to fix the kissing gate on the public footpath. Potholes have appeared at the Vicarage Road end of the track and KCC are looking at work to stop the water running off the highway.

THE TATT

Now that the swing has been removed the rubber matting needs to be taken away and the Clerk will talk to Medway Valley Countryside Partnership regarding the reinstatement of the area.

TODDLER SLIDE JUBILEE FIELD

It was brought to our attention by a parent that the toddler slide faces south and gets so hot it cannot be used. A quote has been received from Sovereign of £1,166 to extend the safety surface so that the slide can face the other way. This price excludes laying the concrete base or actually moving the slide. DS suggested a Sail or Wooden Gazebo but both of these could lead to vandalism. A Site meeting will be held to discuss.

FOWLE HALL GREEN

INSTALLATION OF GATE – The gate is now ready for installation and Cllrs Sanders and Gough will hold a site meeting.

SCOUT CAMPING – In the past it has been discussed that this land is currently not used at all and could possibly be used by the scouts. The Clerk will talk to Yalding Scout leaders.

RIVER BANKS

It was agreed that there is a need for and to appoint a volunteer River/Open Spaces Warden whose duties would be defined. A risk assessment will be drafted for the role. The current river bailiff, Bill Bird, would be offered the position, which would be reviewed and advertised annually in line with other contractors/volunteers. Insurers have confirmed that as an appointed volunteer he is insured but the pay-out value would be less as he gets older.

FLOODING

LEIGH FLOOD STORAGE AREA PUBLIC INQUIRY

This commences on the 26th April for two weeks and has arisen due to objections from nearby landowners. The Chairman had drafted and circulated a response and all agreed that this should be forwarded to the appeal inspector.

GENERAL UPDATE

The Chairman has written to UKPN re the old site at Burgess Bank which YPC could make use of, and the Lyngs Farmhouse sub-station.

LEES PICNIC AREA

The picnic area and car park opened on 1 April. The Clerk has written to the boatyard but there is no water in the river at the moment so no boats are moving. Cllr Gough has spoken with the Environment Agency (EA) contractor who hopes to start refilling mid-April. The reason the work has taken so long was the need to replace a no-longer-available part that has had to be custom made.

STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME

The lighting replacement/repair programme was agreed. In year one, £25,000 has been included in the budget to replace many of the lanterns and posts that are beyond repair. The lanterns by Lees Cottage and Windmill path have been replaced already as they were out. The light at The Kintons Track on Vicarage Road has been temporarily removed as it had been hit by a vehicle for a second time and become unstable. This together with one at Lyngs Close and Benover Road would need pole and lantern replacement; other lantern replacements have been put in hand at Cleavesland, High Street o/s The Forge, the barns and Town Bridge, Kenward Road, opposite Birkby's, Lees Road outside The Cottage and Beultside, junction Medway Avenue and Yalding Hill. The light opposite Blunden Lane, the pole is rotten and the light will be removed as there is already another light opposite.

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS TWYFORD BRIDGE

The sequence appears to have been changed. Instead of changing to red both sides when nothing is approaching the lights from either end of the bridge, they are now changing to red by the Boathouse and green by the car park. This is in effect holding the traffic back and will cause chaos when the car park is busy.

REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUE THE PATH THROUGH THE CEMETERY

Several years ago, YPC in conjunction with Community Payback and Yalding Church, installed a path through the cemetery from the Kintons footpath to the tree but stopped there due to the roots of the tree. Yalding Church has requested help with extending the path to the current stile. It was agreed that Cllr Gough would investigate the possibility of providing this extension and the Community Payback team are offered to do the work.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of the intention to make an Order to close Public Footpath KM193, Yalding from 19th April for up to six months, although it is envisaged it will reopen by 7th June.. This is the footpath from Yalding High
2. Letter from a resident asking for a reduced speed limit on Kenward Road - KCC now state that they need Parish Council support before they will even consider these requests. This road currently does not meet the criteria but, if the 100 houses are built this, may change.
3. Letter from a resident re lorries on Lughorse Lane - The Clerk has written to point out that there is a weight restriction on the lane and Yalding Hill.
4. Various emails from residents re the work at Kenward Farm – Maidstone Borough Council has contacted the contractor to remind him of the permitted hours of working.
5. Letter from the postmaster re the use of the now redundant mail delivery office – several ideas had been put forward just for thought at this time. Cllr Chapman left the meeting for this item. Councillors agreed they were happy to discuss any plans in principle.

NEXT MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing. Parish Electors are able to address the Council by sending a written statement to the Clerk at clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting. You may still attend the meeting but not speak and you will need to be able to sign into the Zoom meeting via the internet. The Clerk will advise you of the procedure.

**REMEMBER LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL BE TAKING PLACE THIS YEAR ON
THURSDAY 6TH MAY**

**Kent County Council
Maidstone Borough Council
Yalding Parish Council By-election
Police and Crime Commissioner**

Much maligned Mussels...(the mollusc variety)

For this month's article I thought I would test you all with a food item that is somewhat divisive. Recently, late one Sunday evening I was listening to a BBC Radio 4 Podcast of the long running "The Food Programme" hosted by Sheila Dillon. This episode was devoted to a much maligned food item that the British in general turn their noses up to - the humble Mussel.

Presenter Dan Saladino was telling us that as a result of Brexit our shellfish industry is now in crisis as the EU has deemed our Oysters & Mussels are now no longer fit for importation into the European Market. I am a big fan of these bivalve molluscs as they are the epitome of a fast food. Quick to cook, exceedingly nutritious and very tasty but they do divide us as lovers or haters... just like Marmite! Listen here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000tvvk>

Mussels are available all year round but at their best from September/October through to April and are a great dish as a simple light lunch, TV dinner or starter in a slap up meal. They are pretty versatile - the French even consume them raw like an oyster or they can be deep fried in a light tempura batter. I'm personally rather partial to them in their purist form - steamed open in white wine and served with a crispy French baguette or maybe like the Belgians some crispy "frites". A clever marketing ploy that has resulted in them now becoming their national dish!

Mussels are cheap and plentiful and we produce masses but sadly export the majority to the EU - or at least used to! I would now implore you all to give them a try and not think about their bad UK press/image but embrace them as a sophisticated food that has all the nutrients we need for a balanced diet.

Why only eat them whilst on holiday in sunnier climes in the beachfront bars & terraces.

They are so simple to prepare and cook and really are a beautiful food that deserves our more widespread support.



Moules Marinieres (Mussels in White Wine)

For 2 Portions (or one large)

2Kg Fresh unopened Mussels (rope grown)

1 Banana shallot finely chopped

1 clove of Garlic - finely chopped

1 Stick of Celery - finely chopped (optional)

Large knob of butter

Large glass of dry white wine (125ml) or Cider

Heaped tablespoon chopped flat leaf Parsely



Method

1: Make sure the mussels are well washed in cold water and any that are open and fail to close up tight when you tap them discard as they will be dead. The little hairy "beards" need to be pulled off and discarded. The mussels can be stored in the fridge in a bowl covered with a damp tea towel or wet parchment until required. (24 hours is fine as long as they remain closed - just rinse/rewash in water to refresh them.)

2: If you have a Mussel Marmite pan then melt a knob of butter and add the shallots, garlic and celery. Soften gently (a large steep sided & lidded saucepan works just as well)

3: When the onion etc is softened add in the washed mussels and the white wine - place the lid on top and over a medium heat just let them steam in their own juices shaking the pan so they all open up evenly. About 8-10 minutes - do not overcook as they will toughen. At the last minute add the chopped parsley and immediately serve. Decant into a preheated bowl or leave in the pot and have a dish ready for the shells. (these can be put into food waste as they compost and provide much needed calcium in the compost.)

4: To eat use a fork for the first one and then use that empty shell as a pincer to remove each mussel. The liquor left in the bowl can be mopped up with bread or slurped with a soup spoon. Some like the addition of a large dollop of Creme Fraiche - I think they are fine just plain!!! Instead of white wine try using a large glass of Cider... why not use a local one like Turners of Marden - their Medium Dry one works very well. Check out www.turnerscider.co.uk

Enjoy

FOOTBALL NEWS

Hopefully after a year of total disruption we can complete this season with a few games. Despite the stop/go nature of last year, the club has continued to grow - now fielding eight sides with another two in the pipeline for September.

A number of new coaches - Paul, Matthew and James have joined us and we seem to have enquiries about joining every day. This is testament to how we go about our business by making every session fun and where ability isn't the criteria on which we take on new players.

Our new U7 Kites and U8 Hawks play their first ever games this month and the U9 Predators have moved up a league for the last part of the season. The U11 Kestrels have risen two divisions over the course of a year and now face some tough fames whilst the U11 Eagles - having lost only two games in the past 18 months find themselves in Division C playing some big local clubs.

The year 2020 saw the U12 Falcons as champions of D division and, although this is typically the age where some players fall away, we have actually gained new players recently.

Unfortunately, the U18s, playing their last year of youth football finished in 3rd place in their league and now hope for better in their end of season mini league. It is hoped that the side can stay together to enter the U21 County league.

With so many lockdowns it was not surprising that with the resumption of adult football, the men's side suddenly had a rush of players (obviously desperate to get out of the house!). At present, they sit 2nd in their league with 3 games to go.

There is no better 'pick me up' than to visit the Kintons on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening and to see the field full of laughing happy boys and girls. It is amazing how the club has grown with the junior section going for 5 years only and now has nearly 100 players.

We are always open for new players - male and female - experienced/beginner.

And finally, a big thankyou to the coaches who give up their time so that this can happy.

Steve



Pictured here - the Under8 Hawks who will play their first ever games this month - good luck!

CRICKET NEWS

The season begins (we hope)

By the time you read this, it is probable that we will have played our first games of the season. I'll let you know how we get on, but at the bottom of the page is the schedule for home matches for the next month. Please feel free to come along and watch. After a year of isolation, it will be a welcome change to enjoy a community activity – and Yalding CC has been at the heart of the community for over 200 years.

It is something of an achievement, then, for Roy and his team of volunteer groundsmen to have completed the building of the first permanent practice net we have had (as far as we know) in all that time. They have not done it alone: again, the community has been pitching in. Special thanks to Doug Worley of Court Lodge Farm for allowing us to store kit there, and for Malcolm Marden (again) for his help. Ben Kirby of ezlawn.co.uk lent his expertise in laying artificial lawns and literally ironed out some of our basic errors. And a big thank you to Jamie and the Oast Court Posse (Ade, Matthew, Martin, Dave, Paul, Richard) and club members who turned up to shift the heavy mats into place.

None of it could have been done without the help and support of the Parish Council. Thanks, specifically, to Angela, Geraldine, Ken, David and Deanne. And of course to Frank Birkby for his invaluable advice and input.

We also had our AGM last month: a strange one, over Zoom, reflecting on a season that had been hugely disrupted by the pandemic. But there are positive signs for this year, and we agreed that the club should hold its subscription levels from the previous year. We will have teams playing at senior level in the league, U15s, and U11s (jointly with Capel). We are also trying to arrange some 'development team' T20 games for the younger adult players, and are looking at friendly tournaments for U9s.

If you do want to find out more about playing for the club, at any age or experience level, please email martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com. We are particularly keen to hear from younger players (under 16 down to KS1) as we build the future of the club.

Training for all age groups is beginning very soon. For the early part of the season, at least, we will be working with socially-distanced nets down at The Kintons every Saturday from 10am. People will need to pre-book their one- or two-household net with our online system. If you are not already on the mailing list, please contact Martin on the address above. There will be additional nets in the week for older age groups, and, hopefully, an open access policy for the new permanent net which should allow everyone to turn up and have a hit when they can.

Fingers crossed for a great new season!

Senior games are at 1.30pm on Saturdays. Home matches will be at the Kintons on 8th May vs Minster Sheppey CC; 15th May vs Rumwood CC; 29th May vs Rainham CC; and finally 5th June vs Selling CC.

Under 15 games on Sundays, and we hope will all be played at 2pm. (Check website for confirmation.) Home games are on Sunday 2nd May vs Town Malling; 23rd May vs Addington; 30th May vs Kemsing; and 6th June vs Plaxtol.

U11 games will be played at Capel's ground at 6pm on Mondays. Home matches will be 10th May vs Platt; 17th May vs Kings Hill; and Monday 7th June vs Town Malling.

On top of all this, the YOBz continue to stagger along – so there really is cricket for all ages, talents, and experiences. Get in touch with Martin if you would like to know more.





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Welcome to May! My favourite time of year and, as luck would have it, National “Share a Story” Month too. Add to that the gradual lifting of our national lockdown restrictions and I can definitely feel my spirits lifting. I really hope the same goes for you too. This year’s National Share a Story theme is Myths, Magic and Mayhem. So let’s not waste any more time – here are my recommendations for a taste of mythical, magical mayhem hiding between the covers of some enticing books which are just waiting to be picked up and shared.

For starters, how about this double offering from the much-loved children’s author, Michael Morpurgo:

Magical Myths and Legends and Greatest Magical Stories.

You can lose yourself in the myths of brave heroes and battling beasts, mighty gods and magic spells, including the legends of Icarus and Hercules, or Sir Michael’s own version of Gawain and the Green Knight.

And if it’s magic that you’re looking for, tales of tiny heroes, talking frogs, meddling fairies and mysterious sea creatures are all on offer. There are lots of stories to choose from, including *The Frog Prince*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and a retelling of *Jack and the Beanstalk* written by Sir Michael.

For a healthy dose of mayhem, you really can’t go wrong with **Pippi Longstocking** by Astrid Lindgren.

Pippi is a larger-than-life, whirlwind of a girl who lives all by herself in Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey and a big suitcase full of gold coins. The grown-ups in her village try to make Pippi behave in ways that they think a little girl should, but Pippi has ideas of her own. She would much rather spend her days arranging wild, exciting adventures to enjoy with her neighbours, Tommy and Annika, or entertaining everyone she meets with her outrageous stories. She thinks nothing of wrestling a circus strongman, dancing a polka with burglars, or tugging a bull's tail. There’s never a dull moment in her chaotic, fun-filled life.

And here’s another old favourite of mine for sharing with children:

The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems. Great for reading out loud together and dipping in and out of. It has something for everyone – including some magic and an awful lot of mayhem. Here’s one from its pages that I’d like to share with you. It’s the shortest poem in the book, written by that most prolific of poets: **Anon**.

On Tomato Ketchup

If you do not shake the bottle,

None’ll come,... and then....  a lot’ll!

Now over to you – why not share a story or poem with the special child or children in your life?

Finally, as we gradually come out of lockdown, things are changing in Kent Libraries too. All libraries will be opening again over the next few months, including our very own Yalding Library – great news! However, not all re-opening dates have been confirmed yet so please watch this space or find all the latest information on the main Kent Libraries website. And don’t forget you can still join Kent Libraries online and download FREE e-books, e-magazines and e-newspapers.

Happy “Share a Story” month everyone!

Julie West

YALDING TEA ROOMS by Amy Westgate



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The Village Tearooms

A very warm (or absolutely freezing in recent days) welcome back to the tearooms. As I stand here I'm looking out at a beautiful blue sky and sunshine, our tables and chairs are set, the daffodils are blooming and our beautiful new sunny yellow awning is reflecting a wonderful glow through the window. We are so super excited to be back and open once again. It has been so lovely to see you all since we have opened our outside seating, for take away and of course those of you who used our **'Cake Away'** delivery service. Thank you for your continued support. Our coffee is still smooth and rich, our cakes are light and fluffy and our sandwiches are all freshly made to order so pop in and see us. Whether you wish to take away or sit outside and watch the world go by; we would love to see you.

Although we are not offering a full delivery service, lockdown has shown us that sometimes it's the little things that can really help to brighten someone's day. So if you are house bound, isolating or shielding and would like a delivery, please get in touch and we will endeavour to arrange something to help.

On a slightly different note it has come to our attention recently that there are a few people who are currently feeling a little anxious walking their dog in light of the more publicised dog theft incidents.

Here at the Tearooms we have come up with a little idea that may help people to feel less anxious when walking their dog alone. We have invested in a set of walkie talkies which have a good coverage of the local area. We know the phone signal is not always great around our lovely village but we are lucky enough to have reception here at the tearooms. So here is our proposed plan.

If you wish to borrow a walkie talkie for your walk during our opening times then please pop in and collect one to take on your walk with you. We have a base here, should you feel threatened, anxious or come into a problem then you can radio for assistance. We will be able to telephone for help for you or make an emergency call if necessary. Hopefully it will just help to give you a little reassurance that someone is on the end of a phone if you should need it.



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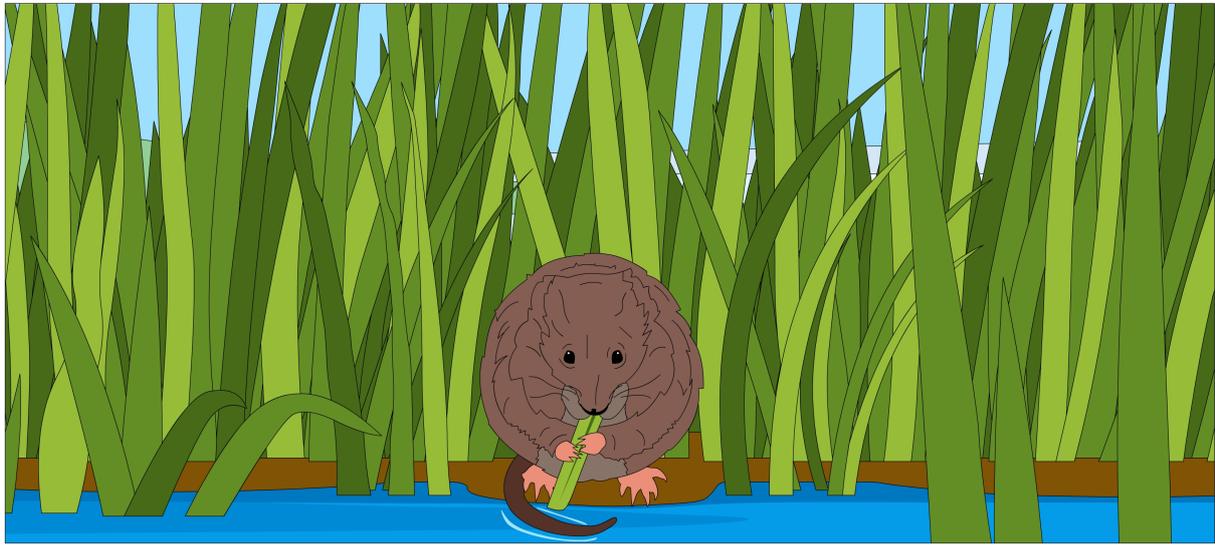
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We will be operating under Government Guidance to ensure Covid-19 measures are in place if necessary, to ensure that you are able to relax in a safe environment.



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Ratty's Musings. Springtime.

Spring is here at last. Love is in the air. The patter of little water vole paws will soon be everywhere. My fishy mates will soon be making small fry. They better be fit and healthy so they can avoid those pesky pike tiddlers. Pike breed in February so their young will be ready to eat the later arrivals.

The water is warming up and everything is growing like mad. Lots of new plants for us water voles to eat. Not many insects out and about yet...won't be long though. Mayflies will hatch soon...in time for those summer visitors to have a feast on arrival. I love watching the swallows, swifts and martins as they swoop around catching them. In the evenings I will soon be listening out for the bats while they do their night feeding. I will be sure to keep hidden though...those owls will be out and about too. Just a word - please don't pick the wild flowers on The Lees, they are food for all the pollinating insects - they are not weeds and are not to be used for dandelion wine!

Frogs and toads are laying their spawn...horrible sticky stuff...and the noise they make. Drives me mad. Other than that it's a great time to be alive...have a great summer. Love Ratty.

Ps The proposed egg farm is still threatening the river environment...keep an eye out and make sure my water stays nice and clean.



Helen Grant MP for Maidstone and the Weald

I am here to help you in any way that I can. If there is an issue of concern to you, where you believe I can assist, or if you would like to arrange a meeting with me, please email me at helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 7107.

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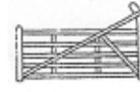
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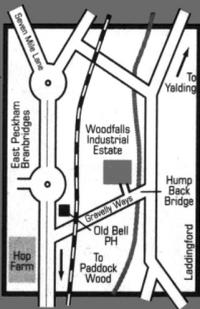
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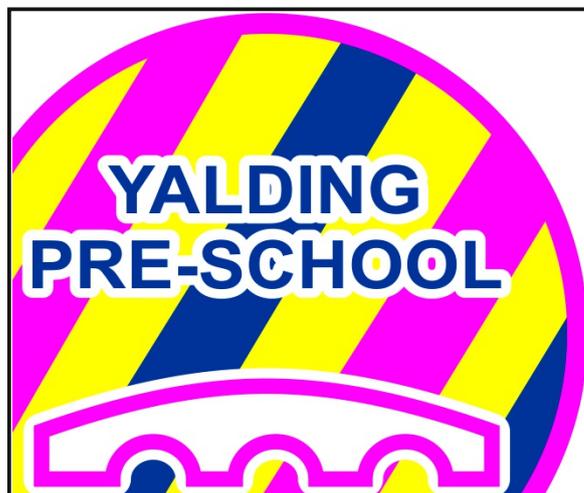
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However, some of our group have lost their mojo and that doesn't matter as we will all pick up again when we are allowed to all meet and share ideas and experiences. I am expecting great things!!

We're in the fifth month and who would have thought we would still be living with the pandemic. Well, it is finally lifting in the UK and hopefully at the end of June, we will be back on track and holding the art group on Thursday mornings once again.

If we are still having the rule of 6, then we'll split the group like last time and we'll have Art Group on Thursday morning and Friday morning. Times will be 10am-12 with a refreshment and biscuit break or if I feel adventurous, cake!

I just cannot wait!!

I however, have been busy!

I have been studying with Adult Education to keep me thinking about art and how to improve. I have been studying Illustration and Design and realised pretty quickly that I had a lot to learn.

Although it was on zoom, I enjoyed meeting new people and I am really hoping to meet them in the flesh some day. It became a lifeline and a real 'me' time - I recommend dusting down the old grey cells and sign up for Adult Education - there are so many courses, there must be one out there you fancy.

Spurred on with my new artist friends, I have been designing some new cards and I am pleased to show you all my latest card. I haven't produced a card for quite a while, so I am pleased with myself to say the least!! The subject is of Papa Llama and he is a little plant holder I bought during lockdown. Look out as there is a Mama Llama coming soon too! I hope you like it.

I am still posting on Facebook from time to time, but I now feel we need to meet and get out our real pens and paper instead of virtual ones!

June

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