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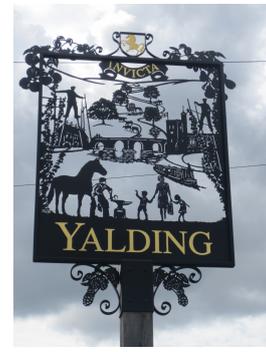
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March 2020 is a month that we will all remember as the start of first lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic. With every minus in life there is often a plus, and, for me, it was to make this an opportunity to explore the surrounding countryside. Armed with a collection of walks in and around Yalding (available from the Post Office) I set about exploring.

I first came across Buston Manor in early Spring, but it wasn't till early May with a bright blue sky in the background and all the trees and shrubs with their many colours of greens and reds in full leaf that I took this photograph showing what a magnificent Manor house it is.

Proceeding up a small incline to the oast houses on your right you will have a beautiful view of the weald and on a clear day you can see Pembury Hospital and another building which I think is Kent College. You will not be disappointed if you take this walk.

**Bill Holdstock**

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Wednesdays 10.00 Holy Communion, Lady chapel (Traditional)  
Fridays 18.00 Evening Prayer online (Contemporary)

## St Mary's, Laddingford

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

## St Margaret's, Collier Street

Sundays 11.00 Holy Communion

## RC Mass at Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlestead

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

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13th June Usual service  
20th June All age service  
27th June Visiting speaker Jenny Thompson  
Kitchen Crew (age 11+)

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### 100 CLUB drawn in aid of church funds

#### May winners

1st	Rob Bird	78
2nd	Anna Kish	41
3rd	Sally Wilson	30

Next Draw is on the 6th June  
Richard Young



### A portal to a new world

As we follow the roadmap out of lockdown, what might be different when we return to what we will in future describe as “normal”? Many crave a new normal that looks pretty similar to the old one – but is that the right thing to aim for?

The pandemic has led to significant pain and suffering, including in our own local community. All of us know someone who has died as a result of Covid-19. While this is a universal experience, the pandemic has also widened inequalities in our world, with its effect disproportionately felt by those who can least afford it. Those of us who are more fortunate sometimes act first to protect our own well-being rather than helping others. While some aspects of the response to the global pandemic have been inspiring, it seems our world wasn't well prepared, despite the risks being known.

The same could be said for our efforts to tackle the climate crisis or, in Christian terms, to safeguard God's creation. We add large volumes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, which raise the temperature on our planet. As these gases hang around for a long time, and the impacts of even small increases in temperature are significant, it's like adding more water to a bath ready to overflow.

If not tackled, the climate crisis has the potential to be much worse than the pandemic. So it's not enough to reduce emissions, we have to stop them. This will mean we have to change how we live. As with the pandemic, the climate crisis reinforces existing inequalities, with some of the poorer parts of the world already seeing the effects.

It certainly feels like we have broken God's covenant to look after his world with care (Jeremiah 2:7). Jesus's words and values in the new testament turn upside down the values of the world – he says “**Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life**” (John 12:25). This passage speaks of death being needed for rebirth. Perhaps to hold too closely to one's current life is to lose what truly matters; perhaps we have to make sacrifices, and put to death some of our old ways of living, to give others more chance of life.

These thoughts are troubling. However, as we face these uncertainties and trials, Jesus provides a shining example. While he is troubled by the challenge he has to face and considers praying for God to save him from death, he acts out of love (John 12:27-28). Through his sacrifice, we are made whole. In the same way, we need to make sacrifices to fix our broken world, to glorify God's name and to enable others to live and thrive.

So while the pandemic has brought a lot of misery and suffering, perhaps out of that death new life can come. While we weren't well prepared, the pandemic has helped us realise that we can make significant changes in how we live. This should perhaps give us confidence to change the world's values, and re-build and renew our covenant with God in respect of our planet, its inequalities and its injustices.

Arundhati Roy, the Indian writer, looked at the early stages of the pandemic through the lens of the injustices she saw in India. Perhaps, as she suggests, the pandemic is a portal. We can walk through it with our old ways of thinking, or we can walk through it lightly, ready to imagine another world.

We can hide from our troubles, and seek a return to the past; or we can be ready to help to address the injustices and sustainability of our world. The pandemic gives us a chance for re-birth. Perhaps the last thing we need is a return to normality.

Justin Elks  
Licensed Lay Minister

# Phil & Anna's BIG BIKE RIDE for Dandelion Time & Sleep Pod

## We had our Ups and Downs

Anna Kish and I decided to take on the 100km West Kent Big Bike Ride organised by the KM to raise some much needed funds for two charities we support. To give you a guide, 100km is the equivalent of cycling to Hastings and back, and that includes a lot of hills! We have both been training for the last few months, so thought we would be fine on the day! The route was based at the Gravesend Cyclo-Park with a figure of 8 course with the first loop down to West Malling and the second out onto the Hoo peninsula.

Despite our best plans, the day provided quite a few additional challenges we hadn't bargained for! Heavy rain showers and gusting winds made for difficult cycling. Terrible signage and directions led to several wrong turns and extra miles! On top of this, we felt the person who had planned the route was obviously not a cyclist. The morning loop included a huge climb from Offham up to Fairseat, and who realises there are so many hills on the Hoo peninsular?

Finally some narrow single track lanes with lots of debris resulted in many riders getting punctures!

I had to give up at around the 85 km mark after getting a *second* puncture and I had only brought one spare inner tube with me. So, sadly, I was unable to complete the full course myself.

However, congratulations to Anna who cycled on to finish, undefeated and triumphant!

We greatly appreciate your support for our "jaunt" by donating to either or both our causes. It makes all that training and effort worthwhile!

Anna chose the charity **Sleep Pod**, started by a family friend, to manufacture emergency overnight bivouacs for rough sleepers. Costing only £30 each, these insulated, lightweight tents protect them from the elements. How else can you save a life for only £30?

You can find Anna's sponsorship page at:  
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnnaKish>

I chose Dandelion Time. I've been supporting them for a few years now, as described in last month's edition. My sponsorship page can be found at:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Keeler>



On our marks

(Oh dear)

Medallist!





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### Tim's Regular Reminders

- **Please observe Covid rules**, while still in force, for your own safety and mine too!
- We offer all main PO postal & basic banking services, plus phone and energy meter top-ups, fishing licences, Moneygram, Health Lottery etc etc.
- EU Parcels need a correctly completed customs label
- Foreign Currencies. We stock Euros and US \$, and can order other currencies, as you plan your trip abroad.
- New stamp sets: *Dennis and Gnasher* and *Wild Coasts* collections. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request.
- Post Office Card A/cs. The DWP ceases all payment to these a/cs in Nov 2021. You will need a standard bank account.
- The Post Office Gift Card is an ideal gift for that person hard to buy for. They can be used at pretty much every major retailer in the UK and online. See us for details.

### Shop and local produce

Croissants and other pastries have been suspended while the baker moves home and gets his new kitchen up to speed.

You can now pre-order Sourdough bread from Coxheath bakery and purchase the rest of their range here.

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.

### “HORIZON” – The PO's IT system

“Horizon” is the Post Office's infamous IT system, comprehensively discredited in the High Court in 2019.

If you aren't familiar with the case, do visit [www.PostOfficeTrial.com](http://www.PostOfficeTrial.com) and look for “Start Here”. If you're in a hurry, search for “What's this all about?” for an answer in 400 words..

It's some story. The website belongs to a former BBC journalist, Nick Wallis, and is crowd funded.

The case has been aired on TV and debated in Parliament, where it was described as "*one of the most widespread miscarriages in the UK this century*" and as "*a national scandal*".

More than seven hundred postmasters have been prosecuted by the Post Office over twenty years. This year 45 convictions were finally overturned and cleared of any wrongdoing, and the PO have been forced to assist another 540 to appeal against their convictions.

We hope all victims of this scandal will be exonerated and paid fair compensation.

As yet, nobody at the Post Office has had to face any charges of wrongdoing whatsoever.

### What does our future hold?

The honest answer is that we don't know. We fear that we will be paid less for doing the same work making income so small, Yalding will no longer be viable due to the Post Office cutting our pay later in the year.

Those undertakings for an assured future reported last month may yet prove to be a mirage.

## EDITOR'S NOTES



We're halfway through the year and things are getting better! Lockdown has eased and finally we actually have some diary events - yippee! Talking about events - have you an event you would like us to put into the magazine? Our deadline is the 10th of each month, but we can hold off until the 15th with fair warning. All we need is a good quality image and attachment with your article of approximately 200 or less words.

*After all, we have young readers to please - thank you Amy for this lovely photo of our youngest readers enjoying the latest issue of the magazine. I would love to have some stories from our younger readers - watch this space!*

*June Chapman*

## YOBS - The Old Boy Strollers

Our first outing of 2021, organised by Richard & Marguerite, was a thoroughly enjoyable circular walk with a windswept lunch at The Good Intent on Farleigh Green.

I normally try to push unwanted salad to the side of the plate but on this occasion that wasn't necessary as the wind scattered most of it.

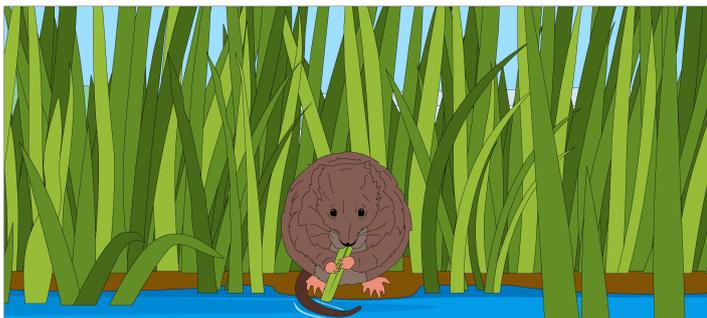
We had a good turnout of 13 people and a route that took us through Buston Farm up to the top of Barn Hill and along to the former site of the mobile home at the junction with its colourful garden.

Our route took us through Quarry Wood where the bluebells looked splendid. Interestingly many of us had never walked through this former Roman quarry before, even though it's not too far from Yalding.

The return to the village was a different path through the wood to Fox Pitt, Blind Lane and home.

All in all a very good local walk. GC

## RATTY'S MUSINGS



I've always wondered what Bill B does in his role as a water bailiff in protecting me and my fishy friends on the river. Actually he's employed by the Environment Agency and carries a warrant, and he has the power of arrest.

Club Bailiffs like our BB are legally "water keepers"... they have no special legal powers, but they do carry the authority of their employer, which, in this case is the Parish Council and CALPAC Angling Club and cover a few miles of the River Medway and the River Beult.. Many Water Keepers like BB are volunteers.

Most volunteer out of their love of angling and the countryside around them.

BB has the power to check an anglers tackle and baits and other equipment to ensure these comply with the Parish Council and Club rules.

He is also a set of eyes to ensure that the waters he patrols is not suffering any pollution, loss of water or fish in distress.

A common problem is fish theft...either for food or resale to another fishery. BB has to report such incidents to the Environment Agency.

His other duties involve collecting Day Ticket fees and checking annual permits etc.

BB has to carry his official ID with him at all times whilst patrolling his beat. The ID has to include his photo and an official number...and of course be in date. He may also wear badged clothing to assist the public recognition of his role.

# POPUK CAFE



## Laddingford: Cleavesland

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome** ... see you soon!

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

Charity Number: 212796

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## YALDING TREE GUARDIANS

[www.yaldingtreeguardians.weebly.com](http://www.yaldingtreeguardians.weebly.com)

Spring blossom is a celebration of winter's end, and a reminder that summer is just around the corner. Pretty pink and white flowers burst into bloom, providing an early source of pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinators, before falling from their boughs like confetti.

While there are many other spring-flowering shrubs and trees, it's generally the flowers of fruiting trees belonging to the Rosaceae family including apples, cherries, peaches and pears, which are referred to as blossoms – the flowers which precede their fruit.

### Cherry Blossom Trees

The most popular spring blossom tree is the flowering cherry. Flowering cherry trees are renowned for their beauty in spring, and many varieties are grown for their flowers rather than their fruit. The Japanese take cherry blossom very seriously – it is the country's national flower and families and friends gather each spring for 'Hanami' or to view the cherry trees.



*Article by [www.gardenersworld.com](http://www.gardenersworld.com)*

Pictured this month are the blossoming trees at Cleavesland, Laddingford – we will have to wait to see if they bear any fruit, but at the moment, the blossom is at its best.



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## **Light at the end of the tunnel.....**

As we write this we are delighted that, after 6 long months, (yes it really was Nov 5th when we had to close) we are once again able to welcome you through our doors – and not have to send you straight through back outside!! To say that the last 14 months have been challenging would be an understatement – never could we have imagined being in such a situation. Your support over all that time, particularly with those takeaways, helped us to get through, and was very much appreciated. - Thank you all.

The anticipation of re-opening just for outside trading was marred slightly by the absolutely freezing north winds of April, but it didn't dampen our spirits, in true British spirit you wrapped up warm and came out and it's been so lovely to see so many of you back again. It's a delight for us to be able to offer our services to our lovely villages in this Parish. We are now looking to the future and hope we're able to have a wonderful summer enjoying laughter, friendships and fun as we've been so used to doing in the past.

As we recently started to return to a bit of normality we were so pleased to be able to hold our plant sale. Blessed with one of the few warm and sunny days, it was lovely to see people mingling (still socially distanced), hear the murmur of chatter, happy smiles and just a bit of normality. Thank you for all the lovely donations of plants, to everyone who came along, bought plants, raffle tickets and cake! Big thank you to Graham, Julie, Mags, (for wresting with the Passion Fruit Victoria Sandwich!) Michelle, Dawn & Vicky for all their help organising the day. **£501.67 was raised for Laddingford Primary School**, it was amazing to fundraising again.

Sadly, another May has passed and The Chequers Racers haven't been able to go away on their annual tour – it's quite ironic really, many of them have been cycling much more during lockdowns than they have ever done prior to going on tour!!

So with summer approaching and depending on whether restrictions are still in place, we will be having lots of things going on. **Ladies Evenings will be returning, on Thursday 10th June.** Under the current Government restrictions, ladies will need to book a table for a maximum of 6 people, and Charles will treat us to his canapés once again. We will keep you updated on social media.

We are so pleased that the **“Pop-up” café is returning in June.** The “pop-up café” team have been absolutely amazing in lockdown, delivering goody bags to people who usually come to the coffee mornings, and included little treats, well-being tips and just the knock on the door to check up for a socially distanced chat. The Pop-up café is for anyone who would like to come along for a cuppa and a chat – see the ad in this magazine for all the up-coming dates. It takes place on the green at Cleavesland in the village or, if the weather is bad, it's at The Chequers.

Our Chequers Teas have been very popular in lockdown and continue to be enjoyed at home for takeaway or to have with us in our lovely garden room. Look out for our special “Tea Afternoons” in the future. Please book 24 hours in advance so we can make the cakes etc.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Tracey and Charles



## 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

## Thank you for all your support!

I am starting this month's news with a big THANK YOU! There are many things I love about Laddingford School, but at very the top of that list is having the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful and supportive community. Among our biggest supporters are 'The Chequers' Pub, they are always helping us out; from providing us with a venue for the Christmas Fair to lending us their BBQ in the summer and fundraising for us, we are incredibly grateful to Charles and Tracey for all they do. At the beginning of May they held a plant sale at the pub and raised over £500 for the school.

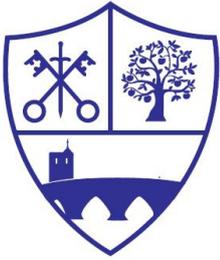
The Friends of Laddingford School (Our version of a PTA) have been amazing too, trying to think up creative ways to raise funds in this challenging time. They have now organised two 'bags to school' events this year, where we collect donations of old clothes which are sent away to be reused or recycled and we are paid by the kg. Not only have they organised this but they have collected bags from around the villages from people who were unable to bring their things to school. Thank you to everyone who donated and a huge thanks to the FLS for organising. All of this fundraising has been vital, it has contributed to the pot built up over several years which has now allowed us to purchase 48 brand new laptops, 16 for each class. This will facilitate us in teaching the computing curriculum more fully, and also means that we can bring some of the great online tools and resources that children have been using at home over the past year, into the classroom to complement and enhance the learning.



The pictures I've chosen this month are of Year 5 and 6 getting stuck into a science experiment. Like all schools up and down the country we are really focused on our curriculum at the moment, making the necessary adaptations following the period of home learning, whilst also ensuring that we are back to teaching a broad and exciting curriculum in all subjects as quickly as possible. You can find more information about the curriculum taught at Laddingford on our school website.

I do hope you are all keeping well and enjoying seeing family and friends again when you can, take care and have an enjoyable month.

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.

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# Yalding School News

## Drama workshops

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to Yalding Education Foundation who, once again, have funded a cultural experience for all of our Key Stage Two pupils. Their donation enabled us to invite Anthony Glenn's Shaking Up Shakespeare to run drama workshops.

Each class tried out several drama techniques and enjoyed exploring how this helped them to portray characters more convincingly.



## Forest School sessions

Year 6 have been able to take advantage of Forest School sessions. They enjoyed a variety of activities including team building, problem solving, kazoo making, wood whittling and fire building.

In May, Year R will have the opportunity to enjoy these sessions, followed by Year 1 in June.



## Term 5

Each class has started a new project since Easter and are using their learning to think about the following questions:-

Year 1 – Is every country the same?

Year 4 - How can immigration change a country?

Year 2 – Have we learnt from the past?

Year 5- How can art be an expression of creativity?

Year 3 - What makes a place unique?

Year 6- Do our choices really matter?

## Plans for the coming weeks

As national restrictions ease, we are feeling positive and planning events for the coming months. This year, we hope to be able to hold our annual Sports' Day, take the Year 6 pupils on their residential trip and start booking some educational visits.

Fingers crossed!

Mrs. S. Friend- Headteacher

## YALDING PRESCHOOL



For the Month of May we ran an 'Animals' theme, with activities based around animals and where they live.

We have enjoyed playing with the animal small world, matching numbers to the correct number of animals, reading through the 'Dear Zoo' book and acting it out with the animal figurines, practising our cutting skills with child safe scissors, 'Back to the Zoo' counting activity with numeral recognition and watching a virtual zoo tour where we see lions, crocodiles, and monkeys. We listen to the keepers talk about how they care for the animals and what they eat.

We have started our summer term, which mean our biggest little people will be off to big school in September! **We are running project 'Ducklings'**. It aims to help the children adjust to the 'big school' environment and expectations. We will be encouraging name and number recognition, practise getting changed for P.E., sitting quietly for registration, and lining up. We shall be liaising with the local Primary School teachers and organising possible introductions in the setting (adhering to covid-19 protocol) so our Ducklings can get to know their Big School Teacher.

Please check out our new website for further updates and usual information.

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**May half term | Monday 31st May – Friday 04th June**



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## TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL



As we start our final term this year, we focus our learning around the book 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz. This book is the perfect way to take learning outside, encouraging the children to explore and see what minibeast they can find in the garden. Written as a series of mini poems, this brilliantly beastly rhyming book will delight the children, from snails and slugs to beautiful butterflies and bustling beetles.

To coincide with our topic, we will be welcoming our very own hungry caterpillars to enable the children to see them grow into beautiful butterflies before releasing them into our garden. I wonder what names the children will give them this year!

We have also introduced a wormery for the children, to explore what worms do below the soil and learn about how important they are to our garden.

In our craft activities we will be celebrating Father's Day, with the children making mini beast cards for their dads and grandads.

Our plan is to run sports day again this year in July and this term we will be helping the children practice their sports day events in readiness for the big day.

If you are interested in joining our pre-school, please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email [tandwngroup@gmail.com](mailto:tandwngroup@gmail.com)



## South East Open Studios is back!

4<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June

Artists and craftspeople all over the South East are delighted to welcome visitors to their studios again. Covid guidelines will of course apply! Details directions and opening times can be found at [www.seos-art.org](http://www.seos-art.org) in the 'For Visitors' section; or pick up a colourful guide in shops, galleries and other public places.



Locally, in **Laddingford** is the studio of **Carole Robson**, a well-known artist, author of 'Painting Expressive Landscapes' by Search Press Ltd and a very popular art tutor.

She celebrates the natural landscape, its meadows and wild flowers in her vibrant and experimental watercolour, mixed media paintings and digital art.

New to Open Studios is **Sue Kimber**, who uses the wool and mohair from the sheep and goats she and her husband raise on their farm in **Benover**. Her gloriously coloured, hand-dyed, hand-spun and art yarns can be used for knitting, crochet, weaving and felting. She also runs courses and workshops. Visitors to her studio will meet the very friendly goats and sheep.



**Sue J Williams** is a botanical painter, living in **Yalding**, who finds inspiration in any plant, in a familiar daisy or an exotic orchid, as it is the challenge of depicting their variations in colour, patterns and textures in her detailed watercolours which she most enjoys. She works for the archives of the Chelsea Physic Garden and her work can be seen in several publications, including the RHS book on their gold medal winners.



**Bibi Findlay** from Yalding is joining **Zubeida Roberts** in her **Marden studio**. Bibi's inspiration comes from nature and the English countryside. Painting in watercolour and mixed media, she favours the semi-abstract form and experimenting with abstraction, shapes and contrasting colours.

**Zubeida Roberts** is an experimental artist who paints on raw silk and other surfaces. Nature is her inspiration with its textures, colours and movement.



Also, in **Marden** is the studio of **Claire Dominic**, designer and photographer, who works in many different media, including watercolour, inks, linoprint, pastels, as well as printing her line designs onto aged copper.

She also runs very successful mixed media classes in her studio.



## YALDING SCOUTS

I'm delighted we have now reopened every section of the group. From ages 6 to 18, we now have young people enjoying scouting again – thank goodness!

Given the past year, I think that scouting absolutely has an important place to play for young people. It combines independence, friendship, activities, learning, fun both inside and outside – something that is so incredibly important for those who have missed so much over the past year.

On Tuesday I joined the Beavers (ages 6 to 8) for their session which was litter picking. Considering the young ages of these children, they were able to say why litter picking was so important. The answers they gave were 'it protects the animals', 'it looks nicer', 'it's better for the environment'. Over the course of the evening, we collected 4 very large bags of rubbish which I hope was noticed by the community.

The Beavers absolutely loved the evening and it was great to see them respecting social distancing, sanitizing their hands but, above all, having an absolutely amazing time!

On Thursday, the Scouts (aged 14-18) returned to the river. Twenty seven youngsters spent the evening gaining confidence in boats. Kayaking up the Medway, they learned the basics of the craft and how to be safe and still have fun. The fact that we can offer these activities for the young people of the village is solely down to the generosity of so many people giving up their time for free. In addition to running the evenings, there is planning, training, admin etc.

I think that we really need to be grateful that they are still willing to help other people's children with no financial reward – yes everyone is a volunteer (something that I don't think is appreciated). I find it incredible that all of the leaders were so enthusiastic to restart sessions as soon as we were permitted. That shows a level of commitment 'over and above'!

Unfortunately, there are many scout groups folding due to lack of volunteers. I do so hope that Yalding is never one of them. I have been involved with the group since my two sons were in Beavers – they are now mid 20s. I think that once you start, you're hooked because of the many advantages that it gives you as an individual as well as seeing what a positive experience you are contributing to.

Yalding Scout Group really needs additional helpers. You do not have to join as a leader (although that would be great). We would really appreciate skills instructors, people who can offer ideas for an evening, occasional helpers (for any of the sections), anyone with permits for water activities (we will bite your hand off to be honest), in fact any involvement would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to come down to observe what we do, or just have a chat, please give me a call.

Sandra 07928 676106 (Group Scout Leader)

## BELLRINGING

You may have noticed the Yalding bells have been silent during lockdown, but some bellringing has been allowed at times, and the clock still strikes the hour.

Hopefully we will be allowed to ring the bells once again soon for services, weddings and funerals.

We will, of course, need to practice on Wednesday evenings too!

We would welcome new recruits to join us. Maybe this could be you? Maybe you are looking for a new hobby? Please call me if you would like to know more

**Richard Young - Tower Captain**  
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# CRICKET NEWS

## Cricket news

### The new season

The U15s have got off to a flying start, with two wins out of two, beating Town Malling by 138 runs (yes, that is a lot), and winning a tight contest with Mote Colts in the last over with one wicket to spare.

Our joint U11 team with Capel has also started well, with a 20-run victory over Platt.

Unfortunately, as soon as the senior season started, so did the rain. Their first fixture was cancelled, but by the time you read this, they will certainly have had some matches.

If you would like to see results for all the teams, go to <https://yalding.play-cricket.com/>

### The new net

The new net is finally in action (see picture) and has been used pretty much every day by keen cricketers around the parish (take a bow, Matthew Massett) and beyond. Let's hope that it translates into performances for the teams on the pitch!

As detailed in last month's column, this has been an amazing effort by so many people, and is already absolutely proving its worth.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, whether in raising money through events and Christmas tree sales, administrative help, donating and storing equipment, or building the thing. A genuine community effort we should all be proud of.

### Training and playing

Normal training has now resumed, so anyone wanting to find out more about playing or training with the club can come down to the Kintons every Saturday morning from 10am and find out how to get involved. Martin will be there.

To preserve the ground, Saturday morning training will be limited to youth (U15s) and children's practice. Seniors will train on weekday evenings, usually Tuesdays: there is a WhatsApp group for this, so please contact Martin on the address below to find out more.



We are ALWAYS keen to talk to potential players, of whatever age, experience, or skill, so please feel free to get in touch.

### Games for June & July

Senior games are at 1.30pm on Saturdays. Home matches will be at the Kintons on 5th June vs Selling; 19th June vs Orpington Ocelots; 26th June vs Rodmersham; and 24th July vs Tenterden.

Under 15 games are on Sundays, and we hope will all be played at 2pm. (Check website for confirmation.) Home games are on 6th June vs Plaxtol; 4th July vs Holmesdale; and 11th July vs Offham.

U11 games will be played at Capel's ground at 6pm on Mondays. Home matches will be 7th June vs Town Malling. And 26 July vs Penshurst Park.

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. Please email [martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com).

See you all at the Kintons!



# Summer bounty...

Well as we reach the height of summer the foods synonymous with this time has to be Asparagus & Strawberries (Both available to purchase from Tim & June in the Post Office)

The season for English grown asparagus runs traditionally from April (23rd) through to the end of June. Classic ways to eat it are blanched served hot with just melted butter, Hollandaise Sauce or drizzled with Olive Oil.

Served cold it can be accompanied by a thick mayonnaise or just a simple oil & vinegar dressing.

Garnished with a freshly poached egg topped with Hollandaise Sauce is another favourite or perhaps some crispy pancetta bacon, maybe grilled on a barbeque with some shaved parmesan cheese are all great ways to enjoy this Summer vegetable.

What about a French fried crispy egg served on top of your freshly steamed Asparagus? When I was at college I remember one of my chef lecturers enthused and regaled us for over an hour on what you could do with an egg.

For a French Fried Egg, the egg does need to be as fresh as possible . It is then deep fried in Olive Oil so the white crisps up around the soft yolk. It is unlikely to be something you will see on a menu as it does take some skill to produce and is not easy to do in any sort of volume. I suggest you watch this You Tube video for the technique <https://youtu.be/rRBX4pGXN3s> Why not give it a whirl - you will love me for it!!!



With strawberries also now very much in season as they are at their best. What can be better than a bowl of these berries sprinkled with a little sugar and the addition of cream. We are so lucky locally as their are numerous farms producing this fruit including one that supplies their soft fruit to Wimbledon tennis tournament and all the major supermarkets.

My favourite recipe to enjoy this summer fruit is an Iced Parfait that can also use Raspberries as an alternative.

## Iced Strawberry/Raspberry Parfait

### Ingredients

300 g Caster Sugar  
400 g Strawberries or Raspberries  
500 ml Double Cream

### Method

Prepare a terrine/loaf tin by lining it with a moist piece of kitchen parchment or a piece of cling film. (It's easier with the parchment)

Hull and half the strawberries and place with the sugar in a food processor. Puree this to smooth pulp

Whip the double cream to form soft peaks (do not overbeat)

Mix the fruit puree with the cream (fold gently) and then pour into the mould.

Place into the deep freezer for at least an hour and a half till firm.

You can leave overnight. Remove from mould and slice parfait into generous slices (can be pre done and stored in freezer till served)

Serve the Parfait with a fresh fruit coulis and warm homemade shortbread biscuits. Will serve 10-12 portions



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To mark Father's Day this month – (make sure you don't forget (it's 20th June!) – and to celebrate all our lovely Dads, here are a few choices for you to mull over featuring some inspirational fathers.

### **To Kill a Mockingbird – by Harper Lee**

This timeless classic was first published in 1960 but it remains just as relevant today as it has ever been. Set in the American south during the years of the Great Depression, Atticus Finch, a middle-aged lawyer and well-respected figure in the community, agrees to take on the defence of Tom Robinson, a black man accused of raping a young white woman. Racial discrimination, poverty, prejudice and all their sorry consequences are at the heart of this inspirational novel, but so too is the charming relationship that Atticus, a widower, has with his two young children – Jem and Scout. He may not be the active young father who hunts and fishes that the children both yearn for at the start of the novel, but his loving relationship with them is completely heart-warming. He is wise and caring, affectionate and protective, fair and understanding. He reads them stories, answers their questions and addresses their concerns, and by the end of the novel the children are both a little bit older and wiser themselves having gained a new-found respect for their devoted father.

This is a beautiful novel that I could read again and again – and it was also made into a wonderful film starring Gregory Peck. Go on, take your pick. What do you fancy – book or film?

### **Man and Boy – by Tony Parsons**

Harry Silver is a successful television producer about to turn 30. He is happily married, has a four-year-old son and drives a convertible sports car. Then, in a moment of madness, he chucks it all away. He spends the night with a colleague from work and his life falls apart. His wife leaves him and emigrates to Japan, he loses his job and he has to cope with being a single parent. OK, I definitely agree, none of this is sounding too inspirational so far, but Man and Boy is the story of how Harry comes to terms with his life and achieves a degree of self-respect, bringing up his son alone and gradually learning what words like love and family really mean. It's pacy, it's funny, and at times it's heart-breakingly moving. And guess what? It was made into a film too.

And here's one for younger readers –

### **Danny the Champion of the World – by Roald Dahl**

Now come on, admit it. Who doesn't love a Roald Dahl story? And this one is no exception. Danny lives in a caravan with his father, the most marvellous and exciting father any boy ever had. All the land around them belongs to Mr Victor Hazell, a rich snob with a great glistening beery face and tiny piggy eyes. Nobody likes him, not one little bit. So one day, Danny and his Dad concoct a daring plot that will give the old blue-faced baboon Victor Hazell the greatest shock of his life – as long as they don't get caught ...

Don't enjoy reading? You've got it – just watch the film instead.

And finally ... here's your Kent Libraries update. More libraries have reopened, including Coxheath Library where you might find me on certain days if you venture up Hunton Hill. As ever, all the latest information on the current situation in Kent Libraries can be found at: [www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries).

**Happy Father's Day everyone – especially to all you Dads out there!**



## Benefits

### Universal Credit

Universal Credit is an income-based benefit for working-age people and their families to help with living costs. You may be eligible if you are on a low income or out of work, either because you are unwell or because you are a job-seeker. Universal Credit is paid monthly and managed via an online journal.

Universal Credit replaced some 'legacy' benefits, including Housing Benefit, Income Support, income-based JSA, income-related ESA and Working and Child Tax Credits. If you already get any of these benefits, seek further advice before thinking about applying for Universal Credit.

### New style Jobseeker's Allowance

If you've only recently lost your job and have paid and/or been credited with enough National Insurance (NI) contributions over the last 2 full tax years, you may be able to claim New Style Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). New Style JSA is paid fortnightly and can be claimed on its own or at the same time as Universal Credit.

### If you are disabled or have a health condition

Attendance Allowance (AA), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) are non-means tested benefits for people who need extra help because they have an illness, disability or mental health condition. If you qualify, you will get extra money to help you with the costs of everyday life. Your income, savings, and whether you're working or not don't affect your eligibility.

Which of these you apply for depends on your age: DLA is for children until they are 16. PIP is for adults from 16 until they reach state pension age and AA is for people who have already reached state pension age.

### Other benefits

There are many other benefits, including Bereavement benefits, Carer's Allowance, Child Benefit, New-style Employment and Support Allowance and Pension Credit. We can complete a benefit check for you to ensure you are getting everything you are entitled to.

### How do I get help?

Our offices are OPEN for face-to-face advice (appointments and drop-ins) Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 1:30. Telephone and video appointments or email advice are available for those unable to attend our offices. If you need advice about Universal Credit, other welfare benefits or anything else, get in touch with us on:

**info@pwadvice.org | 01892 838619**

**Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre | 94 Commercial Road  
Paddock Wood TN12 6DP | info@pwadvice.org | 01892 838619**

### EXTRACTS FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It has been the practice of Yalding Parish Council to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the same evening followed by a social gathering for residents to meet with their elected members and others. This was not possible for 2020, and the 2021 Annual Meeting was held remotely.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

As there had been no meeting in 2020, the Chairman prepared reports for two years as follows:

##### 2019/20

It was another busy year in the Parish and some very major issues occurred.

The May elections returned Jason Bryant, June Chapman, Sue Gerrish, Ken Gough, David Law, Patricia Robbins, Andy Sanders, Deeann Stead and myself as Parish Councillors and I was re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Building continued on the Glebe Land at Vicarage Road and Hawthornden and new residents started to move in.

Yalding Enterprise Park (YEP) submitted an outline planning application for redevelopment of the site in October but, due to the objections received, mainly from Nettlestead residents, the application remained undetermined at the year end. They have approached Yalding Scouts with a view to providing a Scout hut within their land ownership.

The Parish Wide Neighbourhood Plan call for sites ended on 24th May and a meeting was held with Maidstone Borough Council to compare responses with its consultation. Yalding Parish Council decided not to allocate sites within its plan. A government grant of £5,305 was received towards the costs of preparing the plan and quotations had been received for a Rural Housing Needs survey and a traffic consultant's report regarding Town Bridge.

It was agreed to monitor the proposal for a Garden Village in Marden for a provision of 2,000 dwellings; with no additional infrastructure, the traffic impact on Yalding village would be significant.

The second year of Yalding Parish Council's (YPC) management of the Lees Car Park resulted in another profit of £22,000. A new entry system is now being investigated to introduce card payments as well as cash. New CCTV equipment has been installed at the entrance areas. Thanks to Ken Gough for managing the project.

The Boathouse and The Walnut Tree now appear to be fully-functional, The Chequers continues with its fund-raising activities as does The George. The Woolpack continues to serve both the Yalding and Collier Street Communities. We are very lucky indeed to have five terrific pubs in the Parish as well as the Tea Rooms for more sober fare.

Following the retirement of Linda Gilbert, it was agreed to ask a company called Play Place to run the summer playscheme this year; it was a tremendous success and we will be looking to ask them to run future years.

The grant funding from DEFRA for The Lees ceased this year but it was agreed to amend the Standing Orders that would allow the DEFRA management of the area to continue.

We received grants of £10,000 for Laddingford and £20,000 for Yalding from Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) towards the cost of replacing the play equipment at the Jubilee Field and The Kintons.

We had an even better Parish Picnic than last year and the Yuletide Market was, as ever, a huge success. It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to the Vicar's Picnic Music Festival as the team decided they could not continue and there would be no 2019 festival. However, plans are well underway for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in May next year with a street party in Yalding High Street.

Thanks to Ken, Symon Wilson, David Law and all the lads who make our villages look so beautiful at Christmas time. New lights were bought for Laddingford to finish off the bottom end of the village. Our entire lighting stock is now LED and this has considerably reduced the cost of electricity. Thank you to those residents who have allowed us to install connection boxes in their gardens.

We continued to chase UKPN to raise the Burgess Bank substation above flood level and to move the one at Lyngs Farmhouse to Lyngs Close. Property Level Resistance equipment continues to be installed in homes. Our thanks to our flood wardens and the new recruitments.

Quite fortuitous as it turns out; the pre-Christmas floods had everyone fearing the worst that we would have a repeat of the Christmas Day floods of 2013. It came pretty close, but we survived for a good Christmas but then we had, not so severe, repeats in February and March. Three weeks later, we went into an early heat wave and then came the devastating news that a worldwide pandemic, Covid-19 – Coronavirus had encompassed the UK and we would enter a phase of life that only the survivors of WWII would recall. It all started on Saturday 21st March 2020.

**2020/21**

The Chairman had prepared a report on the 2020/21 Parish activities and achievements.

The pubs had shut on the previous Friday and we were advised that we would be in lockdown from Monday 23 March 2020. That weekend, we contacted Sainsburys regarding volunteer shopping and they gave us all their stock of fresh foods destined for the delicatessen and the café; that combined with food and monetary contributions from local residents, kick-started the food bank. Many, many thanks to all those who donated and to Rachel for her help and support. We received some £1,500 from Kent County Council (KCC) and MBC to use for Covid related expenses.

Volunteers were also kept busy delivering medication, fish and chips and talking to others by phone and all of our volunteers were nominated for a Compassionate Community Award, which we won. We re-imbursed volunteers for their out of pocket expenses, mainly petrol. We prepared and delivered to every household in the Parish a special edition of the magazine giving all information on help available to residents.

Everything closed with the pubs reverting to takeaway food and drink, and the schools, village hall, play areas, picnic area, the library and related activities ceased. The Farmers' Markets, VE Day street party, summer playscheme, Parish Picnic, Remembrance Day service and parade and the Yuletide Market were all cancelled.

However, front-garden VE Day tea parties were held on 8th May 2020, which were enjoyed by many, the boys erected the Christmas lights to brighten spirits and, as the children were unable to pay a visit to see Santa, we had him drive through the villages. Thanks to Greenways Nursery for the loan of the red truck, and to the Stead and Gent families for providing Santa, elves and reindeer!

With the car park and play areas closed, we took the opportunity to replace the entry system at the car park that had been flooded out at a cost of £19,000 but with a £13,000 insurance claim and we installed new play equipment at the Jubilee Field at a cost of £24,000 with a £10,000 grant from MBC. We were also successful in claiming a £10,000 small business grant for loss of income at the car park.

Summer brought fabulous weather and the pubs reopened with a government initiative Eat Out to Help Out during August and the schools re-opened in September.

Property Level Resistance measures were completed and the electricity substation at Burgess Bank was finally raised above flood levels. We continue to press for the move of the substation at The Square to be moved. Flooding occurred in the Parish on several occasions in the new year but there was no property damage. More flood wardens were appointed.

Fibre Optic cable was laid in parts of Yalding village by Openreach and Truly, we launched our new web site with the help of Ben Kirby and our first two new Heritage finger posts were installed at Woodfalls and Lees Corner. Yalding Enterprise Park received outline planning permission at the end of the year.

Sadly, Yalding WI closed after 76 years due to lack of officers but we have new volunteers in the pipeline to come forward once restrictions are lifted. Yalding and Laddingford Sports Association (YALSA) was relaunched with a new committee chaired by David Law.

Throughout all of this, Yalding Parish Council continued with its usual meetings but virtually using Zoom Video Conferencing. This has allowed members of the public to still attend meetings when required and business to continue uninterrupted. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in May 2020, Geraldine Brown and Andy Sanders were re-elected as chairman and vice chairman. The Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled.

Vaccination uptake in the Parish is excellent and thanks to Yalding Taxis for starting the "Cabs for Jobs" initiative and those who have donated.

Councillors wish to thank the boys for erecting the Christmas lights, Ken Gough for his continued work with the Community Payback teams at The Kintons and The Fen and our Clerk for all her hard and additional work throughout a difficult year. Also, our best wishes and thanks go to Patricia Robbins who has resigned as a Parish Councillor due to home and work commitments but who spent much time on the Neighbourhood Plan.

A final thank you and farewell to our County Councillor Paulina Stockell. She has supported Yalding Parish for the past 20 years with both advice and monetary help. She will be a hard act to follow and we wish her well in her retirement.

Following the second lockdown, which took us all through Christmas and Easter with the pubs closed again, we are, hopefully, now on the road to recovery and we look forward to arranging some local events and meeting you all face to face once again.

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# Yalding Parish Council

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## ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2021

### CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Geraldine Brown and Andy Sanders were re-elected respectively.

### THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE APPROVED

Motion to Confirm The Council's Code of Conduct  
Motion to Review, together With The District Authority The Code Of Conduct  
Motion to Approve The Council's Standing Orders  
Motion to Approve The Council's Risk Management Scheme  
Motion to Approve The Council's Financial Regulations  
Motion to Approve The Council's Statement of Internal Control  
Motion to Approve The Scheme of Delegation  
Motion to Approve The Social Media Policy  
Motion to Re-Adopt All Other Existing Council's Policies, Procedures And Risk Assessments  
Motion to approve the Council's fixed assets register  
Motion to approve the council's direct debits and standing orders  
Motion to confirm the insurance policy renewal

### CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTIES

The following appointments were made:

#### **Yuletide Market:**

Parish Councillors David Law  
Resident Volunteers Jason Bryant, Michael Stewart, Peter Crompton, Claire Curley, Lucy Owen, Victoria Bryant.

#### **Parish Wide Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:**

Parish Councillors (4) David Law, Geraldine Brown, Jason Bryant, Andy Sanders  
Resident Volunteers Tracey Barnes, Rob O'Connor, Paul Mahoney, Derek Hudson

### APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were made

- Medway Valley Railway Partnership – Andy Sanders
- Village Hall Committee – Geraldine Brown
- Maidstone Area Committee of Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) (2) – Geraldine Brown and Dee Ann Stead
- Maidstone Area Police Forum (2) – Geraldine Brown and June Chapman
- Yalding Charities to include The Almshouses, Relief in need and Relief in sickness– Sue Gerrish
- Yalding Education Foundation – Sue Gerrish
- Yalding and Laddingford Sports Association (to include going forward with new facilities) – David Law
- Medway Confluence Partners, previously The Catchment Improvement Groups (Rivers Beult and Teise) – June Chapman

### NEXT MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7 September 2021** at 7.30pm at Yalding Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend but, if you wish to address the Council on any subject, you must please advise the Clerk on 01622 814134 or email to [clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk) at least twenty four hours in advance of your intention to do so and the subject matter. If more than one person wishes to speak on any matter, a spokesperson will need to be appointed. We are not permitted to discuss items that are not on the agenda so, unless the issue is urgent or in respect of a planning application, Councillors may agree for it to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

**To be added to the Parish Database** to received current news, road closures, flood information, lost and found and more, please email [chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk) with your details.

## STOP PRESS!

Countryside Properties have agreed to transfer the Kintons track and the rest of the Glebe Land to Yalding Parish for the sum of £1.00. This is tremendous news but we obviously need to wait for the "legals" to be completed.

Weekdays 8am - 4pm Saturday 8am - 2pm Sunday 8am - 11:30am

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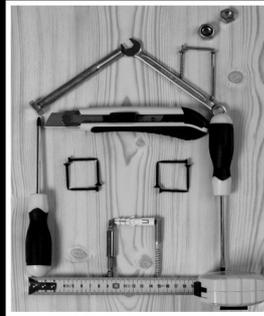
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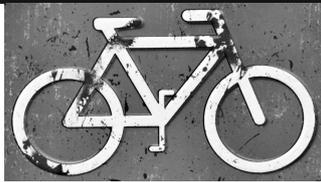
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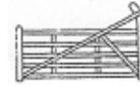
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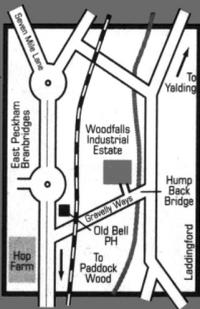
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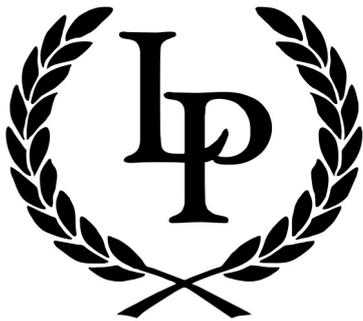
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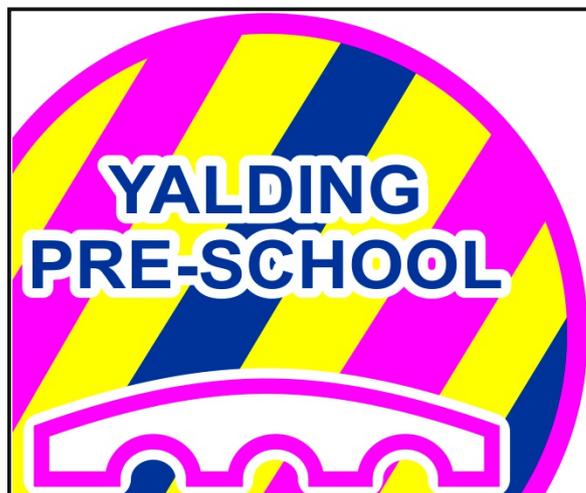
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