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www.yaldingchurches.co.uk

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(contact details are in the magazine).



REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID JENNER

This photo of myself and Hollie was taken on a very cold February day back in 2018 when the snow came, and kept on coming!

Hollie was very new to going out on walks, having only received her final jabs a few weeks beforehand.

At this point we believe she was probably 5/6 months old, having been found abandoned in a field a few months earlier, hence the late jabs.

During that cold, snowy February, she had me out walking and playing in the snow as much as my cold bones allowed.

But it was oh so cold, which I think shows in the positioning of my hand in the photo, fully stretched, unable to bend!

When I first saw this photo that David Jenner had taken (the first print is proudly hanging on my living room wall), I was amazed at how Hollie had obviously spotted him, but I had no idea at all!

David's title is Regardless of the Weather, but my thoughts are A Clear Sign of Love as I must have been mad to contemplate taking her out in such weather - and oh boy, was it cold!

Rachel Curley

NOTE: There is no Church & Parish Magazine in January - we will all have a well earned rest before bringing you all the local news for 2022 from February. *The Editor*



EDITOR'S NOTES

It's the end of another year and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. It has been a tough couple of years, but hopefully we will win through in the end.

That being said, we have a Christmas fun filled magazine: I am looking forward to the return of simply everything!

From the Yuletide Market, sadly missing from our High Street last year to the many opportunities to sing caroles and the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival in the Baptist Church.

If you are entering a tree, make sure you bring your themed tree to the Baptist Church at 11am on Saturday, 11th December so they can arrange them for the visitors to see from 1pm and pick them back up again on Sunday at 4pm when the winner will be announced.

My diary will be closely monitored as I will be looking at Christmas trees Saturday afternoon 1-5pm and obviously voting for the best one whilst drinking tea and cake and monitoring grandchildren at the children's Christmas Party from 1-3pm on the Sunday at St.Peter's & St.Paul's Church also drinking tea and cake and maybe a mince pie too.

Exhausting, but all good!

I will hopefully also be joining in with my grandchildren at the All Age Nativity (complete with costumes) at St.Peter & St.Paul's Church on Sunday, 19th December - we'll be there from 9.30am sorting through costumes and allocating parts.

Also, not forgetting several carol concerts - who can resist! We'll all need a holiday from the holidays at this rate!

June

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH

St Peter and St Paul, Yalding

5th December	9.30am	Holy Communion
12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th	9.30am	Breakfast & All Age Nativity @ 10am
24th	3pm & 4.30pm	Christingle Service
24th	11.15pm	Midnight Mass
Mondays	13.45	Little Fishes (monthly on 2nd Monday) in church
	19.00	Prayer Group (weekly in person) at Cob End.
You are more than welcome to join us. If you would like us to pray for you, please ring 01622 813995 or email annetelfer7@gmail.com		
Wednesdays	10.00	Holy Communion, Lady chapel (Traditional)
2nd January	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	9.30am	Breakfast and All Age Worship at 10am
30th	9.30am	Family Communion

If you would like to receive Father Paul's weekly email to the congregation, please let him know by emailing vicar@yaldingchurches.co.uk

St Mary's, Laddingford

12th December	9.00	Morning Worship
15th	7pm	Carol Service
26th	10am	Benefice Holy Communion

St Margaret's, Collier Street

25th December	10.00	Benefice Holy Communion
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Catholic Mass at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlestead

Sundays	9.30	All welcome
Contact:	Fr Alastair Ferguson 01892 838220 · 07887 925356 alastair.ferguson153@gmail.com	

Yalding Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Services with Junior Church

5th December	Visiting speaker Rev Paul Kerley
11th	Christmas Tree Festival 1-4pm
12th	All Age Christmas Carol Service (10.30) and Christmas Tree Festival 1-4pm
2nd January	Usual Service
9th	Kitchen Crew (age 11+)
16th	All Age Service
23rd	Communion
30th	Usual Service
Home Group	Fortnightly Wednesdays at 8.15pm Please contact for venue

You can listen to our sermons on our YouTube channel

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PARISH LETTER

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Anyone who knows me, will know I am a massive fan of Christmas and start planning ridiculously early (much to Fr. Paul's distress), although even I'm shocked at how quickly December has arrived this year!

I appreciate some people do not enjoy Christmas as much as I do, and I know for some it is a time of sadness and memories that cause them pain and grief, please be assured of our love and prayers if that is you.

For those who just don't particularly get Christmas, my question is "**what's not to love?**" Although I think after the lack of events during 2020 even more people will be excited this year, maybe!

In our benefice we start the celebrations nice and early with our school Christmas fayres, and then the Yalding Yuletide celebrations, which this year will be the first time since 2014 that I haven't enjoyed them from behind the counter in the tearooms, it will be nice to be able to pop up and grab a coffee that I haven't made!

And it means I can walk around chatting and catching up with people and most excitingly join in the carol singing in church with the choir (6.30pm).

We then have village carol singing, carol services in all three of our churches, children's parties (always fun to have a sing along to Baby Santa Shark; Ho Ho Ho!), and of course our amazing All Age nativity service (further details in this magazine).

Christmas for me is about the joy and happiness all round, the pure excitement on the faces of the children, there's just something about Christmas that makes so many people happy, and as we get to Christmas Eve, we start to get to the main reason of why I love Christmas, no, not the Christingle services, although they are some of my most favourite services of the year, but as we reach Christmas day, it is the Incarnation; the birth of Jesus Christ that is what Christmas is about for me.

Sometimes we can all be so engrossed in our day to day lives that we just can't see our own faults or beyond our own troubles, so God comes to us because we need Him, and because He loves us.

He comes into a troubled world in a troubled place because that's where we are - then and now.

So, my real love of Christmas is because of the most wonderful thing that happened over two thousand years ago, in a stable, in a manger in Bethlehem.

And yes, everyone loves a baby; but this baby loves everyone. And that's the point.

So, on behalf of myself, Fr. Paul, and our Lay minister Justin, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be ours this Christmas.

Amen



Rachel Curley

Ordinand, the united Benefice of Yalding, Laddingford and Collier Street



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Christmas stamps now available.

Father Christmas can be contacted by post...**Father Christmas. Santa's Grotto. Reindeerland. XM45 HQ.**

October 2022 will see the end of use for the old £50 and £20 notes. From 1st October 2022 these notes will be classified as "outmoded". They will no longer be used in shops etc, but can be deposited into bank accounts for a further 20 years.

News from the Post Office concerning Post Office Card Account. (POCA) This is of interest to those that cannot have access to a regular bank account. The termination of POCA has been delayed by a year and will now finally take place in November 2022. Dept of Work and Pensions (DWP) will replace the card with a payment voucher service which will be issued either on a card, a text or email attachment and will be operational by August 2022.

- We offer all main PO postal & basic banking services, plus phone and energy meter top-ups, fishing licences, Moneygram, Health Lottery etc.,

- EU parcels need a correctly completed customs label.

- Foreign Currencies. We stock Euros and US dollars and can order other currencies, as you plan your trip abroad. POL have informed us that credit on Travel Money Cards can be encashed at all branches in UK currency

- The Post Office gift card can be used at pretty much every major retailer in the UK and online.

Shop & Local Produce

Croissants and other pastries available on Thursday & Saturdays only. Coxheath bakery items on sale every day. Orders taken.

Cold drinks, unique greetings cards by local artists, Melanie's ceramics, 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.

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.

If you are VAT registered and trading under Etsy, EBay, Amazon etc you will be required to declare the VAT on your goods when mailing to the EU.

New stamps sets this month are the Christmas 2021 collection. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request.

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.

And, of course...we sell stamps and send parcels and letters all over the world. (except Chile, Peru and Yemen)

Tim & June

INTERNATIONAL POSTING DATES - DEC

Africa	Wed 8	Ireland	Thu 16
Asia	Wed 8	Italy	Mon 6
Australia	Mon 6	Luxembourg	Thur 16
Austria	Wed 15	Malta	Fri 10
Belgium	Thur 16	Middle East	Wed 8
Canada	Sat 11	N. Zealand	Mon 6
Caribbean	Wed 1	Netherlands	Thu 16
Cen America	Wed 8	Norway	Thu 16
Cyprus	Sat 10	Poland	Mon 13
Czech Rep	Mon 13	Portugal	Mon 6
Denmark	Thu 16	S America	Wed 8
E Europe	Sat 11	Slovakia	Thu 16
Far East	Wed 8	Spain	Thu 16
Finland	Mon 13	Sweden	Fri 10
France	Thur 16	Switzerland	Thu 16
Germany	Thu 16	Turkey	Sat 11
Greece	Mon 6	USA	Mon 13
Iceland	Thu 16		

LAST POSTING DATES - CHRISTMAS 2021 - UK

Saturday	18th December
2nd Class & 2nd Class Signed For	
Tuesday	21st December
1st Class & 1st Class Signed For	
Thursday	23rd December
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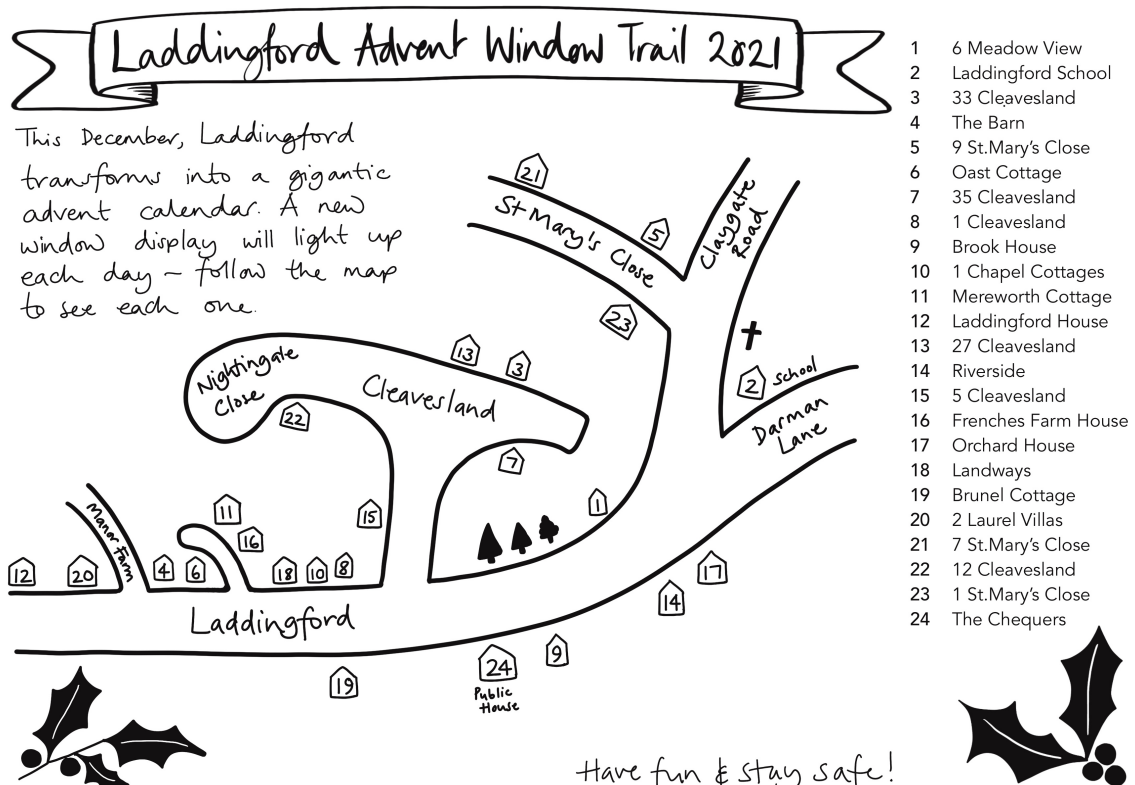
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We're so pleased to be in a different position writing this from this time last year. We are looking forward to the festive season and welcoming everyone through our doors once again. We have our festive menu which is available from 1-24th December as well as our usual menu, daily specials and some lovely winter warmers. Last month's Halloween Quiz was great fun, it was amazing what can be done with a doughnut! There were some great fancy dress outfits including our canine friends Rudy and Teddy who got into the "spirit" of things. It was a close run contest but many congratulations to the winning team "Cousins & Lovers" who took first prize. £228 was raised for the British Heart Foundation and this will be added to the £68 of donations from the scarf & jewellery swap Ladies Night. Thank you for your generosity.

Over December look out for the advent windows that will be displayed throughout Laddingford. Each day a new window will appear in the village – there is a map below showing the houses taking part, as well as a map on the village notice board. Thank you to Amy Westgate who guided us in setting this up in a similar way to Yalding's advent trail. Please look at our website, facebook or instagram for our opening times and events over the holiday period, as well as future events such as Burns Night, Annual Crib Competition and Pints, Pies & Puddings in February. We will be holding our Christmas Quiz and of course there will be a lovely open fire, good beer and wine and delicious winter dishes on the menu. In January there will be new healthy options both of food and drink and don't worry for those not making

those January resolutions our traditional dishes will still be on the menu for you to enjoy. So as 2022 approaches a special thank you must go to our lovely staff for their help, commitment and support over a very unusual year. The new ways of working have been very challenging at times and they came up trumps in working together and looking after our customers. Again we have seen some of our team go off to university, come back from university, start college or start work and we are proud to see them make their way into the adult world, and as they do, the younger ones start as part of The Chequers' family! Lastly, we would also like to thank all our friends and customers who supported us while we were closed during the Pandemic, we really do appreciate it, thank you all.

Charles & Tracey



COMMUNITY DIARY

DECEMBER

3rd	Dad's Army - Russett Players	8pm @ East Peckham Village Hall	
4th	Dad's Army - Russett Players	3pm & 8pm	
4th	Yuletide Market - High Street, Yalding	5pm onwards	
6th	The Garden Society @ The Village Hall	7.30pm	
7th	Pop-Up Cafe @ The Chequers	10.30am-12.30	
8th	Collier St Pop in St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm	
11th	Christmas Tree Festival	11am onwards - delivery of trees being entered	
	Christmas Tree Festival - open to visitors	1-5pm	
	Race Night @ The Venetian Little Venice	8pm	
12th	Baptist Church Carol Service	10.30am - <i>All welcome</i>	
	Christmas Tree Festival - open to all	1-4pm (trees to be in place from 11am)	
	Christmas Tree Festival - <i>Winner Announced</i>	4pm and trees to be picked up	
	Children's Party @ Yalding Church	2pm	For more details regarding these events, please look throughout the magazine.
	Kent's Police Band Christmas Concert	6pm @ Yalding Church	If you have an event you would like us to cover, please send details to mag@yaldingchurches.co.uk
13th	Wreath making @ Yalding Church	6pm	
14th	WI Meeting - Wreath Making	7.30pm @ Village Hall, Yalding	
15th	Carol Service @ Laddingford Church	7pm	
18th	John's Grand Draw @ The Venetian	8pm	
19th	All age Nativity @ Yalding Church	10am	
24th	Christingle @ Yalding Church	3pm and 4.30pm	
	Midnight Mass @ Yalding Church	11.15pm	

GARDEN SOCIETY DIARY

Monday, 6th December	7.30pm at the village hall - Christmas Party, Talk & Quiz
Monday, 7th February	8pm A-Z of Roses by Simon White of Peter Beales Roses (zoom talk)
Monday, 7th March	8pm at the village hall - AGM & get together

For further information on our events and enquiries regarding joining the Society, please contact:
Lois 01622 814889, Joy 01622 814509 or Jane 01622 815569

LIFE'S A BIT SPICY!

Bit Spicy is a family business based in Collier Street, selling hand-roasted and hand-blended spices, mainly online.

Founder Andrew grew up in Singapore, and has spent his life exploring and cooking south east Asian cuisine.

He was the only European at the very prestigious Anglo-Chinese school, and his friends (a mixture of Malay, Chinese and Tamil) introduced him to hawker-style food and true local dishes.

Singapore has a history of many cultures absorbing and using local ingredients to add a unique taste to their traditional dishes. South Indians, Indonesians, Chinese, Malay and Thai are all found living in Singapore and bringing flavour and vibrancy to the food.

Yalding Post Office offers a selection of Bit Spicy products, including spice cartons, tins, bowls and storage pots.

Anything from Bit Spicy's online shop can be ordered via Tim and June, and collected from the Post Office the following day.

For the festive season, the ever-popular Bit Spicy Christmas curry mix will be available. Using cranberry sauce as an extra ingredient (the perfect way to use up that half-filled jar!), you can dispose of your leftovers – turkey, sprouts, potatoes... - in one fell swoop!

And if you haven't eaten a curried brussels sprout you haven't lived! Also available vegan curry mixes.

Liz & Andrew



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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;

www.laddingford.kent.sch.uk

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Laddingford Primary School News

And Just like that, it's nearly Christmas!

A huge thankyou to everyone who bought a Christmas tree from the school this year, I really can't emphasise enough how important those kind of fundraising events are for our little school. Covid has thrown up lots of new challenges and the FLS have supported us every step of the way to ensure we had the funds to put additional things in place quickly, this has included a new whiteboard for the hall, new laptops and subscriptions to online learning platforms such as mathematics and reading.

In a school the size of Laddingford the budget is always extremely tight; expenditure like that listed has to be planned at least a year in advance; the amazing fundraising that had taken place before and during the pandemic allowed the FLS to help us react quickly to this unprecedented event. Most recently they have subsidised in-school events like our Ancient Greek day to help us get our curriculum back on track with exciting enrichment opportunities.

Thank you all for your support.

As we head towards Christmas a little uncertainty remains in the air about which events will be able to safely take place but whatever happens, there will be a Nativity, there will be glitter and there will be fun! Whatever Christmas time looks like for you and your loved ones this year, I hope it's a good one.

Mrs Hitch



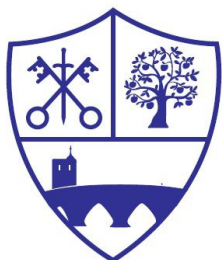
Last term children in Bramley Class had the opportunity to learn CPR through the Kent Fire & Rescue 'restart a heart' scheme.



Are you looking for a school place for September 2022?

Thank you to everyone who came along to our open mornings in November, they were brilliantly well attended and it was great to meet you all. If you were unable to attend an open morning, but are still considering Laddingford for your child there is lot of information on our website for you to have a look at, along with a video tour. If you have any more questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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

Enrichment Afternoon

After many months being unable to mix our first Enrichment Afternoon was a great success. This involved each House (from Year 1-Year 6) getting together for the afternoon to enjoy different activities. It was wonderful to have pupils from different age groups working together.

Activities included team games; mental health and well being activities - including drawing doodle monsters; story telling - including mask making and computer animation; stop motion photography.



Peer Mediation

Year 6 had training from Mrs McInnes from Maidstone Mediation. This will enable them to help younger children to solve any playground disagreements. They held an assembly to show the rest of the school how the mediation works and explained how it might help.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 5 visited Maidstone Museum to enhance their learning for their Ancient Greece project. They took part in a workshop and examined many artefacts. They had a look around the museum before finishing off with some sketching in Whatman Park.

Also, as part of their project, they also had a food tasting afternoon. They used all of their senses to analyse the items and taste foods such as olives, dips, flat breads, feta cheese and Greek yoghurt.

Year 4 took their learning outside after they had designed and made Roman army shields. They explored the different battle formations and how the shields protected the soldiers from being attacked and helped them attack their enemies more safely.

Year 3 went out into the village to carry out a traffic survey. They used their Geography and Maths skills as they stood outside the library to collect data about the number of cars that cross the bridge to use back in class.

Year 2 had to investigate after returning from Worship to discover the room in a mess. The children found several unusual items - including a basket, paw prints and a red cloak. Who could have been in the classroom?



Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair visited Yalding and the pupils really enjoyed paired reading with the older children sharing books with the younger children.

Thank you to the PTA who helped after school to enable our keen readers to buy new books.

Looking for a Reception place for September 2022?

If your child's fourth birthday is between 1st September 2021 and August 2022 and you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2022, come and enjoy a tour of Yalding St.Peter & St.Paul School. Please make an appointment by emailing or phoning the school office.

Mrs S Friend, Headteacher

CALLING ALL WHO ENJOY FLOWER ARRANGING!

The church flower-arrangers' group would be delighted to welcome more members! All that is needed is an enjoyment of flowers and a pair of secateurs, so why not join us on a regular basis or just for special occasions like Christmas and Easter?

You do not need to be particularly knowledgeable or experienced, or to be a regular member of the congregation.

We should very much welcome your company as well as your help!

We also have a group who enjoy crafting as well, meeting up informally to prepare seasonal decorations and small arrangements for sale on our stall in church at the Christmas market or the Summer Fete.

If you are interested or would like more information please call Sue Williams on 01622 815403



YALDING CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Do you want to be part of the village community?

We are seeking some new enthusiastic and committed trustees to aid us in our fundraising duties to support the fabric of our church and at the same time enhance our community life. We work hard to ensure we can support the church's needs to maintain this historic and important focal point within the village.

Our aim is to continue our fundraising work in imaginative ways that will contribute to the local community and at the same time enhance the profile of the society.

We like to sponsor fundraising activities throughout the year from our annual stall at the Yuletide Market to a child & parent focused event at the annual Church fete.

The trustees meet 3 to 5 times a year plus our AGM normally in late March.

The only requisite to be a trustee is that you are enthusiastic to maintain what is an important focal point for the village – not an easy task as a charity to raise money for “bricks & mortar”.

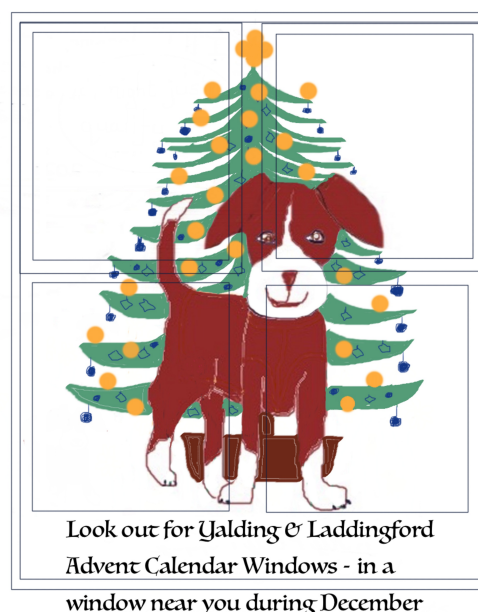
You do not need to be a regular church goer!!

In fact we actively seek anyone who is not.

With more new trustees it will ensure the work YCPS can continue as our current band of hard working trustees have all been involved for a number of years and wish to hand over the reins to a more youthful cohort.

If you think you can commit some time and energy to this cause or even want to know more about the work we do then in the first instance please contact our Chair of Trustees Peter Chapman on 07973 839266 or via email ycpstrustees@yahoo.co.uk




We would especially welcome people with skills in maintaining and updating a website, marketing and fundraising ideas but overall a general enthusiasm for the village and a desire to contribute to the “Fun” in Fundraising. The more the merrier.



Look out for Yalding & Laddingford
Advent Calendar Windows - in a
window near you during December

Helen Grant MP for Maidstone and the Weald

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YULETIDE MARKET PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Yalding Yuletide Celebrations 4th December 2021 - 4:45pm to 8pm Yalding High Street, Yalding, Maidstone.

The 'must do' Christmas event!

An annual Yuletide market organised by community volunteers back for the first time since 2019.

Look out for Father Christmas, Punch & Judy and the local schools. Be amazed by the Samba drumming band, marvel at the traditions from the Morris Dancers and enjoy a sing-along!

Live entertainment in the High Street.

Estimated timed program shown here (subject to amendment) with location mentioned in brackets:

- 4.45 Pre-School children carol singing (War Memorial)
- 5.00 Father Christmas arrives!
- 5.15 Hartley Morris Dancers (War Memorial) and Yalding School choir (Forge)
- 5.30 Punch & Judy (High Street)
- 5.45 Laddingford School choir (Forge)
- 6:00 Samba Band (High Street)
- 6:15 Punch & Judy (High Street) and Hartley Morris Dancers (Forge)
- 6.30 "Copertine" vocal musical group (Forge)
- 7.00 Christmas Carols (Yalding Church) and Punch & Judy (High Street)
- 7:30 Samba Band (High Street)
- 8:00 Market closes!



The market will open from 5pm, offering a range of seasonal items, fresh produce, gift ideas and traditional Christmas staples including plants and trees. A number of local craft producers will also be displaying their wares. Remember to try your luck at the Bottle stall!

You will find the fairground near to the Forge, with attractions for all ages of kids.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a seasonal array of hot and cold food and alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks, with something to tempt all palates, and most of it is locally sourced so quality is assured! Food will include a Hog roast, locally produced pork sausages and burgers, traditional German sausages, Brittany crepes, fish and chips and much more. This year we will also have outside bars offering a choice of quality beverages for consumption at the market.

The High Street will be completely and safely closed to traffic on the night so bring the whole family, meet some friends, and join in this most enjoyable annual community event.

See local press and keep an eye on www.yaldingfarmersmarket.co.uk for more details and location.

There will be a mandatory market admission fee (it's completely up to you what you want to contribute, no minimum) payable on the day, this is a council licensing requirement. The market event is strictly "not for profit" and run by local volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Press contacts – Jason Bryant 07887 686392,
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YALDING YULETIDE MARKET BOTTLE DONATIONS

WILL YOU HELP US, PLEASE?

We need donated bottles for the Yalding Yuletide Market's Bottle Stall on Saturday 4 December 2021

The BOTTLE STALL has always been a vital part of the Yuletide Market. It's proceeds make an indispensable contribution towards the general running costs of the market, including the street entertainers who enliven the market, and without it we would certainly run at a loss.

Every year without fail the generosity of local residents in donating bottles has ensured the success of this stall.

In issuing a warm welcome to all the village's new residents we hope that they will join with existing ones in supporting the Market in this way.



We ask everyone who is willing to make such a donation to drop bottles off at the Post Office during the working day at any time during the month of November.

Bottles of any kind will be welcome, but not tinned or packaged food, please.

If you are willing to donate but would find it easier to receive a house call to collect your donation, please leave a note to this effect at the Post office, with your address and phone number.

Any help and support you can give in keeping the successful Bottle Stall going will be very much appreciated.

Yuletide Market Committee

YALDING PRESCHOOL

Our little people have had so much fun these past few weeks, what with Halloween, Fireworks Night and Remembrance activities.

We did our first off site trip in over two years!! And went pumpkin picking. Thank you to Yalding Taxis and Milebush Farm. We had our annual fundraising race night, raising almost **£1,000.00!!**

Thank you to all the parents and our usual village heroes for making it a huge success.

A very big thank you to all those local businesses that donated raffle prizes and showed their support by attending on the night.

We've got plenty of Christmas activities lined up, including Christmas carolling and our Yuletide Christmas stall.

Not to mention a Christmas party extravaganza for the children before we break up on **December 17th**.

May we wish you all a very merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Stacy Codling - Secretary - Yalding (Twyford) Preschool Committee

Please check out our website for further updates and information.

www.YaldingPreschool.co.uk | 01622 814024 | admin@yaldingPreschool.co.uk

TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL



As we continue to explore the book 'Dream Snow, by Eric Carle, we will be making snow sun catchers and snowflakes and learning that each one is different and special just as we are.

This term the children will also be making their own Christmas tree decorations using natural resources and decorating our pre-school tree (unsupervised!!), so parents beware they may like to decorate yours at home! We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our pre-school Christmas concert this year where the children will perform some much-loved songs in front of their parents. There will be the usual Christmas hamper raffle, mince pies, mulled wine and refreshments available. This year we are holding the concert over three days so all parents/carers can enjoy all the festivities safely. We have started our phonics group this term for our older

children to start preparing them for big school, while our younger children are enjoying the many clever finger activities, we have put together to help develop their fine motor skills.

I must also mention a big thank you to Teston Farm Shop who kindly supports our preschool by donating fresh fruit for our children's café which runs throughout the morning playtime. Our children enjoy choosing a fantastic range of seasonal fruits we receive every week.

On behalf of all the staff and children, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas. We will return on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

If you are interested in joining our pre-school, please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email us on tandwngroup@gmail.com

Help Super Sid Fight SMA



Sidney has been diagnosed with Type 1 SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). A degenerative disease which, if left untreated, is fatal.

Risdiplam is a new wonder drug that isn't yet available on the NHS and costs around £250,000 annually. This drug has helped many children all over the world with Type 1 SMA to thrive and live near to normal lives.

We're asking for your help to get our Super Sidney the treatment he needs to fight this horrific disease and give him the best chance at a normal life.

A SMALL DONATION WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!



Donate here today!



Alternatively, scan the QR code to donate directly to our Go-Fund me page



Follow Sid's journey at
#Super_Sidney_Cookie



EXTRACTS FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLAYSCHEME 2022

There will be a summer playscheme in Yalding but the venue is yet to be decided.

POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman attended the first Cluster Meeting between Police, Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) Community Safety Officer, MBC Ward Members and Nettlestead, Yalding, Collier Street, Marden, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Ulcombe and Boughton Malherbe Parish Councils. Items discussed:

- River problems particularly at Hampstead Lock – Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)s and Community Safety officers are doing regular patrols. CCTV has been erected.
- Parent parking at schools- Inspector Kent said it was impossible for police to attend as he did not have enough officers. Some schools have setup School Wardens made up of both teachers and children. He would ask the Schools Officer to attend where there is a particular safety issue.
- Inspector Kent asked that residents be dissuaded from using Facebook to report crime, Twitter is best but there is a new app coming out to make it very easy to report any issue.
- Speedwatch – Inspector Kent advised that he could arrange for an officer to attend speedwatch sessions from time to time.

PCSO Nicola Morris is back on reduced hours but office based for the time being.

YALDING ENTERPRISE PARK (YEP)

The S106 agreement has been signed and the outline planning permission has been received by YEP. The “For Sale/To Let” boards have been erected.

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION 29 OCTOBER TO 12 DECEMBER 2021

The Regulation 19 consultation was launched on 29th October for 6 weeks. The documentation differs from the Regulation 18b in respect of Hallam owned land on Kenward Road, although still 100 homes in total, now has a reference to land to the south which includes homes, recreation and car parking. It was agreed to instruct Steve Clarke, our planning consultant, to prepare a response on our behalf to the Planning Inspectorate, to be circulated via Parish News in sufficient time for residents to respond to the consultation individually.

JUBILEE FIELD

The installation of new goal posts is complete.

THE TATT

The land registry extract now shows that YPC holds the title absolute.

Medway Valley Countryside Partnership (MVCP) has prepared a report on the use of this area, which has been circulated to all councillors. A site meeting is to be arranged to discuss this plan along with the condition of the road surface.

THE KINTONS

TRANSFER OF WOODS AND TRACK FROM COUNTRYSIDE

Still awaiting completion of the paperwork.

KG has cleared a small area of debris, fallen trees, unsafe undergrowth and has found a lot of glass, which he wants to bury, and would like to level it before a site meeting, when the MVCP management plan will be discussed.

A new play equipment supplier is being sought as after-sales service from Sovereign, the Jubilee Field supplier, has been appalling,

20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE 30PMH TO 20MPH

It was agreed to invite Adrian Berendt to present at the December Parish Council meeting.

If Councillors wish to take this forward, it will need to go into the Highways Improvement Plan otherwise KCC will not look at it. Adrian Berendt is attending the next Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) meeting on 29th November with a live presentation.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This will be prepared by The Chairman and The Clerk. It was agreed to include the following in the first draft:

- Return Town Bridge to a toll bridge
- Interactive signs at entrances to Yalding Village. Regrettably Laddingford has too much on-street parking.
- ANPR Speed Signs
- Double yellow lines outside Blumer Lock
- Move the 30mph out further along Benover Road
- Parking on Vicarage Road
- Improvements to Hampstead Lane Junction

OTHER HIGHWAY ISSUES

KCC have undertaken a lot of work to clear all the gullies, to raise the ironwork to the level of the carriageway and to resurface West Street.

The Chairman has chased The Highways Engineer about the cobbles at Kingsland Cottages and the water on Vicarage Road that is running onto the track.

FLOODING

GENERAL UPDATE

Helen Grant will write to the Minister regarding the 42 properties with no protection, The Chairman will provide her with information. The Chairman is also updating the Emergency Plan but not just for fluvial flooding. A flood warden meeting is needed.

SUBSTATION at LYNGS FARMHOUSE

Helen Grant has agreed to write again to UKPN asking what is happening and why it cannot go on a pole. Also, why they have not sent the parish the addresses of the properties connected to it for survey.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Medway Catchment Invasive Non-Native Plant Control Project - 2021 Newsletter – circulated via Parish News
- River Beult Catchment CSF Newsletter Autumn 2021 – to be circulated via Parish News
- An email and photos has been received from a local resident canoeing along the Beult with regard to a very large oak tree that has fallen completely across the river. The Environment Agency has been notified.
- Medway Flood Partnership briefing notes.

THE CHAIRMAN BRIEFED COUNCILLORS ON HER MEETING WITH HELEN GRANT ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Problems moving the Lyngs Farmhouse substation - see above
- Flood protection for the 43 properties that currently have none – see above
- Golding Homes housing policy
- Parliamentary boundary changes – There will be two more consultations in Spring 2022 and July 2023.
- Rural Broadband – Government report that they have reached 50% in rural areas, and are forecasting 60% by December and 85% by 2025. A project has been launched to give funding for 4G and 5G in rural areas but mobile signals may not support this. HG will send a full report.
- Community Payback Travel – It has been reported that travel will be included in the hours of service, HG will investigate.
- Complaints against councillors, The Standards' Agency has provided a report that is currently being considered by government.
- Pavement parking, There has been a consultation - proposals to be published.
- Virtual/hybrid meetings for Parish Councils There has been a consultation the results and proposals awaited.

NEXT MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL

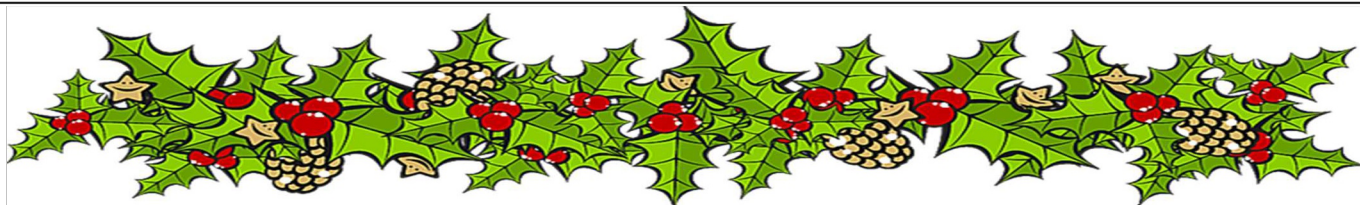
The next monthly meetings will be held on **Tuesdays 7 December 2021 and 18 January 2022 at 7pm** at Yalding Village Hall. **There will be no February meeting.** All members of the public are welcome to attend but, if you wish to address the Council on any subject, you must please advise the Clerk on 01622 814134 or email to clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk 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

Yalding Parish Council

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.

PARISH DATABASE

To receive current information on flooding issues, road closures, lost and found, Parish Events and other news, please email chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name and address details. We do not keep a record of your address and the database is kept on an encrypted drive that is password protected. We do not share your details with any third party without your express permission.



*Here's wishing all our Residents
a happy and peaceful
Christmas and New Year
that can be enjoyed with family and friends again*

From The Environment Agency newsletter Autumn 2021

An edited update on the progress of the Leigh Expansion Scheme

Leigh Flood Storage Area works

At the end of September 2021, after a public enquiry into objections, the Secretary of State **approved** the Environment Agency (EA) scheme to raise the Leigh Flood Storage Area (FSA) from 28.05m AOD to 28.6m AOD. The scheme proposed for Tonbridge and Hildenborough can now proceed.

We expect to appoint contractors for the scheme in spring 2022 with works programmed to begin at the FSA in summer 2022. The full scheme is due to be complete in autumn 2024, one year later than the original schedule.

Over the summer (2021), the Environment Agency has been carrying out essential works on the Leigh FSA which are required under the Reservoirs Act 1975. The works to the embankment will be ongoing over the next three years and will not affect the operation of the Leigh FSA to reduce the risk of flooding.

The works involve lifting the top soil of the existing main embankment, laying reinforcing materials & relaying soil and seeding grass. Once these works are complete, the embankments will look very similar to how they look now.

We know that residents have questions about the embankment so we will be holding a virtual engagement event in November where we'll provide an update on the proposals, show indicative landscape visualisations and answer any questions you have about the works. Please sign up to our distribution list to receive more information about this session: LEHES@environment-agency.gov.uk.

More information: You can find out more about the history of the Leigh FSA at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/leigh-flood-storage-area> - the history of the Leigh FSA; or Search for "Leigh Flood Storage Area" on YouTube for an animation of the workings of the FSA.

If you have any questions about any of the works described in this summary, or would like to join our electronic distribution list for future updates, please email LEHES@environment-agency.gov.uk.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an

ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK PART TIME 10 HOURS PER WEEK

Yalding Parish Council is looking to provide an opportunity to develop a rewarding professional career in the first tier of local government.

The post holder will be expected to assist the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) to carry out duties relating to the work of Yalding Parish Council and, in time, move on to the role of Deputy Clerk and eventually take on the role of Clerk/RFO.

As well as being a friendly, enthusiastic and confident individual, we are looking for someone who:

- Has excellent people skills, with the ability to work with Councillors, members of the public, third party organisations and other members of staff;
- Is proficient with the use of email, Microsoft Word, Excel and other Office applications;
- Is confident to learn other software packages, including Quickbooks, website tools and using social media accounts;
- Is flexible to attend meetings, consultations, information and other events
- Can keep accurate records, is well organised and able to meet deadlines;
- Will undertake all other duties as may reasonably be required;
- Preference will be given to candidates residing in Yalding Parish

Once they have completed the initial six-month probation period, the successful candidate would be expected to work towards obtaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) whilst slowly increasing their responsibilities and hours.

Starting salary between SCP Scales 8 and 11.

Please contact the Parish Clerk via phone or email if you would like to know more about the Parish Council and the position.

The closing date for return of applications is

10 January 2022

Angela Gent, Clerk to Yalding Parish Council.

clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk

01622 814134

Looking forward to 2022

HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2 TO 4 JUNE

The National Celebrations will be held on Thursday 2 June 2022 commencing at 9pm to include beacon lighting, bell ringing and a piper.

In addition to this, Yalding Parish will start the proceedings on 2 June with a torch-lit procession down Yalding High Street to the church and finish with a toast to Her Majesty and fireworks.

The procession will be made up of representatives from each year of her reign chosen by date of birth. Her Majesty ascended the throne on 5 February 1952 and her coronation was held on 2 June 1953.

Is your or your child's birthday on or near

**5th February or
2nd June**

Are you expecting a baby on or near

5th February 2022

Please send an email asap to
chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk
or call 01622 814134
to register to join the procession

2nd June 2022

Please let us know as soon as you know a baby is
expected

Family members may process with the children or
elderly or as substitutes for new-born babies

Other Jubilee Events for the Diary

Friday 3rd June

Street Party, Yalding High Street

Saturday 4th June

Picnic and More, The Lees

More details in the February Magazine

Yalding Parish Council

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR YALDING PARISH COUNCIL CONTRACTS, STARTING 1 APRIL 2022

ROUTINE CONTRACTS

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE

PLAYING FIELDS/PLAY AREAS:

The Kintons, Vicarage Road, Yalding

Cut grass up to 22 cuts per annum

Cut grass inside play area up to 14 times per annum

Jubilee Field, Laddingford

Field cut by KCC under school contract

Play area, ditches and field edges currently maintained by Nepicar on a 3-year fixed cost contract which is due for renewal April 2023

OPEN SPACES

The Tatt, High Street, Yalding

Currently maintained by Nepicar on a 3-year fixed contract which is due for renewal April 2023

The Lees, Yalding

Cut grass up to 3 times per annum in addition to hay cutting

Fowle Hall Green, Pikefish Lane, Laddingford

As part of The MVCP management, monthly stimming of a path and twice yearly cut.

Currently maintained by Nepicar on a 3-year fixed contract which is due for renewal April 2023

VERGES AND YALDING VILLAGE GREEN

Currently maintained by Nepicar on a 3-year fixed contract which is due for renewal April 2023

GATEKEEPER

The Kintons - To open and close the gate morning and evening, 365 days a year

LITTER PICKING

To hand pick litter in various areas around the parish – weekly through Spring/Summer season and ad-hoc during Autumn/Winter. To be quoted by the hour.

THE LEES PICNIC AREA AND CAR PARK

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE

Currently maintained by Nepicar on a 3-year fixed contract which is due for renewal April 2023

GATEKEEPER

The Lees Picnic area - To open and close the gate morning and evening from April to September (subject to weather)

LITTER PICKING

To litter pick as required from April to September (Subject to weather), to be quoted by the hour.

THE LEES' TOILETS

Cleaning - To clean toilets at The Lees daily from April to September (subject to weather) in the evening to include locking of toilets. This must be a professional cleaning company with third party public liability insurance.

Cesspit – To empty as necessary, usually weekly, during Summer months.

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

To carry out regular inspections and routine maintenance of the lights and columns.

NON-ROUTINE WORK

Odd Jobs - To be quoted by the hour/day -To include strimming, leaf collection, labouring, rubbish removal etc

Parish Maintenance – To quote to be the default (non-specialist) maintenance contractor on an hourly basis.

Electrical - To quote to be the default electrician on an hourly basis, work to include maintenance and installation of power boxes, PAT testing of Christmas lights and other electrical items and advice on electrical safety.

VOLUNTEERS

River Warden

Litter pickers

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Gent, at
clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01622 814134

Please note: in order to be considered, all tenders must be received by Friday 10 January 2022
and accompanied by any relevant Public Liability Insurance Schedule



YALDING LIBRARY

Adin Coates House
High Street
Yalding, Kent
ME18 6HU

WE ARE NOW OPEN

Sunday closed

Monday	1pm-5pm
Tuesday	9am-1pm
Wednesday	9am-12pm
Thursday	1pm-5pm
Friday	1pm-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm

READING THE CLASSICS

Although we have librarians covering for the post in Yalding Library, we do not have someone permanently in the role at the moment.

Julie West, our former librarian has gone to pastures new so we are missing our book review article, so it is down to me, The Editor to put something together for all our readers for the time being.

I am therefore throwing down the gauntlet to our Book Groups to send in an article on your latest reads as although I love to read, my taste alone just will not do! I am an avid reader, but looking through the top 10 best sellers, it has become abundantly clear that my reading tastes are not in line with what is selling at the moment! I then had a thought and I have looked through the top 100 classic books which should be read and enjoyed by all avid readers.

You'll be pleased to know I will not be reviewing all 100 this month. Here are the top 5.

Coming in at number 1 is

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin.

If you have not read the book, and you like a good costume drama, then this book has been covered!

Witty, cruel in parts and a passionate love story. I prefer the series to the film as the witty one liners were a dream to listen to.

Number 2:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

A story of the gross injustices in the Deep South of America addressing issues of race, inequality and segregation.

A powerful read which lingers in the mind.

Number 3:

The Great Gatsby by F.Scott Fitzgerald.

I have not read this, but the film with Leonardo Di Caprio as Jay Gatsby and Carey Mulligan as Daisy was sumptuous and left me bereft....

Number 4:

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Another book I have not read, but I have read **Love In The Time of Cholera** by this author which I found to be one of the most beautiful books I have ever read. In that vein, I need to read this!

Number 5:

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote.

A true crime book and another one not on my reading list. I would appreciate a review as to be number 5, it must have some good points – in fact very good points.

Watch this space!

June

WE WILL BE OPEN DURING THE YULETIDE MARKET - come and make your own Christmas card and join in the fun

STORY TIME AT YALDING LIBRARY

Calling all pre-school children and their parents/carers
It's Storytime at Yalding Library

Come along on the 1st Monday of the month from 2.15pm-2.45pm

A fun session with stories, songs & colouring/crafts

FREE and all welcome

THE YALDING VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR

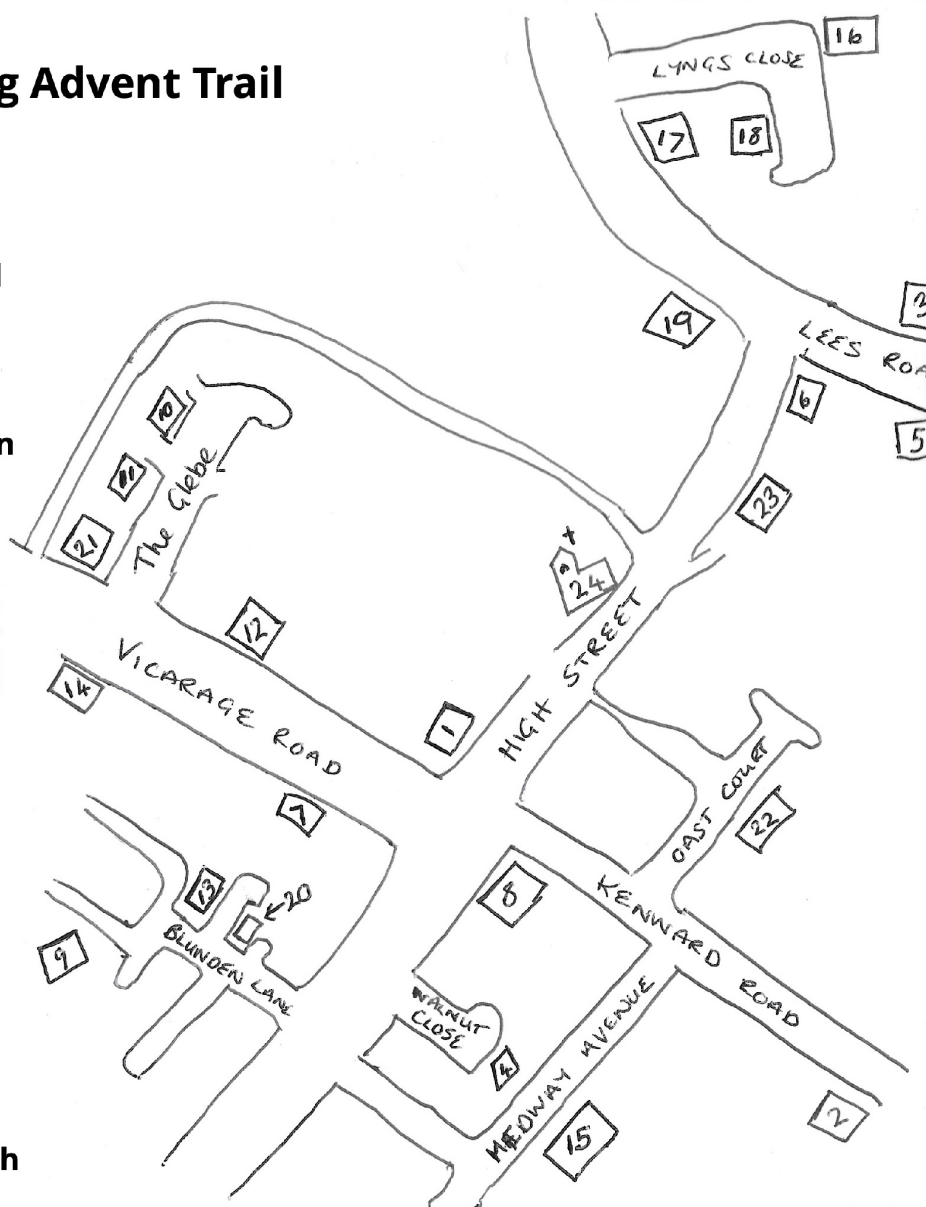
The Advent Calendar Windows return - by popular demand. This December there will be Advent windows in Yalding and Laddingford. Each day a new house will reveal their Advent window in each village. Maps are in this magazine and also available from the Village Tearooms (expect a window!), Yalding Post Office former Sorting Office (another window!) and The Chequers (also a window!).

Visit all the windows day by day and see the magic unfold on the run up to Christmas. Amy



Yalding Advent Trail

- 1 - The Village Tearooms
- 2 - 18/20 Kenward Road
- 3 - 1/2 Roses Cottages, Lees Rd
- 4 - 4 Walnut Close
- 5 - The Lodge, Lees Rd
- 6 - The Sorting Office
- 7 - 2 Rose Cottages, The Green
- 8 - The Walnut Tree
- 9 - 41 Mount Avenue
- 10 - 8 The Glebe
- 11 - 1 Alans Gardens
- 12 - The Baptist Church
- 13 - 2 Wilson Court
- 14 - Alanfred, Vicarage Rd
- 15 - 13 Medway Avenue
- 16 - 5 Lyngs Close
- 17 - Styles Cottage
- 18 - 24 Lyngs Close
- 19 - 2 Kingsland Cottages
- 20 - 1 Wilson Court
- 21 - 4 Hodges Cottages
- 22 - 1 Hopgarden Oast
- 23 - The Bridge House
- 24 - St. Peter & St. Paul Church



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL APPLICATION FORM

Name of Group/Business.....Contact Name/Number.....

I attach £10 entry fee. Money to be taken to Yalding Post Office to confirm entry. I will bring my tree at 11am on Saturday 11th December and pick it up at 4pm on Sunday, 12th December to The Baptist Church, Vicarage Road, ME18 6DP

Thankyou

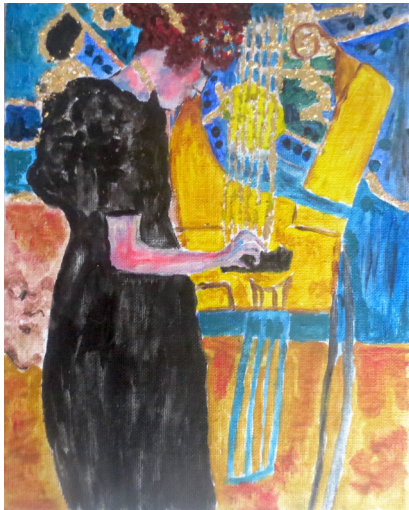
Friends of Yalding Youth & Community Centre

YALDING ART GROUP

WWW.YALDINGARTGROUP.WEEBLY.COM

We've finished with Klimt!! What a learning curve! We firstly studied gilding by painting a picture which wasn't by him as he is the King of bling! When we were more confident, we learnt that by applying the gilding first, it was more effective, but it did seem strange to do it that way around.

Anyway, we all persevered and what wonderful results. We have a Klimt painting of a musician (not one of his most famous paintings) by Debbie, Jill did The Kiss which is his most famous image and Daphne explored his unique patterns and gilded squares and circles. We then took one week to focus on the portraits of Klimt, which are very modern in their look. We were definitely all out of our comfort zones with this artist! Good fun though and well done to the group for keeping going when the going got tough at times!



We are breaking for Christmas on Thursday, 16th December. We won't be painting that day, but will be in The Walnut Tree having our yearly Christmas Meal, which of course we couldn't do in 2020, so it will be all the sweeter this year.

If you would like to join Yalding Art Group, we meet every Thursday (mostly!) from 10am to 12pm with a break for refreshments at 11am. Each session is £3, but if you are not sure, why not just join us for a tea or coffee at 11am and get a feel for the group - we are a friendly bunch!

We usually like to study a subject for 2 weeks and then we move on - sometimes with a relief and sometimes not! We have lots of paper, pens, brushes, so just bring yourself.

We are next to Yalding Post Office at Riverside, Lees Road, ME18 6HB.

WELCOME ALL TO OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL!

In 2019 Friends of Yalding Youth & Community Centre at the Baptist Church in Vicarage Road held our first themed Christmas Tree Festival. It was great!

It was always the intention to run the festival every two years, so we could concentrate on another fun raising event in between.

However, the global pandemic put a stop to all fundraising ideas, but two years have gone by and we are excited to be hosting the Christmas Tree Festival once again.

If you would like to enter, an advert with an application form is on page 20 and also on the back cover of the November issue.

We don't want any old Christmas tree however!

We would like a themed one -

examples of trees entered in 2019 included a pottery tree from Hadlow Pottery, an iron tree from Yalding Forge and trees with designer baubles from the Book Club, Art Group and many more.

The winner however, surpassed them all! Yalding Cricket Club thought long and hard about their tree and a very impressive 6ft tree made from cricket bats with cricket ball baubles won all the votes from the visiting public.

So, put the weekend of the **11th and 12th December** in your diaries.

Immerse yourself in our hall of Christmas trees and vote for your favourite whilst eating mince pies and having a refreshing drink.

We will be open **1-5pm on Saturday and 1-4pm on Sunday.**

Come along and enjoy the experience - we hope we will get even more trees this year to feast upon. If you are entering a tree for your local group or business, trees are being arranged from 11am on the Saturday and please pick them up again at 4pm on the Sunday when the winner will be announced.

Our Christmas Carol Service starts at 10.30am on the Sunday - everyone is welcome and it is truly special surrounded by all the trees.

We promise a warm welcome and we are looking forward once again for some really inventive decorations.

If you are part of a community group or business, please enter a tree - it is **£10 per tree** which will go towards the improvement of the hall for all users.

Make our large hall a wonder for all to see.

The winning tree will **win a £20 gift voucher** donated from Yalding Post Office who of course will be entering their own Christmas Tree. See you there.

Friends of Yalding Youth & Community Centre



The 100 Club December Draw

1	Richard Maylum	25
2	Julie Durrant	61
3	Jennifer Raikes	19

The next draw is on the 5th December 2021
Richard Young 07734 960706 or 01732 669782
email: richwyong@aol.com



The new School Gambia Christmas cards have arrived!

2 designs by 2 Yalding artists available from
Yalding Post Office or call 01622 814027 or
email derekandclarehudson@gmail.com
packs of 10 for £3.75

Be sure to order early - we ran out last year!

FRIENDS OF YALDING SURGERY

Firstly, I would like to say the biggest of thankyou's to Sharon Wilford for her beautiful handicraft and amazing work on masks, bunting, cushions, bags etc., some of which you can still buy at Yalding Post Office - thankyou also to Tim and June.

We are constantly fundraising and our main fundraising has been spent on a vaccine fridge amongst other things, such as ECG dots for heart monitoring.

So, if you have had a booster or flu vaccine or children's immunisation recently, they would have been stored in the fridge funded by the Friends.

This is the first time the Friends of Yalding Surgery have stepped into the 21st Century and decided to use a QR code for the Christmas Raffle.

There are no physical tickets for sale as Covid has made us think differently.

Please don't be scared of the QR code - take your smart phone out and place the camera over the code. It will give you a link to follow.

This QR code will link you to the Yalding Friends Raffle for £1 per ticket. You can add as many tickets as required.

Then pay, collect but not deliver and you will get your tickets via e-mail.

SAVE THE DATE -

our next quiz night & ploughmans is on
Saturday, 2nd April 2022

Elaine

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st PRIZE	Luxury Food & Drinks Hamper
2nd PRIZE	Champagne & Gin
3rd PRIZE	6 Bottles of Wine

PLUS OTHER PRIZES

Live Draw taking place at 12 noon on 12th Dec at
Yalding Village Hall
Tickets £1 EACH

Thank you for supporting
Friends of Yalding Surgery (charity Number 1000163)



<http://friendsofyalding-surgery.sumup.link/products>

Please scan QR code to
purchase tickets



Kent Police Band
**Christmas
Concert**

with West Kent Youth Voices
Sunday 12th December 2021, 6pm
St Peter & St Paul Church, Yalding



Enjoy a mince pie and glass
of mulled wine

Raffle

Also including singing from the exciting West Kent Youth Voices
(made up of students (14-19yrs) from West Kent secondary schools)

Tickets £6.00

Available in advance only

Email: organist@yaldingchurches.co.uk

Proceeds in aid of Kent Police Band and St Peter & St Paul Church, Yalding



The Kent Police Band appears by kind permission of The Chief Constable

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

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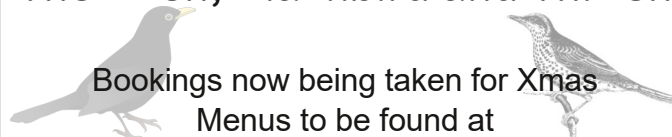
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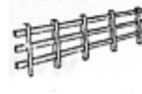
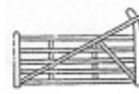
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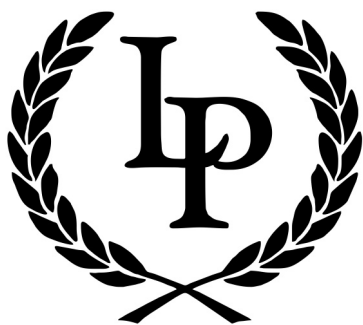


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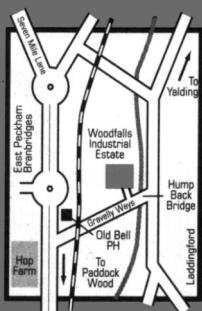
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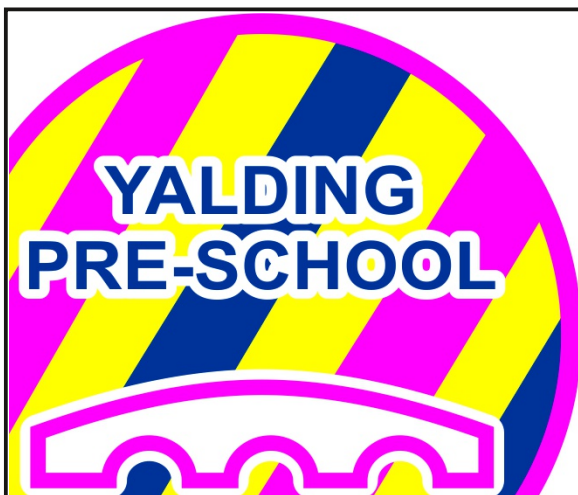
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**Tickets from Church, Rachel Curley (rachel@dizrat.com)
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**19th DECEMBER
10.00am**

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Valding Yuletide Community Carol Singing



**Saturday 4th December
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Carol Service



**19th December, 6pm
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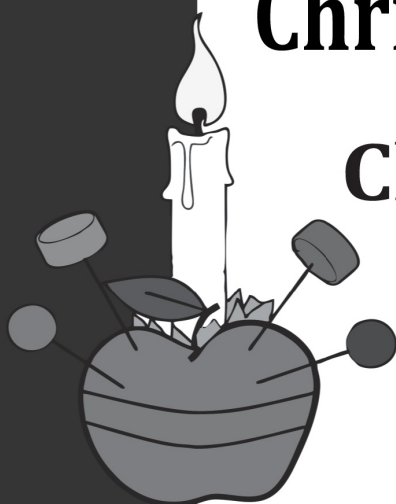
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Christingle Services

Christmas Eve

**3.00pm
4.30pm**



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