

COLLIER STREET NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2019



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COLLIER STREET

PAPER DELIVERY

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8th and 22nd July

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1st, 15th and 29th July

Please place your bins at the property boundary by 7am on the morning of collection. If you subscribe to the garden waste service, please check Maidstone Borough Council's website for collection details. **Please note:** The council will not be able to take your bin if it is too heavy for the crew to move safely, or if the collection vehicle can't pick it up. https://services.maidstone.gov.uk/maps/astun.ishare.web/images/Recycling_02.pdf

KENT MESSENGER VILLAGE COLUMN

Are you organising a local charity event or do you have any community news?

If you would like it to appear in the Kent Messenger for free, please contact:

Jenny Scott 01622 298221

Email: jscott@callflow.uk

Deadline is 9.00 Monday morning

PCSO NICOLA MORRIS

If you are worried about crime and antisocial behaviour in your area, I am the local Police Community Support Officer for **Collier Street, Laddingford and Yalding.**

If you would like to talk to me, please ring - **Mobile: 07870163411 / Non-emergency: 101**

There is a very successful Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Collier Street involving 80 residents.

However there are many more households within the Parish who are currently not involved in the scheme. If you would like to be part of the NHW scheme and receive notifications of any suspicious activity or crime then please send your email address to Barbara Grandi at:

barbaragrandi@aol.com

EDITOR'S REPORT

Great News! Emma Howard has kindly agreed to come on board as co-editor from September. Thank you Emma I look forward to working with you. A big thank you too to all of you who deliver the magazine on a monthly basis, without you we wouldn't have a magazine.

So, summer season is nearly here, I was wondering where the Top 10 places to visit in the UK are. According to prettywildworld.com they are as follows:

1. London
2. Edinburgh
3. Belfast
4. Cardiff
5. Scottish Highlands
6. Cornwall
7. York
8. Glasgow
9. Snowdonia
10. Cambridge

Do you agree? Wherever you choose to go for your holiday, have a great time. No magazine in August but back in September.

CUTE PET OF THE MONTH—LOVELY POPPY



LOCAL BABYSITTERS

- Lucy Anderson 730244 - Weekdays and weekends
- Rosie Ridd 730816 - During term time Friday and Saturday evenings only
- Edward Simmonds 730306 - Any time in Holidays, own transport
- Victoria Simmonds 730306 - Anytime , own transport
- Nancy Murdoch 730433 - Anytime
- Jonny Bentley - 730252
- Georgie Barham - 730247

CHURCH INFORMATION - JULY/AUGUST 2019



CHURCH ROTA FOR JULY/AUGUST 2019

Tea & Coffee :

7th and 14th July—Mrs Ashworth

21st and 28th July - Mrs Boyle

4th and 11th August—Mrs Head

18th and 25th August—Mrs Guillam-Scott

Brass Cleaning:

July—Mrs Ashworth

Altar Flowers:

July—Mrs Fidgeon

August—Mrs McKay

St. Peter & St. Paul, Yalding

with Junior Church on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Wednesday's	10.00am	Said Communion
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday	09.30am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	09.30am	Breakfast
	10.00am	All Age Worship
5th Sunday	09.30am	Family Communion

St. Margaret's, Collier Street

Every Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
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St. Mary's, Laddingford

2nd Sunday	09.00am	Morning Worship
4th Sunday	09.00am	Morning Communion

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“The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye.” (Genesis 2:9)

There is a very famous tree in the Bible – the Tree of Knowledge that bears the fruit that tempts Adam and Eve to disobey God. They make a choice to eat from the tree, discover that knowledge comes with responsibilities they did not foresee, and find themselves banished from paradise as a consequence of their freely-chosen actions. But there are two trees in the story that God is concerned about, both in the middle of the garden (Genesis 2:9). The other one is the Tree of Life.

The reason for removing mankind from the perfect world of the Garden of Eden is so that they may not also eat from this tree and live forever (Genesis 3:22). Knowledge of Good and Evil is also knowledge of Life and Death, and the nakedness of mankind is also about our sense of vulnerability and mortality. No wonder we got kicked out – immortality with a capacity for evil is not a desirable combination. Hence the consequences of sin must be death (Genesis 2:17).

If we take the story literally, then we miss the point of the ancient wisdom contained within it. Adam and Eve are not historical characters; Adam and Eve are us - names with meanings that refer to “earth” and “life” made from the same substance and sharing the same fate in every generation, knowledgeable mortals with great potential for good, but also a tendency towards making poor decisions. The story explains how an all-powerful Creator ends up with such a handful of a creation: because he loves us enough to let us make our own mistakes, and to help us make amends.

If you have ever been a parent, then you will have seen the Fall of mankind for yourself, the first time your own child, aged about two, seeks deliberately to deceive you. Innocence disappears as the lie is told, the sweet clutched in the grasping little fist, the chocolate-smearing face a guilty flag of deception. But still we love them, help them, guide them and do almost anything for them, making many sacrifices along the way as our parents in turn have done for us.

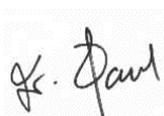
It is this that helps us to understand the Christian faith of the ultimate sacrifice on the Cross that the price of our wrongdoing might be paid for us, and we be ultimately drawn forever into the Love of God. A costly gift of eternal life, freely given by God, not stolen like the fruit in the garden.

Christians call this “Grace.”

We may have been banished from the Paradise of Eden, but our churchyards have their own trees, which we can enjoy without too many dire consequences. They may not grant us immortality, but neither will they condemn us. We can enjoy their shapes, their leaves, their flowers, and their fruits. In Yalding there is also a leaflet available from the church (on the left as you enter) which provides further detailed information to help with identification and history of the various species.

As well as a variety of oaks, yews, horse chestnuts, birches, and beeches, there is an American Indian Bean tree at Collier Street, a Crimson Maple at Laddingford, and Ginko at Yalding to name but a few.

If you have a spare moment now they are all in leaf, why not spend it discovering our own trees? Find yourself a favourite and sit under it, watch it through the seasons, celebrate its life, and perhaps also take the time to reflect upon your own.



“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:22)

St Margaret's Collier Street School

Headteacher: Mr Paul Ryan Telephone: 01892 730264



On 6 June 1944 men from all over the world came to fight in Normandy to defeat Nazism and re-establish freedom. Every year we remember and pay tribute to the veterans from all over the world, along with their brothers in arms, those many heroes who lost their lives during that summer of 1944.

This year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of D Day. This moment in history has been commemorated in many ways including on the morning of Thursday 6th June 2019, Discovery Class from St. Margaret's Collier Street were invited to join in the D-Day service at Marden Church.



The happiness drained out of me as if only sadness was left in the world. My heart was leaking with pain and thought; thought of my family and friends, some of which were fighting in the war with me. I could feel the bitter wind pushing me back, but I kept pushing forward. My heavy gun was hitting against my cold hard chest. I could hear the deep squelching mud pulling me down into the ground like it didn't want me to go on. I could see the lifeless bodies on the floor. My friends. I knew they were near. My face had a frown stuck on my face knowing they are ahead of me. My heavy armour was weighing me down making the journey so hard. It was painful to go on. I was wondering why. Why I ever made the decision to go to fight. Then I remembered what I was fighting for. I was fighting for the King and my country. For King and Country.

By Harriet, Year 5

It is an interesting time of year for Discovery class, as the week after they attended the D-Day service, the Year 5 children left behind their routine lessons to complete a bikeability course and the Year 6 children went away on a one week residential trip to Kingswood, Ashford.

Bikeability has been an amazing experience for all of Year 5. Over the course of four days we have been learning a lot of skills that will help us cycle and avoid hazards in an efficient and better way. One of the many skills we have learnt so far is signalling. This way we can signal to other drivers to tell them if we are turning left, right or pulling over, but for us to handle this skill we need to be able to cycle one handed on both hands. On the first day we started on our playground and it rained very hard! On the second day it was a lot sunnier and we went outside the school grounds. On the third day, we ventured on the road again and practised on the junction just outside our school. First, we practiced our U-turns and then we did some work on communicating to the drivers. It was all very useful.

Clara and Hermione

From the 10th to the 14th of June, Year 6 went to Kingswood in Ashford. On Monday morning, we arrived at school and after some breakfast, jumped on the coach to Ashford. The coach journey felt really long! The first activity was archery, which I was really bad at (some people were good though). For the rest of the day, we settled into our rooms and for the evening activity, shot bottles into the air!

On Tuesday morning, for two hours, we did raft-building. We had to build a raft out of wooden planks, rope and barrels. (Hard!) When we took our raft into the lake, it was freezing. At the end, our raft just fell apart. After lunch we went to buggy building and then after some free time and an evening meal, we enjoyed singing songs around a campfire.

On Wednesday, the first activity was an obstacle challenge. There were loads of obstacles including: going over tall walls, going over and under beams and the monkey bars. The next activity was Power Fan, which was probably my second favourite activity. We had to climb up this really tall pole and then jump off it. It was very scary as it was really high. After lunch we took part in team building. We had to build something and advertise it so I decided to build a hoover. Next we went climbing which was really wet. To round off the day, we enjoyed a disco.

On Thursday, first thing in the morning, we did night-line, which was a blind folded obstacle challenge; it was so muddy. We did fencing after that which was harder than I expected it to be. For the whole afternoon we went canoeing in the lake which was again really cold! In the evening we went to the swimming pool for a party; a great way to round off the day.

On Friday and our last morning we did the 3G swing which is a giant swing that goes very quick. It was my favourite activity. We next made a catapult before having a picnic and then making our way to the coach to return home.

I think everyone was exhausted but we all had a great week away.

Rufus

Scones & Songs or Scones & Tones:



Sunday 25th
August



a
an afternoon Fe/st
Of music and food

from 3.00 pm – 6.30pm

SchoolGambia stall

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'Sowing and Growing' with Stephane

If you don't keep vigilant your vegetable garden could be overcome by weeds in July and August because it is warm and wet. It is a good idea to routinely use your hoe to disturb the earth around the vegetables, if it's done 3/4 times a week it becomes a quick job as the weeds will be very small.

Some people use mulches to keep as much moisture in the soil as possible.

Although it is the middle of the summer you can still sow seeds. As other crops finish you can utilise the soil and if you have dug out your potatoes with a fork the ground is virtually dug and ready without much extra labour.

You can now start to reap the rewards of all your hard work as you begin to harvest the crops.

Tips for July:

Potatoes: The first earlies should be in flower, you can start lifting them and they will be small but they taste lovely, if left in they will grow bigger. Stephane checks to see if some are ready by putting his hand into the loose soil of the heaped mound to see if they are there, at this stage they are harvested as they are needed. The earthing or banking up of the soil around the potatoes has to be continued otherwise any rain will quickly wash the soil away again.

Turnips: Turnips will grow well in a used potato bed as they will grow lush tops with no roots if the soil is too rich.

Carrots: In July sow carrots outside, Stephane sows Autumn King (pictured) which is a stumpy carrot.

New carrot crops can be sown where potatoes have been harvested, they will produce a young and tender crop in autumn or early winter.

Radishes, Spring Onions and Onions: As with carrots you can continue to sow all of these if you want successive crops to pick later in the year. Small silver skin onions can be grown for pickling.

Dwarf Beans: are coming into flower and will be picked in August.

Runner Beans: will be growing up the poles and they are thirsty so will need lots of water in dry spells, they would also benefit from a liquid feed. They can be picked when ready, the younger ones are always very tender.

Courgettes: are now being picked while they are 4-6 inches long as these will be small and tender. Check under the leaves as the courgettes may be covered by the leaves and if left they will grow in to large marrows. They are thirsty plants and will need lots of watering.

Tomatoes: will not need as much watering if the weather is damp but will need feeding if grown outside in the vegetable plot just as they do in the greenhouse. Prick out the tops of tomatoes to stop further growth when they have reached the top of their support sticks or strings, all the goodness will then go into the fruit on the existing trusses. Pinch out all side shoots (see below).

The Greenhouse:

Stephane does not have much growing in his greenhouse now as the plants previously started off in the greenhouse are now in the vegetable patch.

Lettuce: Lettuce can still be sown in outside drills and thinned out as they grow, Stephane has just grown mixed leaves in a drill which can be cut for eating and will grow again.

Tomato: Pinch out all side shoots as they sprout between the main stem and the leaf, this will allow more ventilation around the plants and deter fungus as well as making sure the plants do not become too bushy. Carry on with tomato feed in every third watering. Make sure tomatoes are well ventilated in the greenhouse and water every day.

Courgettes: Any grown in the greenhouse will need lots of watering.

Cucumbers: Stephane gives his plants tomato feed.

Leeks: carry on thinning out as needed if they have not been planted out yet.

Tips for August:

August is much the same as July, most harvesting is done as you want to eat the produce when it is young or when early crops are ready.



Onions: You may start lifting onions and shallots as foliage fades and starts to flop. Stephane pulls them out of the ground and shakes off the soil then leaves them on the ground to dry.

More onions can be sown but may need lifting before the hardness of winter.

Barbara Grandi



Collier Street Ramblings: D Day and Kent



It was quite an emotional sight when we watched the skies over our home fill with the WW2 planes taking their D Day Landings 75th Anniversary memorial flight on June 5th. After a delay caused by bad weather in France more than 30 rumbling US Air Force Dakotas took off from Duxford and recreated their flight over to Caen passing over us around 5pm, it was a magnificent and moving sight.

For those living in the area during WW2 it was not unusual to see the skies filled with planes. Kent was known as Bomb Alley during WW2 because the county was directly under the flight paths for enemy bombers crossing the channel on their way to bomb London but it was also where an aerial war was fought as allied planes battled to defend the UK and it was the route for Doodlebugs, the V1 flying bombs. My mother always recalled an event when, while living in South London in 1944, she just missed being hurt by a falling doodlebug. As an 18 year old she worked in the Mullards Factory by Mitcham Common and she was cycling home across the common when the Doodlebug engine went ominously quiet. She cycled as fast as she could and heard the bomb come down behind her near the factory which had been targeted.

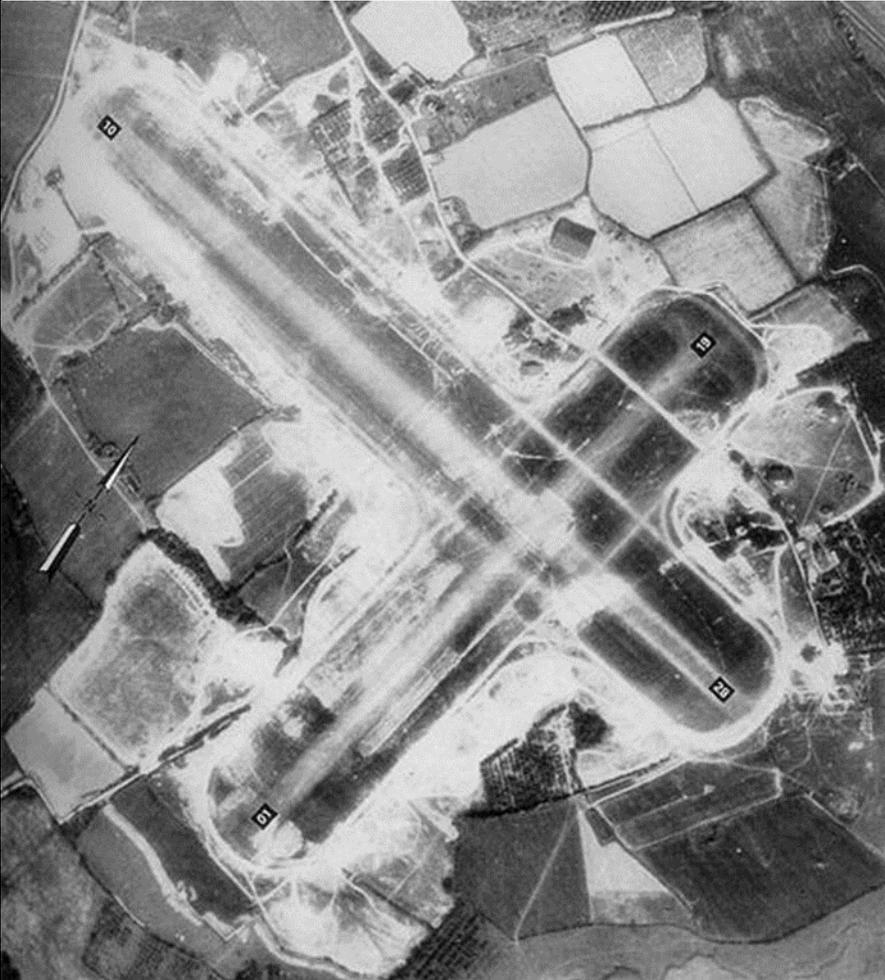
The Marden History Group states that 2200 doodlebugs came down in Kent with one bomb killing 11 at the Army Camp in Pattenden Lane.

They also have records of an incident when a German Messerschmitt pilot, Franz von Werra, was shot down during a duel with a spitfire on September 5th 1940. He was captured after his plane came down at Winchett Hill on the outskirts of Collier Street and Marden. Two other Germans did not survive after their parachutes caught fire when they were shot down in 1940 in a similar location. The Marden History Group have lots of interesting and valuable information on WW2 which you can see at The Heritage Centre in Marden, you can also join the Marden History Group.

I was also intrigued to discover that there was a US Army Air Force unit, the 363rd Fighter Group, located one mile northeast of Staplehurst. They built an airfield which was opened in 1943 and was used by squadrons of the Royal Air Force as well as the Royal Canadian Air Force and US Army Air Forces. I have included a photo of members of the 363rd fighter group by the oasts at Chickenden Farm.



It was one of many temporary Advanced Landing Grounds used to provide air support for the ground forces landing in Normandy. Three squadrons of P-51B fighter aircraft escorted bombers to targets in France dive bombing trains and attacking other strategic targets such as bridges, vehicles, airfields and enemy troop positions. On D-Day they escorted troop carriers and gliders.



The Staplehurst air field closed in September 1944. Two memorials have been erected that commemorate the airfield's part in the Normandy Landings. One is dedicated to the Canadian and American pilots and their ground crews stationed at Chickenden Farm and Spills Hill Farm, Staplehurst. The second, unveiled on 6 June 2010, is dedicated to the American airmen who lost their lives flying from Staplehurst during the period 14 April 1944 to 4 July 1944. The dedication was attended by 95-year-old Col. John R. Ulicson who flew his P-51 "Lolita" from the Airfield. There was a flypast that included a P-51D "Big Beautiful Doll."

Within a year of its release from military use there was little evidence that the 400 acres had been used as a fighter airfield and today the airfield is a mixture of agricultural fields with no recognisable remains. It may still be visible in aerial photographs following the route of Chickenden Lane which runs almost parallel to the former main runway. I found a picture of the air field on Wikipedia taken May 21st 1944. There is no doubt that Kent played a vital role in both the build up to D-Day and the operation itself. A fuel pipe line, known as

PLUTO, was laid under the sea from Dungeness and the vital Mulberry harbours came from the Kent coast. Prisoner of war camps were set up in the county, with many of the prisoners set to work on the land and there were numerous equipment and ammunition 'dumps' set up alongside the country lanes.

In addition Kent was part of a crucial deception plan conceived to fool the Germans that the Allies were planning to land D- Day troops at Calais and not Normandy. The codename for this deception was Operation Fortitude and it convinced Hitler that the Allied troops would land in either Norway or northern France, or both. There was a phantom force created in the South East and they were called the First United States Army Group. The enemy was fooled by numerous false radio messages sent between the phantom forces, the use of double agents sending back false reports combined with fake news reports and pretend security lapses. Dummy landing aircraft were constructed and enemy reconnaissance aircraft were kept out of the airspace.

It must have taken a very long time for Kent to return to any form of normal life after the war, there were defences and mines along the beaches and in the channel. Austerity was part of life for many more years, including rationing.

Our generation and future generations owe a huge debt to all those who played a part in the defeat of the enemy and the stories told by the men who took part in the D- Day landings were heart breaking. In addition we must remember the part played by all other troops and civilians throughout the war, my father served mainly in the desert driving ammunition trucks and he spent a long time in Africa but he would never talk about it. We can only hope that their experiences will never be forgotten.

Jacqui Bakes

Kas's frosted banana cake

This is my little sisters recipe, she doesn't have the best culinary skills, but makes a mean banana cake.

Cake Ingredients

3 large mashed banana
2-1/2 tbsp lemon juice
1-1/2 cups milk
3 cups SR flour
1-1/2 tsp baking powder
1/3 tsp salt
2/3 cup of butter
1 cup caster sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 large eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract

Frosting Ingredients

8 oz cream cheese
1/3 cup butter
3-1/2 cups icing sugar
1 tsp lemon juice
1-1/2 tsp lemon zest

Method for cake

Preheat oven to 180, grease and flour a 23cm cake tin or a 2lb loaf tin.

Add 1-1/2 tbsp of the lemon juice to the milk & set aside.

Mix mashed banana with remaining lemon juice & set aside.

Beat together butter & the sugars, once combined add the eggs one at a time along with the vanilla extract. mix until light & fluffy.

Alternating slowly add the flour, baking powder & salt, along with the milk & lemon juice, do not over mix.

Pour into tin & bake for 60 min or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted.

Remove from the oven & place in the freezer for 45 mins to make the cake extra moist. Cool completely before frosting.

Method for frosting

Cream together butter & cream cheese until fluffy, add zest & lemon juice.

Slowly add icing sugar until you have your desired consistency. Spread over the cooled cake

Serve & ENJOY!



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JULY 2019**

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Another thing to look out for....If you receive benefits or pension via your Post Office Card Account (POCA) card you have already or will be receiving a letter from the Government implying that you have to arrange to have your payments deposited into an ordinary bank account and that your POCA account will be terminated. **THIS IS NOT CORRECT.** The POCA account is being phased out from 2021, but will be replaced with something similar. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TRANSFER YOUR ACCOUNT.**

New stamps sets this month are the **D.Day commemorative set** collection. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request. We keep Euros and US Dollars in stock. We can order any world currency for next day collection - please order before 1.00pm. Payment can be made by cash or card, but we will need to see your Passport or Driving Licence if you pay by card.

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MARDEN WALKS

SUNDAY WALK

7th July 10.00am Meet outside the Library. Walk No 5 West End Wander 6.5 miles. This will also be printed in the Business Forum booklet this year.

HEALTH WALKS All weekly and all welcome

Mondays: Christine and Jilly meet at the Library 9.45am

Wednesdays; Short local strolls. Meet at the Library 10.30am All welcome. Bring sticks if needed.

Saturdays: Three walks, all starting at 2.00pm

Two gentle "pavement only" walks. One starting at the Library and one starting at Bramley Court.

Also longer country walks (from 1 to 2 hours) Starting from the Library

All Saturday dates 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July

ANOTHER "CUTE" PET OF THE MONTH— IGGY THE LIZARD



THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

Leeds Castle—Considered one of the most romantic castles in England, this historic site was originally the stately home of the Saxon royal family during the reign of Ethelbert IV in 856-860 .

Mote Park—Large attractive park with a lake for fishing and boating and with newly extended children's play area.

The Kent Owl Academy—The Kent Owl Academy is a family run business, situated within the confines of 'Kent Life' in Maidstone.

Cobtree Manor Park—Lovely park with activities for all the family.

Kent Life—A 28 acre Heritage Farm Park and aim to be a memorable and fun day out for all the family.

Stoneacre—Lovely interesting historic house and beautiful gardens.

Little Fant Farm—Little Fant Farm is a hidden heritage cottage farm, set within the scenic Medway Valley Fruit Orchards, on the Western side of Maidstone, Kent.

Teston Bridge Country Park—Lovely park ideal for a picnic along the river.

Maidstone Museum—An exceptionally fine regional museum with collections that comprise a rich and impressive variety of historical objects, fine art and natural history



WI CELEBRATES TO SOUND OF MUSICALS

Yalding WI celebrated its 76th birthday in June to the sound of music from the musicals as Kate Bassett sang her lively way through show favourites from *No No Nanette* to *Mamma Mia*. There was a celebration meal too, with quiche, new potatoes and salad from the committee and trifle, apple pie and fruit salad from members.

There was also a birthday cake, donated and ceremonially cut by Anne Ervin, and a quiz about musicals – “did Rodgers or Hammerstein write those lyrics . . . oh go on, guess, there’s a 50/50 chance you’ll be right”-. Rachel Kerkham won the competition for a party hat, with Glenn Brace second and Iris Hawkins third.

Plans are being made for Yalding whist enthusiasts to meet once a month to play, or learn to play, and WI Federation events in the pipeline include a panto workshop, an autumn walk and a watercolour session. Yalding’s lunching ladies will be at Riverhill Gardens near Sevenoaks on Thursday 27 June.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 9 July when Christine Holland will talk about healthy living and exercising while sitting in a chair. The competition is for seashells. Yalding WI meets on the second Tuesday each month in Yalding Village Hall, 6.45 for 7.15pm, with refreshments before and after the meeting. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

Collier Street Garden Safari

Sunday 14th July

Tickets at the church from 12.30-4.00pm

Follow the map to see a great variety of local gardens ending with tea at Den Farm and an art exhibition by Mill Art Group

Do not miss this inspiring afternoon—tea finishes at 5.30pm



ALMSHOUSE IN YALDING

The vacancy has now been filled.

On behalf of The Trustees to The Almshouses we would like to express our appreciation in thanking Councillor Ken Gough and The Community Payback for the recent works they carried out with dedication at The Almshouses.

Ken was able to secure two skilled guys whom came through Community Payback from the Courts to do unpaid work within the Community and they redecorated the vacant home to a high standard all in good time ready for the new occupant.

Sue Gerrish, Clerk

TIME TO APPLY FOR THE YALDING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Yalding Educational Foundation has existed for many years and its purpose is to encourage the education of the children and young people of our local community. This objective is achieved by firstly sponsoring Spoken English Competitions in the primary schools of **YALDING, LADDINGFORD** and **COLLIER STREET**, each year. Secondly by providing funding, when funds allow, for each school to take the older pupils on a 'cultural or educational experience'.

Thirdly, **SCHOLARSHIPS** are provided to assist in the **HIGHER EDUCATION** of former pupils of these local primary schools. The scholarships are available for several years of a University or College course. To qualify, students must have attended one of the three above mentioned primary schools for a minimum of two years. If you qualify please take the time to apply.

APPLICATIONS in respect of the academic year 2019/20 are now invited by **LETTER** only to the Clerk to the Foundation, Gary Atkins at Hawthorns, Laddingford, ME18 6BP. Applicants should state which primary school they attended and when, brief details of the University or College course they will follow, and their home and term time address. **Applications must be signed by the applicant.** If an email address is included, applicants will receive an acknowledgement on receipt of their application and a date by which the trustees will be assessing applications so that awards can be paid. To qualify, **ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1st 2019.**

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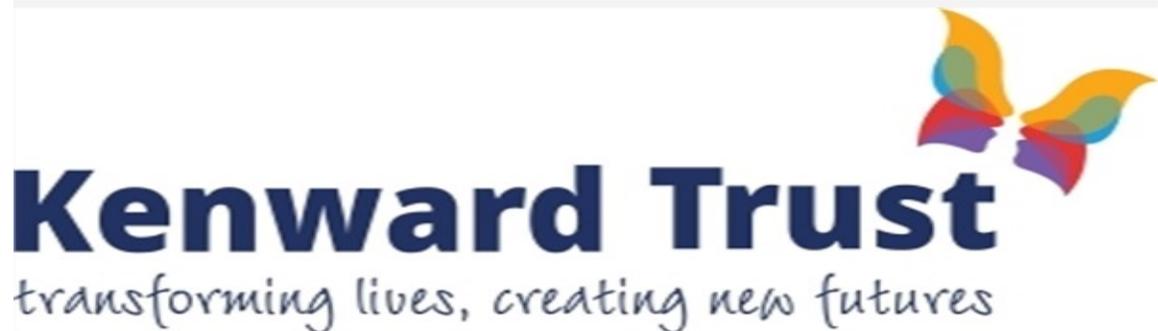
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Although much of the ivy has been removed from the listed Church wall it still sprouts up from the ground regularly and quickly clings to the old crumbling stone and mortar.

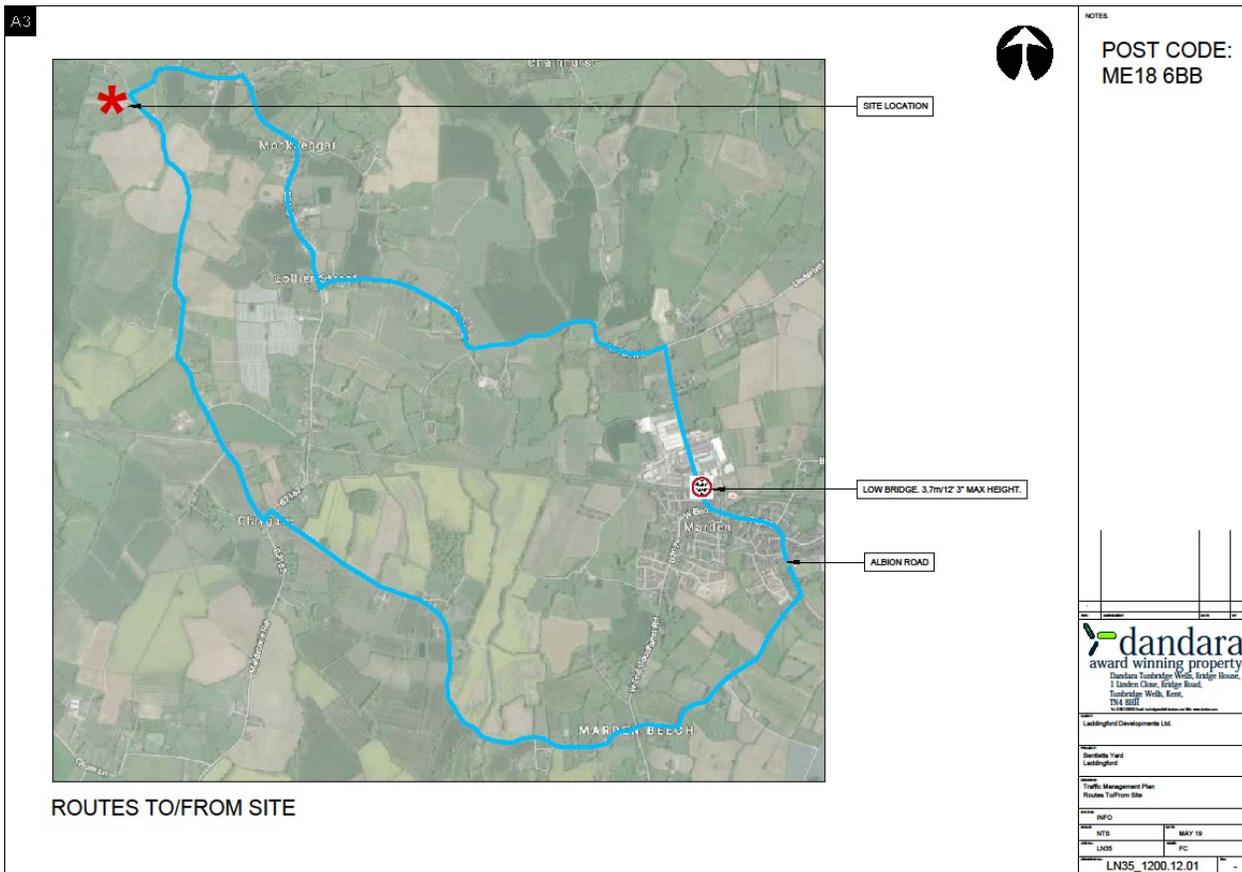
The grass was cut in both the graveyard and the Green Lane cemetery and the extra growth was strimmed around the graves and headstones.



We'll be there again on **July 6th** and **August 3rd** from 10am-12pm.

Please come and join the group if you would like to help. You can bring your own tools but we have spares. Plenty of tea/coffee and Pam's home made cakes keep us going

Please see below a map of the officially approved route for the lorries taking soil from Marden to the new housing development in Claygate Road. They have a 'one way' route in a loop and are expected to be continuing with 6/7 lorries per hour for the next 10/12 weeks. All contaminated soil was removed from this ex-scrappyard site in the Autumn of 2018 and new clean soil has to be returned to build the soil levels back up. The soil is coming from the old hockey pitch in Marden. Contact the Parish Council if you have any questions.



NOTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL MEETING On Monday 10th June 2019, Orchard Room,, St Margaret's School, Collier Street

In attendance: Cllr David Goff [DG] [Chairman]; Cllr Simon Hill [SH] Deputy Chairman; Cllr Steve Barham [SB]; Cllr Dave Sealey [DS]

Apologies

Borough Cllr. Steve McLoughlin, PCSO Nicola Morris [not on duty]

Planning – General Comments

Planning Applications discussed. Parish Council comments can be viewed at:

<http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>

You will need the planning applications number or search via the address.

As an aside it was reported that MBC have lost 7 out of 10 planning appeals.

The meeting discussed The Bentlett's. The lorry route for the infill earth from Marden was discussed. The route has now been circulated to the Neighbourhood Watch email circulation list and the route has published on the parish website.

No further information has been received with the respect to the smaller scrapyard development.

Police Report

13th-14th May – Longend Lane – Burglary – brand new ride on mower stolen, trailer, generator and various other items stolen – enquiries ongoing – sent out locally and through Twitter with images of items

There has been a DNA hit on the caravan theft which occurred on 24th April.

Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

The minutes were unanimously approved as representing an accurate recording of the said meeting.

Questions from members of the Public.

Public adjournment.

No members of the public present.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend Council meetings and raise any pertinent issues at this point.

No members of the public were present.

Correspondence and Action Points

Naming of the New Development:

After debate the meeting unanimously agreed to propose that the new development should be called The Bentlett's.

Parish Councillor Election Expenses Claims

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that had not already done so to submit any election expenses, If there were none a NIL submission was still necessary.

Yalding Educational Foundation Trustee Nomination

After debate it was unanimously agreed that DG would be the Parish representative on this Trust.

DPI forms post uncontested election.

Confirmation no changes since dates of co-option.

The Clerk arranged for each member to sign a declaration if there were no changes to the original DPI form they signed on appointment. This will be forwarded to the MBC Legal Department.

Flood Committee Report

Surveys still going out and plans has now been put in place to compete them all before installation starts.

Installations should start on June 24th.

The return of the legal agreement sent out has been slow.

There is a consultation taking place on Flood and Coastal Erosion which runs until 4th July. The PC will be responding to this survey.

Maintenance Group is being set-up by the EA to look at the issues relating to riparian ownership along with the general maintenance programme for the area. DG has been invited to take part in this initiative.

Community resilience steering group will be meeting soon to discuss the issues related to this subject. DG will attend.

Natural Flood Management has been meeting but DG was left off of the last list of invites. Has now been invited to the next meeting on June 19th 2019.

DG has expressed his concerns over the lack of information and feedback from KALC as was suggested in the Medway Flood Action Plan. DG

Recreation Field Report

More hogweed has been identified and the contractor has been contacted to take remedial action.

The main hedge needs cutting as does the grass on the bund on the B2162.

The Clerk was tasked with these action points.

We are still experiencing problems with dog fouling despite an article in the CS Village News.

Highways

A 70 page document has been prepared by the Marden Action Group which has been circulated to all Borough and the appropriate County Councillors.

Speed of traffic is still an issue with our constituents, we will need further feedback to progress via the KALC initiative.

Security CCTV Camera

The camera is working fine, but the school security system seems to be the cause of the problem of the recorded images not being able to be downloaded remotely. SH has offered the services of his IT department and is sure that this can be resolved. DG is to meet with the head Paul Ryan to arrange a mutually convenient appointment for them to meet.

Finance

Accounts Reconciliation

The meeting to approve the reconciliation reports

Budget Reports

The meeting approved the budget reports.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The meeting approved the accounting statement for 2018/2019 and the Chairman signed the statement and added the minute reference.

Meeting to confirm that the Parish certify themselves exempt from the limited review under Section 9 of the Local Audit [Smaller Authorities] Regulations 2015.

Certification Completed 08.04.2019

Internal Audit Report The Practitioners' Guide requires that this internal report be presented to full council for member's approval

The meeting approved the results of the internal audit report in that: 'No issues have been identified in relation to the verification of detail in the Statement of Accounts and AGAR this year'.

'On the basis of our detailed work during the course of the year on the Council's systems of financial control and content of the detailed Statement of Accounts and that summarised detail set out in the AGAR. We have signed off the Internal Audit Report of the AGAR assigning positive assurances in each relevant areas'.

Under the 2015 Transparency Code:-

Copies of these documents are now available on the parish website

<https://www.collierstreetpc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

Accounts for approval

The meeting approved the payment of the above detailed accounts.

The meeting unanimously agreed to contribute £250.00 towards the defibrillator situated near the White Hart.

The Clerk tasked to liaise with Yalding PC who are also contributing.

Borough Councillor's Report

No attendance. The Clerk tasked with inviting County Councillor Hotson to a meeting prior to the July full council meeting.

Village Hall

SH reports a very positive exploratory meeting between various parties and overall plans modified. This issue is progressing slowly. Several actions points were raised and agreed as the project moves forward.

Matters for Discussion at the Next Meeting

DG tasked The Clerk with arranging a meeting with Claire Cutts the new planning enforcement team leader for a face to face discussion about issues on the parish.

Date of Next Meeting

The Next Full Council Meeting will take place on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm. Council Members do not meet during the month of August.

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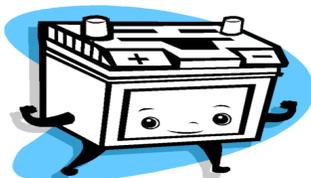
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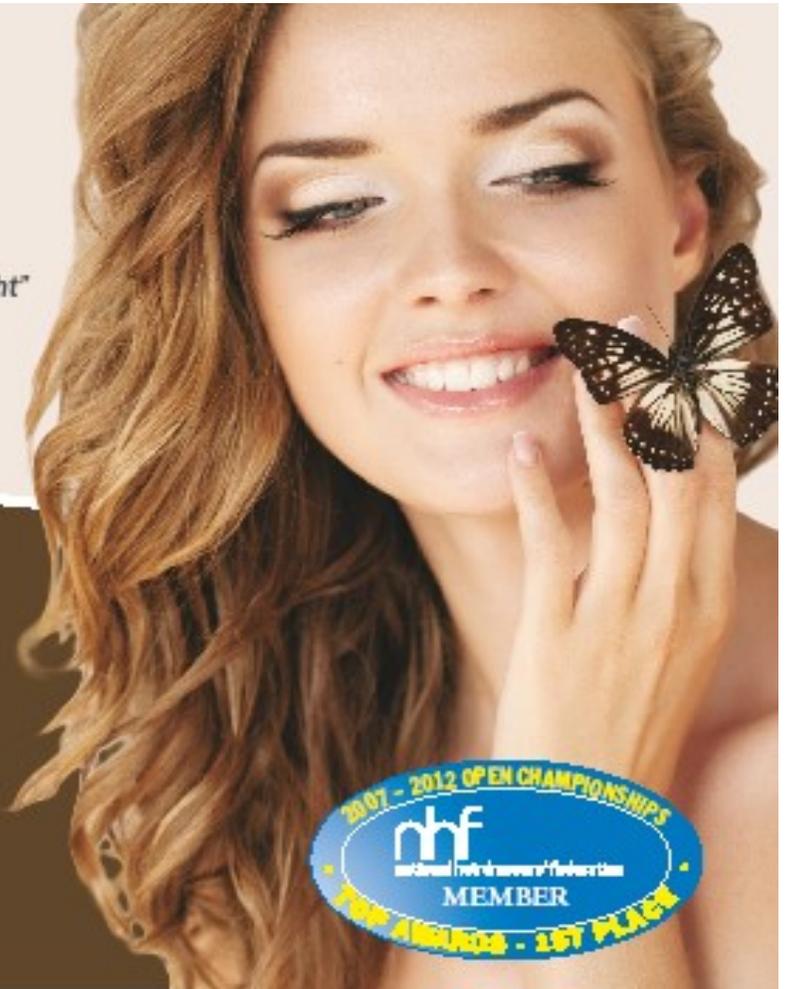
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