

COLLIER STREET NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019



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PAPER DELIVERY

There is a paper delivery service to the village at around 6am every morning. It is supplied by Jackie's News Limited based in Tenterden, they can be contacted on 01580 763183. Cost of delivery is £3.51 a week.

Rubbish, food waste and small electrical items

2nd, 16th and 30th September

Recycling, food waste and textiles

9th and 23rd September

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

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and made the most of the not so brilliant weather. Time definitely passes quicker as you get older, can't believe it's already Autumn. Thank you for the article on the Garden Safari Barbara, very interesting and amazing photos (including the front cover) - what a very successful day. Well done everyone who opened up their garden, they do look pretty amazing. It's really good to receive articles for the magazine, if you have anything of interest that you would like to share, please send them to: editorparishmag@mail.com. Without contributions there wouldn't be a magazine.



BEDGBURY PINETUM, GOUDHURST

Head out on an exciting forest journey at Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest with Zog and his friends! Follow the trail through the woods to find familiar characters from the story, collect stars as you learn like Zog did at dragon school, and complete interesting challenges along the way



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We are Adventure Activity and outdoor experts on land and water! With bases in Kent and Sussex, we have an activity to suit everyone! Try Kayaking, Paddleboarding, Giant Paddleboarding, Axe Throwing, Archery, Bushcraft and more!



SUPFUN, TWYFORD BRIGE, HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING

SUPfun™ is all about getting on the water with others for some...fun. Remember the games kids play which gets them actively running around, like stuck in the mud? Well, SUPfun™ is based on these sorts of games, but on paddleboards

CUTE PET OF THE MONTH— THE LOVELY POLO



WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

FOR BORROWING ON SHORT-TERM BASIS

FOLDS FLAT

NOT SELF-PROPELLING

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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 - SEPTEMBER 2019



CHURCH ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Tea & Coffee :

September 1st and 8th—Mrs Doctor & Mrs Lerwill

15th and 22nd—Mrs Ashworth

29th—Mrs Boyle

Brass Cleaning:

Mrs Howard

Altar Flowers:

Mrs Howard

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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Safe Guarding	Sue Crompton	01622 814182	office@yaldingchurches.co.uk

A time for everything

I think I can trace my pathological hatred of a well-known high street stationery shop to my experience there in 1987. On the completion of my "O" levels and an extended period of hard study, I was somewhat incensed to see a large "back to school" sign in the front window. I promptly forgot about whatever video game I had originally intended to buy and headed in the opposite direction.

Ecclesiastes 3, 1-8 teaches "**there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens**". Time can be an elusive, complex concept to grapple with. We all find it difficult to remain in the present time, and often succumb to looking back with rose-tinted spectacles at events in our past, or wish away the last few weeks before we finally get to our holidays. Sometimes we also find it difficult to change, and cling on to habits and circumstances that we should learn to let go of.

My eldest son has now completed his exams, as I did that summer, and is looking forward to a relaxing summer. As we get older, time moves ever faster and the burdens of life can increase; often we succumb to focusing too much on the day to day doing of life at the expense of appreciation of God's creation.

In Luke 10, 38-42, Luke recounts Jesus's first visit to Mary and Martha's home. Martha allowed her anxiousness about the practical arrangements of the visit to overwhelm her, whereas Mary "**sat at the Lord's feet listening**". When Martha expressed resentment that her sister has left her to do all the work, she asked Jesus "**tell her to help me!**". Jesus however saw the bigger picture - Martha had become "**worried and upset about many things**" and should instead have followed her sister Mary's example.

In this passage, Jesus isn't against practical action. Instead, he is pointing out that we need to recognise that there is a right time to listen attentively, and a time to act. This is just as true today - we can often be distracted from those things of great importance by the cares and worries of our everyday lives.

As I write this I am conscious of the need to take on-board the message of this story myself. I have been studying for the last three years alongside my full-time job, and the Bishop of Rochester has recently licensed me as a Lay Minister. As I write this, I am finishing off some final essays, but I am intent on getting some rest over the summer period and spending some valued time with my family.

When you read this, the seasons will have changed again; summer will be shifting into autumn, my sons will be back at school, and many of us will be back at work or will have taken up again the responsibilities that take centre stage in our lives. Yet, as we all start the next school year, I hope we can all seek a balance in our lives, and now allow earthly concerns to distract us. Instead, I hope we can ensure that we have enough time focus on those things that really matter to us - for it is those things that give us a foretaste of God and His kingdom.

Justin Elks
(now Licensed) Lay Minister

WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH



Populars Farm, Churn Lane, Horsmonden TN12 8HN

14th September

The event includes

Tractor, Vintage, Horse, and Steam Ploughing

Dog Show

Gun Dog Scurry

Horse Show and Gymkhana

Main Ring events including Falconry and Gun dog training

Sheaf Tossing

Trade Stands

Farmers Market

Clay Shooting

Have a go Ploughing

£7.50 per person under 14 free

dogs on leads welcome

please visit website wkpma.co.uk

COFFEE BEAN TREE IN COLLIER STREET

Ann and Nigel Jeffs' Coffee Bean Tree, Haviker Street



REGULAR VISITORS

Since moving to Collier Street we have had regular visitors who return annually to nest in our car port—two pairs of swallows. The first pair arrive earlier in the year and this year successfully raised 5 chicks. The second pair are currently swooping in and out raising their brood, I can see at least 3 chicks. It is amazing to think these little birds fly so many miles to nest in the same place. British **swallows** spend their winter in South Africa - they travel through western France, across the Pyrenees, down eastern Spain into Morocco and across the Sahara . Most leave the UK during September, with early broods of youngsters being the first to go. But a few stragglers may hang around into October. The return journey to Africa takes about six weeks.



What amazing little birds—we look forward to them returning next year.

'Sowing and Growing' with Stephane

This is a great time of year in the vegetable garden because you have bountiful crops as a reward for all your hard labour, friends and family are usually very pleased to receive the excess home grown produce you may have.



The photo' above shows the packed vegetable patch in Stephane's garden, it was taken during the garden safari. This month we are considering how Stephane stores the extra vegetables that he and Margaret like to eat over the next few months.

Tips for September:

Potatoes: Early potatoes are lifted and washed, he runs a hose over them and gives them a light rub over by hand to remove the excess soil, he doesn't use a brush as that could take away the protective skin that stops them rotting. They are left to dry on the patio then stored in a cardboard box with a lid on in a cool dry place. Stephane uses the spare unheated bedroom as it is cool and the garage is too warm. First earlies need to be used by Sept/Oct.

The lates (like Desiree) are still in the ground and won't be lifted until Sept/Oct then are stored in the same way and they should last until the end of February. He only has to buy potatoes in March/April/May. After Christmas check the box and knock off any shoots as the potatoes are trying to grow again in the dark and will start to shrivel.

Also check the box regularly for rotten ones as they could spread the rot to others.

Onions: Once the foliage has died back lift them, shake off excess soil and lay onions on the ground while the foliage dries up completely, then they go in to hessian sacks so that they can breathe and hung easily from the inside roof of the garage where the air can circulate around them until they are needed.

Runner Beans: Keep really well in the freezer. Some people blanch them first but Stephane and Margaret have found this unnecessary. Margaret prepares the runner beans and slices them putting them into bags with as little air in as possible, the bags are sealed and they stay in the freezer until needed when they can be emptied from the bag straight into boiling water.

Carrots: Surplus carrots will be lifted now and are washed and dried. They are then stored in wooden boxes in between one inch layers of dry builder's sand as this keeps them in the dark but they stay nice and moist. If they are just emptied loosely into the box they tend to go dry and leathery. Carrots stored in this way keep for 3 to 4 months.

Tomatoes: Tomatoes are really abundant at this time of year but they have to be eaten as soon as they are ripe. They don't freeze well but can be used on food like pizzas which are then frozen. Margaret uses the little tomatoes to freeze as they can be used in recipes like casseroles from frozen or to make tomato sauces for pasta or soups.

Pinch out the tops of any plants still growing and remove lower leaves to give extra light and air to the ripening fruit as the days get shorter

Cabbages: Stephane is trying cabbages again and has sprayed them with an organic spray to keep the Cabbage White caterpillars away and it seems to be working at the moment.

Enjoy your produce!

COLLIER STREET GARDEN SAFARI-

JULY 14TH

It was a perfect summer's day for the garden safari on Sunday July 14th, the clouds parted and the sun was pleasantly warm as we set off for the first garden promptly at 12.30pm.

We decided to start with Stephane and Margaret Mackay's Spenny Lodge home and were the first to arrive as we parked up alongside the vibrantly coloured pots lining the drive. Stephane plants 100 pots after growing the bedding plants from seed, he then nurtures them in the greenhouse using his home made propagator. A colourful bank of pots surround the side and rear of the house before the patio opens on to a beautiful lawn with sculptural planting in a rockery that forms the boundary of the more formal garden. Beyond here the summerhouse sits on the edge of the open spaced landscaped vista with park like trees.

A vegetable patch was bursting with produce and those of you who have been reading the 'Sowing and Growing' features in the magazine would have been impressed at the results Stephane achieved without any chemicals or pesticides.



From here we stopped off further down Spenny Lane to visit Janette and Bryn Lerwill's breathtaking gardens at Orchard House. Even though Janette is a 'professional garden designer' we are always amazed at what she manages to achieve with a huge range of different plants and the unique way she mixes her planting both in the flowering beds and her vegetable quadrant. There are quirky and amusing sculptural forms combined with quaint archways, gates and seating areas which give the visitor little surprises as you walk around. A new feature this year was the Tropical Breeze House made from old hop poles and some recycled decking.



Janette was particularly pleased with the Maid of Kent rose rambling over an arch, her dainty pink fairy roses which lined the pathway and a rare and unusual Sanguisorba Lilac Squirrel which had fluffy nodding flower spikes shaped like squirrel tails.

Our next stop was the Green Lane home of David and Frances Goff which has a much longer than garden than the visitor expects. The area nearest the house is shady and cosy with pretty climbers and shrubs. Trailing down one side of a pretty archway was a striking Abutilon, often known as Chinese Lantern. Pretty red and yellow bell shaped flowers were delicately dotted through the leaves.



Through the arch you come to the next section of the garden where a healthy salix 'flamingo' now dominates, I remember seeing this a few years ago when it was a fraction of the size it now is. Snuggled next to the salix is an unusual

weeping Japanese Larch which Frances is particularly fond of as it was given to her when she retired from the NHS.

As you wander down the lawn goes past the sweet summer house and opens out to encompass the view of the arable fields beyond.





Water is a dominant feature of Richard and Maureen Barrett's garden at Brandenburg Oast. A large pond is guarded by two ornamental water birds who watch as the water quietly bubbles among the water lilies. Specimen trees are dotted about the immaculate lawns and the thatched pergola was being enjoyed by a couple of visitors who sat in the shade. Richard sat on the bench by the house and was amused by one visitor who thought his young cosmos plants in the flower bed nearby were carrots. Yes that was you Vicky!

A further pond catches the eye as you enter the driveway, it sits naturally in the landscape as the water trickles down and through to the ditches that

line Haviker Street.

Jo Manser's garden at the Old Engineer has been developing over the last few years and Jo's passion is very endearing when she talks about it. Her hard work is certainly paying off and the beds were full of interest; Jo has a particular love of Salvias and Dahlias. She also favours naturalistic 'prairie planting' and showed me Salvia Bronze Fennel, tall fluffy Golden Oats Stipa Giganea grasses, mixed with Verbena Bonariensis. Young trees and a pretty summerhouse with a secret path nearby that led to a pond. The vegetable patch was clearly a labour of love from someone who is passionate about gardening and the row of healthy apple and pear trees had boughs hanging heavy with fruit. To one side of the house is the cutting garden where garden beds are divided by a gravel path edged with bricks that Jo laid herself. Jo's three young sons have their own garden, it's vitally important to Jo that her boys enjoy the garden and learn how to look after plants and the family's chickens. The benefits of getting outside to enjoy gardening and



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growing are passionately promoted by Jo who also offers 1:1 garden therapy sessions for people in their own homes.

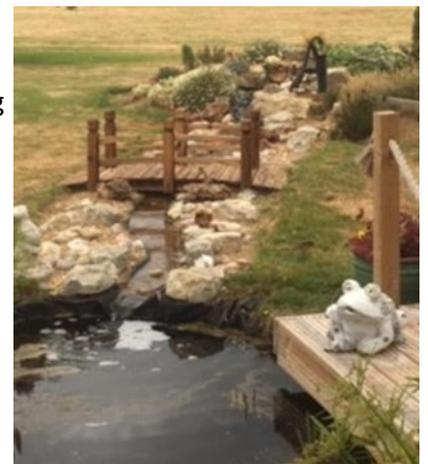
We have always admired Declan O'Sullivan's quintessentially Kentish Farmhouse down Jarmon's Lane but had never stopped to see the gardens which have been transformed by Declan's friend Pat's 'green fingers'. She has worked hard to improve the quality of the soil and the plants are clearly flourishing in the neat, carefully planned beds. Brightly coloured dahlias were dotted among the plants and they dazzled in the lovely afternoon sunshine.



Striking clematis climbed up a natural wooden pole obelisk to give height in the flower beds which contained some very unusual specimens including castor oil plants which grew to over six foot in their first year. Pat was very knowledgeable and keenly explained the characteristics of the Echium Pininana Blue Steeple which currently resembled palm tree-like rosettes but 12-24 months after sowing the centre flowering spike shoots up to 15/20 feet. It is packed with blue flowers that the bees love and will self seed providing little seedlings for the following year which will be needed as the parent

plant dies after flowering.

Our next stop was 'The Stable' on Benover Road and here we met another hard working gardener who was busy raking and tidying all the time we were there. Over the past three years Christine has extended the original more traditional garden by expanding into the neighbouring field that came with the property and now has two and a half acres to tend. There was a spectacular area of stone paving that stretched out from the house towards the garden with a gravel pathway weaving through the islands of colourful planting. From her we came across the gorgeous little waterfall that then trickled along a tiny stream, under an ornate bridge to a sweet pond on the far side of which was a decking jetty in front of a peaceful seating area. Christine says she is looking forward to the day when she will have more time to sit and enjoy her garden.





Further along Benover Road we visited Mr and Mrs Skinner's garden at Crow Plain Cottages and were impressed by the different areas they had cleverly fitted in to the space. There were two useful seating areas bordered by the ever popular salix flamingo and beautifully scented lavender; one contained seating under a pergola with lots of space for socialising and eating with friends and a second tucked away in the corner in the shade. Next to this a compact but bountiful vegetable patch was neatly positioned at the edge of the garden.

Out the front of the house we loved the stunning rows of standard pink roses that edged the brick path up to the front door.

By now the sun was really warm and we needed a cup of tea so headed for the 'pop-up tea room' in the barn at Den Farm. We sat in the glorious walled garden with our tea and cake admiring the pretty location, the quirky 'folly' and the prolific planting where Jo's artistic skills were evident in the palette of stunning colours on show. Once again the garden had little areas for walking through and spaces to sit edged with roses while the fertile vegetable area was tucked around the corner behind the greenhouse which had a section of pretty plants in pots at the door.

It was very sociable sitting in sun and we chatted to lots of friends and acquaintances who were also enjoying the range of delicious cakes on offer and John kept us up to date with the latest score in the men's Wimbledon final.



Finally we arrived at Porters Farm where Margaret and David sat with us in the garden at the end of a busy afternoon while we had another cup of tea. Porters Farm is the epitome of a Kentish Cottage garden with beds that are overflowing with healthy growth. Archways were leaning under the weight of the roses and pathways were almost hidden by the flowers stretching across. The house is barely visible in places with rambling roses clinging on and battling for space with the thick covering of wisteria leaves. In the spring the front beds host a dazzling display of tulips but now they are full of delicately leaved cosmos plants whose flowers bobbed about in the gentle breeze.

Everyone worked so hard for weeks and months to prepare their gardens and they were all so welcoming, well done to all for raising £856 for St Margaret's Church.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

A BIG THANK YOU... As many of you are aware I had a heart attack whilst fishing in Shropshire at the end of July. The actions of some local people, Worcestershire Ambulance Service and the Worcester Hospital Cardiac Unit means I lived to tell the tale. I have received numerous cards and get well messages and can tell you that I am on the mend and will be back in the Post Office asap. Meanwhile June is holding the fort with much aplomb. Thank you everybody for your kind messages. Tim xxx

A word of warning...Royal Mail have introduced a “**Click and Drop**” online postal service. Customers can print their own labels for parcels and letters, including Signed For and Special Delivery. These can then be taken to a Post Office and off they go. Sounds fabulous doesn't it? However, the customer only saves about 10p...which is lost when you print the postage label and pay the commission to eBay and PayPal.Our Post Office still has to fully process the item in order for it to be mailed and is paid a bare minimum for the service which is a lot less than we get for doing the normal service. Another coffin nail for the future of your local Post Office. Any errors in the postage, weight or measurements will be surcharged... **Pre-printed Tracked Returns will continue to be processed in the Post Office as normal.**

New stamps sets this month are the **Forests and Music Giants** collections. 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

THINGS TO DO IN TONBRIDGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS



Tonbridge Castle

Guided tours of motte and bailey gatehouse dating from the 11th century, with interactive displays.



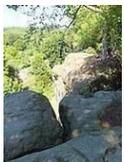
Haysden Country Park

Nature trails, watersports & fishing
Expansive parklands with lake fishing, boating and sailing, nature trails and children's playground.



The Hop Farm

Animal village & children's rides
Children's rides, a village full of animals and 4D cinema experience, plus cafe and shop.



High Rocks National Monument

High Rocks is a 3.2-hectare geological Site of Special Scientific Interest west of Tunbridge Wells in East Sussex and Kent. It is a Geological Conservation Review site.



Great Comp Garden

Great Comp Garden is a Georgian farmhouse and garden, located on Comp Lane near the hamlet of Comp in Kent, England.

THINGS TO DO IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND SURROUNDING AREAS



Scotney Castle, Lamberhurst

House and gardens



Bowles Outdoor Centre, Eridge Green

Fun recreational activities including ski-ing, snowboarding, rock climbing and canoeing



St Dunstons Church, Cranbrook

St. Dunstan's stands out as an unusually large church and is called 'the Cathedral of the Weald'.



Pashley Manor Gardens, Ticehurst

discover 11 acres of beautiful borders and vistas



Temper Temper the Chocolate Experience, Southborough

Have a go at making your own delicious confections!



The Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook

Providing entertainment in the heart of the Kent Weald



HOW CAN WE HELP, WI MEMBERS ASK REFUGE WORKER

The mood at Yalding WI's August meeting was more serious than usual as Stacey Dean from Women's Refuge talked through the challenges families can face when they experience domestic abuse and the way she and her colleagues work with police, social services and local groups to help.

When women arrive at a refuge, usually in a totally new area away from family and friends for safety, the only clothes they have with them may be those they are actually wearing. Their partner may have been so controlling that there is no money they can access. They need to get into touch quickly with local doctors, health visitors, schools, telephone advice lines and counselling. They may be only 18 years old or, like a recent client, in their 80s.

Questions from WI members included "Are there practical ways we can help?". Donating clothes would be brilliant and food is always welcome, said Stacey, as are offers to bring activities such as crafts or card playing into a refuge as women are often caught between not wanting to go out but being bored indoors.

** For more about Women's Refuge, email Doreen Stanford on dpstanford@live.co.uk A One Stop Shop for anyone concerned about domestic abuse is held at the Salvation Army in Maidstone every Tuesday where refuge workers, police and solicitors are available.*

Glenn Brace won the competition for a favourite mug with Iris Hawkins second and Rachel Kerkham third. The bear entered by *Friends of Yalding WI* for the YCPS Teddies parachute jump from the church tower on 7 September showed off its flowery dress and matching large bloomers specially made by Rachel Kerkham.

New village hall?

At the July meeting, current suggestions that Yalding Village Hall may be pulled down and replaced by a new one on the other side of the village sparked disapproving comment. There was a strong feeling both that the present hall is fine and definitely fit for purpose and that getting to the proposed new site along the Kintons track on dark winter nights would anyway deter potential users. It was agreed to ask the parish council to explain the situation further.

The July speaker was Christine Holland on *Healthy Living*, who stressed the usefulness of exercise and got most members swaying, stamping and swirling to music, on their feet or in chairs. Key points included "try to eat a rainbow of coloured fruit and veg during the day" and "don't jump if you're over 75 because of the impact on your joints". ("And your bladder" came a heartfelt comment from the front row).

Caroline Davis from Horsmonden Morning WI reported that resolutions at the national WI meeting, calling for more buses and urging women to attend cervical smear tests had been carried by 96% and 97% respectively. She also recalled the amazing experience of hearing an audience of 5,000 singing *Jerusalem* – twice – plus the Welsh national anthem and *God Save the Queen*. A competition for *Seashells* was won by Iris Hawkins, with Barbara Hazlewood second and June Chapman third.

It was announced that Yalding WI now has its own website and is also on Facebook. The annual Craft Fayre, organised by the WI in Yalding Village Hall and great for early Christmas presents, will be on Saturday 26 October (enquiries to Mary, 01892 730344). Federation events in the pipeline include a whist tournament, a conference for mature WI drivers, a day on recycling and waste management and a paper beads workshop.

Next meeting is the produce show on Tuesday 10 September when entries need to be in place by 7pm and the competition is *My Favourite Recipe*. 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.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are currently two vacancies on the council.

If you believe you could help make a difference in and around the village and would like to learn more about the work that is done please contact the Chairman David Goff for an informal chat

01892 730512

david.goff@collierstreetparishcouncil.co.uk

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.**

COLLIER STREET POP-IN GET TOGETHER 2019

St Margaret's Church

**Margaret, Barbara, Maureen and Lorna
invite you to come along and enjoy: home-made cakes and savouries,
friendly company and a raffle.**

2 - 4pm Wednesdays:

Sep 11

Oct 09

Nov 13

Dec 11

There is a very modest charge for a 'bottomless' hot drink for £1 and an additional £1 for a very generous slice of home baked cake and all profits go to good causes.

In 2018 we donated the following: £40 each to the Kent Association for the Blind and Hillside Animal Sanctuary; £50 to Romney House Cat Protection; and £100 each to The Dementia Society, School Gambia Yalding, Demelza House Hospice, Medical Detection Dogs, the 2018 Poppy Appeal and Kent Victim Support.

Please come along in 2019.

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Litter Picking

The Parish Council have been made aware of some changes that MBC are proposing to introduce in relation to Litter Picking.

The PC are looking into all the related issues and will report back in due course.

In the meantime our advice would not to be out on the roads and picking up litter until the issues are resolved.

The main problem is around insurance and how we may be covered in the case of an accident.

There is another problem around working on roads with a 40mph speed limit or more and when no pavements or wide verges are in place.

The PC know how important keeping our village tidy is and will work to find potential solutions to the challenge.

Septic Tanks

New regulations introduced in 2015 are coming into force at the end of the year. As from the 1st Jan 2020 all septic tank operations need to comply the EA General Building Rules first introduced in 2015. In simple terms it means that any existing septic tank that currently discharges directly to surface water, however long it has been in situ must cease from doing so by that date and an alternative system sought.

More information is available at www.gov.uk and search General Binding Rules for the full set of guidelines to the new legislation.

Property Level Protection from Flooding.

The company carrying out this work have booked Yalding Library on Wed 4th Sept from 12 to 8pm. The purpose of this drop in session is for people to ask questions about the scheme and return signed agreements.

If you have any questions that have not been resolved and if you are in the scheme this drop in session could well help.

David Goff, Chairman, Collier Street Parish Council



Woodpeckers- - 'cutting back'

Saturday the 3rd August was pleasantly warm but not too hot for the volunteers who turned up to join the 'Woodpeckers' in the churchyard, there were 13 willing workers and they all soon set to work. The faithful old tractor mower whizzed round both the Green Lane cemetery and the graveyard with David Goff at the wheel. Several members of the group concentrated on helping the mower access all areas by cutting the low growing branches of the trees which were hanging down under the weight of the leaves. Ray and Rob worked together removing a large and very rotten tree stump which was covered in ivy. There were lots of branches to clear away, overgrown vegetation to trim and weeds to spray. The work only ceased for a while when we were summoned to the tea break for tea/coffee and Pam's home baked cake.

The next session will be on Saturday September 7th at 10am.

Please come along and help if you can.



ELAINE DAY

Elaine sadly died on 30th June after a short illness. She was married to Tony for nearly 50 years and they lived in Collier Street for 13 of those years. They enjoyed living in the village, joining in all parts of village life. Elaine was a flood warden, a member of the Yalding WI and liked craft, jewellery and healing.

Tony would like to say thank you to everybody for the cards, kind words and donations in memory of Elaine.

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Jacqui Bakes

Apple Tart

Its apple time again & with the orchard heaving with apples this is a quick tart to use some of them up, enjoyed as a dessert or afternoon treat, served warm with custard or when cold enjoyed with a cup of tea. I use ready made pastry as life to short!

Ingredients

500g bramley cooking apples, peeled & cored
300g all butter puff pastry
1/2 tsp cinnamon
100g golden caster sugar
4 eating apples, thinly sliced
1 egg yolk, beaten 25g butter

Method

- 1) Place chopped bramleys into a pan with 100ml water & a knob of butter, add cinnamon and 1/2 the caster sugar, simmer for 15 - 20 mins to make a puree, allow to cool completely.
- 2) 2) Pre heat oven 200 degrees
- 3) 3) Roll the pastry out into a large rectangle , place on a lined baking sheet & prick all over with a fork.
- 4) 4) Spread the cooled apple puree over the pastry, leaving a 2cm border all around the edge.
- 5) 5) Evenly place the sliced eating apples in rows on top of the puree.
- 6) 6) Sprinkle with the remaining sugar. Brush the the edges of the tart with the beaten egg yolk.
- 7) 7) Place in the oven and bake for 20-25 mins, brush with melted butter. Enjoy!





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NOTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday 8th July 2019

Orchard Room,

St Margaret's School, Collier Street commencing at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr David Goff [DG] [Chairman]; Cllr Simon Hill [SH] Deputy Chairman; Cllr Steve Barham [SB]; Cllr Stever Sandys [SS]

Apologies: Cllr Dave Sealey

Police Report

PCSO Nicola Morris

Crimes of Note

28th-29th June – Theft – Longend Lane – birds stolen from land – no witnesses – no CCTV

Incidents of Anti-social behaviour and other incidents

Gas NOS canisters/laughing gas located – Collier St Church – within grounds
Minutes of. Minutes of the full council meeting
10th June 2019

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

Public adjournment. No Questions from members of the Public.

Correspondence and Action Points

Members Community Grant Lead AJC

AJC reaffirmed that the Members grant from the Maidstone Borough Councillors will total £300.00 this year. The decision on the spend is yet to be made.

Clean Streets Survey

Lead AJC

The meeting agreed on the survey answers and The Clerk tasked with completing the online survey.

Community Resilience Plan [Audit]

Lead AJC & DG

The meeting agreed to revisit this issue later.

Marden Neighbourhood Plan

Lead DG

DG will report back to the Marden on the above issue.

County Councillor Eric Hotson Report

At this juncture Eric Hotson addressed the meeting. He reported that there have been 200 more PCSO recruited this year, however approximately 100 do retire per year.

Some will join the rural team once they have been inducted and trained.

Politically, 2019/2020 at least 50m has to be saved and probably more by the year end. County were promised a fair funding for elderly care and it is not helpful that this has not yet materialised. Members grant funds are still available and the focus of the spend this year will be on Community Matters. With the proposed new development in Marden he feels that there is plenty of capacity for educational places available in the immediate area to fulfil needs. Whilst each project is considered on its own merits we discussed with him various projects within the parish that we would wish to apply for assistance with by way of grant funding. The Clerk was tasked with bringing together various highways issues to be sent to him for onward transmission to the highways co-ordinator at KCC.

We also agreed to report issues of overgrown vegetation by landowners in the parish for progression at County level. The Parish has already circulated property owners via the Collier Street News.

The issues of traffic calming was discussed but with the budget cutbacks at County level there is only limited help that Cllr Hotson could offer us. We are appreciative of this help and will progress the applications appropriately. We will also make Alison Broome Chief Executive MBC aware of these issues. DG & AJC will work on a report.

Flood Committee Report

Lead DG

Work has commenced in the catchment with the following projects:-

Pipe under the road at Bentlett's

NFM at Bockingfold

Some parishioners have still not responded to offers under the flood resilience.

Meeting with NFF [National Flood Forum] on 15th July at 7.00pm at St Margaret's School. NFF are the organisers and are responsible for inviting people.

DG sent a 3 page response to the EA on behalf of the PC.

We should now be included under the update process from the EA having initially been left of the circulation list.

Recreation Field Report

Lead DG

The hogweed has been sprayed. The issues with the seesaw are being resolved. The contractors confirm that issues raised by MBC during their last inspection have been resolved. This will be confirmed during the next PC check.

Highways

Dandara site: Complaints regarding lorry movements have been satisfactorily dealt with. Dandara confirm that they are carrying out the movements of earth according to the original plans.

Lorry Movements: There has been additional problems with unassociated lorry movements. Ardula and Robert Body and unmarked lorries are using Green Lane in both directions during the past week. Robert Body has been contacted and we await a response.

Security CCTV Camera

Lead DG/SH

The schools firewall seems to be a problem in the PC being able to download the captured images. We are assured that both the camera and the recording machine are now working. We now need to check the settings on the receiving software. Once this has been successfully setup it has been agreed that three Councillors will take it in turn to capture and record the vehicle movements for further analysis and onward reporting of the vehicles if they are infringing the 7.5 tonne set limit and do not have the necessary permit to use the exclusion zone.

The noise of the camera was an initial issue.

Finance

Lead AJC

The meeting approved the reconciliation and Cllr Barham signed the reconciliation reports.

[Report circulated electronically pre meeting]

There were no issues raised with the budget reports.

[Report circulated electronically pre meeting]

The monthly spends were approved.

Borough Councilor's Report:

None present

Village Hall

Lead DG & SH

A meeting has been held with the new trustees. Plans are in force to progress the project.

Matters for Discussion at the Next Meeting

AJC & DG to progress.

It was decided that prior to the next meeting a list of Councillor responsibilities would be established in order that these could be discussed during the upcoming interviews with the applicants for the Councillor vacancies.

Issues of overgrown vegetation that need to be progressed to County level.

Date of Next Meeting

The Next Full Council Meeting will take place on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

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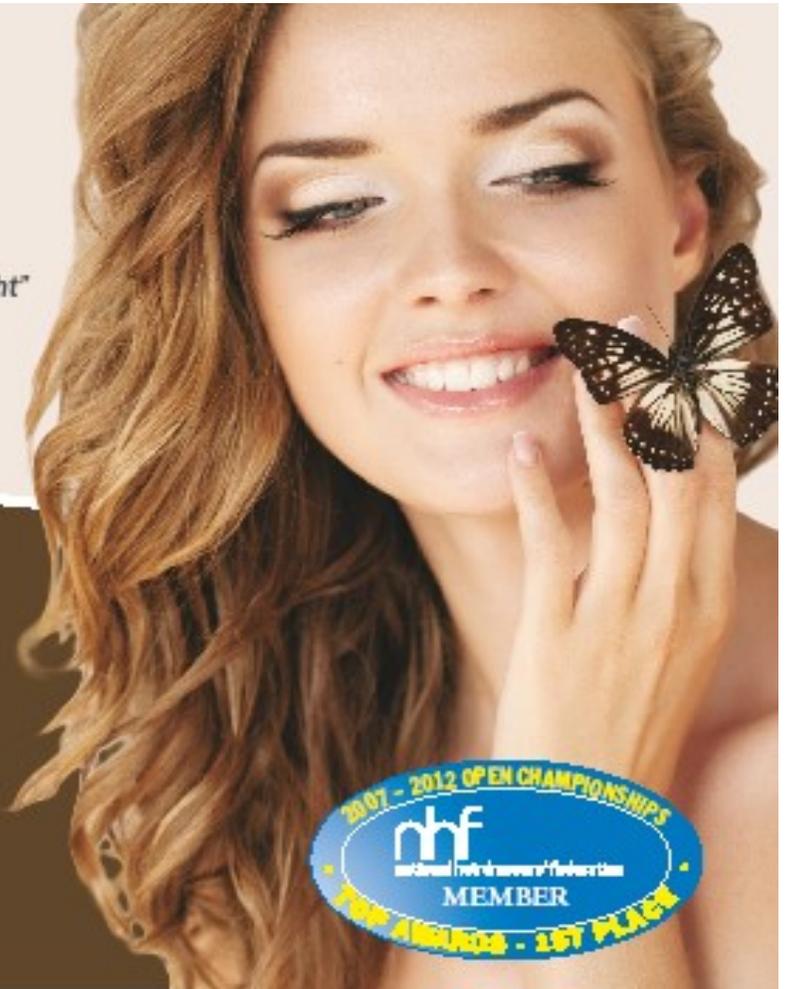
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