

COLLIER STREET NEWS

October/November 2022



RIP QUEEN ELIZABETH II

THIS ISSUE:

Pop-in Tea afternoon, Jacqui Bakes, Words from Father Paul and Ollie, Woodpeckers, School Report, Church Rota, Council Parish Council Notes, Yalding Post Office, Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Ramblings and Marden Motoring Club

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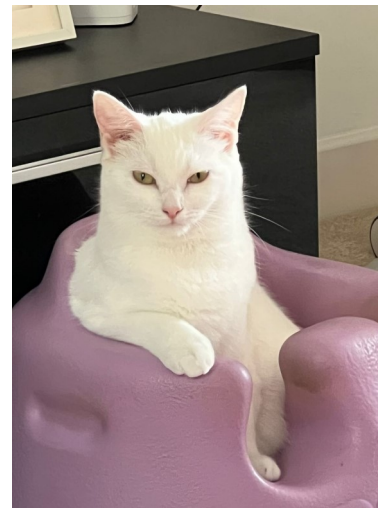
7th and 21st November

Recycling, food waste and textiles

3rd, 17th and 31st October

14th and 28th November

CUTE PET OF THE MONTH - BEAUTIFUL MABEL



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:

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VILLAGE WHATSAPP GROUP

There is a village Whatsapp group which allows for news, information and advice to be circulated instantly
If you would like to be added please text

Deborah Pappas on:

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COPY DEADLINE 20TH OF THE MONTH

There were a number of reasons why the editors made the decision to start producing the magazine on a bi-monthly basis, the main one being cost of printing. The second reason was lack of articles for inclusion. Please make your village magazine interesting and ensure its future by sending us items of interest to: editorparishmag@mail.com

Defibrillators

There are defibrillators available at St Margaret's Church, Collier Street and The Woolpack, Benover Road. These are life saving devices so it is important that as many people as possible are able to use them. Defibrillator training is available for anyone to undertake via the website below:

<https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you have any queries.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would love to hear from you with information, articles or photographs you wish to feature in the village magazine.

Or please send us a picture of your pet for 'cute pet of the month'.

Without your contributions there would not be a magazine, so please send to
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FLY TIPPING AND POTHOLES

Did you know that anyone can report pot holes or fly tipping in the village.

Please go to the Maidstone Borough Council website and click on the "Report It" tab.



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LOCAL BABYSITTERS

- Lucy Anderson 730244 - Weekdays and weekends
- Rosie Ridd 730816 - During term time Friday and Saturday evenings only
- Jonny Bentley - 730252
- Georgie Barham - 730247
- Olivia Brown—07460 243707—weekends



Jacqui Bakes

Plum & Ginger Crumble Bars & Chocolate and Peanut

Autumn is upon us & with that comes plums, these crumble bars are delicious served hot with custard or ice cream, or cold with a cuppa. I've also included a recipe for protein bars, I delivered these to the boys at the new Atlas Eco Gym on Green Lane and before I had left the plate was clean (fabulous gym by the way) !

Plum & Ginger Crumble Bar Ingredients

For the filling:

6 plums
100ml gin
50g light brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp vanilla
2 tbsps cornflour
1-inch fresh ginger, finely grated

For the crumble:

220g plain flour
100g porridge oats
100g light brown sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp powdered ginger
¼ tsp salt
200g slightly salted butter, melted



Method

- 1) Pit & thinly slice the plums into a bowl, cover with 100ml of gin & 1tbsp of brown sugar. Leave to macerate for a few hours.
- 2) Preheat oven to 180 degrees, line a 20cm square baking tin with parchment paper.
- 3) Drain the plums, then mix in the cinnamon, vanilla, cornstarch & remaining brown sugar for the filling. Peel & grate the fresh ginger and mix into the plum filling.
- 4) To make the crumble, mix the flour, oats, brown sugar, baking powder, powdered ginger & salt into a bowl. Pour in the butter, mix to combine until it forms a crumbly dough.
- 5) Firmly press ½ of the crumble into the pan & bake in the oven for 10 minutes or until golden.
- 6) Evenly spread the plum filling across the crumble layer, then cover with the remaining crumble. Bake for 30 minutes until light brown.

ENJOY!

Chocolate & Peanut Butter Protein Bars

Ingredients

250g rolled oats
54g chocolate flavour protein powder
40g unsweetened cocoa powder
190g nut butter
85g maple syrup or honey
¼ cups milk (any kind)
75g milk chocolate
200g dark chocolate for topping

Method

- 1) Line an 8-inch square baking pan or standard 9-inch × 5-inch loaf pan with parchment paper & set it aside. Place the oats in a food processor fitted with the steel blade & process until into a flour.
- 2) Add the protein powder, cocoa powder, nut butter, maple syrup, ¼ cup milk & melted milk chocolate.
- 3) Process until the mixture is well-combined & is tacky (but not sticky) to the touch. Add more milk by the teaspoonful & process, only as necessary for the mixture to reach the proper consistency.
If you opt not to use the melted unsweetened chocolate, you will have to add more milk, the bars will not hold together as firmly when shaped.
- 4) Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan & press firmly into an even layer, smoothing the top as much as possible.
- 5) Cover with parchment & place in the refrigerator or freezer to chill until firm (about 1 hour in the refrigerator, or 20 minutes in the freezer). Remove the bars from the pan, slice into 10 or 12 equal-sized rectangular bars.
- 6) Dip in the optional melted dark chocolate to coat & allow to sit at room temperature until set. Store in an airtight container in the fridge.

Collier Street Pop-In Get Together 2022

St Margaret's Church

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

2 - 4pm the second Wednesday of the month:

The remaining dates for this year are:

October 12th, November 19th, December 14th

Our August 'Pop In', on Wednesday 10th, was held on a lovely sunny day and we had tables inside for those who wanted to keep cool but some still enjoyed the sunshine outside the front of the church as there was plenty of shade.



We had very good attendance once again with everyone enjoying a good chat as they caught up with friends over a nice hot drink and a choice of cakes and savouries.

The raffle was as popular as ever and we raised over £60.00 in total for charitable causes.

On September the 14th the tables were all inside as the hot weather had, at last, given way to some showery and cloudier weather although it was still very pleasant.

It was lovely to see many of our regular customers catching up and having a laugh together. We again raised over £60 with the raffle prizes including lots of lovely local produce including eggs, plums and eating apples, there were

also some very large cooking apples.

Please come along on October 12th and join us.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you firstly to all those people who have welcomed my family and I to Yalding, Laddingford, and Collier Street. I have been in and around the benefice since July and feel truly welcomed. It will be amazing to minister throughout the benefice, within the villages, the communities, and the three churches. I am looking forward to working alongside Fr Paul and learning from him.

As I start in the benefice, I thought it would be good to introduce my family and I.

I grew up in a Christian household in Bristol and have attended church since I was young but there have been times that my faith has been tested. As a Consultant Nurse working in A&E, and in the National Health Service, for the last twenty-four years I have seen many sights, been involved in horrific situations, seen peaceful deaths, suffering, and been involved in situations that others will not see in their lifetime.

In 2008, several events occurred which I can only describe as 'God Moments'. Following this, it was clear that being a nurse wasn't my only vocation... there was something else. I had put off a call to ministry for over ten years, then suddenly doors started opening, a move from Bristol to Kent occurred, a feeling of gentle pressure and a nudge finally told me I needed to listen. God had a plan for me and a very good sense of humour!

The Old Testament verse from Jeremiah 29v11 has followed me around like a scene from the film 'Bruce Almighty'. 'For surely I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD' (Jer 29:11). I went with it and here I am today.

I live near West Malling with my wife Jaime, our son Rupert who is 8, and our dog, Posie. I will be undertaking my curacy as a 'Self-Supporting Minister' or sometimes known as a 'Minister in Secular Employment'. Basically, I am keeping my day job as a clinical academic working between the university and the local hospital, then being a curate within the parish one day a week, some evenings, and at weekends.

Jaime, Rupert, and I are looking forward to being alongside you and growing in faith together.

With best wishes,

Ollie

“Give the king your judgement, O God, and your righteousness to the king’s son.” (Psalm 72:1-2)

My last parish letter in this magazine was a reflexion after the Platinum Jubilee celebrations; this one has a more sombre focus as we continue to mourn after Her Majesty’s funeral.

It started with shock and sorrow, and soon became a procession of memories and a catalogue of courageous diplomacy. But as the acceptance grew, it became a different kind of grief – a sort of lament for a world that we should never see again.

Queen Elizabeth II has been our sovereign for so long that almost all of us have known no other, and came to think of her as a symbol of national identity that would always be there. And now she is not. It leaves a kind of emptiness, a void in our collective consciousness as we come to terms with a sense that our link with the past has been severed, our anchor chain cut, and we now drift aimlessly on a sea of history.

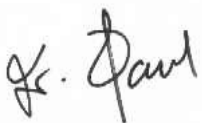
For a while yet we shall still have the cash in our pockets, the stamps on our letters, and the royal warrants on our tins of beans as a lingering reminder of a now bygone age, but soon we shall need to pull ourselves together and start looking forwards instead to a new focus, and a new beginning.

It is all too tempting to lose ourselves in a world of royal pomp and pageantry, of carefully choreographed ceremony and brass bands in an unparalleled spectacle of tradition. But we should not lose sight of the earth beneath our feet and the heavens above, nor ignore the needs of our neighbours and the unfolding economic crisis in our country with all of the hardships that will doubtless follow. Life goes on.

We have bowed out heads and said *Requiescat in pace* – May she rest in peace. Now we need to stand tall and proclaim *Vivat Rex* – Long live the king! There will be a new vision of the future, and not just in money, stamps, and brown sauce - a new king and a new age in which we are all invited to play our part. Having paid our respects, we must now pay attention to the world around us. Having celebrated our late queen’s example of faith and commitment, we can now take the opportunity to shape our own spiritual and physical lives.

We mourn the passing of our queen, but we are not to live in the past and fantasise about some apocryphal golden era that will never return. She did her duty, and we must do ours in building a nation for the future, shaped by the communities that we make in the places where we live, in the knowledge that earthly kings and queens will have their day, but we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God and that is where we can look for our own eternal home.

“But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King.” (Jeremiah 10:10)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping tail.



School Report

St Margaret's welcomed back all of its pupils and their families on Friday 2nd September 2020.

Everyone was happy to be back in school and to begin a new academic year and although adjusting to school life after the holidays has had its challenges everyone has settled back in wonderfully.

It was fantastic to see the confident, happy and excited faces of all the children and staff returning to school. The enthusiasm of being back has been evident within the atmosphere of the school with lots of learning and fun taking place.

St Margaret's School would like to extend a warm welcome to 1 new child in Pippin class and 18 new Reception children in Russet class who have been absolutely fantastic in their phased transition. This year the children were able to come and visit their new school and class before the summer and this seems to have eased any anxieties the children would have had. Building on from the transition before the summer the children have settled in beautifully after having 2 days of staying till midday, a

day of staying until 1pm and then quickly attending full time. There have been very few tears and the children have adapted well to being in a new environment, with new adults and some of the children not knowing anyone from their new class before starting school. We are very impressed and proud of the resilience and confidence they have shown.



One of the children commented, "I love being here, I can play with my sister."

While another said, "I like there are lots of trains."

With one child saying "this field is so big and we can run!"

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The children have been able to use the inside and outside areas of their classroom. They have met their new class mascots who are twins, newly named Sparkles and Margaret. Also, they have been enjoying lots of creative work, being outside using the mud kitchen, loose parts, making a pirate ship, small world and the bikes.



St Margaret's School would also like to give a warm welcome to the many new staff we have welcomed in September. They are Mrs Drury, Mrs Hodson-Walker, Mrs Chubb, Mrs Cooper and Mx Callow.

We are looking forward to our next academic year at St Margaret's, growing and working together with our children, families and the wider community after very positive start to the year!

CHURCH ROTA					
DATE	READING	PRAYERS	SET UP	ALTAR COLOUR	COFFEE
2/10/22 Harvest	JAMES Habbukuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	CLERGY	JAMES	GREEN	MARGARET
9/10/22	SHEILA 2 Kings 5:1-15b	RACHEL	VICKY	GREEN	JO
16/10/22	HELEN Genesis 32:22-31	JAMES	MARGARET	GREEN	PAUL & EVE
23/10/22	PAULA Jeremiah 14:7-10	SHEILA	STEPHANE & MARGARET	GREEN	STEPHANE & MARGARET
30/10/22	JO Ephesians 1:11-23	DAVID	JAMES	WHITE	SHEILA
FLOWERS AND BRASS - SHEILA					

DEATHS

Roger Couchman died August 2022 aged 78 years

BAPTISMS

Ramone, Saribel and Robert Morgan—August 2022

OUR PRODUCTS, LOCALLY SOURCED, LOCALLY SOLD

October 2022

Rest in Peace Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd. Long Live King Charles the 3rd. I will be informed sometime in the next few months of when the new stamps featuring our new King will be printed and available.

My apologies...In last month's magazine I forgot to mention that it is the old paper £50 and £20 bank notes... that will no longer accepted as legal tender from the end of this September. However, you will have 20 years in which you can deposit them into your bank account. After that their only use will be novelty wallpaper.

The new bar-coded stamps. Other than Christmas and special stamps all the stamps sold here at Yalding Post Office are the new bar-coded stamps. Use the old normal stamps to exhaustion.

The old sorting office will soon be opened as an auxiliary part of the Post Office retail space. It will feature a larger card and stationery selection as well as unique local based gifts etc. I will advertise the Opening Day as soon as everything is ready.

Shop & Local Produce. Coxheath bakery items on sale every day. Orders taken. Artisan bread and plaits on Thursdays. Cold drinks, unique greetings cards by local artists, Yalding and Laddingford honey, Joan's jams. Bit Spicy curry mixes, stationery, Yalding mugs, fresh eggs, (from genuinely free range local chickens), as well as duck eggs. Loddington Farm fruit juices & Oakapple Farm fresh produce – all in stock now.

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

Foreign Currencies. We still have a stock of Euros and US Dollars... POL have informed us that credit on Travel Money Cards can be encashed at all branches in UK currency.

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Woodpeckers- *'the Quinquennial inspection'*

On Saturday August 6th we were busy tidying as usual but spent a little more time checking over the outside 'fabric' of the church building itself as the Quinquennial inspection was due in a few days.

Every five years, a church building must be inspected by a suitably experienced and qualified professional, appointed after consultation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee. They will help to make sure the building is kept in good repair.

A quinquennial inspection is a complete survey of all aspects of a church's fabric.

It should:

- note the condition of every aspect of the building, and check for changes
- identify problems which have developed since the last inspection
- check that maintenance standards are appropriate
- check that previous recommendations have been applied
- identify urgent priorities for repair or conservation
- plan long-term works

Most of the 14 Woodpeckers volunteers undertook general tidying which included raking up the leaves shed from the distressed, dry trees. The most difficult task was undertaken by Stepane who wanted to unblock the gutters that had become clogged with silt, leaves and other materials. He bravely climbed the ladder while Brian made sure it didn't move.

There was another Woodpeckers session on September 3rd when it was again a general tidying up effort.

Cakes are made and brought along by the volunteers to be shared during the tea break and we all enjoy the social aspect as well as the pleasure of seeing the churchyard looking so well cared for.

You are welcome to join us on the first Saturday of each month between 10am and 12 midday, just bring along some small hand tools like leaf rakes, secateurs and loppers.



The Annual Woodpeckers BBQ

All the Woodpeckers volunteers were invited to the summer BBQ in the lovely garden of Spenny Lodge, the home of Stephane and Margaret McKay. On August the 21st we were lucky to have good weather as we arrived to enjoy the first 'proper' BBQ for the Woodpeckers since the Covid outbreak.



Margaret and Stephane had prepared tables and chairs around the lawn and the food and drink tables were ready and waiting for the guests to fill them with their individual contributions. Ray and Stephane took charge of the BBQ and we waited eagerly to be invited to fill our plates as soon as the burgers, sausages and chicken pieces were ready.



Thanks to the efforts of Margaret and Stephane we had a lovely time and enjoyed the chance to have a catch up with everyone in such relaxing surroundings. We had plenty of wonderful salads and deserts to choose from and the event was perfect.

We look forward to another year of satisfying churchyard tidying with our friends and the camaraderie that the Woodpeckers group brings.

Collier Street Ramblings: 'Biddenden Tractor Fest'



On the weekend of August 20th and 21st the Biddenden Tractorfest and Country Fair 2022 was held just outside Biddenden. This was the first opportunity to return to the Tractor Fest since the Covid outbreak and it was absolutely packed with excited visitors.

We arrived on Saturday morning just after the gates had opened so were fortunate to park fairly close to the entrance and we decided to have bacon rolls as a 'late breakfast', the smell of bacon cooking is so irresistible. It was a good decision as the queues for food and drink later in the day were very long. The arena showing a Birds of Prey demonstration was right next to our picnic table so we were well entertained while we had our tasty snack. Although we have seen them many times we were still amazed at the speed of the falcon in flight as it swooped down after the lure. One of the eagle owls was very reluctant to perform and it disappeared to sit in a tree and watch the proceedings. In contrast the beautiful snowy owl flew well, gliding silently over the heads of the mesmerised audience.

As always, the Tractorfest site was very large and there were many attractions to suit all interests as well as a large range of vendor stalls selling beautiful craft items and many different foods and treats. There were various skills being demonstrated, a new one that caught our attention was a trailer where eager participants queued up to have a go at Viking Axe throwing, it was clearly a difficult skill as we did not see anyone achieve the task of embedding the frightening axe in the target board!

In addition there were the expected rows and rows of tractors, most were the nostalgic aged collectible examples from those in need of repair to those that were clearly much loved and cared for but there were also some very large and complicated modern ones too. They attracted the attention of numerous small children who had their photo taken as they clambered up on to the tractor seats.

We were interested in the unit pictured above which was a tractor hitched up to a trailer used for the collection of hops from the hop bines. We used to see this kind of vehicle working annually in the hop gardens close to our home, particularly the hop gardens owned by Crow Plain Farm. The pungent smell of the freshly picked hops would fill the air as they were driven to the barn in Jarmons Lane for the hop bines to be stripped.

Other vehicles on show included steam engines, classic cars, vintage motor cycles, old farm machinery, trucks and shepherd's huts. Some smaller steam engines chugged away happily next to their seated owners while a couple of other very large ones toured the showground majestically, their paintwork and brass gleaming while their drivers looking very grubby from the toil of working their magnificent vehicles.

Every now and then we heard the sound of a fire engine siren when an excited child, and occasionally adult, was welcomed up into the cab of one on display to have a go at pressing the button. It was an extraordinary display of Fire engines, they stretched down the entire side of one field. There were also stands with representatives from the emergency services happily chatting to the visitors.



Of course there were many opportunities to listen to various entertainers and their music, the ukulele band were, as always, very enthusiastic and they had a tent where people could go and learn how to play a ukulele.

The image that always seems to sum up these great country shows is the one below with the crazy Morris Dancers, at one stage the audience was warned that ladies might be a little embarrassed or shocked by the actions involved in one of the ancient dances, but it was all enjoyed in good spirits.



It was just fantastic to have this type of show back for everyone to enjoy again.

YALDING'S VERY OWN V2 ROCKET.

At 10.49am GMT on 6th November 1944 a V2 rocket was fired from Loosduinen (The Hague Netherlands) in the direction of London. Travelling at a speed of 2700 mph it took approximately 6 minutes to arrive at Yalding in a farmer's field (now the garden of Beultside in Lees Rd.) The V2 carried a tonne of high explosive and was fuelled by liquid ethanol and oxygen.

The explosion at 10.55 am damaged over 100 houses in Yalding, causing one serious injury and 5 slight injuries. Bill Fancett, then aged 10 years, dropped his bottle of lemonade. Brian Harvey's house lost its roof.

Last month a team of experts from Research Resource Archaeology have mapped and excavated the landing site and recovered quite a lot of artefacts. Of particular interest to the team is that the crater was measured at the time to be 20 metres across...nearly twice the size as normal. Several theories as to why range from the rocket breaking up just before arrival, the rocket hitting a tree or an air-burst explosion. The team's study of the rocket's remnants may help explain it.

MARDEN WALKS

LONG DISTANCE WALKS

The Group has now started walking the High Weald landscape trail from Horsham to Rye. This is 145 km (90 miles) so will be walked in 11 separate days of around 9 miles, from Tuesday 13th September. For further information please contact Ian Balmer on 831578 or igbalmer@gmail.com.

SUNDAY WALKS

On Sunday 2nd October we will do the "Winchet Wander" walk, led by myself. This is a 4.5 mile circular walk starting from Bethany school which heads west across the Rivers Teise and Lesser Teise to Grovehurst then back with fine views across the Weald. It has lots of stiles and one short section has a lot of nettles, so shorts may not be a good option. Meet as usual at 10 outside the Library to drive to Bethany.

Then on Sunday 6th November there will be a "Historic" walk led by Ian. Further details next month.

SATURDAY WALKS

All WALKS start at the Library at 2.pm and are approximately an hour long.

October 1st Turkey farm via Westfield House, No stiles

October 8th Copper Lane via Stanley road, No stiles

October 15th Poulters Hall Arable vines orchards circular, No stiles

October 22nd Car Share to Coxheath and along Greensand way.

The Saturday afternoon group will be doing some Autumn footpath maintenance on the third Saturday of the month until December. Light pruning of brambles etc, Please bring your own secateurs and gloves.

Steve McArragher

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Marden Motor Club 60th Anniversary Year

The Marden Motor Club was founded in 1962 and has had a presence in the village ever since. Its membership has ebbed and flowed but over the last few years has grown, partly due to the very popular 'Motor Show' now held annually in the centre of Marden. Members' vehicles range from veteran to modern, sedate to sports and all points in between.

To mark the club's 60th year, we enjoyed a picturesque drive with a fun treasure hunt to Stone House Country Estate at Rushlake Green, near Heathfield, for a champagne tea. We were welcomed by Fraser, who you may remember from the White Hart, who looked after us magnificently including a tour of the amazing Tudor and Georgian house and grounds.



For more information about Marden Motor Club please see our website <https://geisse1.wixsite.com/website>

or Facebook page www.facebook.com/mardenmotorclub/

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MINUTES

Full Council Meeting
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL
 Orchard Room, St Margaret's School
 on Tuesday 12th JULY 2022
 commencing at 7.00pm

In attendance

Cllr David Goff [Chair] [DG]	Cllr Steve Sandys [SS]
Cllr Andrew Papas [AP]	Cllr Deborah Papas [DP]
Cllr Dave Sealey [DS]	
Cllr Steve Barham [SP]	Borough Councillor Claudine Russell [CR]
Cllr Jack Highwood [JH]	Parish Clerk Michelle Rumble [MR]
	1 member of the Public

09.22.05

Correspondence and Action Points

None

Reference	Factor	Lead
09.22.06.01	Defibrillator	Lead DG
This has now been dealt with and will be remove from the agenda		
09.22.06.02	CIL MONIES	Lead DG
Focus/Workshop Group Feedback		
Health and Wellbeing – Lead Cllr Steve Barham, the Chairman asked him to come back To the Parish Council with some ideas. Village Hall – Lead Cllr David Goff said the Village Hall Group are due to meet in August, the Parish Council would also like some ideas on how this is progressing. Highways and Community Safety – It was noted that any Safety improvements the Parish Council implement will need to have the maintenance costs-built in.		
Various actions were identified going forward. The Clerk was asked to forward the HIP document to the new Improvement Team who are now Dealing with all HIP Proposals, this is to get things moving. it would benefit the Parish Council to have a site meeting on this to sort out locations for a SID		

09.22.06.03 HIGHWAYS

Lead DG

There have been numerous fly tipping reports in the Village
 Longends Lane – Partially blocked by chippings
 Forge Lane – Wood chippings and concrete blocks
 It was suggested that putting CCTV camera due to amount of fly tipping

09.22.06.04 LORRY WATCH and SPEEDWATCH UPDATE	Lead DG
<p>Cllr Goff met with the Task Force team for Kent Police who are now at Marden and discussed the speed of traffic through the Village and other matters, present at that meeting was the Speed watch coordinator for Kent Police Mr Alan Watson who provided Cllr Goff with the Speed watch report for Collier Street over the last 12 months.</p> <p>Cllr Goff also spoke with Whitney Gwillam who is the Road Safety Project Manager and discussed Lorry watch, it is not logistical to stop every lorry who goes through the Village it would cause traffic jams Through the village.</p>	

09.22.06.05 Transfer of portion of Recreation Field Land to St Margaret's Church
<p>Cllr Goff reported that this is not progressing as quickly as they would like, it has been found that The land is subject to a perpetual rent of £7.00 and is still being investigated.</p>
09.22.06.06 Police Report
<p>PCSO Morris was not in attendance and no report had been received</p>

<p>Copy documents sent electronically to all members in advance of the meeting.</p>	
09.22.07.01. BANK RECONCILIATION – July, August 2022	
<p>For members approval.</p>	
<p>All members approved this present and signed off by Cllr Goff</p>	
09.22.07.02. RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – July, August 2022	
<p>For members approval and sign off.</p>	
<p>All members approved this present and signed off by Cllr Goff</p>	
09.22.07.03. RECORD OF PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS – August, September 2022	
<p>For members approval.</p>	
<p>Proposed by DP and seconded by SS ad unanimously agreed by full council.</p>	
09.22.07.04. BUDGET REPORT YTD – July, August 2022	
<p>For members approval</p>	
<p>All members approved this present and signed off by Cllr Barham</p>	
<p>Copy documents sent electronically to all members in advance of the meeting</p>	

<p>09.22.06.07 CODE OF CONDUCT The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting to all members a new CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS Which required to be Adopted at this meeting. It was RESOLVED by all members present to adopt the CODE OF CONDUCT</p>

09.22.07

Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr Claudine Russell

MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell

SEPTEMBER 2022

Local Plan Review

Examination will hopefully begin next week, on the 6th of September, an outline programme is available on the website.

Ward Cluster Meeting

The ward cluster has been split and invited have been sent out to the parish and borough councillors. We are now in cluster 6B with Marden, Yalding, Collier Street and Staplehurst. It has been split to align with the task force who are currently based in our ward.

MBC Events

There are so many events coming up, we have walking festival through September, the Mela is on next weekend in Mote Park and more poignantly the knife angel will be coming to Maidstone shortly.

Please feel free to contact me any help with issues via email claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk and I am more than happy to attend a meeting to discuss any issues.

09.22.09 Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that Marden Minors had paid up to date and that the new Pitch agreement had been sent and was awaiting any amendments which they wish to make before signing. It was also reported that Marden Minors are using the Recreation field on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evening. Cllr Goff reported that the 5-bar gate had been repaired.

09.22.10 Flooding Update

Lead DG

Cllr Goff reported that the Medway Flood Partnership will carry on, the Draft Plan will be approved at The next meeting in October, there will be a mapping exercise which is carried over from the July meeting. There will also be a Flood Committee meeting in October. It was noted that the Environment Agency are struggling to find staff, as are the Internal Drainage board which is having a knock-on effect as to what visits they can make to inspect areas.

09.22.11 HR MATTERS – CLERKS PROBATIONARY PERIOD

To resolve to go into closed session and exclude the press and public at item 09.22.11 (admissions To meetings) Act 1960 in accordance with Standing Order 10 (xi) HR MATTERS – CLERKS PROBATIONARY PERIOD
At this point the Clerk and Borough Councillor left the meeting.
This part of the meeting concluded at 20.00

09.22.12

Date of Next Meeting

The meeting confirmed that the next full meeting, scheduled to take place as a physical meeting, in The Orchard Room, St Margaret's School, Monday 3rd OCTOBER at 7pm

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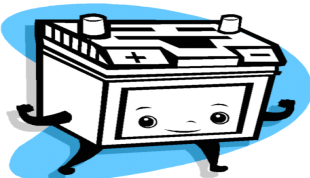
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