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UNITED BENEFICE OF SISSINGHURST WITH FRITTENDEN MAY SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Sat 1st 8:00 United Benefice Prayer Breakfast, The Upper Room St Mary's

Sun 2nd Trinity 16
10:00 Family Praise
11:15 Holy Communion BCP

Mon 3rd 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's
10:00 Little Lambs
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Wed 5th 9:00 SPACE - St Mary's

Sun 9th Trinity 17
10:00 Morning Worship - St Mary's

Mon 10th 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's
10:00 Little Lambs
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Wed 12th 14:30 CAMEO in St Mary's Church

Thu 13th 19:30 Joint PCC Meeting @ St Mary's

Fri 14th 14:00 School Harvest Service @ St Mary's

Sat 15th St Mary's Gift Day

Mon 26th 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's
10:00 Little Lambs
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Sun 16th Trinity 18
10:00 HARVEST - Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club - St Mary's

Mon 17th 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's
10:00 Little Lambs
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Wed 19th 9:00 SPACE - St Mary's

Fri 21st 15:00 Wardens Meeting

Sun 23rd Trinity 19
10:00 Morning Worship @ Trinity
17:30 Holy Communion BCP at St Mary's

Mon 24th 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Sun 30th Trinity 19
10:00 United Benefice Service at St Mary's

Mon 31st 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's
10:00 Little Lambs
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Late changes - Please check on the church website for any changes to services or events - frittendenchurch.org.uk

SUNDAY CLUB - special groups for 0-4 and 5-11 during part of the service.

SPACE - Silent reflection Prayer and Communion Ending by 9:30

Moving Mountains - Prayer for the needs of the Community, held in St Mary's, open to all.

Little Lambs - the group for Toddlers and their Carers, meeting weekly in St Mary's.

CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other - Coffee, tea and chat in St Mary's.

A recording of the Sunday morning service will be available each week on the website, under the Audio tab, and also available to listen to via the dial up number 01580 234185.

In the United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden, St Mary's is the parish church of Frittenden and Trinity is the parish church of Sissinghurst.

Church rotas - Sunday Services

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Prayer	Sound	Coffee
2nd Oct	10:00	Deaves family	Pete to arrange	Pete to arrange	Myrtle Moore	Robinson
2nd Oct	11:15	Tony Staples	Julia Braggins Peter Braggins	-	Judy Staples	-
9th Oct	10:00	Peter Braggins Helen Stansfeld	James Booth-Clibborn Nicky Robinson	Elaine Highwood	Mike Gilbert	Braggins
16th Oct	10:00	Christopher Page Calvin Moore	Rachel Vinton Jeremy Beech	Isobel Mehrabian	John Stansfeld	Staples
23rd Oct	17:30	Judy Staples	Joanna Beech Marian Dutton	-	John Stansfeld	Beech
30th Oct	10:00	Henry Robinson Nicky Robinson	John Stansfeld Isobel Mehrabian	Tony Staples	Debbie Haine	Stansfeld

Flower Rota: October 2nd & 9th Lon Faulkner; Thursday 13th October All arrangers HARVEST; October 30th - Charlotte Hunter 852104

Cleaning Rota: Sian Hunter & Judy Martin **Key Rota:** Mack Mehrabian 852391



Well, what a life, and what a send-off!

My pilgrimage to pay my respects to our late and much-loved Queen (about 3 hours behind Sir David Beckham, I later heard!) was a great privilege, and I was also conscious of representing many folk who couldn't go. To me, the Queen's faith is a huge inspiration, set out so clearly in her Christmas Broadcasts. In the very special Thanksgiving Service we held, my sermon was largely made up of the quotes from the Queen herself, in a sense addressing us in Frittenden*.

So, just a few highlights - remembering the name *Elizabeth* very aptly means 'Pledged to God.'

Extraordinary example of selfless service to country and Commonwealth

Led honourably in a male-dominated world - and passed the 2013 Crown Act

Inspired by, and anchored in, the life of her Prince of Peace - Jesus Christ

Zest for a faith-fuelled life: found joy too in simple pleasures like corgis and pigeon-racing

Anointed and crowned - set apart to serve in the strength God gives
Bridge-builder: bringing people together across divides

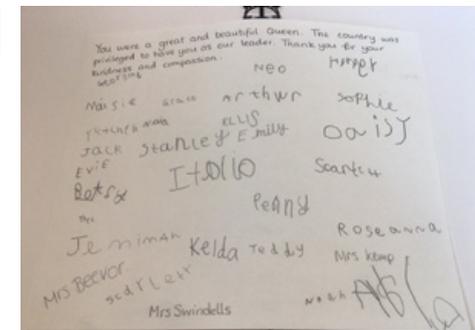
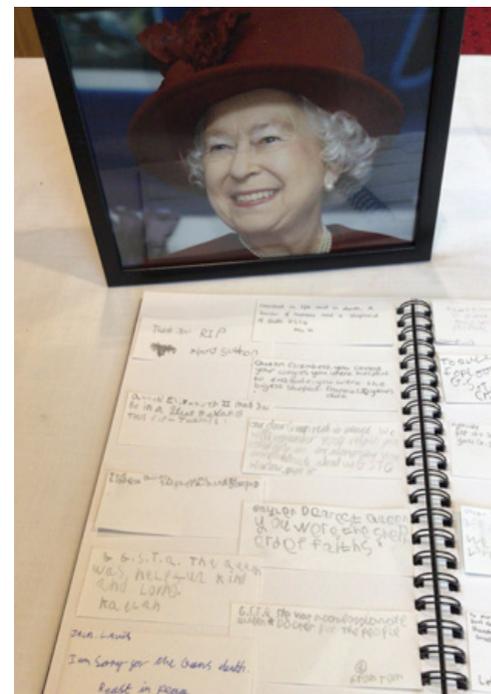
Endless causes championed: over 26 million people's eyesight protected through her Diamond Jubilee Trust, and over a million trees - and counting - planted via QueensGreenCanopy.org.uk

Taught about and modelled being a 'Good Samaritan'
Humbly yet confidently lived her life depending on God

Our prayers are with all who mourn, for God's comfort and peace. And like his mother, following in the footsteps of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we pray King Charles III will lead with great humility, and courageous faith, finding his strength in God alone.

Pete (852285)

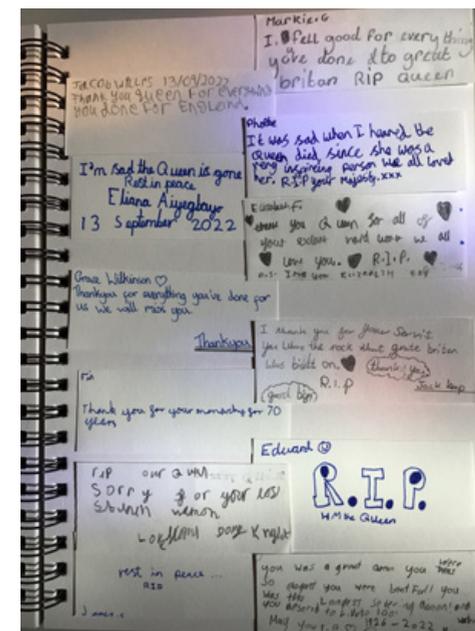
* If you weren't able to attend, why not have a listen or read on the church website? Even though she's been taken from us, we can continue to be inspired and galvanised by Her Majesty's extraordinary example of faith, and a life lived for the good of others.



School book of condolence

Each of the classes in Frittenden Primary visited the church to see Reverend Pete and have time to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth. They found out about the Queen being given a jaguar as a gift (all the way from Brazil - very sensibly sent to live in London Zoo!). They heard that Her Majesty learned some mechanics skills so she could fix a car. And they thought about the King of Kings who the Queen looked up to and bowed down to during her long 96 years, including her 70 years 214 days on the throne.

The children had prepared messages to be included in Frittenden's Book of Condolence, some of which you can see here.





Painted by Jessica Fitz-Howard

Queen Elizabeth II

To view Jess's work please visit the artist's website: <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/JJHowardFineArt>.
We welcome monthly photography submissions accompanied by a caption to frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com

September 8th, 2022 is one of those dates that most people will always remember

They will remember where they were and who they were with, when they heard that Queen Elizabeth II had died. Coming so soon after she was photographed greeting the new prime minister, the news of her death was shocking, difficult to take in. Yet as we have watched the hidden machinery of our royal, ecclesiastical and political administration roll into action over the last ten days to enable the new king's accession, to mark a period of mourning and finally to stage a royal funeral of which the nation can be proud, we must all have gradually come to accept that our queen, who has seemed so permanent, has at last gone.

There are not too many people alive now who remember living under a different monarch, although I'm sure Frittenden boasts a few of them. For most of us, however, she has been the only sovereign we have known and, as so many people have said, a constant and familiar presence. As our lives have undergone the highs and lows that all lives do, so has hers. In troubled times, we have felt her humanity beneath her ever-polite exterior, but we have been able to rely on her fortitude, knowing that she would maintain her dignity, no matter what life threw

at her. We have benefited from the example she has shown of duty and good manners. And particularly, we have enjoyed the occasions generated by her reign - birthdays, weddings, jubilees - that have brought us together to celebrate as a community. Ten years ago, for example, we celebrated her Diamond Jubilee and this year we did the same for her Platinum Jubilee. We could not have known in June, as many of us stood at the village beacon in the dark and sang the national anthem, that we would lose her so soon afterwards, but we did all know that she had accomplished, by then, an extraordinary feat of loyal service to the country and beyond.

We now have a new monarch, King Charles III, who will undoubtedly continue her wonderful example of service and steadfastness in what will be difficult years ahead. But for now, it is time to say, as Paddington Bear did for all of us,

'Thank you, Ma'am, for everything.'

Rebecca, James, Emma, Andy & Nicky

Reflections

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a Saviour, with the power to forgive."

Her Majesty, The Queen - 2011

We welcome reflections to frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com - a poem, prayer, thought... something to help us pause and reflect.

Summer Celebration for families

Rev. Pete

What do you get if you cross a bouncy castle with excited children, on an Amber warning “Exceptionally High” temperature day in mid-July?! Thankfully we didn’t find out, as our risk assessment showed we needed to pull the plug on our much-anticipated Summer Celebration for families across Frittenden and Sissinghurst. Definitely many of the younger generation felt let down (sorry!)

...So it was a great delight, on a sunny-but-not-too-hot Saturday afternoon in early September, to see dozens of excited children enjoying the bouncy castle/slide combo, and lots of fun and games... at long last! The face-painting (huge thanks to mother-daughter dream team Lucy and Amber - along with all our other helpers, of course!) went down a treat, as did the delicious ice-creams that did the rounds! Although not permitted to bounce, parents and grandparents seemed to have enjoyed the relaxed afternoon, and we’ve already been asked when it’ll happen again - watch this space!



St Mary’s Church Gift Day

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022

Please Support Your Church

Harvest time is fast approaching, and we will be celebrating in St Mary’s Church with a range of Harvest Festival Services. The first harvest service will be for the school on Friday 14 October at 2.00pm. Then on Sunday 16 October, there is a special Harvest Celebration Service for all ages at 10.00 am. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. This is always a happy occasion, with well-known hymns and other lovely music. All of the colourful harvest offerings will be on display before some of the Frittenden pupils help to repack and distribute the following week.

This makes it the right weekend to hold our annual Gift Day, which is an opportunity for everyone who values our lovely village to help maintain the fabric and structure of St Mary’s Church, Frittenden. The building defines our village and is, at its heart, where many in our community choose to come for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We have to find around £60,000 each year to cover the upkeep of the Church and its ministry.

Our Gift Day is an opportunity for everyone who lives in Frittenden to help with a contribution, however large or small. Many of you do, year by year, and we thank you. It is a great tradition.

Last year we raised over £7,000 (before gift aid) and we would like to match or exceed that figure this year if we can. Please put your contribution in the envelope enclosed with this magazine and take it to the Church on Gift Day. It will be open all day and there will be refreshments available. Otherwise deliver it at any time to myself, Christopher Page, at Beale Farmhouse (in Sand Lane) or to John Stansfeld or James Highwood.

LITTLE LAMBS

Our weekly (term time only) Baby and Toddler group
10-11.30am @ St Mary’s Frittenden

Parents and Carers of Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers are warmly invited to hop along to Little Lambs @ St Mary’s Church.

A warm welcome, toys, good coffee/tea, delicious homemade cakes, crafts, Bible Story and singing time. It will be a great opportunity to connect with other local families. We’d love to see you there!

Currently, there is no need to book a space so do just come along!
For more details contact Claire Deaves: deavesclaire@gmail.com



A Solemn Tradition

Rebecca Steele

September 2022 has been a month which will stand out in people's memory for the rest of their lives, both in this country and around the world.



A muffled bell



At noon on Friday 9th September, churches, chapels and cathedrals formally marked the Queen's death as their muffled bells tolled. The death of a Sovereign is one of the rare occasions when fully muffled bells are sounded, producing an eerie sound, not heard for 70 years, turning the 'dong' of a bell into a mournful hum. This involves fitting specially made leather pads to both sides of the bell clapper, deadening the sound on both strokes of the bell.

Usually one stroke of the largest bell is left unmuffled so that there is a single clear strike in every other set of rounds. Frittenden does not have enough muffles to fully muffle the bells of St Mary's and so the bells were rung half muffled, with leather pads fitted to just one side of the clapper. This is the same process sometimes used for funeral service ringing and for Remembrance Sunday.

Then, on Sunday 11th September, Frittenden Bellringers, along with an estimated 30,000 bellringers across the nation, rang open, unmuffled bells to mark the official proclamation of King Charles III. Then the muffles were put back on again and will not be removed until after The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen on Monday, September 19.



I am writing this a few days before the funeral, however it is planned that there will be half-muffled ringing at St Mary's from 10:00 am on Monday for an hour, before the funeral at 11:00am.

The nationwide tolling at so many churches shows the wide respect for The Queen, and Frittenden Bellringers are honoured to play their part in this national tribute.

Visiting Ringers



On Saturday 24th September, Bellringers from the Essex Association of Ringers visited Frittenden while on a tour of bell towers in Kent. The Frittenden bells are a lovely complete set of Gillett & Johnston bells, recast and rehung in 1928. The bells have a very good reputation although the ringing chamber is one of the smallest around for an eight bell tower. It has been said that it is the nearest that visiting ringers will get to ringing eight tower bells in a telephone box.....

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

If any young people in the village are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award then bell ringing is a great activity that can help towards achieving your invitation to a Gold Award Ceremony at the Palace. Ringing can be used for both the Volunteering element and Skills element for Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and so is a great way to progress in the scheme. Please do contact us if you are interested in using bellringing for you DofE award and we can discuss how this can be done, either at Frittenden tower or elsewhere.



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The Joy of Reading

Lucy Hodgson

Frittenden School is looking for members of our community to listen to readers weekly or fortnightly.

When I was a teenager I did my work experience at my old Primary School, which was in a very similar village to Frittenden. One of my main jobs was to hear readers - I spent at least 3 hours each day doing that. And how absorbing it was!

The memory of this that sticks most in my mind was of listening to a little girl called Jane, a member of the local travelling community. She told me her family didn't want her to learn to read or write and 'definitely no adding up, Miss Lucy. But I want to learn'. She was 9 and illiterate but determined to do something about it. And for those few weeks of work experience it became my mission to do all I could to help her. She was a joy to spend time with, and tried so hard. Even walking the 3 miles to school herself sometimes, crossing over a busy main road to get there when her family wouldn't bring her. No taxi services for children back then and she wasn't allowed to take a lift from anyone else. It was terribly dangerous, but she was so determined. In the end I enjoyed the time with her so

much that whenever I had holiday time from college that coincided with school term time, I'd spend a day or two at the primary school, listening to Jane and other readers.

Memories of how enjoyable it was listening to her and seeing the difference it made prompted me to pick the phone up to Frittenden School a few years ago, and I went on to spend a couple of years listening to some of their readers for an hour and half or so most Fridays. It was fun hearing all of them; the committed readers, the not so keen, the shy, the confident and the downright hilarious, telling me all about why they liked their books, or not(!) and a lot more besides.

I don't have time to do this anymore now I'm a Mum as work is so busy when our little one is at school, but if you can spare an hour or two weekly or fortnightly, could you help Frittenden School by hearing the readers? I can guarantee you fulfilment and fun. No qualifications or experience needed, save for the ability to read fluently and a little patience. If there are sometimes weeks you can't do, that's also fine, so don't be put off by that!

The school will take care of the DBS checks that are needed.



Helen Grant

MP for Maidstone and the Weald

I am here to help you in any way that I can. If there is an issue of concern to you, where you believe I can assist, or if you would like to arrange a meeting with me, please email me at helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 7107.

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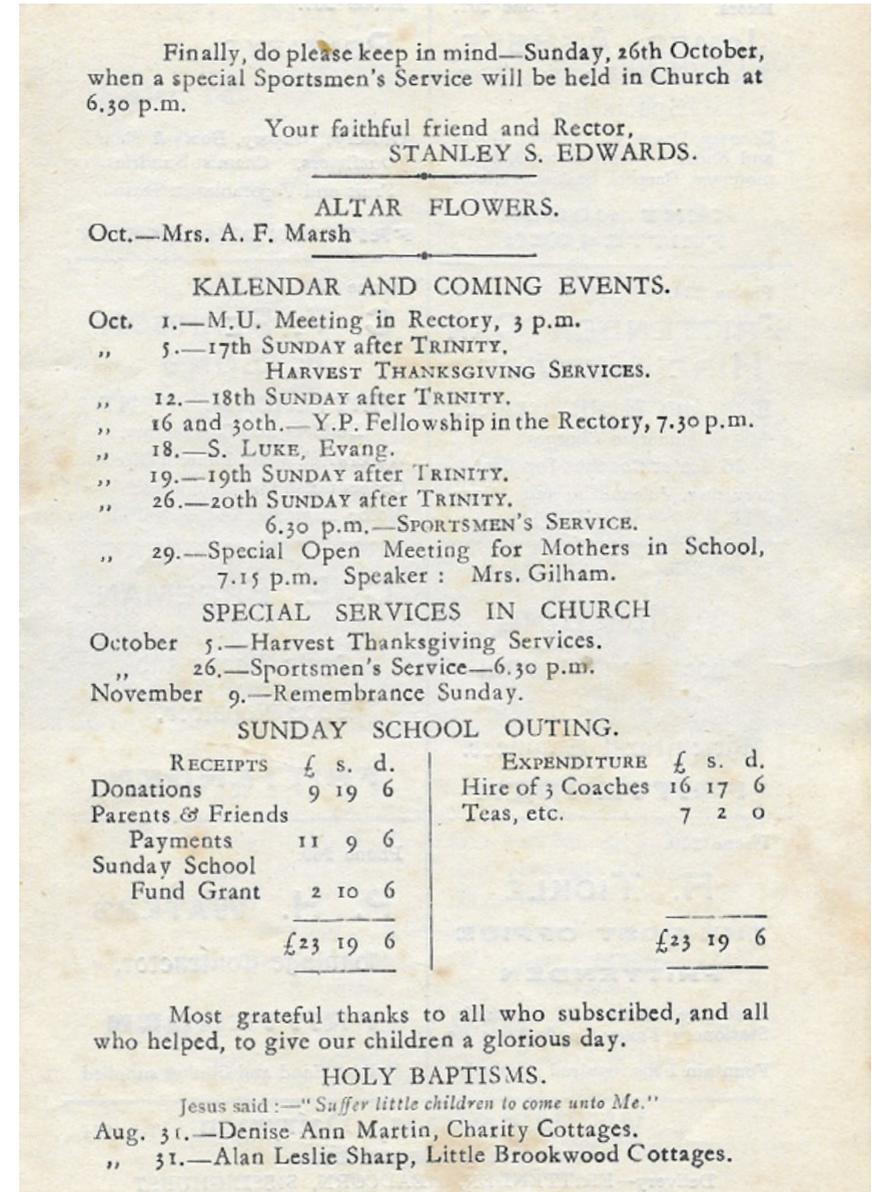
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FROM THE ARCHIVE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer at the Bell and Jorrocks and thank you!

Sean & Rosie

We have had a great summer of live music on Sunday afternoons, with the help of a very good friend Nigel and his new business TN Live, and his patient, lovely wife Sarah. We sat down in January and researched bands from across the county, The Borrowers, Hannigan, Pappas Ante Portas & The 38s. Essex, Oldskool, who entertained at The Jubilee, were everyone danced the night away and last but not least Sussex, and The Waves.



All the bands have been first timers at the pub entertaining whilst we enjoyed Lucas' freshly made pizza.

Bands to look forward to

16th Oct Latin for Sparrow (back by popular demand!!)

5th Nov Diamond music experience

**11th Dec Em & Men 5pm
Sam West Foundation Fundraiser**

**22nd Dec 9pm Phat Gandalf
Christmas party night.**

We will continue to host the **Ladies nite** first Thursday of each month, don't be shy, ladies arrive 7pm onwards, it is acceptable to drink Tea and coffee!!

Also for those cold winter days we look forward to **International Rugby, Sat 29th October and the Football World Cup 20th November**

We have had an enjoyable season of outdoor events providing drinks and eats for celebrations - 30th, 40th, 70th birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.

If you are having an event or special occasion in 2023 feel free to contact us for your hog or bbq - full bars can also be provided.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for spending time with us on this glorious summer, we have had a blast...sadly all good things come to an end as we say good bye and best of luck to Phoebe, who has worked with us for 7 years starting in our busy kitchen and progressing with confidence to front of house, Phoebe is off to work in the City. Max who has been with us a year and is spreading his wings to Cardiff to study philosophy and economics, enjoy Max! and see you at Christmas. Henry is behind the scenes in our busy kitchen and has also been with us a year, he is off to Nottingham.

Stay safe lads and thank you team B&J you have all been amazing!



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The B&J Annual Cricket Trip

Nicholas Mayhew

Canterbury July 11th

The Bell & Jorrocks annual cricket trip is an institution, and one that I was honoured to be invited on this year. Organised by landlord Sean Croucher, and ably assisted by landlady Rosie, the day itself feels very much like a nod to past and more gentle times - after all what could be more English than a day at the cricket?

When I arrived at 9 o'clock, the pub was already abuzz with the sound of tales from yesteryear. The food and drink - of which there was a veritable mountain! - was duly packed onto our coach. Time for the ubiquitous team photo, and then we were off, albeit down some rather tight country lanes. Our 'drives' was no doubt reminded that one of the great things about being a coach driver is that you get thirty plus navigators for no extra charge!

On the way we were fully briefed by Sean, and as one of the nine first timers this year I was

particularly keen to avoid one of the dreaded forfeits should I fall out of line. The excitement rose, as did the temperature outside - it was Mediterranean by late morning - and I felt very nostalgic as we went through the gates of the St Lawrence Ground. As a Kent County Cricket Club member during my childhood, but not having been back for many years, I confess I was sad to see the club had sold off most of its land for flats, and that the famous lime tree (or should I say its replacement since the original succumbed to illness) was now outside the playing area.

Despite Sean's best efforts, the Club had said there were no tents - some feeble excuse about Covid - and that we could not bring our own. By chance, there was one large umbrella up on an area of decking, and an advanced party (of which I proudly claim I was a member) scooted over to claim it for the group. We couldn't all fit under it, but even if there was to be a scorched brow or two, the wonderful spread put on by Rosie would be shaded, and the beers would be kept cool!

A toast to absent friends with a cocktail got things well and truly underway, and as at many a cricket match over the years, the action in the middle is often just a pleasant side show to accompany great conversation with friends and new acquaintances alike - one of the beauties of cricket!



The heat was such that beers were often sipped rather than quaffed - this was not a day to be on the ropes by lunch - but a few hardy souls did brave the sun and sit out in the open. After a memory filled walk around the ground, I too worshipped the Sun God for half an hour or so, sitting in the same seats that I sat in as a child back in the 80s.

As is always the case, and despite the clearest of instructions from our leader Sean, a few of the party weren't back at base camp for the tea interval. The yellow cards flew - there was a football style booking system, but thankfully no rugby sin bin! - as the guilty protested their innocence - all to no avail. But such was the nature of the day, the 'punishments' were little more than to carry on with what one was already doing, namely having a civilised drink in good company.

As for the cricket, the day ended as it had begun, with a wicket for Kent as they bowled Northamptonshire out. Despite the ground looking a pale shadow of itself - it was meant to be Festival Week but didn't look any different to normal -

finishing on that note seemed just right and like the good folk that we are, we cleared away all our rubbish before getting back on the coach.

The way back was longer than the way there - it always is on these trips so I am told. We stopped off at the Kings Head in Grafty Green, a suitably old school country pub which still functions despite not doing food; and then to the Rose and Crown aka 'the Mundy Bois', just outside Pluckley. By this time the old rugby songs were out, with some of the old stagers in fine voice, whilst some others were fast asleep!

And so finally back 'home' - because that is what I and I am sure many others call the Bell & Jorrocks. It wasn't quite the comical carnage that I had seen unfurl at the end these trips in previous years, but there were certainly those smiles all round that you only get at the end of days like these.

With thanks to Sean and Rosie for putting on such a great day, and to all those who made the newcomers feel like they had been there forever.



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EXHIBITIONS THIS SUMMER

1. History of Cranbrook Shops
2. Booth family of Cranbrook UK and Cranbrook, America
3. Hop picking in Kent

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www.cranbrookmuseum.org Facebook @cranbrookmuseum

Autumn show

Joanna & Jeremy Beech

Following the Spring Show of the Gardening Society held in St Mary's Church earlier in the year, while the Memorial Hall was closed for building work, we were proud to be the first event to be held in the newly and magnificently refurbished hall.

This year has been a challenge for gardeners to say the least however, due to the prolonged drought, with crops of vegetables and many varieties of flowers affected. Despite this, there were 140 entries into the show from over 20 individuals, and a very creditable standard of produce, plants and flowers was produced in the circumstances.

The Judges for the Show were Edward and Marion Stevenson Rouse, to whom we are extremely grateful for the time and care that they took, as well as the feedback notes which they give to entrants.



The standard of the show was high once again and everyone enjoyed looking at the exhibits at 3.00 pm when the doors were opened. As usual the tea and cake catering operation was an important part of the day, and our thanks go to Sue Martin and Annie McKellar for their sterling work, as well as all the cake bakers who contributed. There were also some fine prizes on offer in the raffle, and our thanks go to Duncan Rouse for running that.

At the prize giving, the cups were awarded as follows, The Homeleigh Challenge bowl, for best overall result in the vegetable classes, to Duncan Rouse along with the Autumn Show trophy and the Derek Knight Trophy for the best exhibit in the show. The Ashbee cup for the best results in flower classes to Tricia Palmer, The



Kitchen Cup was awarded to Helen Stansfeld and the Peasridge Challenge cup for Floral Art cup went to Sue Day.

The Autumn Show is the second large event in our calendar but there are other gatherings and activities in the year including visits to three gardens in the Village and the Spring Show which is held in March. The shows remain important events in the village calendar and enjoy support from the community and not just the keen gardeners.

We are a very sociable group and membership of the society only costs £5 for an individual and £10 for a couple/family, so please do consider joining us by contacting Nicky Robinson (852488) or joining through the Gardening Society website.



A Donation from Frittenden Gardening Society

It was with great sadness that we at Frittenden Gardening Society heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As a society affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, of which Her Majesty was Patron since her accession to the Throne in 1953, we have always been aware of the late Queen's great love of gardens and flowers.

In her memory, we have made a donation to a charity with local links, The Gardening For Disabilities Trust, for which Rosie Kefford is a fundraiser. The money will fittingly come from the plant sales we made at Frittenden's joyful celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

If anyone would like to join us in donating to the Trust, please visit gardeningwithdisabilitiestrust.org.uk

We offer our heartfelt condolences to King Charles III and to all the Royal Family.

Gosbee's Gossip

Lester Gosbee

Our Queen Elizabeth II is going to be a great loss to the World. She has always been there, for all of us, the nation's comfort blanket in good times and bad. A surrogate Grandmother. Even during her Christmas Day speech, it felt as if she was talking directly to you. Like millions of others, I never expected her to die, especially not so soon after making Liz Truss our new Prime Minister. We will never see the like of her again, steadfast to the very end. It has been lovely to see the Prince of Wales, Prince William talking to his brother Harry again. I hope that it will be a turning point for their troubled relationship, to make peace.

Roger Burgess kindly gave me a lift to the Memorial Service for Hugh Skinner at St. Dunstan's Church in Cranbrook on 5th September, a service led by Revd Pete Deaves. Hugh was an outstanding vet, and we were lucky enough to benefit from his good advice and treatment for our sheep and pets, on several occasions, even performing caesareans on sheep in the middle of the night on an Easter Bank Holiday. He was a true country gent, in every aspect of the word. He lived at Aragon Farm, on the hill opposite the entrance to Sissinghurst Castle, you might have bought some cherries or strawberries from the stall at the entrance to the farm. Hugh sadly died just after his 72nd birthday. The Memorial Service was attended by more than 500 people. I hope that was a comfort to his wife Pauline and the family. There was so much love for a very nice man.

Former Frittenden resident Andy Richardson, fondly known as 'Mad Andy', sadly passed away on 28th August. He lived for many years at Judy and Tom Martin's Farm in Bubhurst Lane. Andy was an outstanding musician. Gerald Chantler and I used to go to Chiddingfold in Sussex to listen to him play his music. He was a unique character, that's for sure. Our condolences to his family.

Judith and Rob Addis had some exciting family news, as their youngest son James and his wife Harriet have welcomed to the World a son called Elliot, born on

7th September, weighing around 7 pounds. Many congratulations to them.

Hazel and I are looking forward to the 20th series of Strictly Come Dancing. There is always a few new stories saying that the contestants are not famous enough, but as we get into the series, we get to know the characters and enjoy their 'journeys' with them. Some of them have a little dance experience in one style or another, but it is obviously a great challenge for all of them. I don't think that a contestant like Ann Widdecombe would be chosen for the programme as it has developed, less on the comedy factor, more concentration on the actual dancing.

It was nice to see so many entries into the Autumn Garden Society Show on 3rd September. Despite our long drought, there were many spectacular flowers and vegetables.

We went to an amazing family wedding on 20th August. Hazel's nephew, Robbie (her sister Fiona's eldest son) married Sarah at the Royal Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells. Hazel's brother George and his partner Julia were the best dancers of the night, showing great stamina. The newlyweds had a lovely day, and honeymooned in Southern Italy. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to them.

I would also like to mention some good news that I heard from Charlie Barham (nee Lindsell). Charlie has just qualified for her RHS Master of Horticulture (Mhort) after three years of jolly hard work. Well done Charlie.

Time for a limerick: So now Rishi's fight has been done and dusted, we have Liz, who can surely be Truss-ted to blow out of sight Starmer's dim candlelight, and with that Labour's flush will be busted. ..time will tell on that one.

Why do barbers make good drivers?....because they know all the short cuts.

My pet hate is the clocks going back in the Autumn. This year on 30th October. The older I become, the more I detest this yearly ritual. I would like us to keep to British Summertime.

A few Frittenden residents and ex Frittenden residents have been suffering with serious health problems at the moment. Please keep them in your thoughts.

I apologise for not including the weather statistics and forecast in this month's magazine, as I have got yet another health crisis to deal with, and just could not get it done before the deadline.

Lesters' Weather will return for the next issue

Morris Dancers

Stuart Cleary

We decided to pop out for a sundowner pint at the Bell and Jorrock's, just to round off the day. Five hours later we were pouring ourselves into a taxi after having a wild exciting unplanned night of music and dancing; an unforgettable night and I can only remember about half of it!

What caused this euphoria? I hear you ask. None other than the Weald of Kent Morris Dancers! No, honestly!

My Grandmother always said to us kids that you should try everything once and never say no to any new experiences.. apart from incest and Morris dancing. Well Nan, I've let you down by allowing myself to be dragged out screaming from the crowd and participate in the ancient ritual of Morris dancing in public!

Aided by some pints of cider earlier, and a cousin to egg and be egged on as a dare, out we jumped armed with 2 (unloaded) handkerchiefs for one minutes hard training and off we went. What got me through was the sight of my Wife's face, disowning me like Judas as I pranced around following the others, and thoroughly enjoying myself. After the dancing the madding crowd adjourned to the back bar of the pub, and the music started. Such good fun to hear old English sounds of proud events gone by, well sung by men and women dressed up like a Jethro Tull convention.

For those of you not in the know, the Jorrock's is quite a folky venue, once the fine upstanding pillars of society retire off after lunch. Can't recommend it enough, if you are one of those people who remembers a spontaneous singsong in a great boozier, back in the day. As to my future career wearing bells and waving sheeps bladders around, I think I will leave that to the fine gentleman of the Morris. It's a damn sight harder than it looks, no wonder they all like a pint!



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Diversity at Larchmere

Becky Bruce

We have, of course, like all of us been greatly saddened by the loss of our dear Queen. Our residents were grateful to be able to join in the service at the War Memorial on Sunday. Charles III has big shoes to fill but our residents believe he is up for the job and wish him well in his new job.

We believe in inclusivity here at Larchmere and no more so than with the guests we had recently. Bobby and Pug came to check out Larchmere for themselves, they were given carrots as treats and the residents

enjoyed stroking their manes! One of them took rather a liking to Rennie and gave him a kiss of appreciation! Also, Bobby proved to be a bit of a whizz at cards and was offering tips as the residents



were playing!! They weren't our usual sort of resident but we quickly grew to love them even though their stay was relatively brief we loved every moment.

Our residents were treated to a Spa day this month with 2 lovely beauty assistant's. They were offered, hand massages, hair styling, a foot spa and general pampering followed by a cup of tea and biscuits! What more could anyone want



for a Sunday afternoon?

Yesterday, we had Mark Corti from the village give us a presentation on his trip around Antarctica on a Kayak! I mean really! I go for a walk around Sissinghurst Castle and feel virtuous! This is on another scale – it was so fascinating for the residents to listen to his exploits and had time to ask questions afterwards. We are a brave lot us Brits! Well done and a huge thanks to Mark.



We have just come back from our monthly outing. A trip on the Kent and East Sussex steam train. A joyful ride to Bodium and back with a cream tea to enjoy en route. We managed to get all residents on the

platform in time for them to see the arrival of the steam train – I think it brought back many memories of days gone by for them. This was our first trip on this train and one we look forward to go on again.

What a Summer we have had! Let us see what the Autumn and Winter provide at Larchmere. Plenty more fun for sure!



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Frittenden Cricket

21st August v Harvel (League, Away)

Frittenden batted first. Skipper Craig Smith, put on an opening partnership of 82 with Isaac Handley before Craig was caught for 42. Isaac went LBW for 21, and Tom Young made 25 in a partnership of 75 with Nic Rodrigo. Otherwise, Don Smith's 21 was the only notable support for Nic, who, mixing big hits with disciplined defence finished 95 not out as Frittenden were all out for 246. Harvel's reply was led by D Saunders, the mainstay of their batting this season, whose 137 not out saw them to 250-5 and victory by 5 wickets. All Frittenden's bowlers took a pounding, except Wayne Totterdell who collected 4-30 off 6 overs.

29th August v Staplehurst (Away)

The George Waghorn Memorial Cup. This match is played in memory of George Waghorn, who represented both teams. Staplehurst put out a very strong XI, and G Price and T Grinstead got them off to a fast start, as the Totterdells, Wayne (pa) and Will (son) went wicketless. Edges flew wide of the slips or over cover; runs flowed. Paul Hope's spin bowling brought the breakthrough as G Price was despatched, one of two LBWs claimed by our Chairman. His spell of 2-15 ended when an unfortunate bounce sent the ball into his bonce, and he had to depart the field. Nic Rodrigo collected 3 wickets, including half centurion Grinstead, and youngster Isobel (Izzy) O'Neill did very well with 2 wickets. Spirited bowling and fielding got Frittenden back into the match as Staplehurst

made 189-7. Opener Mark Handley and number 3, Luke Mangold, gave Frittenden great hope with good running and mighty sixes in a second wicket stand of 88. Sadly Luke was caught for 60, sparking a collapse as four more wickets fell, including Mark for 39, the first of 5-15 for J Pepler. Will played well for 16, but with Pepler clearing up the tail we were all out for 157, losing by 32 runs.

4th September v Frindsbury (League, Home).

Our final league game of the season was a chance for either team to finish 3rd in the division. Frindsbury opted to bat. Will Totterdell and Louis Harmer opened the bowling, each taking a wicket. Craig and Isaac followed, Isaac removing Frindsbury's best batter and Craig taking 2-28. The final bowling changes saw a complete collapse by the visitors: Charles Dobson took 4-5 and Wayne 1-5 in 4.3 overs. Frindsbury all out for 146. However, confidence quickly evaporated as Frindsbury's opening bowlers got to work: Jupp collected 5-12 and Gingles 2-12, and none of their victims exceeded 4 runs. Will stopped the rot with 14, but Frittenden were all out for 76, leaving Mark Handley unbeaten on 32. Lost by 68 runs.

Frittenden finish the league season in 6th place in Division 3 West, exactly mid table. Finn McGinley was our most successful batter, with 200 runs. Nic Rodrigo was our top league bowler, 3rd in the division with 14 wickets.

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The British Heart Foundation Bike Ride 2022

Ed ‘Goose’ Simpson, Tim ‘Mustang’ McCarthy, Jon ‘Beaver’ Wall and Steve ‘The Meringue’ Thompson

Just over a month ago, the four of us set out on our epic adventure, traveling by bicycle from Cranbrook to La Bouque in the Loire Valley. Months of training, organisation and preparation culminating with us setting off from the newly restored windmill in Cranbrook, the white sails waiving us on our way.

Our first day cycling saw us wind our way through beautiful Kent and Sussex countryside down to the south coast before making the dreaded ascent up to Beachy Head. This section was followed by a picturesque, long descent through the South Downs National Park. Undulating hills made for a challenging first day, however, this gave us a chance to get used to riding as a team and become familiar with each other’s equipment. By late afternoon we had arrived at Newhaven to board our Ferry to Dieppe. The four-hour voyage gave us the chance to have a welcome rest and to enjoy a hot meal as we watched the White Cliffs of Dover disappear into the distance, goodbye Blighty, Bonjour France!

We departed the ferry (remembering to cycle on the right-hand side of the road) and began our journey to the hotel in Dieppe. Shower and bed. After a great night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast, we were on our way once more, this time through magnificent French countryside. The roads were smooth and the traffic light. Our one and only puncture occurred on a narrow country lane and brought Tim ‘Mustang’ McCarthy to an immediate halt. The team got to work repairing the punctured tyre. 20 minutes later, Mustang was rearing up on his hind legs and ready to hit the open road once more. We



stopped for a drink and a much needed snack at a village along the way, Steve ‘The Meringue’ Thompson made himself known to the locals by taking refuge, horizontal on a picnic table next to a graveyard. He soon began writhing about, groaning, claiming it was a good way to stretch his back. We quickly hit the road before upsetting the local villagers and further damaging Angelo, French relations.

During our approach to Rouen we unexpectedly ran into (not literally) Mamie, Nina’s Nan! Mamie pulled over in her Peugeot and immediately gave us a big hug and posed for the obligatory bike photo, after much discussion we managed to dissuade Mamie from mounting her 3-speed vintage bicycle for the 7k decent into Rouen. Lunch was at a restaurant on the banks for the river Seine. Awaiting the team were Nina, COO of the trip, joined by official mascot and emotional support guru, Gumbo. The team managed to enjoy a delicious lunch without going completely In-Seine and continued towards our final destination in Moulinaux, our accommodation for the night was a beautiful chalet with panoramic views over the river Seine. Our hosts? Isabelle and Philou Cestac, we received an incredibly warm welcome and were treated to delicious food and drinks lovingly prepared by Isabelle. Philou sang and danced beautifully giving us his best Johnny Halliday impersonation he managed to keep us entertained throughout the evening. It was an honour to have his undivided attention, especially as he was in the throes of preparing his new international roadshow, the Spectacle



de Dog. We sang into the night before getting our heads down for a good night’s kip. Breakfast and route plan complete, we made for our next destination, Conches-en-Ouche.

Fast forward 5 days of cycling through some pretty serious heat Jon ‘The Beaver’ Wall twerking his way down hills, spurred on by various genres of music, narrowly avoiding complete delirium due to regular rest stops to take on liquids and sustenance. We suddenly found ourselves approaching the final destination, La Bouque in the Loire Valley and the countryside home of Manu and Sylvie. Upon our arrival we received a particularly warm welcome from our French family and friends, a wonderful sight and incredibly overwhelming. We’d made it. Manu and Sylvie had gone to a massive effort to put us all up, we could not have asked for more.

Finally, The Ride of Our Lives team would like to say a massive thank you to every single one of you that helped us along the way, providing continuous energy

and inspiration to help us reach our goal. It really means a great deal and we mean that from the heart of our bottoms, err sorry, I mean the bottom of our hearts. With your support we raised a total of £5,303 for the British Heart Foundation. In addition, we hope we have helped to raise awareness of heart conditions and encouraged some of you to get your hearts check out. My Dad would have been proud. Love to all, on yer bike!



Three Choirs Festival Weekend

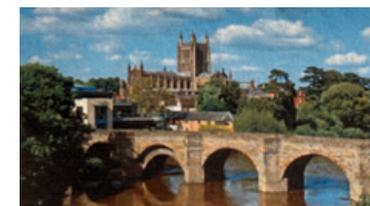
Margaret Knight

Towards the end of July, Paul and I joined a tour and stayed in the Abbey Hotel in Great Malvern. This was an amazing experience. We travelled by train, First Class, as the guard we spoke to was feeling generous! No taxis at the station, but a very kind man said “I will get my car out and take you to the hotel!” On the way we saw the torch for the Commonwealth Games being carried through the town. On Friday evening we had the most interesting talk on the history of the festival, which started over 300 years ago.

We went by coach on Saturday morning to an inspiring opening service in Hereford Cathedral, where the choirs of Gloucester and Worcester joined us with over 150 choristers, as well as the bishops and clergy. In the afternoon we were taken to Leominster to hear the Viol consort, Fretwork play 17th Century English music. We returned to Hereford for some dinner, before going to the Cathedral for Dvorak’s Requiem, A very moving concert.

On Sunday there was a guided tour around Ledbury, a very old and attractive town. I’m afraid Paul and I decided to go to the church and join their morning service. After lunch we returned to Hereford to Holy Trinity Church and listened to the group I Fagiolini sing in close harmony, Re-wilding the Waste Land, inspired by the TS Eliot poem. This was a marvellous musical afternoon. Afterwards we returned to the cathedral where we enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Cathedral School before going to listen to Mahler’s Symphony No 4.

We came home on Monday, but not before visiting the old and beautiful Malvern Priory. Next year the festival is in Gloucester. We had a truly splendid time.



What's On

Headcorn Health Walks October Coffee Morning report

Wednesday 5th: Meet at Parsonage Meadow, next to Headcorn Village Hall, at 09.30 for a 09.45 start for an approximately 2 hour circular Brookwood Walk (approximately 3.5 miles), a fairly gentle walk across farmland and pasture with only two short road sections. Very modest gradients. It is autumn so expect some of the arable land to have been ploughed. Stout footwear recommended. Remember, please DO NOT PARK in the village hall car park, but we do have permission to park in the Parish Council car park, at the far back of the Sainsburys car park, parallel to the railway line, the far rough gravel surfaced section.

Wednesday 19th: Meet at Parsonage Meadow, next to Headcorn Village Hall, at 9.30 for a 9.45am start for a 45 minute social stroll around the village at a pace to suit everyone. We may cross fields near the village. Please wear suitable footwear.

Wednesday 26th: A 90 min undulating circular walk from Harrietsham on footpaths and country lanes which includes part of the Pilgrims Way and has no stiles. Meet at 9.30 for a 9.45 start at Harrietsham Village Hall car park, Church Rd, Harrietsham ME17 1AP.

Please note Ulcombe Hill is shut so if coming from Headcorn go via Lenham, turn left on to the A20 and Church Rd is a turning to the right after approximately 1.5 miles.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on our free and friendly walks but if you would like more information before doing so, or you would like further details of any walk, please contact: Barry (barry@watersideeast.com) or Paula (07525 260539)

Coffee Morning this month was in aid of **Dandelion Time**, a wonderful charity that supports children who have experienced trauma, violence, abuse or neglect. **Dandelion Time** give help by creating opportunities for new beginnings and improved relationships. The service recognises the importance of being in a peaceful natural environment absorbing children in calming 'hands on' activities. Therapists guide families to harness the healing power of the natural world using materials such as wood, wool and clay, they can also care for animals and can grow and eat their own food. Children gain confidence and resilience and achieve remarkable long lasting changes to their lives.

Their main site is in West Farleigh near Maidstone where they have 22 acres of meadowland and a sensory garden. They are always looking for volunteers so to get in touch email info@dandeliontime.org.uk, telephone 01622 814001.

We raised £111.25 for their work. Next months Coffee Morning is in aid of Tear Fund on Wednesday 6th October, 10.00-11.00 in Sissinghurst Parish Room, next to the church.

Everyone very welcome. Delicious cakes and savouries available to buy and any donations, of course, are greatly received.

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Where did that come from??

Colin Bullock

RECIPE Interestingly enough this word had originally nothing to do with cooking or the preparation of food! It came into English in 1580 from Middle French and Latin (with the same spelling) and meant "TAKE THOU". It was used exclusively by medical doctors who would write 'recipe' at the top of prescriptions, meaning, of course 'TAKE' the following. It survives only in this sense today in the pharmacist's abbreviation 'Rx'. As a direction in the preparation of food, recipe was not used until 1743.

NINETEEN TO THE DOZEN is usually used when referring to the speed at which someone is talking, but it can also mean to do anything at breakneck speed. The expression can be traced back to the 1770's when steam engines were first installed to pump water out of the Cornish tin and copper mines. The best engines could pump 19,000 gallons of water for every 12 bushels of coal burned; this was considered optimum performance, so you have it, 19 to the dozen (or 12) which today still means very fast.

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- Pope Francis's watch cost less than a paperback Bible.
- The word "conspire" comes from the Latin conspirare, meaning 'to breath together'.
- Sea urchins can drill holes in solid rock with their teeth.
- In the 19th century, a 'pool room' was where people placed bets on horse racing.
- The 17th century game of Sparrow Mumbling involved holding a live bird in your mouth.
- From the 16th to the 19th century, England had a world monopoly on pencil production.
- In Welsh mythology, fairies ride corgis into battle.
- The longest human thumbnail ever recorded measures six and a half feet.
- The world's largest cruise ship is five times the size of the Titanic.
- Only 139 cars were produced in the US during the Second World War.
- In 1820's Manhattan, there was one pig for every human resident.
- Until the 19th century, London's Primrose Hill was inhabited by wolves.
- Sloths can hold their breath for 40 minutes and ostriches have 4 kneecaps.
- Beer is more nutritious than bread.
- The bowl formed by cupping one's hands together is called a 'gowpen'.
- Rachmaninov had enormous hands, he could span 12 piano keys with either hand.
- The WD-40 fan club has over 100,000 members and J.R.R. Tolkien called his fans 'deplorable'.
- Amber Rudd was credited as 'aristocracy coordinator' on Four Weddings and a Funeral.

Kick yourself puzzle

One of the following 5 words does NOT belong with the rest. Which one?

HINT, it has nothing to do with their meanings or parts of speech.

**TOPICAL PARAMILITARY RATES
 SOMETIMES MOTORING**

Answers on the back page

Poppy Appeal 2021

This year's Poppy Appeal will launch on Thursday 27 October, marking the start of the Royal British Legion's collection appeal up to Remembrance Sunday, 13 November. Once again, a small team of volunteers will be collecting cash donations house-to-house in the village. [Please note: there will be no contactless facilities].

In addition to the traditional poppies, volunteers will have: enamel lapel pins, car poppies, reflector clip-on poppies, and children's wristbands, and they can supply wooden crosses.

As usual, the Bell & Jorrocks will also have a tray of Poppy Appeal items, as will the school and Larchmere.

The Royal British Legion provides specialist care, support and recovery programmes for all members of the British Armed Forces, both old and young, and the Poppy Appeal is its main fund-raising event. Please give generously and continue to support this very worthwhile charity.



**Sue Betts
 Poppy Appeal Organiser**

Village Christmas Advent windows are back!

After a little break we are bringing back the village Advent window countdown again this year. We are looking for 22 volunteers to create a Christmas scene in their front window to be revealed each day in December. The first and final scenes revealed on the 1st and 24th will be at St Mary's Church. There will then be a map to print off, showing where to find all the houses involved. In the past this has been a lovely walk to do around the village on Christmas Eve to try and spot all the windows. If you would like to be involved and create an Advent window please email me at charlotte@charlotteboyd.co.uk by October 21st, we will then allocate you with a number.

Thank you! **Charlotte Hunter**

The Royal British Legion - Frittenden Branch

AGM Tuesday 2nd November 2022

The Frittenden branch of the Legion is a very small one and still exists mainly to continue to honour those who gave their lives for us by organizing the annual Remembrance Day Service and the Poppy Day collection.

The Annual General Meeting of the Frittenden Branch will be held at Frittenden Memorial Hall on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 commencing at 8.00pm.

Membership is now open to everybody; you are no longer required to have served in the British Armed Forces or Emergency Services. Membership of the Legion is an effective way of supporting those that have and still do give and risk their lives on our behalf.

Do please come along and help us maintain this important tradition in Frittenden.

**Howard Lilley
 Acting Secretary.**



MEMORIAL HALL OPENING EVENT

rescheduled for
14th October

Celebration and free SHABBA concert

All residents are welcome at 6pm on 14th October at the Hall for the celebration of Frittenden Memorial Hall's reopening and refurbishment, with special guest - Helen Grant MP.

Please indicate that you're coming by emailing fmhvot@gmail.com or asking at the Bell and Jorlocks

Thank you Frittenden!

BIG THANKS to all you great peeps who showed up on Saturday 17th September to help keep our lovely village a bit tidier and shinier! Greatly appreciated! & for the very tasty ploughmans lunch, kindly subsidised for volunteers by Sean & Rosie at The Bell & Jorlocks.

Thanks also to Sean & Rosie for kindly letting us use the pub as base for the dishing out of Frittenden Parish Council's equipment and signing in etc.,

Thanks also to Ivor & Carole for the temporary storage of the litter collected (until TWBC pick it up; hopefully by Friday)! & thanks too, to Dick Munton for the use of his vehicle used for picking up the numerous bags of litter and to Lester for sorting the weather from his bed in Pembury hospital and feeling all the brighter for it (Get Well Soon Lester)!

Lastly, a BIG thank you to the youngsters who came in their many, a jolly good team effort. Many hands make light work, THANK YOU on behalf to Frittenden Parish Council

Walking for Water

Jo Taylor

On 10th September I joined 9 others on a 15 mile sponsored walk in aid of the charity Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala, FUM. We started our walk at the Seven Sisters Country Park and walked a circular route

around the South Downs, twice passing through the lovely village of Alfriston and our highest point was Firle Beacon. The weather was perfect, warm and dry, and the views were wonderful.

FUM supports 15 mother and child clinics in remote villages in the Tabora Region of Tanzania.



The sponsored walks are for our "Walking for Water" projects where we raise money to finance drilling for a safe and sustainable water supply for the clinics. Last year's walk enabled a deep borehole to be drilled and a good supply of potable water was found in the village of Kiloleni. But this was further from the clinic than we had hoped, 2.8km in fact.

This year the funds raised will go towards installing the plumbing and solar pump which is needed to get the water directly to the clinic. Currently they get their water daily in buckets and plastic containers. If you would like to sponsor me it is not too late. The link is: cafdonate.cafoline.org/20975. And my sincere thanks to everyone who has already supported this project.



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Historical Society

All are welcome to join us for the start of our new season in the newly refurbished Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25th October. We will be starting with drinks and nibbles at 7.30pm before our first talk on Windmills and Watermills of the Weald from Tony Singleton. Membership for the 2022/23 season is still amazing value at £10 for the six talks. We are looking forward to welcoming members old and new.

Tuesday 28th February

FHS President, Roy Latham on one-time Frittenden resident and mountaineer extraordinaire, Countess Dorothea Gravina.

Tuesday 28th March

David Cuffley on brickmakers and brick-making

Tuesday 25th April

Andrew Mayfield is a Community Archaeologist and will be explaining what this entails and some of his projects.

Tuesday 25th October

Members' social followed by Tony Singleton who will guide us around the Windmills and Watermills of the Weald

Tuesday 29th November

Imogen Corrigan on the history behind some of our Christmas traditions

Tuesday 31st January

Ian Beavis explains the who, what, when and why of the Grand Tour of the Weald.

The October meeting starts at 7.30pm – all other meetings start at 8pm.



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It is some time since I sent a report of our W.I. activities, however that doesn't mean we've been idle! The past few months have been busy meeting up after the long months of lockdown. Back in April we enjoyed a talk on the work of Medical Detection Dogs and learned about the work of these amazing dogs who are trained to detect particular illnesses in their 'owner'.

In May we held our Annual Meeting and discussed our plans for future events. In June we had an outing to Boldshaves Nursery at Woodchurch, where we enjoyed wandering around the gardens, concluding our visit with tea and home-made cake. July we held a Jubilee tea in a member's garden and invited friends from other neighbouring WIs to join us, and we had a pleasant relaxing afternoon in our member's lovely garden. August took us to Deal for a guided tour by a Blue Badge guide who gave us an informative talk on the history of the town. A memorable incident was the guard on the train who treated us so specially and allowed us all to sit in the first class compartment!

We have now resumed our meetings in the newly refurbished Memorial Hall, in which we recently held our annual produce show with members displaying their produce which was judged by the members. Considering the hot dry weather we experienced there was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables, jams and chutney and arts and crafts.

Next month we shall be holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 8th October from 10am until 2pm in the Memorial Hall,



so do please come along to see what's on offer, to enjoy a cuppa with cake, and to meet some of us!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October, starting at 7.15 pm in the Hall, when Chris McCooey will come to give us a talk on Scandals of Kent and Sussex – 'sensational, salacious and sad'. Anyone is welcome to come along, we'd love to see you there!

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Memorial Hall

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Half of the monthly proceeds are given away in first, second and third prizes.

The cost is £12.00 for a year's Subscription and the other half of the proceeds go towards maintaining the Memorial Hall.

I am sure you will all have noticed the refurbishment that has been going on at the hall. Some of you will have had a chance to see for yourselves just how magnificent it now looks. The cost of heating and lighting will obviously be vastly increased this year, so it is, more than ever vital to help offset this extra expense, by getting as many members as possible.

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3rd Prize	No. 47 Francine Edmonds	£10.00

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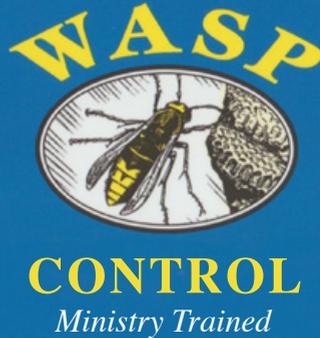


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