

# DETLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Sherrie Babington



It is with great regret that we inform you of the unexpected resignation of our clerk Sherrie Babington which she shared with councillors during the September Parish Council meeting.

Throughout her 23 years of unstinting service to Detling Parish Council, Sherrie has been the epitome of professionalism in all aspects of her work and her decision to leave is a severe loss to Detling.

Sherrie, qualified with a Certificate in Local Council Administration as well as being a qualified accountant had an unbridled passion for the development of Detling Village and conducted her duties with unparalleled decency and integrity. Parishioners have described her as always polite, articulate and knowledgeable. She will be most widely remembered as cool, calm and collected in challenging circumstances and measured in her responses, always upholding her official responsibilities as a Proper Officer with decorum, honesty and honour. At a personal level she treated everyone with respect and was compassionate and responsible, always giving her best advice.

Her knowledge of Detling has been encyclopaedic and she continues to be held in the highest regard by the Kent Association of Local Councils and local Councillors and Clerks.

The reasons for her departure, a decision which she has not taken lightly, will become clearer to villagers in the weeks and months ahead. She will remain as a Clerk for both Stockbury and Thurnham Parish Councils. Her decision to resign from Detling Parish Council is a dark day for Detling.

The 2nd November Parish Council meeting will be her last. Residents are welcome to attend, to say goodbye to her - should they so wish.

If you would like to contribute to a collection for Sherrie or write her a note of thanks for her dedication to our village, please contact **Councillor Julia Coles** [julia.coles@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:julia.coles@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk). If you wish to send a card or letter to Sherrie via Cllr Coles her address is 6 The Street Detling ME14 3JU you can of course send any messages directly to Sherrie.

**Collection boxes will be available in the Community Store and in the Cock Horse Pub**

**Children's Art Competition**. Thank you everyone who entered. There were four winners and their drawings are published later in the Newsletter. Each child was sent a personalised certificate and a gift voucher..

**Summary Arising from Detling Parish Council meeting 7th September 2021** (not covered else where in the Newsletter)

- Letter to be sent to Rochester Bridge Trust to enquire about land next to Old School Playing Field for additional parking in the village.
- Parish Council agreed to hold monthly surgeries in various village venues, dates to be announced.
- Councillor Bryant was appointed as the Village Hall Management Committee representative for the Parish Council.
- Councillor Coles was elected as a new member of the Open Spaces Committee.
- Cllr Bryant was elected as a new member of the Communications Group
- The Parish Council agreed in principle to extend the lease on the community shop for a further six years with a three year break clause.
- The Parish Council extended the deadline for evidence to be collected to support the application to register the alleyway at Princes Way as a PROW.
- The Parish Council have signed up to be part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 An Invitation has been sent to all Detling village associations and groups to nominate a representative to join our committee to prepare our celebrations of this wonderful event next year.**



**The parish council will be hosting a 'Meet and Greet Event' for new residents on Saturday 6th November 12.30 - 2pm in the Village Hall. Coffee, Tea and Cakes will be available.**

### Princes Way Alleyway Update:

We have extended the deadline for submitting the Public Right of Way User Evidence Statement to the 31st October.

If you can not print off the Public Right of Way User Evidence Statement., and you would like a form, please contact Sherrie Babington on 01634 867173 and one will be posted to you.

If there are sufficient responses, to make a compelling case the Parish Council will submit these along with the necessary forms to KCC.



# PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES

## Open Spaces Committee:

**Cllrs Coles, Clayton, Baker-Anderson and Mr T Taylor (non Cllr)**

**Horish Wood and Monks Meadow, together with The Old School Playing Field** are available for all to access and enjoy at any time. The pedestrian access gates are never locked.

You do not need permission to walk there, indeed we actively encourage residents and visitors to see what Detling is like for themselves ! Some residents and recent visitors are now returning on a regular basis - how lovely ! If you are a regular user of any of these Open Spaces please extend a hearty 'Welcome to Detling' to all.

**Horish Wood and Monks Meadow** are located on the right hand side of Hockers Lane as you travel towards Bearsted - on either side of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

**Medway Valley Countryside Project (MVCP)** was offered a Maintenance Contract by Detling Parish Council, 2 years ago, to work in Horish Wood. **Derek Whitehead** is the lead Professional from MVCP in charge of a team of volunteers. Derek has a degree in Countryside Management and is extremely knowledgeable in this field.

MVCP are hosted by KCC and work with Maidstone Borough Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. Their work is based on wildlife conservation and enhancing biodiversity, through land management and education-including Forest Schools.

MVCP follow the prescriptive plan from **The Forestry Commission and abide by the Countryside Code** 1st April 2021.

The original contract with MVCP was for a day's work each month. MVCP were quickly considered by the Parish Council Open Spaces Committee to be performing a brilliant job this therefore led to their contract being extended to 2 days a month. These 24 days include walks and activities for educational purposes, which are open to members of the public.

Summaries of the works completed by MVCP are reported back to the full council.

Thanks are due to **Cllr Richard Finn** as, whilst he was Chair of the Open Spaces Committee he proposed (and after consultation with other Councillors on this Committee) in January that the Parish Council should have a maintenance contract for the Meadow.

Cllr Finn's proposal was then heard by the Full Parish Council at their next meeting, agreed and passed for action by Councillors. It was agreed to contact MVCP in the first instance, regarding a proposed contract.

**Cllr Finn** resigned from the Open Spaces Committee at the end of August and at the full Parish Council meeting of September 7th **Cllr Coles** was elected to the group and is currently the point of contact for Open Spaces work.

As a result of this decision making, the new Open Spaces group have taken action on Cllr Finn's proposal and two Councillors met with Derek Whitehead for an educational tour of The Meadow and subsequently to find out more information about MVCP.

They were shown evidence of a '**Bird murder**' - feathers' shafts/tips which were intact proving it was a bird of prey attack (not a fox or a cat) - probably Buzzards !!

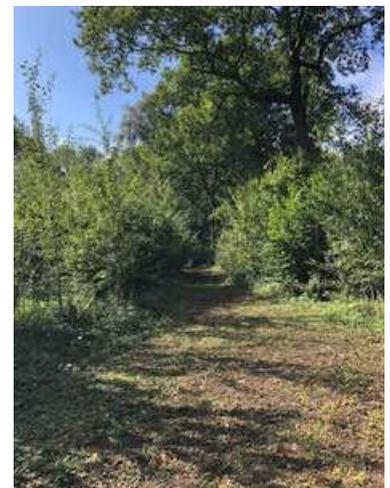
Councillors were then shown the orchids (including a **rare lizard orchid** on the verge opposite the meadow) which could be naturally introduced into the meadow.

In **Horish Wood** these orchids are thriving in the bund as there is a fungus in the soil. Fungi can survive in the bund without orchids but not vice versa.

Common spotted orchids and **one bee orchid** were seen in the meadow, together with Black medic clover, Bristly oxtongue, strawberry and mint which should all be encouraged to grow.

There are multiple Oak, Ash and Hazel saplings and, surprisingly, some **Oak gall wasps** and **silk button moths** present there.

**Did you know? Oaks used to be planted in 2 avenues facing the sun. When they were cut down, their U shaped arms formed the hulls for King Henry VIII's ships !**



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**VOLUNTEERS** MVCP volunteers all have KCC volunteer agreements and each sign health forms abiding by UK GDPR.

The team would like new volunteers to join MVCP to work in Horish Wood. They can offer insurance and courses to train volunteers for licences, to work under supervision. Insurances are specific regarding individual tasks.

If you have spare time and you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact our clerk and we will arrange an informal chat to answer any questions you may have.

**MVCP lead an award-winning Thursday Action Group (TAG)** and any local volunteers would be more than welcome to come and join in the task days under the guidance of an MVCP certificated officer.

If you would like to join a task day to see if you would be interested in volunteering in this capacity, the next dates for volunteer task days at Horish Wood are: -

**Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November  
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th December**

**Horish Wood Volunteers** are putting in perch seats for families for bird watching. Open canopy coppicing continues to encourage biodiversity

**ASH DIE BACK** is present causing substantial canopy loss - which will need addressing this winter -and removal of some trees by MVCP and their volunteers.



The Old School Playing Field

- The playground equipment is for children aged 12 years and under.
- A reminder that NO DOGS are allowed in the children's playground !! Thank you.
- The new benches are expected soon and will be installed ASAP after delivery.

An Arborist is to be employed to visit this open space annually and assess (then advise) regarding maintenance of the trees within The Old School Playing Field.

**Forest schools** A VIP stakeholder invitation to the Infinity Cafe opening at **Snowfields Academy Bearsted** was unfortunately postponed . The Parish Council Open Spaces group look forward to attending when this event is rescheduled.

**Sewage Spills at Monks Meadow** A formal investigation has commenced and residents will be updated with a chronology of both occurrences and outcomes in due course.

**The Queens's Green Canopy Project** A unique tree planting campaign across the UK, which will be known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC), has been created to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

It will be an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her exceptional service and promote the importance of trees to the environment, through the encouragement of tree planting and tree preservation across the nation.

Detling Parish Council will engage in this and it is hoped that this project will be seen as a positive opportunity for us all to encourage communities and businesses to coalesce around a national project that will hopefully provide a lasting legacy for many generations.

The dual impact of the climate emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic will be an important component of any planning and a particular focus of the campaign will be planting in urban and disadvantaged areas alongside intergenerational initiatives.

**Jacqui Summerfield** a huge welcome back to your gardening maintenance work in the village !



**THE QUEEN'S GREEN  
CANOPY  
"PLANT A TREE FOR THE  
JUBILEE"**



# PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Councillors : Bryant, Bowie and Coles*

The planning committee continues to consider a large number of planning applications. The details of all of these, together with any new applications, can be found on the Detling parish council website.

**Total number of new applications in August and September – 9**  
**Total number of decisions by MBC – 7 (4 permitted, 3 refused)**

### Appeals pending -3

- 1.Ref. No: 21/500063/REF Hall At Former Detling Church Of England Primary School The Street Detling
- 2.Ref. No: 21/500059/REF Land Rear Of 7 The Street Detling Kent ME14 3JU
- 3.Ref. No: 21/500050/REF Lynch Bank Farm Barn Detling Hill Detling Kent ME14 3EX

At the end of September, **Quinn Estates** updated their application for the Bimbury Park estate (MBC planning reference 18/504836/EIOUT). From initial inspection, it looks as if nothing significant has changed in their application so the position of the DPC Planning Committee remains unchanged

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the DPC planning committee will be engaging with MBC to discuss updates to the **Detling Conservation Area Management Plan**, which can be found at [maidstone.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/19694/Detling-Management-Plan.pdf](http://maidstone.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/19694/Detling-Management-Plan.pdf).

We have had no comments to date so we shall extend our deadline until the **end of November**. Should anyone have any comments that they would like to make on this plan, please send them to our clerk, **Sherrie Babington at** [clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk).

**Members of the Planning Committee are always happy to meet with applicants to discuss their planning applications.**

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS GROUP

*Councillors : Clayton ,Bowie and Coles*

The **new highways steward** visited to inspect the condition of the Pilgrims Way recently and reported it to be in reasonable condition with no safety critical defects. It therefore does not require any attention at the moment.

The Parish Council is investigating the use of mirrors near the cricket club on Pilgrims Way to protect drivers negotiating concealed entrances.

Please note the following relevant links regarding local updates/consultations

- 1)The Bearsted Road roadworks project has been delayed during the pandemic and now has a new Project Manager in KCC Highways. As developments proceed the Parish Council will be updated and will be able to update residents.
- 2) Northern runway route Gatwick consultation link : website: Northern Runway and our future plans Gatwick Airport LGW
- 3) Highways -M2 J5 redevelopment improvements - consultation link : <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m2-junction-5-improvements/>

**Jade's Crossing** PLEASE BE AWARE that scramble bikes have been reported crossing the bridge and doing wheelies on the bridge , this has been reported to the Police and PCSO. This behaviour puts elderly residents, young mums and children at risk of severe injury. If you do witness this please contact the police immediately with details of the incident to allow for appropriate action to be taken.

**Jade's Crossing** - the new step edges have been installed and the broken slabs repaired.

The Parish Council has been asked about a **pedestrian access** to the new schools in Bearsted and has started to investigate this matter.

We are still waiting for a response from the owner of the field adjacent to the Old School Playing Field regarding consideration of an off- road parking area to alleviate the commuter parking in the vicinity. This is being monitored as there is frequently in excess of 15 cars parked on this stretch of the Pilgrims Way - even when the shop and playing field are empty, and regardless of activity at the village hall.

**Rat Running.** The Highways Group is currently exploring the feasibility and cost of **employing a police offer, 7am -9.30 am**, to enforce the access to the village regulation to prevent rat running. Hopefully more on that in the next Newsletter.

**Councillors attended the updated Police training regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme.**

The Parish Council requires **10 volunteers** to step forward before we can arrange for the Police to visit to assess appropriate points for the scheme and conduct the training. This scheme can be operated in conjunction with the 'Lorry Watch' scheme. If you are interested in giving up your time to volunteer for this work please contact the clerk .

The results from the **recent speed surveys** are available via the clerk.



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# HELEN WHATELY'S PARISH UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2021

## Recovery Drive

Along with schools going back this month, September also saw the return of MPs to Westminster.

Like workplaces across the country, Parliament is beginning to look and feel more like normal with more MPs allowed in the Commons and more face-to-face meetings.

There are signs of our recovery across the economy with the employment rate back to where it was before Covid, wages rising, and the UK having the fastest growth in the G7.

We had to take difficult decisions during the pandemic, and tough decisions are needed again to help the NHS and social care recover from the last 18 months. That's why we're introducing our Health and Care Levy to beat the backlogs in the NHS and deliver reform of social care.

It's not just in health and social care that we're determined to build back better. I've been meeting local businesses to hear how Government support for jobs is helping our local economy recover from the pandemic.

Extra investment has helped deliver record numbers of police officers in Kent, and I've set out my vision for a better local bus network as part of a £5 billion funding boost for bus and cycle links across the country.

The risks from Covid have not gone away. We face a difficult few months ahead, but our vaccine rollout has given us cause for optimism.

## Record investment in NHS and social care

We're investing £36 billion in health and social care over the next 3 years – giving people peace of mind that they won't face catastrophic care costs.

Our new Health and Care Levy will kickstart reform of social care - making life better for those who need care now, unpaid carers, care workers & all of us who may need care in the future.

It was a huge privilege to serve as Care Minister during the past 18 months. It's been the hardest of times yet now social care reform is happening and we're on track for 50,000 more NHS nurses.

## Local Plan shake up leaves residents in limbo

I've called for answers from Swale Borough Council on what changes to the Local Plan process will mean for local residents.

The Council has now said that they will be adding an additional stage to the Local Plan process after having previously given local people very little say on the proposals.

While I welcome the Council's decision to engage more with residents, there are many unanswered questions about this new process, which I've set out in a letter to the Council's Chief Executive.

## New role to lead recovery from Covid

I'm delighted to have been appointed Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury as part of the Prime Minister's reshuffle.

As Exchequer Secretary I'll be working hard to deliver economic growth, more jobs with better pay, and higher productivity – helping to raise living standards for everyone.

Our focus on jobs and better infrastructure will help deliver a recovery that benefits everyone, including here in Faversham and Mid Kent.

## Record numbers of police in Kent

There are now 3,971 police officers across Kent helping to keep us safe.

This is 242 more officers since September 2019, and 184 more officers than in 2010. There has also been an increase in Police Community Support Officers.

I'm continuing to work with our local police and councils to help tackle crime in known trouble spots to keep communities across Faversham and Mid Kent safe.

## Lower Thames Crossing latest

In my latest consultation response to the Lower Thames Crossing, I've called for investment across the road network in Kent.

Plans for a new road tunnel under the Thames near Gravesend could bring benefits to people in Faversham and Mid Kent, but only if the project is combined with investment across the wider road network.

Junctions including M2/J7 at Brenley Corner, and the A249 and the A229 need improving to avoid traffic problems at Dartford simply being shifted to other parts of the road network.

## Getting investment in our water network

I've called on Southern Water to set out a clear plan for improving the water network in Faversham and Mid Kent.

Like many people, I was extremely concerned by the flooding over the summer and the closure of local beaches for swimming because of sewage ending up in the sea.

I'll be meeting Southern Water later this year to set out the investment we need in our local water network, including in Headcorn.



## Better lorry parking needed more than ever

I know the shortage of lorry drivers across Europe is a huge concern to many local businesses. It has highlighted the need for better conditions for drivers – including safe places to park and access services.

I've written to the Roads Minister to call for more lorry parking capacity in Kent and other parts of the country.

Better parking is not just needed to support the welfare of lorry drivers but also to stop lorry fly-parking in our lanes and laybys, which can be incredibly dangerous.

## A plan for better buses

As part of efforts to build back better from the pandemic, I've set out the improvements our local bus service needs.

In my response to Kent County Council's consultation on their Bus Service Improvement Plan, I've called for a focus on the rural bus network along with better integration of bus timetables with the rest of the transport network in Kent.

August saw the introduction of the X3 and X4 bus routes which are providing new direct services between Canterbury, Faversham, Sittingbourne, and Maidstone - something I have been calling for.



# DETLING VS DETLING CRICKET MATCH

**Thank you to everyone who came along to the Detling vs Detling Cricket match on 30th August 2021**  
**The parish council hopes that this will become a permanent fixture in the Village Calendar with even more people coming along next year**



**Bank Holidays have a very British way of being wet and miserable.** The weather certainly was looking that way this August Bank Holiday but the 2 teams of men and women turning out for the first Detling V Detling cricket match in the clubs 130 year history, were far from either!

Our own cricket ground off the Pilgrims way was the setting. Captains Eamon and Simon crafted a great competition between two sides, selected on merit and ability ... or was it a slightly more random those to the left ... etc?

There were winners but no losers, one of the Detling teams scored the most runs but everyone had a wonderful afternoon, Refreshments provided by The Parish Council and trophies awarded to those who were noted for their performance. John Clayton hadn't bowled for half a century and picked up a wicket on his first ball.

Claire for amazing efforts in the field and Jim, our youngest player who did amazing things with the bat.

Irene, The Chair of Detling Parish Council being surprised when awarded the "Magic Moment Trophy" the whole thing being her idea in the first place.

But what does success look like? Maybe the promise of another cricket day next year? Maybe the recruitment of 3 new and very useful players? Maybe spreading the word that the kettle is always on at Detling Cricket Club?

But definitely a wonderful community event, attended by I understand 130 people in all ( a lovely coincidence bearing in mind the age of the club) where in difficult times we could all come together to meet friends both old and new. Looking forward to See you all next year

**Philip Painter**  
**Chairman Detling Cricket Club**

**Well, what a splendid afternoon !**

Everyone who attended reported that they had had great fun, players and spectators alike. The slightly inclement weather did not dampen any spirits, with 130 attendees from the village (and some from beyond) staying all afternoon and mixing in a very convivial atmosphere !

The match performers were well behaved and provided great entertainment -with the speeches and awards ceremony a great way to complete a very well organised event.

- 3 Awards were announced by the Chairman of the Cricket Club Philip Painter and presented by the Chairman of Detling Parish Council Irene Bowie :
- Best bowler -John Clayton,
- Best fielder -Claire,
- Best effort -James

As Phil so rightly announced : "Detling CC won the match, but today Detling won as many new friendships and liaisons were forged."

Keen supporters will have observed that it wasn't 'rain stopped play' but 'Irene's car stopped play - driving the boundary on her way to collect their teas'.....Never mind Health and Safety - it's just not cricket !

Finally, a huge thank you to Tony and Kim at the Cock Horse pub Detling, who provided a superb tea for players and officials at very short notice.

This match is just the start of a successful partnership ! (The date of the next fixture is already being planned!)

**Clr Julia Coles**



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Detling v Detling Cricket Match - August 30th 2021



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## The Cock Horse Inn, Detling - Tony and Kim Donohue and son Ben

Tony and Kim moved to Detling in January 2016 to manage the Cock Horse Inn, with a total of 21 years of successful experience in this trade in locations including Tenerife, Cornwall and Cliftonville.

A 14th century inn on the Pilgrims Way, which runs from Winchester to Canterbury, The Cock Horse Inn is the oldest surviving property within the village of Detling (apart from the church) and dates from 1368.

The Pilgrims Way originally went straight through the forecourt of the inn and stables at the rear of the inn can still be seen, as can the cobbles on the floor in the restaurant. The stables were home for the Cock (or Trace) horse which was the extra horse-power required to pull stage coaches and heavy carts over Detling Hill, hence the pub name.

The Interior still has its old beams, a cosy fireplace and a fabulous olde-worlde atmosphere – ask to peep behind the curtain at the entrance to the restaurant and you will see the tiny door above, which was accessed by a ladder to enter the bedroom in days gone by!

Another point of interest is the cast iron plate with the date 1642 stamped in reverse on it together with the King's crest (Charles 1st). The plate is thought to have once been a fireplate, displayed in back of the fireplace -and was only ever awarded to a pub if royalty had stayed there!



The pub has been sensitively renovated and has a wealth of historical photographs displayed- including those documented by Edward Rubie of the fire in February 1992- whilst the exterior garden and landscaping is maintained to a very high standard. It is a beautiful traditional Kentish pub, which looks very picturesque in all seasons (especially the sun and the snow) – and you can always be sure of a warm welcome from all of the staff.

**Tony and Kim have settled well into village life**, hosting a variety of special themed nights and parties- as well as supporting and organising various village events (eg.V.E.day). They have built up their strong, loyal clientele during the last 6 years and are pleased to announce that they have just signed a lease for another 5 years.

The menus are well chosen and all food (hot and cold) is freshly made / cooked to order, using local seasonal produce. Daily specials change regularly and there is a wide variety of drinks available including : 4 cask ales, 15 Gins, Craft beers, several quality ciders and a great selection of wines. It is definitely the best local hostelry, offering superb value.

**During the Covid-19 Pandemic** The staff adhered to all Covid rules. Tony and Kim found innovative ways of providing the village with everything they needed. Delivery and Takeaway services (including Sunday roasts) were a life saver for everyone in the Lockdowns. Special events such as **Mothers' Day** and **Christmas** were catered for meaning that people could still celebrate these occasions, albeit in a different way.

**The Takeaway service** was always impeccably timed for collection at the kitchen door, with hot delicious food safely plated up. These continue to be available in pub opening hours!



As restrictions lifted, a Marquee was erected in the garden to accommodate the sporting fans for the EUROS.

Tony and Kim are extremely hospitable publicans who manage their business in a very professional manner. They go out of their way to be helpful and are very accommodating of individual resident's needs as well as those of larger organisations, including funeral wakes and wedding parties.

Feedback is brilliant with the pub now enjoying a first class reputation, which is a direct reflection of the sterling effort Tony and Kim put into their work and training their staff - including their daughter Sam, daughter-in-law Sam and their grand-daughter Natasha (Tash).

Well done to all of you, especially Tony and Kim! Enjoy your next 5 years!



**Thank you to both of them for the wonderful service they provided at the inaugural village Cricket Match between Detling Cricket Club and Detling Parish Council- held recently on the August Bank Holiday Monday-when they stepped in to provide a superb tea for players and officials at very short notice**

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# Shout OUT CORNER

## The Parish Council welcomes Reverend Rob Tugwell and his family to Detling.

Detling Parish Council was invited, with other dignitaries, to attend a service in Hollingbourne Church on Tuesday August 31st at 7 pm, to celebrate a new Ministry within the Diocese of Canterbury.

The Reverend Rob Tugwell was licensed as the new vicar in the North Downs Team Ministry ( formed in September 2016 ) for the Pilgrims Way parishes, which include Boxley, Detling with Thurnham, Hollingbourne and Hucking. The new vicarage is located at Grove Green.

Canon John Corbyn introduced Rob to the Mayor, the Parish Councillors in attendance, the Head of Hollingbourne Primary School and the Chair of Governors from St John's Primary School Grove Green. The service was well attended by visiting clergy and was an enjoyable occasion.

Cllr. Julia Coles attended, to represent Detling Parish Council, as part of a contingent of Councillors in the Mayor's party.



Gill and David Humfrey who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in September

### Sally Howells

For organising the Village Picnic in August which was a huge success and hopefully is the first of many. Well done and many thanks .

**Luke Thomas** for organising the cutting back of hedges blocking parts of Scragged Oak Road.

**David Faulkner and the Showground** for clearing up the mess including a huge quantity of broken glass left by fly tippers on Scragged Oak Road.



**The Chairman of the Parish Council**, Irene Bowie, arranged for a journalist and photographer from the Sunday Times to visit Detling on Wednesday 6th October. The article ran on Sunday 10th October and focused on the fact that the life expectancy for women in Detling and Thurnham ward is 95!!

Huge thanks go to the following ladies, who at short notice, met with the journalist and spoke about life in Detling. Tikki Gulland, Gill Humfrey, Gill Munson, Monica Watkins, Pauline Senior, Frances Powell and Julia Coles. Margaret Cooke and Mary Savage who spoke to the journalist, via telephone.

The Times article was 'picked up' by many other media outlets and there have been subsequent contacts including the BBC, ITV and on Tuesday 12 October Irene and Julia co-ordinated a visit to the village by the Daily Mail. This was arranged at even shorter notice and many thanks go to Tikki Gulland, David and Gill Humfrey, John Clayton, Sally Howells, Richard Finn, the staff at the Cock Horse and the Volunteers at the Community Shop.

### Volunteers :

**Daren and Donna Seal**, have recently completed work in Horish Wood, with prior agreement from Derek Whitehead of MVCP. If you have visited the wood recently you will have seen the amazing work they have done at the entrance and on some of the paths on the CTRL spoil heap at the western end of the Wood, including the uncovering of the seat overseeing the rail line.

**John Monk** for his long standing work in both Monks Meadow and Horish Wood.

**Brian Stymest** for maintaining the grass verge at the intersection of Church Lane with Hockers Lane, by the statue of Detling opposite the church.

**CORRECTION** -in our August edition Dennis Monk was inadvertently acknowledged as Brian Monk. With sincere apologies to Dennis and a huge thank you again for your work !  
Detling Players Production - Pressure 11th, 12th 13th November in the Village Hall. Tickets available



New Villagers 'Meet and Greet' 6th November



## **New Villagers 'Meet and Greet'**



**Tea, Coffee, Cakes  
and an opportunity to meet  
other 'new residents'**

**6th November 12.30 - 2 pm  
Detling Village Hall**

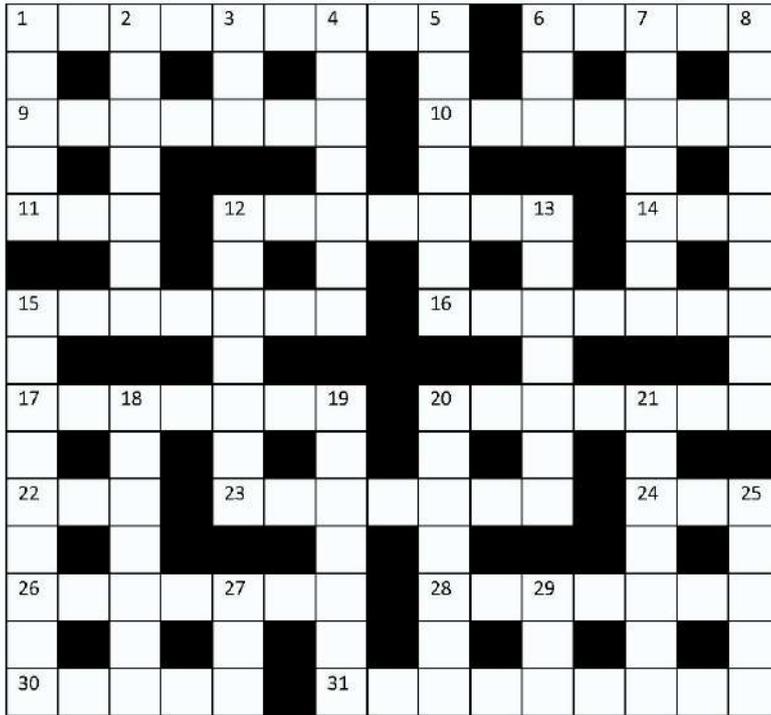
**Detling Parish Council  
clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk**

**Are you new to Detling or perhaps you have lived here for a while but would like to meet some new people?**

**Is so please come along on the 6th November. Enjoy a cup of tea, a slice of cake find out more about Detling and meet some new people.**



# Coffee Time Crossword By Gary Bryant



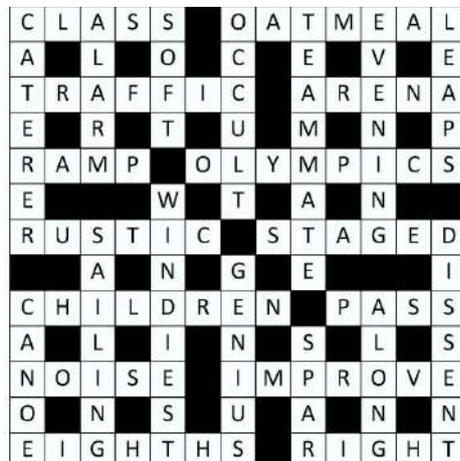
Across

- 1 Child Seat (4,5)
- 6 All of today's animal life (5)
- 9 Moving by turning over and over (7)
- 10 Naturally occurring inorganic substance (7)
- 11 View that a person has of themselves (3)
- 12 Moved (7)
- 14 State of matter (3)
- 15 Having a more pleasant, distinct flavour (7)
- 16 First name of famous Sea Lord (7)
- 17 Move forward (7)
- 20 Passed out, collapsed (7)
- 22 Part of a circle (3)
- 23 Country (7)
- 24 Male sheep (3)
- 26 Farewell (7)
- 28 Tell a story (7)

Down

- 1 Plant-eating domesticated mammal (5)
- 2 Old fashioned units for fuel (7)
- 3 22<sup>nd</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
- 4 Showing more annoyance (7)
- 5 2<sup>nd</sup> game between 2 teams or players. (7)
- 6 Amusing, entertaining, or enjoyable (3)
- 7 Standing with the back straight. (7)
- 8 Maidstone Village (9)
- 12 **Study of the structure and behaviour of the physical world** (7)
- 13 Cover or mark with an unwanted substance (7)
- 15 Shipping forecast area, site of great sea battle (9)
- 18 A win (7)
- 19 Colloquial name for a boffin (7)
- 20 Small hand towel (7)
- 21 Large windstorm, often destructive (7)
- 25 Happen to come into the presence of (5)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION AUGUST





# DETLING VILLAGE HALL

## Monday

10am Detling Watercolour Group Contact Brian Howe at Valerie Howe [valeriejanehowe@gmail.com](mailto:valeriejanehowe@gmail.com)  
 10.30am Medau Fitness Class with Sue Tapp. Contact at [suemedau@aol.com](mailto:suemedau@aol.com); Home: 01795 410525, M: 07731777114  
 6pm Yoga for Beginners with Rachael Webb. Contact [rachaelwebb7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachaelwebb7@hotmail.co.uk)  
 7.30pm Detling Short Mat Bowls Contact Olive Monk 01622 736903

## Tuesday

10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:  
 Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>  
 Phone: 07540462571  
 10am Baby Massage: Contact Becky on 07540075797  
 email: [babybe223@gmail.com](mailto:babybe223@gmail.com)  
 6pm Yoga Contact Julie Dodd at [julie@doddhome.com](mailto:julie@doddhome.com) or 01795 559777  
 7.30pm Ju Jitsu Contact Simon Long at [simon <simon@admsl.uk.com>](mailto:simon@admsl.uk.com)

## Wednesday

9.30am Hilary's Pilates Contact Hilary at Hilary's Pilates -[hilaryspilates@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryspilates@gmail.com)>  
 4pm Amelia Appleby School of Performing Arts Contact Debbie at [aamaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:aamaidstone@gmail.com)  
 7pm 3rd Wednesday of the month: WI – Contact Ann Spain on 01622 676773  
 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday of the month: Marmite Ukulele Club – Contact Anna at [marmiteukuleleclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marmiteukuleleclub@hotmail.co.uk)

## Thursday

10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:  
 Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>  
 Phone: 07540462571  
 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/footyfortots/>  
 12pm 1st Thursday of the month Making Miracles Knitting/Craft contact Sally Howells at [sally@makingmiracles.org.uk](mailto:sally@makingmiracles.org.uk) or on 01622735230  
 1pm 2nd Thursday of the month: U3A – Contact Wendy at [wendy-west@sky.com](mailto:wendy-west@sky.com)  
 7pm Invicta Photographic Club: Contact Tony Bentley at [tony-bentley@btconnect.com](mailto:tony-bentley@btconnect.com)  
 7.30pm Ju Jitsu Contact Simon Long at [simon <simon@admsl.uk.com>](mailto:simon@admsl.uk.com)

## Friday

9.30am Creative Cooks: Contact Carly at: [creativecooksqueries@gmail.com](mailto:creativecooksqueries@gmail.com)  
 10am Footy for Tots: Contact Coach Tom:  
 Website: <https://footyfortots.com/>  
 Phone: 07540462571  
 5.30pm Badminton Contact Aaron at TMAJM1 <[TMAJMSOLUTIONS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:TMAJMSOLUTIONS@yahoo.co.uk)>  
 8pm Ringcraft Contact Jacquetta Brown [brownfjord38@outlook.com](mailto:brownfjord38@outlook.com)  
 Or email: [detlingcs@gmail.com](mailto:detlingcs@gmail.com)

## Saturday

9am Kidz Kung Fu Contact Lorraine or Kim at [kidzkungfu@gmail.com](mailto:kidzkungfu@gmail.com)  
 9am Spangles Spanish Contact Jimena Shafto on 01622 735292 or [info@spangles.org](mailto:info@spangles.org). Website: [www.spangles.org](http://www.spangles.org)  
 1pm Amelia Appleby School of Performing Arts Contact Debbie at [aamaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:aamaidstone@gmail.com)

## Sunday

9am (dates on request) Medway Towns Rabbit Fanciers contact Bob Bushell on 01622745314  
 9am (dates on request) Remote Control Trucking Club contact Noel Dollimore at [endee2013@gmail.com](mailto:endee2013@gmail.com)  
 2.30pm (1st Sunday of the month variable) Boxer Dog Club. Contact Sandra Galloway on 01843 867100 or email: [CASBAHSANDI@aol.com](mailto:CASBAHSANDI@aol.com)  
 7pm (Last Sunday of the month) Ballroom Dancing contact Steven Porter at [steven@best-ballroom.co.uk](mailto:steven@best-ballroom.co.uk)

Detling Players Present

**PRESSURE**  
By David Haig

Detling Village Hall  
 11, 12 and 13 November at 7.30pm  
 and 13 November at 2.30pm  
 Tickets: £10 each or  
 Group (4) £35 from:  
 Box Office 07842 169725  
 & [www.detlingplayers.co.uk](http://www.detlingplayers.co.uk)

**June 1944. One man's decision is about to change the course of history.**

**The Allied Forces led by General Eisenhower are posed to launch. 350,000 lives are at stake and the decision of whether or not to attack comes down to the most important weather forecast of all time.**

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# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Police Information

### PCSO Matt Adlington

Eastern Sector Maidstone Neighbourhood Team

To report a crime in progress call 999

To report any other incident call 101

To make a general enquiry call 01622 604390, or email at [maidstone.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:maidstone.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk)

## Kent County Council:

To report any emergency issues outside of normal office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am till 5pm), please telephone 03000 41 91 91.

## Report a problem on a road or pavement:

- You can report non-urgent issues online including:
  - street light faults
  - potholes
  - drainage
  - traffic signal faults
  - overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass).

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

## Maidstone Borough Council for:

- bus shelters
- fly tipping,
- litter,
- parking
- street cleaning.

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/>

## Highways England for motorways and major A road problems

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/>

## Kent County Councillor :

Shellina Prendergast [shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk](mailto:shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk)

## Maidstone BC Councillor :

Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Sheppard

07788 923495

[nickdewiggondene-sheppard@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:nickdewiggondene-sheppard@maidstone.gov.uk)

## Village Hall:

To contact the booking clerk,

<https://www.detlingvillagehall.co.uk/booking-enquiries/>

call 07950 290 589 after 6pm

or email [penny@detlingvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:penny@detlingvillagehall.co.uk)

## Community Shop:

<https://www.detlingcommunitystore.co.uk/contact-us>

01622 631305

Environment Agency Incident Hotline: 0800 807060

Electricity Problems:

0800 7838866

## Fly Tipping and Waste Collection:

Including bulky items 01622 602162

To report a problem on a PROW (Public Right of Way –

Footpath) please contact KCC on 03000 41 41 41

or report online: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

## Parish Council Emails:

All Councillors and the Clerk now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. All Parish Council email communication is conducted via these dedicated email addresses.

Councillors will no longer use their personal email addresses.

In the first instance please contact [Sherrie:clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Sherrie:clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Sherrie will direct your email to the relevant Councillor.

*email: [clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk)*

## PARISH COUNCIL:

*Please contact the Parish Clerk -  
Sherrie Babington*

*email: [clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk)*

*Address: 4 Birkhall Close, Walderslade,  
Chatham,  
Kent, ME5 7QD*

*Telephone: 01634 867173*



# DETLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## *Design a Christmas Card Competition .*

*Winning entries will be professionally  
printed for use by Detling Parish Council*

*Children under 16 years of age are invited to design a  
Christmas card, to be submitted to the Community store on  
A4 paper, by Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 .*

*Please write your name, age and contact number on the  
reverse . **Good Luck***

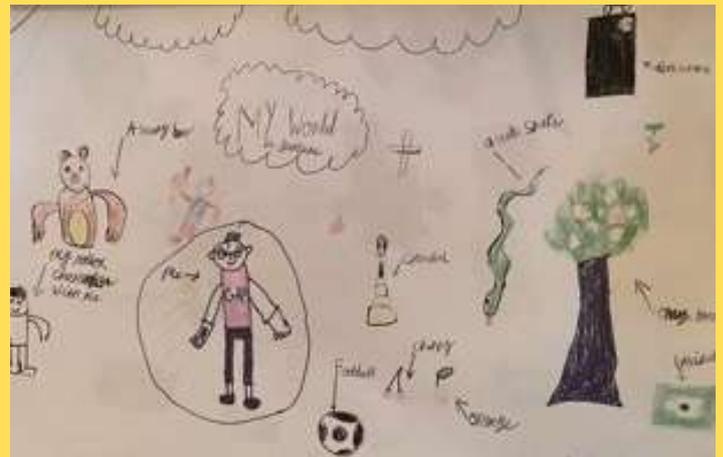


# Children's Summer Art Competition Winners



**Antonio Aged 10**

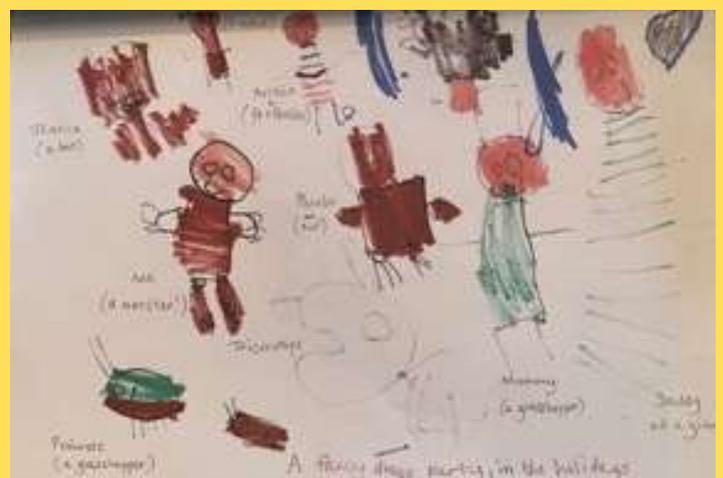
**Marco Aged 10**



**Phoebe Aged 7**



**Blake Aged 4**



# NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

## DETLING VILLAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2021

Detling has long been noted as being very active with a creditable array of organisations and activities.

In addition, there are many 'unsung heroes', who do many hours of voluntary work on behalf of their neighbours, the community, or the village as a whole.

Written nominations for the Villager or Villagers of the Year Award are requested.

They must be for someone living or working within the Parish and sent to the Parish Clerk or handed to your local Parish Councillor by *31st October 2021*. The Parish Council will have the final decision as to the recipient of this award.

**Mrs Sherrie Babington**  
**4 Birkhall Close, Chatham, Kent, ME5 7QD**  
**clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk**  
**01634 867173**