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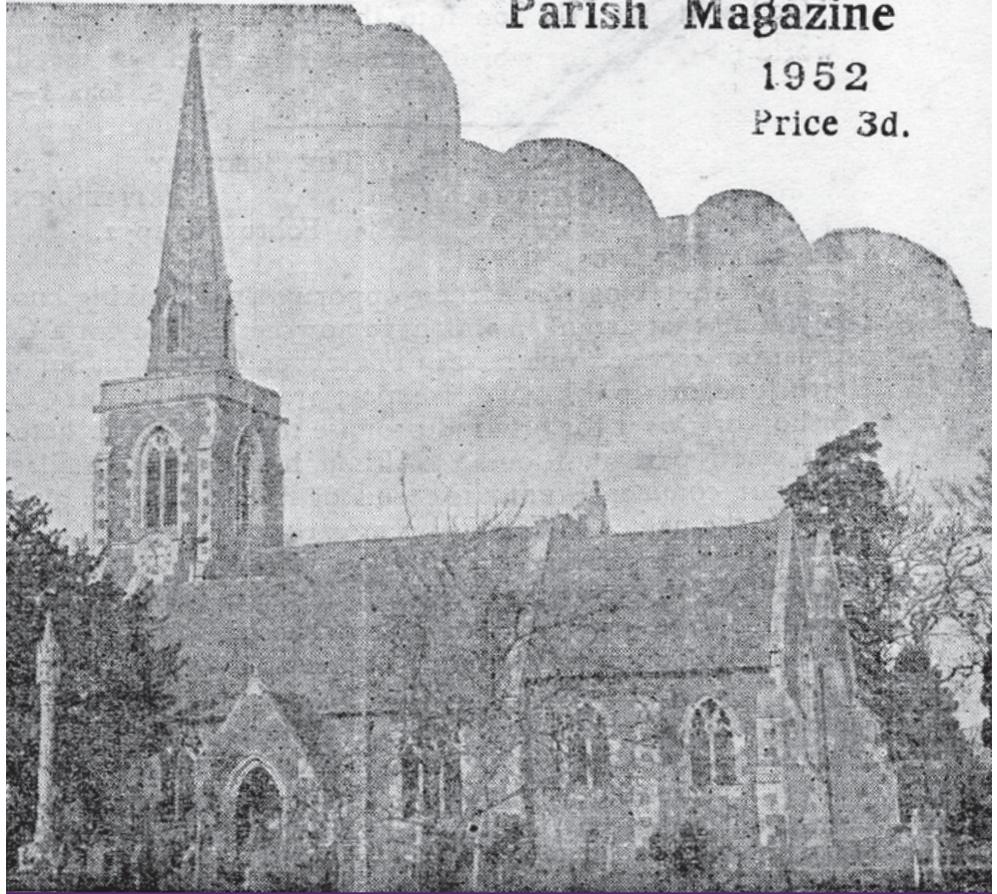
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UNITED BENEFICE OF SISSINGHURST WITH FRITTENDEN MAY SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Wed 1st	9:00 SPACE - St Mary's
Fri 3rd	19:30 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert in St Mary's
Sat 4th	8:00 United Benefice 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Breakfast @ Trinity
Sun 5th	Pentecost 10:00 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving, with Sunday Club
Mon 6th	9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's 10:00 Little Lambs 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice
Wed 8th	14:30 CAMEO in St Mary's Church
Thu 9th	19:30 Little Lambs Cake Night
Fri 10th	15:00 Wardens Meeting
Sun 12th	Trinity Sunday 10:00 Morning Worship - St Mary's
Mon 13th	9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's 10:00 Little Lambs 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice
Wed 15th	9:00 SPACE - St Mary's
Thu 16th	19:30 PCC Meeting - The Upper Room
Sat 18th	9:30 Weald Deanery Meeting of Treasurers and Churchwardens @ Trinity Church 14:00 Kent County Association of Bellringers - Festival of Ringing
Sun 19th	Trinity 1 10:00 Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club - St Mary's 12:00 Families Together Father's Day Picnic Frittenden Playing Field
Mon 20th	9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's 10:00 Little Lambs 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Sun 26th	Trinity 2 10:00 Morning Worship @ Trinity 17:30 Holy Communion BCP at St Mary's
Mon 27th	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 - separate provision for primary age children 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 new 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 or Memorial Hall.

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
5th June	10:00	Joanna Beech Helen Stansfeld	Pete to arrange	Pete to arrange	John Stansfeld	Moore
12th June	10:00	Tony Staples Judy Staples	Elaine Highwood Heidi Easby	Helen Stansfeld	John Dutton	Stansfeld
19th June	10:00	Rob Addis Judith Addis	Jeremy Elsom Janice Elsom	John Stansfeld	Debbie Haine	Staples
26th June	17:30	Mack Mehrabian	Tony Staples Joanna Beech	-	Judy Staples	Beech

Flower Rota: June 5th & 12th Sara King; June 19th & 26th Carole Jauncey
Cleaning Rota: Peter & Julia Braggins **Key Rota:** Pete Deaves - 852275

Handover of Church Wardenship

Annual Parochial Church meeting, New Warden elected.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held at St Mary's at the end of April Joanna Beech stood down as church warden after 6 years, the maximum length of time a warden is expected to stand.

Joanna was thanked for her conscientious work during that time, she was given a card and a Tai Haku Cherry tree, which was later delivered to her home. The Tai Haku variety was discovered by Collingwood Ingram from Benenden, in a Sussex garden, after it had died out in Japan, and it was later re-introduced back to Japan. Joanna thanked the PCC and said she had enjoyed her time as warden and had learnt a great deal. She thanked her fellow wardens for all their hard work and wished the new warden well.

John Stansfeld was standing as Church warden for a fifth year and James Highwood had kindly agreed to stand, both were unanimously elected.

Following the election for the Parochial Church

Council, the administrative body that runs the Church, the members of the PCC are now, Rev Pete Deaves, John Stansfeld, James Highwood, Tony Staples, Lay reader, Christopher Page, treasurer, Joanna Beech, PCC secretary, Lindsey Moore, Safeguarding officer and Isobel Mehrabian, with Mike Fitzgerald as our Buildings advisor.

As of the beginning of May there are 91 people on the Church's electoral roll, the people who can vote in the APCM. This roll is open all year, so if you want to have your say next year, then please complete a form and you can be added to the roll.



I give you my Word-le!

Hello folks

The power of words in plain sight, as round the globe the human brain tries to reveal the daily prize: the drama of that mystery Wordle! You won't be bored after you adopt the Wordle habit - but be on guard: you might get irate today...

One place words are centre stage is at a wedding. In front of everyone, the happy couple gives their consent to the other, makes solemn vows, and rings are given, after which they begin their new life together. One of my May highlights was to witness the joining together in lawful union - in other words, the marriage - of lovely local bride and groom Molly and Tyler. Congratulations again Mr & Mrs Elliott, and we pray for God's richest blessings on your new life together, and his power to keep those promises you have made!

There is often great power in words, just think about the sound of someone saying, "I love you!" Or being given those 'You Are Loved!' heart shape biscuits, reminding us of that best known Bible verse John 3:16, and God's great love for the whole human race - yes, you!

The great reign of our gracious and noble queen began with words, as, Bible in her hands, Her Royal Majesty made Oaths, "The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God."

Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God... Queen, Head of the

Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith has indeed kept the faith - it's clear she is a major force for good. She's also moved with the times, and given us cause to smile and laugh: in 2014 she wrote her first tweet, and in 2019 came forth her first Instagram post!

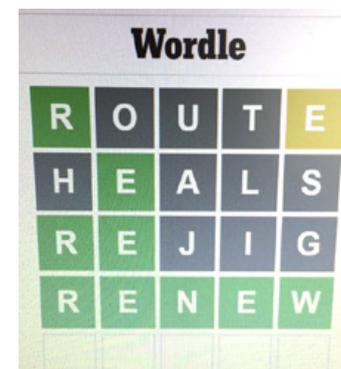
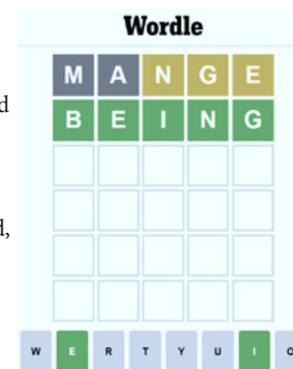
Her king, King Jesus, never wrote a word that we know of, but his words continue to offer hope and bring order and peace - not only to our Queen Elizabeth, but to countless folks across the range of the earth. No wonder, really, as Jesus is known as the Living Word of God: he uniquely reveals to us God the Father.

Long live the Queen... And may her King's light and peace long shine in and throw her and us.

Adieu!

Pete

I blame popsugar.co.uk/tech/wordle-starting-words for loads of the five-letter start words above... well, some of them!!



Sissinghurst & Frittenden Churches Families Together - Summer 2022

IN THE **Summer** TIME



Sun 15th May
4-5:15pm finishing with simple picnic, at Trinity Church TN17 2JL

Sun 19th June
12-2pm for Father's Day fun & craft. Bring a picnic, at Frittenden Recreation Ground

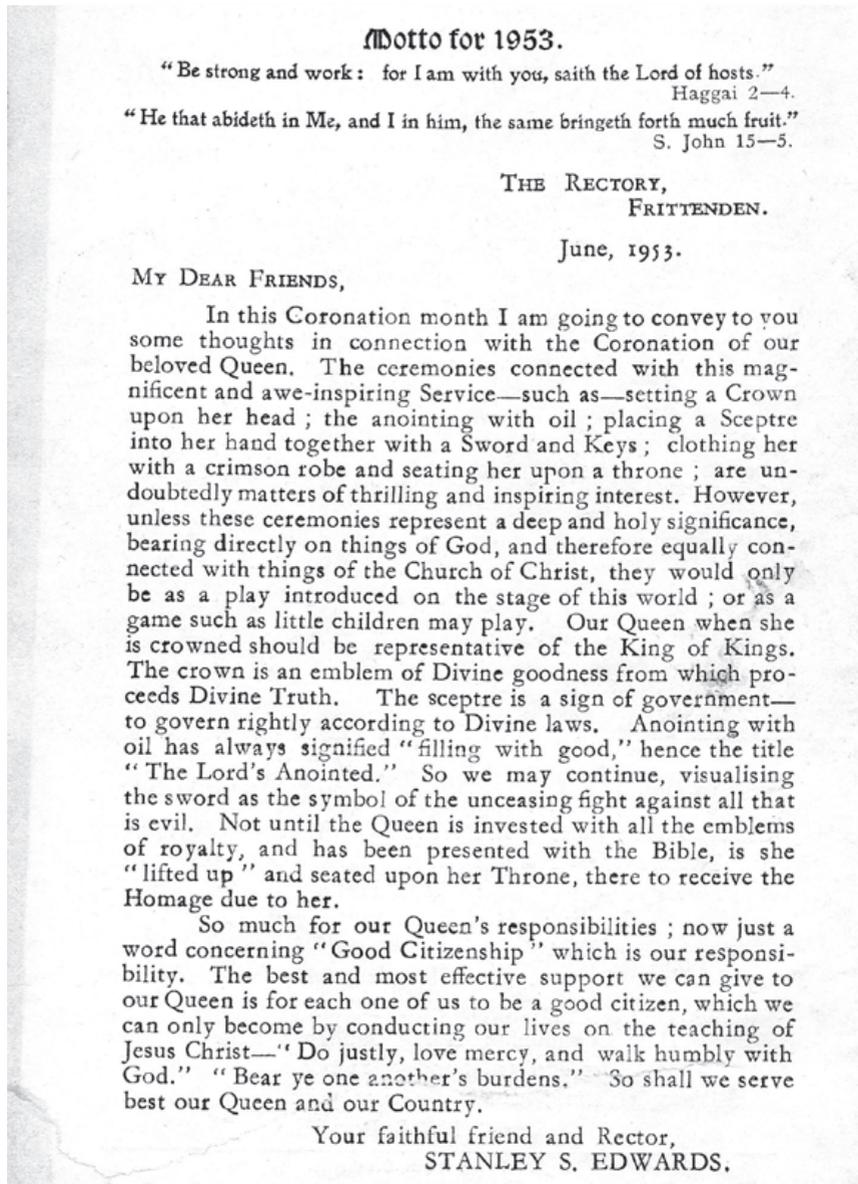
Sun 17th July 2-4pm
Summer Celebration with **Bouncy Castle!** at Trinity Church

More info see church websites...See you there!

ALL WARMLY WELCOME - PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE & SIBLINGS!

Any queries do call Claire or Pete on **01580 852275**

Magazine coronation announcement June 1953 by
The Rector of St Mary's Stanley S. Edwards



We welcome reflections to frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com – a poem, prayer, thought... something to help us pause and reflect. THANK YOU TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

‘My life will always be devoted to your service’



On 6th February Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Thanks to the Historical Society archive for the cover illustration from the June 1953 parish magazine. Included in this magazine is everything you need to know to enjoy the village celebrations in 2022....There is even a special card to remind us all of the dates and times.

Thank you to the GPJ committee for organising such a variety and fun series of events.

James B-C
Editor

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help keep our lovely churchyard looking well cared for? If so please contact James Highwood (852715) or John Stansfeld (852185). We are looking for a team of volunteers to help with mowing and strimming throughout the summer months.

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



Champagne Tour

The MX5 Imposter



Last month saw the Frittenden car club venture out again with a trip across the channel. Destination Epernay, and a champagne tour. After a precise route planned by organiser Keith Palmer was sent to all drivers we met at Sand Lane 6am sharp. Assembled for this tour were 4 classic vehicles from Frittenden and a new (imposter) member, yours truly from Sissinghurst in what Mr Palmer eloquently described as a piece of Jap Cr*p!

So the Alvis (Palmer's), MGB Roadster (Bulbrooks), Lancia Zagato (Collins) and Alpha Romeo Spider (Gilberts) and my beautiful modern classic MX5 set off for the Eurotunnel.

First casualty occurred in no mans land, a point between UK and French customs, slightly south of Folkestone. The Lancia had overheated and steam could be seen coming from the bonnet and Georges ears. Luckily a local speaking Franglais was on hand and we all made it safely to Calais. As the V8 drivers sweated on their fuel consumption we took a leisurely drive to our picnic stop at the

Aire d'Urvillers. After a lengthy lunch we began the run to Chateau Mercier for our tour of one of the larger champagne houses. Now I'm no fluent french speaker but the yellow signs on our prescribed guide saying "ROUTE BARREE" were clear enough, meaning "Closed Road". So we had an hour to make the booked tour slot, about 80Km to travel and no obvious deviation plan. Ah, que the Jap Cr*p! and its owners Sat Nav. Now you need me.

The tour of Mercier was quite incredible. A lift took us 100 ft below ground to a labyrinth of tunnels and associated cellars some 18 Km long. Three million bottles and history dating back to 1858. A fantastic tour with english commentary via headphones.

We stayed overnight at Chateau D'Etoges. Built at the beginning of the 17th century by the Counts of Anglure. A frequent resting place of Louis XIV and Louis XVI.

The next day we travelled to Reims. En route we stopped to sample a small champagne house.

Chateau Sourdét Diot. Producing upto 80,000 bottles a year, we had a personal tour by the owner and her young son. Did you know the grape harvest takes less than 10 days a year to produce this amount. It was at this point one member of the group, who will remain nameless (but he drives a modern classic) realised he had the chateau room key from the night before in his pocket! Luckily the owners of Sourdét Diot knew the owners of D'Etoges and agreed to post it back to them. This may have been helped by Keith's kind gift to them. A bottle of Chapel Down and a Balfour Hush Heath for them to compare to their best Brut.

Overnight in Reims at the Hotel De La Pais. A beautiful modern hotel situated right in the middle of town. We walked to the amazing cathedral Notre-Dame de Reims built between 1211-1275. Founded in the 5th century by the bishop Nicasius, it receives one million visitors annually.

Day 3 return to HQ was slightly delayed as we sat parked on the autoroute due to a closure. However we all made it back safely to Frittenden by 6pm for a well deserved de-brief.

THE MX5 IMPOSTER !
(If you're interested I'll be the last car on parade on Jubilee Day, see you there)



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From the Parish Council

The Queen's Green Canopy

**Anthony Staples, Chairman,
Frittenden Parish Council**

In March we planted a small group of trees in the west corner of the Cricket Field as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. The crab apple and cherry were just breaking into flower when this photo was taken. Trees were funded jointly by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Frittenden Parish Council. We are very grateful to Colin and Janet Highwood for letting us use their field and to Paul Hope and Don Smith for their support on behalf of Frittenden Cricket Club. Craig Smith deserves a special vote of thanks for his professional advice - and for doing most of the work planting them! You can see the trees from the road as you walk or drive by and if you come along to watch the Jubilee Cricket Tournament on Friday 3rd June do take a closer look.



A new seat

Have you seen the new seat opposite Larchmere, in Biddenden Road? It is in memory of a much-loved and well-respected resident, Colin Reeves, and we are very grateful to his family, Valerie, David, and Karen, for donating it. Colin died two years ago, just at the beginning of lockdown. At his memorial service (Wednesday 31st March) we heard some moving tributes to him from members of his family and on



the following weekend the seat was installed by his son, David. The inscription captures Colin's voice so well; you can imagine him politely standing up and offering you his place.

"No, please. Allow me. Thank you."

Do take up his invitation when you pass by. Sit down, relax and remember an old friend.

The Hardship Fund

Two years ago a Hardship Fund was set up to meet needs arising in Frittenden as a result of the impact of Covid and the associated lockdown measures. The fund was administered by the Parish Council but funded by private donation. It was designed to deal with a specific situation so its rules included a deadline date. That deadline came into effect on April 19th 2022. Remaining funds will be distributed in accordance with donors' wishes. Over the life of the fund 11 families were supported and a total of £16,810 was distributed.

While running the fund we found, as expected, that there are people in real need in our village. Unfortunately not all those needs fell within the scope of our fund. At our final Hardship Fund meeting we resolved to explore ways in which these needs could be met in future through a voluntary fund. The beneficiaries would be parishioners who were experiencing financial hardship but whose needs were not covered by government schemes or major charities. Legal restrictions on the powers of parish councils would make it difficult for us to manage a permanent successor fund but the Trustees of the Idenden Trust are looking to meet this need in future.

Captain Swing: riots and revolts

Sue Betts

The fictitious 'Captain Swing' first appeared in 1829 and continued until 1832. He was the figurehead for an uprising of agricultural arson and machine-breaking, and was the signature on many threatening letters sent to farmers. One such read:

'I have a revenge against you and your family and so next Monday night at about 12 o'clock both you and your house will be burnt. Thomas Swing'

The Swing movement brought a series of mass demonstrations among the poor and labouring classes that broke out across a broad swathe of southern England and into the Midlands. When their initial appeals for help failed, tempers frayed and led to a policy of intimidation. Banners displayed at Marden, Staplehurst and Frittenden demanded 'Bread or Blood', redolent of the French Revolution, and an early Swing letter received in Maidstone was sealed with blood.

Rioters were primarily landless farm labourers on daily or weekly wage contracts. They lived in extreme poverty, worsened by a failed harvest in 1829 and the severe winter of 1829-30. At Frittenden, out of a population of 799, just under half were considered paupers, the fifth highest level out of 16 Wealden parishes.

During the winter of 1830-1 almost 3000 riots took place across southern England, protesters believing they were defending traditional rights and customs. The outbreak in Kent started in 1830, triggered as much by poor harvests, rising grain prices, and changes to the agricultural work and wage patterns during winter months, as by mechanisation. The impact on agricultural wages had been dramatic, with a decline of nearly 50% between 1825 and 1829, and the threat from mechanisation was therefore a colossal blow. Threshing machines took away much of the labourers' winter employment, especially as machines were often hired with specialist operators who travelled with the machine from village to village.

Although arson was the primary weapon used by labourers, thousands of threshing machines were destroyed and did not return in anything like the same numbers for at least a generation. Locally, there was enough unrest for two troops of cavalry to be stationed in



Cranbrook in November 1830 and, a few days later, a troop of 25 Dragoons was moved to Goudhurst, where the Riot Act was read.

Under the law of 1827, seven years' transportation was prescribed for destruction of a machine, and the death penalty for firing a hay rick. Magistrates, who understood the background to the riots and recognised the labourers' 'right to work', initially passed lesser sentences which gave a popular perception that machine-breaking was a quasi-legitimate activity not subject to the wrath of law. As a result, Kent was accused of being too lenient and a special commission was set up to try prisoners in the worst affected counties. Nevertheless, out of a total of 1,976 prisoners, only 19 of the 252 sentenced to death were in fact executed, with a surprising 800 being acquitted or bound over.

Swing was initially successful in pushing both wages and relief entitlements higher, although in the course of 1831 wages fell back to pre-Swing levels and poor relief became increasingly parsimonious.

Well aware of events across the Channel with the second French Revolution of 1830, many believed the riots signalled that England too was on the brink of revolution: this fear played a pivotal role in the success of the Great Reform Act 1832, which was an important step in the development of UK parliamentary democracy.

In Frittenden, in the 15 years after 1830, a combination of increased hardship benefits paid by the Idenden Charity; the provision of land for allotments for labourers; and lastly, the opening of the village school; all contributed to greater social harmony.

This talk, given by Phil Betts, marked the end of this season's Historical Society meetings. They will resume in October, on the last Tuesday of each month.

Spectators Welcome

Tim Bull timbull@aol.com

24th April v East Sutton (away).

Frittenden batted first. With wickets falling around him, Mark Handley played a winning hand, scoring 71. Charles Dobson then made 58 in concert with Nic Rodreigo, who was left stranded on 49 not out when Frittenden were all out for 247. East Sutton's Tragett and Edmed scored half centuries, but they were restricted to 202 - 6 off their 40 overs. Craig Smith and Nic took 2 wickets each, Bill Totterdell and Chamil Almeida got the others, and Mark Handley held two catches. Frittenden won by 45 runs.

1st May v Great Chart (home)

Great Chart, asked to bat first on a lively pitch, lost their openers early, and never recovered. All the Frittenden bowlers contributed: 1 for Nic, 2 for Bill and Craig, 2 for Wayne Totterdell and Andrew Burns, and 1 for Chamil, as Great Chart were dismissed for 110. Chamil led Frittenden's reply with 61 not out, supported by Craig (18) and Mark (20). Frittenden won by 8 wickets with 20 overs to spare.

8th May v Holcombe & Blue Bell Hill (league, home)

Frittenden won the toss and inserted Holcombe on a low pitch. Nic ran through the top order taking 4-17, and effected a run-out. However, he could not remove L Short, who made 93 not out, the mainstay of the visitors total of 151-7. Opening for Frittenden, Chamil made 26, but the rest of the top order fell around him. Nic and Charles mounted a fight-back, the latter making 26 before being bowled, while Nic was out for 47. With eight overs to go, and the last pair at the wicket, Frittenden need 13 runs to win. Wayne battled to 14 not out, but Andrew was eventually bowled, leaving us agonisingly short as Holcombe won by 5 runs.

13th May v Ajax CC of Leiden (home)

Ajax of Leiden, in the Netherlands, were welcomed for a return visit during their Kent tour. They put Frittenden in to bat in an evening T20 match. Youngsters Noah Middleton and (wicketkeeper) Tom Young opened for Frittenden, putting on 38 before Noah was run out for 24. Tom went on to top score with 48, supported in the key partnership of the match by Wayne (19 not out). Frittenden closed on 116 - 4. Bill Totterdell opened the bowling and removed both openers; guest players Ben Galloway and Luke Middleton took wickets, as did Craig, Wayne, and "bionic"

veteran Don Smith. Ajax were restricted to 89-9, Frittenden winning by 27 runs. After suitable post-match presentations and toasts both teams retired to the Bell & Jorrock's for a hearty supper.

15th May Frittenden v Kings Hill (league, home)

Frittenden, missing several league regulars, had a more mature line-up than usual: batters 9, 10 and 11 having a combined age of 193. These club legends could only watch as their teammates struggled against a tight bowling attack, subsiding to 21 - 5 after 13 overs. Wayne, enjoying a run of form with bat, partnered opener Chamil to haul the score to 50, before the latter was c&b for 23 in the 24th. Charles showed customary aggression, hitting 14 in no time, but was bowled before he could repair the damage. With Wayne out for 15, and the legends contributing 3 runs between them, Frittenden made 69 all out. Any hope of an upset was snuffed out as Kings Hill's openers seized on anything short or overpitched to race to a 10 wicket victory in just 8 overs.



Wayne Totterdell has been enjoying success with the bat

Frittenden Fixtures

- 1st May Frittenden v Great Chart
- 8th May Frittenden v Holcombe & Blue Bell Hill (league)
- 15th May Frittenden v Kings Hill (league)
- 22nd May Egerton v Frittenden
- 29th May Horton Kirby v Frittenden (league)
- 3rd June Jubilee Celebration: the Nora Bearsby Challenge Cup Six a side tournament
- 5th June Lydd v Frittenden
- 12th June Sherwood v Frittenden (league)
- 19th June Frittenden v Rolvenden
- 26th June Frittenden v Borden (league)

Spectators welcome!

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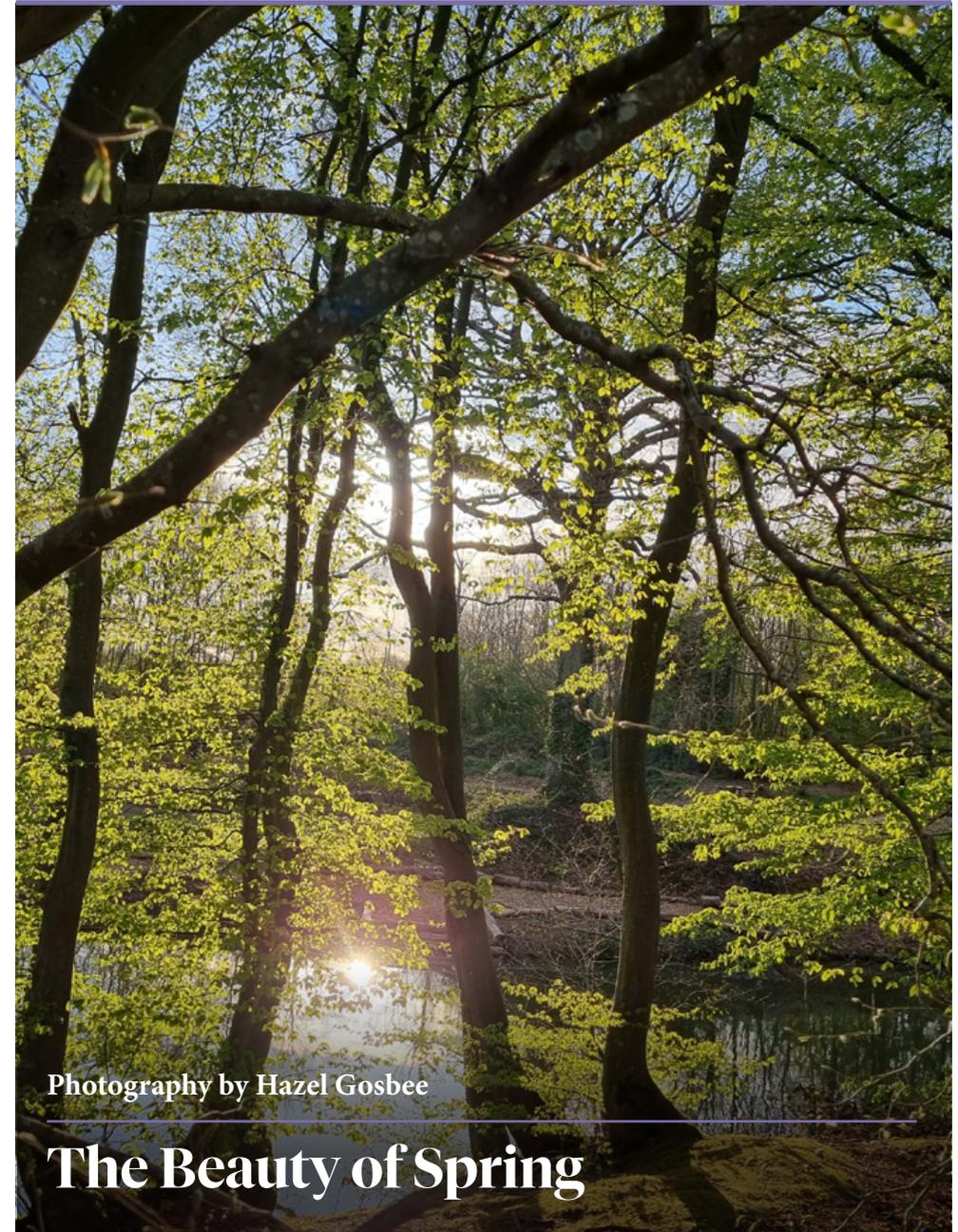
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The Beauty of Spring

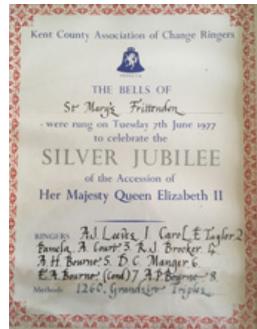
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A Royal Occasion!

Rebecca Steele



Fifty years ago, on 7 June 1977, the bells of St Mary's, Frittenden, rang a quarter peal in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years since the Queen's accession to the throne. The bells rang a series of 1,260 changes of a method called Grandsire Triples. This would have taken around 45 minutes and no single sequence of bells would have been rung twice in that time.



Church bells have long been associated with important occasions and events that effect the country. Bells are rung out across the English countryside to mark deaths, weddings and celebrations for monarchs and commoners alike. By now everyone will be aware that June marks Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, celebrating her 70 years' service as our head of state. It is planned that Frittenden Bells will be attempting another quarter peal, on Thursday 2nd June, repeating the quarter peal that was rung in 1977. Pam Manger, then Pamela Court, is due to repeat the same method that she rang forty five years ago.



It is recorded that, in the 18th century, the medieval church of St Mary's had a peal of four bells. These were recast into six bells by Thomas Mears at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1803 and 1804. Another two bells were added in 1847 to make a ring of eight. In 1928 the Gillett & Johnston bell foundry, based in Croydon, recast all eight bells into the current ring of eight bells that we enjoy today.

Bells are made from bell metal, a bronze alloy of copper and tin, typically, 78% copper, 22% tin. The higher tin content increases the rigidity of the metal, and increases the resonance. However too much tin may result in the bell being too rigid, and cause it to crack when struck. Although the bells have been overhauled and recast, it is likely that the bell metal from Frittenden's 18th century bells is the same bell metal that rings out across Frittenden today.

If you are interested in finding out more about bell ringing, then Frittenden Bell Ringers practice on Monday evenings 7:30pm until 9:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Please do come along to the tower or get in contact if you would like to find out more.



You can now also keep up to date with our news on both FaceBook and Instagram through the links below:
www.facebook.com/FrittendenBellRingers
www.instagram.com/FrittendenBellRingers

It's asparagus season again...

Rebecca Brown

It's asparagus season again and this year we're taking a brief look at the history of this delicacy. Asparagus has a long pedigree, and was known across the Ancient Western world. The oldest recipe is found in *De Re Coquinaria* ('On Cookery'), compiled by the Roman writer Apicius, probably during the fourth-fifth centuries AD, though he was probably recording food that had already been in the repertoire of the classical world for many years.

Asparagus appears again in the written record in Europe around the C15th and by the C17th it had made the leap into immortality by featuring in the diary of Samuel Pepys, who in April 1667 noted that he had 'brought home with me from Fenchurch St [London] a hundred of sparrowgrass, cost 18d. We had them and a little bit of salmon, which my wife had a mind to...'

In 1765, a Welsh recipe book recommended asparagus soup, made with 100 asparagus spears and 2 lettuces boiled until tender in 6 pints of water, then blended and boiled for a further 2-3 hours(!) before adding cream and flour. Perhaps the intention was a slow simmer to reduce the volume?

Mrs Beeton's *Cookery Book* (1st published in 1861)

contains several asparagus recipes, including one for a boiled pudding, which must have made something like a Yorkshire pudding containing asparagus and ham. She noted, too, that whilst in season from April to July, asparagus was also available tinned all year round. This is still the case today, of course, but now is the season to eat it fresh.

So if you fancy a little historical experiment, here's Apicius' recipe for

Asparagus Stewed in Wine

- 1lb chopped asparagus
- c.1½ pints of white wine
- pinch ground pepper
- 1 tsp each of chopped lovage, coriander and summer savoury
- 1 medium chopped onion
- c.½ pint of veg stock
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 egg yolk

Mince the chopped raw asparagus, then soak in the wine for ½ hour.

Strain off and discard about half the wine, then mix the pureed asparagus with the pepper, herbs, onion, stock, oil and the rest of the wine, and simmer for 15 mins.

Thicken with the egg yolk towards the end. Sprinkle with ground pepper before serving.

Not for you? Well, just be grateful I didn't offer the previous recipe in the same book, for Celery and Calves' Brains with Egg Sauce...



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Gosbee's Gossip

Lester Gosbee

I am sure that most readers would have read about or seen reports about a remarkable young lady called Deborah James, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer 5 years ago, at the age of 35.

She set up a podcast to bring awareness of this horrible disease. Deborah used the name



'Bowelbabe', and when she announced that she was receiving end of life care, she set up a JustGiving page to raise more money for Cancer Research UK, raising money to fund clinical trials and research into personalised medicine for cancer patients and supporting campaigns to raise awareness of bowel cancer. At the time of writing, the fund stands at

£6,214,928. Deborah has now quite rightly been made a Dame. She has made amazing memories for her family, creating memory boxes, letters and presents for her young children for future years. Sadly, in recent years, at least 6 people that I know have been affected by this dreadful disease. If caught early, it is very treatable with surgery, often not even requiring radiotherapy or chemotherapy.

On a lighter note, a couple of weeks ago, Hazel and I went for a day out on the Belmond British Pullman steam train. Hazel organised it for my Christmas present. We set off from Victoria Station in London and it took us on a loop through London, South Essex, the Surrey Hills and back to Victoria. The train itself dated back to 1928, and we had an amazing 5 course champagne lunch on

the way. It was the ultimate in luxury, pure elegance. The staff couldn't do enough for us, it really was the trip of a lifetime. We agreed that we wouldn't fancy the pea and courgette soup again though! I would definitely recommend it for a very special occasion. We also found out that they do different destinations too, including parts of Europe.

A couple of belated birthdays. Elliott Cullingworth (Heather's son), turned 21 on 16th May. Ann Holroyd was 80 on 12th May. Ann is the President of the Women's Institute, and also involved with the Platinum Jubilee Committee. Speaking of which, the Committee are working hard to make it a weekend to remember, with celebrations in many different formats. Anne, Tony and Judy Staples, Heather

Cullingworth, Jackie and Chris Brown, Mike Fitzgerald, Barbara Dunn, Rosalind Riley and Rosie Croucher have all done sterling work on our behalf. Also, none of it would be possible without Mike Cooper and the Tent Team, who put up the marquees. Any help would be gratefully received. Please call Mike on 01580 852108. Also thanks to our wonderful Editor James Booth-Clibborn and his team for coverage and advertising in our magazine.

There are a couple of special birthdays coming up in the family this year. My brother in law George Collins's daughter Pippa will be 18 on 2nd July. Pippa is going to University in the Autumn to study architecture. Heather's partner Mark Plummer will be 60 on the same day, 2nd July. Mark is a long suffering Leeds United fan. Will Leeds remain in the Premier Division?. Wishing Pippa and Mark a great day.

The 'woke' society are changing the works of some of our nursery rhymes because they say that they

are not suitable for today's children, Baa, Baa Black Sheep, Little Miss Muffet and Three Blind ice to name a few. I think that this is very sad. You cannot change history or historical events because they could offend someone. We need to learn from history, not erase it.

I enjoyed the Eurovision Song Contest this year. It was won by Ukraine, not so much about the song, more about Putin's war with Ukraine, but good to see countries supporting Ukraine, a show of solidarity.

Sadly, today I learnt of the passing of long term Frittenden resident Sue Jenner. I'm sure that many will join me in sending condolences to her family at this sad time.

Joke time, Why was the clock at the Buffet always wrong?.....It kept going back four seconds. I told my wife that she needs to embrace her mistakes....so she gave me a hug.



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Anthony got his wish...

Becky Bruce

Well ... it happened, our lovely Anthony got his 'Wish' and was able to take to the air from Headcorn Aerodrome thanks to the help of Phil Collins and his wife and the pilot and owner of the aircraft, Tony de St Croix.

It was a beautiful day, and as he told me afterwards he got to see the most lovely

sights. He loved looking down as he was above the clouds – which were puffy so were gaps inbetween. His brother in law, Aubrey, joined him for the



flight and was able to take some smashing photos. Also, he got a fabulous view of some of our wonderful Coastline as well as seeing our spectacular country with all the fields and sheep dotted everywhere. The instructor told him and Aubrey what he was doing step by step throughout the flight through headphones plus he gave a lovely commentary on the sights they were flying over. Anthony's Mother and sister were on the ground with myself cheering them on. We were fortunate enough to see a Spitfire take off and land as well as a de Havilland. In fact, Anthony's aircraft taxied down the runway following the Spitfire! They must have had a vision of what it would have been like back in the day.

We had a wonderful day at 'Slap N Dash' last month at Hawkhurst Fisheries.

Each resident created a masterpiece that (after being baked in oven) they got to take home. Some did mugs others did plates or bowls. Each with delightful



creative patterns they chose themselves. They even got to put their paint brushes down for a spot of lunch at the River Café which was next door, where they had a lovely view of the lake and could scoff on fish and chips and other such delights!

Also, here are a couple of 'sneak previews' of Crowns the residents are making for the Jubilee celebrations in June. It is an ongoing project throughout the month so they can add jewels and such like when they feel their crown needs adding too. What fun!



The Jubilee schedule that Frittenden have put together looks amazing and hopefully our residents can join in some of the events and by all accounts the Summer looks set to be a good one (Lester ??) xxxxxx

Very sadly since writing this article Anthony has passed away. Our thoughts and love are with his family. He was a beautiful human being and loved by all.

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Tales from the Town Hall

The local elections last week saw the Conservative party decimated in the borough of Tunbridge Wells. Sixteen seats were up for grabs, but this didn't include Frittenden and Sissinghurst which will be contested in 2023. I had been asked to sit in the cabinet about 12 months ago and have hugely enjoyed the bigger responsibilities. My portfolio worked a great deal with other bodies such as housing groups, the NHS, well being charities and KCC. I had recently been asked to take over the waste contract responsibility and successfully negotiated the reintroduction of the black bin collections. However May 5th saw the conservative candidates only winning 2 out of a possible 16 wards. Both of these seats were incumbents and no new seats were won. 8 were lost.

We lost control of the council and therefore the leadership and the cabinet. I have really enjoyed the last 12 months and have been given a much greater insight to the workings of local government. The council now

has the following numbers representing residents. Liberal Democrats 16 (from 12), Conservatives 13 (from 21), Tunbridge Wells Alliance 9 (from 6), Labour 7 (from 5) and Independents 3 (3)

So what does that mean? The Lib Dems as the largest group will be able to form a coalition and appoint a leader who will in turn form a cabinet.

My time will be as a back bencher representing Frittenden and Sissinghurst.

I have been involved organising the Queens Jubilee "Big Village Picnic" in Sissinghurst on Sat 4th June. I know Frittenden have organised an action packed 4 days and I hope to see and speak to many of you on the Sunday.

Have a great long bank holiday celebration and please support our local events that many have worked so hard to arrange.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require assistance in any council matters.

Cheers all

Andy Fairweather TWBC Ward of Frittenden and Sissinghurst 07976 290185
andrew.fairweather@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

Idenden Charity – Cost of Living Scheme

The Idenden Charity has served the community of Frittenden since 1566. The Charity has six trustees, is overseen by the Parish Council, and regulated by the Charity Commission.

Following the closure of the COVID Hardship Fund, it is proposed that the Charity administer a Cost-of-Living Fund, initially for a period of two years. As with the COVID Fund, this would be funded by donations from residents. These funds would form part of the Charity's accounts but would be separately identifiable from the existing Idenden funds.

Depending upon the total sum donated to the scheme, an applicant's household could receive up to £500 in any 12-month period. This would normally be by a regular monthly payment to be used to alleviate extraordinary price increases, e.g. heating, electricity, food, essential transport expenses.

The Charity would prefer applicants to be sponsored by a local organisation, e.g. Parish Council, Church, WI etc. To this end, the Idenden Charity has asked each parish organisations if they would be prepared to be part of the scheme and, if so, to nominate a point of contact. Grants would be subject to completion of a confidential application. Application forms would include an indication of the household's monthly expenditure and likely shortfall in income.

Grants would be made at the sole discretion of the Idenden Trustees who would meet on a monthly basis. Grants could also be made on an emergency basis subject to the agreement of a minimum of three Trustees. However, the scheme would not fund: repayment of credit card debts incurred before 24 February 2022; an IVA or debt management solution; tuition fees or maintenance during study; or unspecified costs.

If you wish to make a donation, which would be confidential, to the Scheme you can do so by cheque, made payable to the "Idenden Charity" or by means of a bank transfer to (details available upon request). As a charity it is hoped that donations will attract Gift Aid which would boost the funds received by 25% and donors will be sent the appropriate form. Any funds remaining when the Scheme is closed, will be returned pro rata to donors unless requested otherwise.

Further details of the Fund and application forms are available from:

Phil Betts 852243
Heather Cullingworth 852340
Sean Croucher 852415
or by Email: thomasidenden@outlook.com.

The winners of the Memorial Hall Prize Draw

MAY 2022 DRAW

1st Prize	£20.00	No.4	Mike Fitzgerald
2nd Prize	£15.00	No.12	Terry Walpole
3rd Prize	£10.00	No.29	Hazel Gosbee

As you know half of the monthly ticket proceeds are divided between three prize winners and the other half goes towards the upkeep of the Frittenden Memorial Hall.

If you haven't managed to get around to completing a Membership Form yet, but would like to join, please email me at: shop@acornsstores.co.uk or give me a ring on 01580 852563 and I will get one to you. You can pay by cash, cheque or by bank transfer (details on the form). As we are exactly half way through the year, there are six draws left, so the Subscription until the end of the year is £6.00 per person.

Thank you for reading this and Good Luck!

Eileen Bridges Organiser



Kent Kindness is a small charity which offers lessons in English language and customs to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, UASC.

These are all boys aged 16 or 17 who are held in two Reception Centres in Kent, one in south

Ashford and one near Cranbrook. These boys stay in these Centres until the Home Office arranges their transfer into the community, which can be anywhere in the UK. This can take a week or a few weeks. These boys are just like the teenage boys we know here in our community; fun, intelligent, mostly keen to learn but not very good at getting up in the morning.

Kent Kindness is looking for more volunteers to help us with these classes which take place between 10 and 12 o'clock each weekday morning.

The one stipulation, set by KCC, is that all our volunteers have to be 25+. If you think you might be interested please email me on contact@kentkindness.org.uk.

Thank you for reading this.

Jo Taylor



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Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in Frittenden

At the beginning of the year the Parish Council invited people to suggest ways to celebrate the Queen's 70-year-long reign. Since then a group of 11 of us have been co-ordinating a series of events and activities which incorporate most of the ideas originally put forward. A summary of the activities planned for the four-day bank holiday weekend is included as an insert to this magazine. Do have a look – there are things to interest people of all ages at some point over the weekend. The events are either free or at a very modest cost as we want to ensure that as many people as possible can join in the fun. In the main body of the magazine you'll see details of all the events organised by Applause, starting with puppetry on the Jubilee weekend and continuing with other events throughout the month.

Jubilee Weekend events you need to book in advance:

- The Village Supper: 6.30 pm, Saturday 4th June, in the Village Playing Field Marquees. If you haven't booked yet contact Chris or Jackie Brown (01580 852452) as soon as possible.
- Puppetry Workshop: 2.00 pm, Saturday 4th June. As places are limited you will need to book in advance, either via www.frittendenevents.co.uk or in person at

the Bell and Jorrockes. See the section on Applause events for more details.

For the Jubilee Concert (7.30 pm, Friday June 3rd, in St Mary's Church) you can buy tickets in advance from Judy and Tony Staples (01580 852226) but there will be tickets available at the door. There are more details of the concert in this magazine.

Historical Society Exhibition

The first event of the weekend will be the opening of the Historical Society's exhibition on Thursday 2nd June at 2.00 pm in the Memorial Hall. The exhibition will feature life in Frittenden going back to the start of the Queen's reign as well as national events. It will remain in the Hall on Friday and move to a marquee in the Village Playing Field for Saturday and Sunday. Do come and have a look – if you've been to our Historical Society's exhibitions before you'll know how informative and well-presented they are.

Beacon Lighting and Lantern Processions – some changes

On the Thursday evening there will be Lantern Processions starting from various points in the village and converging on the field behind the War Memorial where the village beacon is sited.

The Beacon will be lit at 9.45 pm. This is the time set for beacon lighting nationally. Unfortunately the information we had been given earlier was incorrect. As the beacon will not be lit until 9.45 the lantern procession times have been adjusted. Groups will set off from:

The Memorial Hall at 9.15 pm:

The junction of Biddenden Road and Sand Lane at 9.15 pm, and

Valence View at 9.25 pm

The other change is that there will be no Lantern Workshop in the afternoon but Jackie and Chris Brown are kindly providing 100 paper lanterns which will be given out at the three starting points. If you were looking forward to making your own you could still do so but for safety reasons please do not use glass or other breakable containers and use battery-operated tea lights – no candles or naked flames. You can find downloadable templates on the internet, for example at <https://www.thecrafttrain.com/mini-paper-lanterns-with-printable-template/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RzRMxTrGd0>.

Competitions

There are three competitions for you to use your imagination and show off your creative skills:

Decorated tables

If you are going to the Village Supper come along and decorate your table any time from 2.00 pm on the afternoon of Saturday 4th June. Tables will be judged at 4.30 pm with a prize for the best!

Pudding competition

Create a pudding (ie a dessert) fit for a queen! Bring it along to the Village Lunch in the Village Playing Field on Sunday 5th June; but don't start eating it until "The Queen" has had a chance to see it, just after her arrival at 1.15 pm. Make sure your dish is named underneath – the

name should not be visible. Each dish will be given a number and a prize will be awarded to the best. Good luck!

Crown competition

Design a beautiful crown and bring or wear it to the Village Lunch on Sunday 5th June. Contestants may be asked to parade in their crowns at 2.00 pm, when "The Queen" will judge your creation and award prizes. There will be two categories:

- 1) children up to and including 11;
- 2) adults, and children 12 and over.

Sunday's Programme

Sunday's programme starts with a Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in church, to which everyone is very welcome. After that join us for lunch in the Village Playing Field and the rest of the day we are in the Field; there will be with a range of food available to purchase, a licensed bar and light refreshments, classic cars, including a very special one for "The Queen" to arrive in, lots of children's games organised by the School and Pre-school, a Tug o' war and a chance to buy plants at the Gardening Society stall.

Join us for this special celebration.

...and finally

Don't forget to decorate your homes and gardens!

Let's see houses decorated for the Jubilee Weekend and gardens planted with red, white and blue flowers, preferably where passers-by can see, enjoy and admire them throughout the summer.

From the QPJ Committee



Jubilee celebrations



The Bell and Jorrocks will be providing refreshments on the jubilee celebrations



Sunday 12.30pm - 3.30pm we will be providing a Bar, Hog Roast and BBQ, veggie options also available. Just bring a blanket or chair, sit back and relax and soak up the atmosphere or join in fun.

P.s don't forget to be there early for arrival of HRH.

Team B&J

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Jubilee Concert, Friday 3rd June

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And, as we've done in the past, we'll be interspersing the music with a variety of readings, both serious and light-hearted.

Younger and not-so-young performers and readers will be delighted to have your

company for the evening. Children from older primary school age upwards are welcome to come along too, with a parent.

Admission prices are modest – £5 adults, and young people 16 and above. Younger children free.

Tickets from Judy and Tony Staples, tel 01580 852226, email judith_staples@hotmail.com anthonystaples@btinternet.com

Interval refreshments will be served.

Save the date – we look forward to seeing you there!

Judy Staples

Jubilee Cricket Match



Friday 3rd June
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Get tickets at www.frittendenevents.co.uk or in person at the Bell and Jorrocks. YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET EVEN IF THERE IS NO CHARGE. As always, proceeds from the shows go to the Memorial Hall fund. Details of each show follow.

The grant also supports much of the cost of the Jubilee celebrations in Frittenden as well as contributing to the cost of a new portable stage and new sound, lighting and projection equipment that will enhance productions in the successfully reimaged Memorial Hall.

We are very grateful to the following for funding: Arts Council England who awarded the grant through the Kent Community Foundation, an anonymous donor, the Frittenden Historical Society and the Frittenden Tent Team.



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Lisa Wolfe

Frittenden Memorial Hall, Saturday 4th June at 2pm

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The Foundry Group present a musical comedy:

Lord God

The latest vintage-inspired slice of Englishness from the engagingly skewed Foundry Group... Clever Gilbert & Sullivan-esque lyrics and sparky lines... Sweet, gentle, full of heart... a huge hit with the crowd.
Philippa Hammond, Sussex Playrights Reviews.

When the Lord God is persuaded by His retainer and chief-cook-and-bottle-washer Gabriel to take an incognito holiday in a Devonshire seaside hotel (largely to get Him out from under His angels' feet), He looks forward to a fortnight of tennis, tea on the terrace and the latest Agatha Christie. But the presence of campaigning atheist Professor 'Minty' Tweddle and her fiance, hard-to-please theatre critic Rex Addison, leads to all manner of supernatural scrapes, japes and narrow escapes and the invention of a hot new global dance craze.

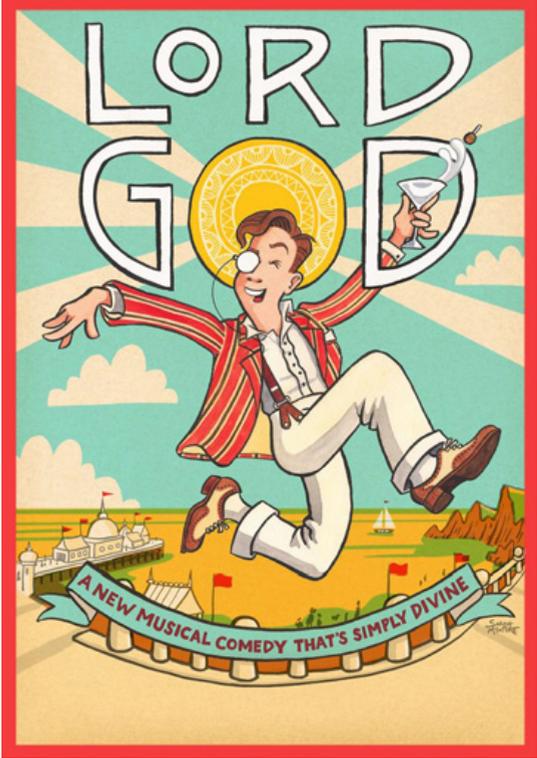
Can our hero persuade Minty He really exists? Can He solve the Problem of Evil before breakfast? What exactly is Rex Addison up to? Will Gabriel step in once more to save the Almighty's bacon?

From best-selling author Philip Reeve (Mortal Engines) and award-winning playwright and composer Brian Mitchell (Those Magnificent Men).

Starring Joanna Neary (Ideal), Murray Simon (The Ministry of Biscuits) and Emma Wingrove (Sweethearts & The Hooligan)

Classic songs and tippity-top performances. Plus some rhyming that made my toes curl with pleasure! It was delicious. Terry Garoghan (Brighton and Hove - The Musical)

Had me crying with laughter! Whole show was brilliant. Ian Shaw (The Shark is Broken)



Frittenden Memorial Hall, Saturday 11th June at 8pm

Bar opens at 7.30pm. Tickets: Adult £6. Youngsters (18 and under) and those on low income or accompanying a wheelchair user: free (but must be booked).

Tickets at www.frittendenevents.co.uk and in person at the Bell and Jorrocks Box Office. Seating unreserved. Suitable for age 7+.



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Great Ideas By Geniuses is the greatest invention in human history - because it's got them all in it

Frittenden Memorial Hall Sunday 19th June at 3pm

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Warblers and Whitethroats

Rebecca Warren

May and June are a wonderful time to hear our migrant warblers, the blackcap and the whitethroat. Both have beautiful, varied calls, but the blackcap's is more melodious. The whitethroat, by contrast, has a high-pitched, slightly scratchy song, repeating short phrases over and again. There is some speculation that whitethroats may also pick up and repeat snatches of song from birds they live alongside in their winter quarters in Africa.

During the spring, male whitethroats will find a perch at the top of shrubs or trees, from where they belt out their songs to claim their territories. In silhouette, they often have a slight but distinctive crest at the backs of their heads. Indeed, although

they are easy to dismiss as LBJs ('little brown jobs'), male whitethroats are actually rather handsome, sporting rich brown feathers on their backs, dark grey heads and a bright white throat above a grey belly.

These cheerful warblers are still relatively common but their numbers are always vulnerable to changing circumstances; in 1968 a severe drought in sub-Saharan Africa resulted in the loss of c.90% of our whitethroat population. Their numbers have slowly recovered but climate change will no doubt challenge the survival of these dear little birds. For now, however, you may well have them in your garden (if only you could spot them!). Enjoy them now - by early October they'll be off again on their c.3500 km journey south.

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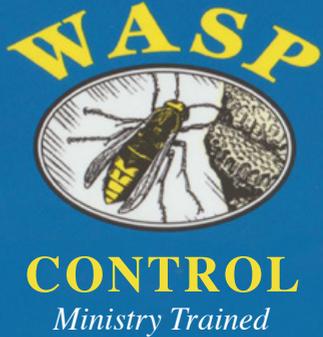
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What is a jubilee?

Colin Bullock

What is a jubilee? Where did the word come from?

A jubilee is a particular anniversary of an event, usually denoting the 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th and the 70th anniversary. Originally of biblical origin, the term is now used to denote the celebrations associated with the reign of a monarch after a milestone number of years have passed.

Jubilee first appeared in the English language in the 14th century, it came to us from Old French 'jubileu', which meant anniversary or rejoicing. (In Modern French, the word is 'jubile'.)

Travelling through Old Latin into the Hebrew language where word for Jubilee is 'yobhel' which literally translates to "a trumpet or a ram's horn. The original Hebrew jubilee was the year of emancipation of slaves and the restoration of lands, to be celebrated every 50th years (Levit. Xxv:9) by the sounding of a ram's horn on the day of Atonement. This cemented the meaning of jubilee as a celebration which has endured during its journey into English.

A form of the word was altered in Latin by association with 'iubilare' meaning to shout with

joy which has given us the now popular word "jubilant."

The general sense of "rejoicing" is first recorded in the mid-15th century in England, however through the early 20th century the word kept its specific association with 50th anniversaries.

Here are todays officially recognised jubilee milestones:-

- Silver jubilee, for a 25th anniversary.
- Ruby jubilee, for a 40th anniversary.
- Golden jubilee, for a 50th anniversary.
- Diamond jubilee, for a 60th anniversary.
- Sapphire jubilee, for a 65th anniversary
- Platinum jubilee, for a 70th anniversary.

Here's a fun fact, the jubilee line of the London Underground was fully opened in 1979 and was the newest line of the Underground system. To commemorate this occasion of the Queen's silver jubilee, it was decided to name it the Jubilee Line and that's why it's that nice silver colour on the Tube map!

So, our very own Queen Elizabeth is this year marking her Platinum Jubilee, no less than 70 years on the throne, which is a remarkable achievement, so we should all be "iujilare" and shout with joy to help Her Majesty celebrate this auspicious occasion!

Helen Grant

MP for Maidstone and the Weald

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GB Players to watch this year

Jack Draper at age 20 is making a good start to the year, he turned pro in 2018 and has been consistently rising in the world rankings during 2022 (106). He's certainly one to watch at Wimbledon.

Emma Radacanu continues to impress, she performed very well at the Madrid Open recently, her first tournament on clay and again in the Billie Jean cup in April; sadly, the GB team lost their qualifier to the Czech Republic.

Dates for your diary

The Wimbledon Championship starts on 27th June – 10th July

Davis Cup (Group D final) 14-18th September in Glasgow

Notice to all Parents ; The LTA Youth programme looks like a good deal

If you're a parent looking to get your kids into tennis, then our LTA Youth Start programme is the perfect way to introduce them to the game. Designed for kids aged 4-11 years who are new to tennis the course teaches kids new life skills, developing them as both players and people. For £29.99 (+£5 P&P) your kids will get six-weeks of lessons, plus a tennis racket, a set of balls and a branded t-shirt.

How to join the Tennis club

New players always welcome memberships fees have been held at the same price as in recent years (Family £45, Singles £25, Concessions £15)

If you wish to join email Frittenden_Tennis@outlook.com or see the Frittenden Community Facebook page

Compost and dogs – Important Information

Heather Cullingworth

I wanted to highlight the dangers of home compost which can be highly toxic to dogs as my poor dog 'Nancy' had a horrible experience last weekend, probably after eating toxic matter from my compost bin. She started having tremors and after several minutes had another one and then they became more frequent. I took her to the emergency vet on Saturday evening in Newnham Court where she was quickly assessed by a vet who asked if she'd been near compost because she was showing signs of toxic poisoning. They had to induce vomiting to empty her stomach amongst doing other tests and observed her for some time. We took her home but in the early hours she had a severe fit and we hurried back to the emergency vet. He said the fits may not be connected but gave some medication to administer if she had a second fit. She did have a second severe fit 5 hours later so the medication was given straight afterwards and luckily; she hasn't had anymore but time will tell. We are hoping that the fits were connected to the poisoning and that she will not have any more. Nancy was saved because we didn't delay taking her to the vet. Please be compost aware so your dog doesn't have to experience toxic poisoning, it can be lethal.

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I have had to scout around this month; it looks as if local concert promoters have kept clear of June because of Jubilee celebrations – certainly early June seems bereft of anything except parties. However, here is what I have found:

Sat 18th June 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, the Maidstone Singers' extended choir offer a Queen's Platinum Jubilee concert which includes 4 coronation anthems. Tickets 07802 575656

Also on 18th June at 7.30pm, but at Canterbury Cathedral you may like Beethoven's Missa Solemnis with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Canterbury Choral Society and Canterbury Choral Society Youth Choir. Tickets Tel: 01227 457568 or email Boxoffice@canterburyfestival.co.uk. Note NO tickets at the door.

Sat 25th June 7.30pm at St George's Church, Church St., Gravesend DA11 0DJ, Gravesham Choral Society present "English Favourites", a concert of choral music by some of our all-time favourite composers including Parry, Vaughan Williams and Rutter.

Tickets <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/graveshamcs/event/view/158113>

Sat 2nd July 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Maidstone Choral Union present a Concert for Nations, which includes Mozart's Requiem with MCU Sinfonia and invited soloists. Visit <https://maidstonechoralunion.co.uk> for information and tickets

This month's birthday is 22nd June, the day when Peter Pears was born. Sir Peter Neville Luard Pears CBE (June 1910 – April 1986) was an English tenor. His career was

closely associated with the composer Benjamin Britten, his personal and professional partner for nearly forty years.

His musical career started slowly. He was at first unsure whether to concentrate on playing or singing, and it was not until he met Britten in 1937 that he threw himself wholeheartedly into singing. Once he and Britten were established as a partnership, the composer wrote many works with Pears' voice in mind, and the singer played roles in more than ten operas by Britten. In the concert hall, Pears and Britten were celebrated recitalists, known for their performances of lieder by Schubert and Schumann. Together they recorded most of the works written for Pears by Britten, as well as a wide range of music by other composers. Working with other musicians, Pears sang an extensive repertoire of music from four centuries, from the Tudor period to the most modern times.



With Britten, Pears was a co-founder of the Aldeburgh Festival in 1947 and the Britten-Pears School in 1972. After Britten died Pears remained an active participant in the festival and the school, where he was director of singing.

Brian Hardy

Staplehurst Music Centre: growing and performing

This month, Staplehurst Music Centre is delighted that it has relaunched its Music Foundation classes for children. These fun and lively classes focus on learning music through play.

Our youngest musicians (2-5 years) experience music through songs, dance and rhymes. They focus on developing skills such as pulse, rhythm and use of percussion. In a recent lesson, they pretended to be bears, made some musical stew and flew kites. Their proud teacher has reported that they did a great job at keeping a steady beat.

Our group for older musicians (6-8 years) provides a natural progression, offering an opportunity to play their own instruments or try out some of ours. The group have learned rhythms (using insect names for the different length of notes). They are working on a song called "One note tune" (although it has more than one note in it!) and are also learning Baby Shark.

At the time of writing, students and teachers are looking forward to some exciting performances coming up. Staplehurst Music Centre will be performing with the Staplehurst Children's Choir at Eco Day at All Saints Church on 14 May. The Rock Band is playing a mix of old favourite covers and new compositions, and the Chamber Music Group is playing music from around the world, from a Jamaican rumba to a Slavonic dance via the Ukrainian national anthem.

And don't miss the Staplehurst School Summer Fair on 25 June, when Staplehurst Music Centre will also be delighted to perform. Many of the musicians are current or former pupils at the school, and the school is also where weekly lessons and ensembles are held, so performing at the fair will be great fun.

For more information on group and private lessons and musical ensembles, find us on Facebook or <http://www.staplehurst-music-centre.org/>.

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Trivia to chew on

Colin Bullock

- About 1 in every 2,000 babies is born with teeth.
- Some people used to believe that kissing a donkey would relieve toothache.
- Elephant tusks are actually enlarged incisor teeth.
- A study found that eating cheese may help prevent tooth decay.
- Tooth enamel is harder than bone.
- Even though dolphins have 100 teeth, they don't chew; they swallow their food whole.
- The plaque on your teeth contains over 300 species of bacteria.
- Scientists can tell how old a dolphin is by counting the growth rings in its teeth.
- Your teeth are as unique as your fingerprints.
- You can buy jewellery made from human teeth.
- Every year, Americans make about 500 million visits to dentists.

- There is a brand of toothpaste that once sold Indian curry and cola flavours.
- Cows, sheep and goats do not have top front teeth.
- In parts of Ireland, children bury their baby teeth when they fall out.
- Penguins have toothlike barbs on their tongues to help them swallow slippery fish.

Brain teaser - Sock it to me!

Robert has 17 pairs of socks in his dresser drawer. 5 pairs are blue, 9 pairs are black and 3 pairs are brown. If he reaches into the drawer in the dark with the lights out, how many individual socks would he have to pull out to ensure he has a pair of brown socks?

(Answers on the back page)

From the monthly farming update The English Language!

John Day

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
 But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
 Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese,
 You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
 But the plural of house is houses, not hicc.

If the plural of man is always called men,
 Why shouldn't the plural for pan be called pen?
 The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
 But a bow if repeated is never called bine,
 And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.

If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
 And I give you a boot would a pair be called beet?
 If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular's this and the plural is these,
 Should the plural of kiss ever be nicknamed keese?
 Then one may be that and three would be those,
 Yet hat in plural would never be hose,
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
 But though we say mother, we never say methren,
 Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
 But imagine the feminine she, shis and shim,

So the English, I think, you all will agree,
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JEMMA'S LEMON SWISS ROLL AND AMARETTI TRIFLE

Prep time: over 2 hours | Cook time: 35 minutes | Serves: 20

Try this impressive trifle as a crowd-pleasing summer dessert.

For this recipe you will need 2 Swiss roll tins, measuring approximately 24cmx34cm / 9½inx13½in and a trifle dish with capacity of approximately 3.5 litres/6 pints. However, you could always halve the recipe to serve 10.

For shortcuts to this recipe, see Jemma's Top Tips below.

INGREDIENTS

For the Swiss rolls:

4 large free-range eggs
100g/3½oz caster sugar, plus extra for dusting
100g/3½oz self-raising flour, sieved
Butter, for greasing

For the Lemon curd:

4 large free-range egg yolks
135g/4¾oz granulated sugar
85g/3oz salted butter, softened
1 lemon, zest only
80ml/2½fl oz fresh lemon juice

For the St Clement's jelly:

6 gelatine leaves
4 unwaxed lemons
3 oranges
150g/5½oz golden caster sugar

For the Custard:

425ml/15fl oz double cream
3 large free-range egg yolks
25g/1oz golden caster sugar
1 tbsp cornflour
1 tsp lemon extract

For the Amaretti biscuits:

2 free-range egg whites
170g/6oz caster sugar
170g/6oz ground almonds
1 tbsp amaretto
Butter or oil, for greasing

For the Chunky mandarin coulis:

4 x 397g tinned mandarins
45g/1¾oz caster sugar

For the Jewelled chocolate bark:

50g/1¾oz mixed peel
1 tbsp caster sugar (optional)
200g/7oz white chocolate, broken into pieces

To assemble:

600ml/20fl oz double cream



- To make the Swiss rolls, preheat the oven to 180C/ 160C Fan/ Gas 4. Grease and line the 2 Swiss roll tins with baking paper. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together with an electric hand whisk for approximately 5 minutes or until light and pale. Using a metal spoon, gently fold in the flour. Divide between the two tins and bake for 10–12 minutes or until the sponges are lightly golden and cooked through.
- Sprinkle some extra caster sugar on two sheets of baking paper then turn the sponges out onto the sugared paper. Peel off the paper from the underside and, while still warm, roll them both up from the short end into a tight spiral using the paper to help. Leave to cool.
- To make the lemon curd, place the egg yolks, granulated sugar, butter, lemon zest and lemon juice in a glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Whisk until combined and whisk continuously as the curd cooks until thickened. This should take about 15 minutes. Pour into a clean bowl and set aside to cool.
- To make the St Clement's jelly, soak the gelatine leaves in cold water for 5 minutes to soften. Using a vegetable peeler, peel 6 strips from a lemon and 6 strips from an orange and put these into a saucepan with the sugar and 400ml/ 14fl oz water. Bring to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring occasionally until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat and discard the peel. Squeeze the water out of the gelatine and stir into the pan until dissolved then leave to cool. Squeeze the lemons and oranges, so you have 150ml/5fl oz of both lemon and orange juice. Stir into the pan then strain the jelly through a fine sieve into a jug and chill until cool but not set.
- To make the amaretti biscuits, preheat the oven to 180C/ 160C Fan/ Gas 4. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until firm. Mix the sugar and almonds gently into it. Add the amaretto and fold in gently until you have a smooth paste.
- Place some baking paper on a baking tray and lightly brush with butter or oil. Using a teaspoon, place small heaps of the mixture approximately 2cm/ ¾in apart, as they will expand during cooking. Bake for approximately 15–20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.
- To make the chunky mandarin coulis, strain two tins of mandarins. Discard the juice and put the fruit into a saucepan with the sugar and heat gently until broken down. Remove from the heat. In a small bowl, stir the arrowroot with 2 tablespoons cold water to make a paste, then add to the warm mandarins. Add the lemon juice and mix well before pouring into a large bowl. Strain the remaining two tins of mandarins and add the fruit to the bowl then leave to cool completely.
- To make the jewelled chocolate bark, if the peel feels wet or sticky, roll in the caster sugar to absorb any moisture. Melt the white chocolate in a bowl sitting over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Pour the white chocolate onto a baking tray lined with baking paper and scatter over the mixed peel. Leave to set then break into shards.
- To assemble, unroll the cooled Swiss rolls and spread with the lemon curd. Roll back up again and slice one into 2.5cm/ 1in slices and place upright around the bottom edge of the trifle dish so the swirl is visible. Slice the other Swiss roll into thicker pieces and use these to fill the bottom of the dish, ensuring the top is roughly the same level as the slices that line the edge. Use off-cuts of sponge to fill any gaps.
- Pour the St Clement's jelly over the Swiss roll layer and set aside in the fridge to completely set. This will take approximately 3 hours. Once set, pour over the custard then arrange a single layer of amaretti biscuits, keeping a few back for the top. Pour over the mandarin coulis. In a large bowl, whip the double cream until soft peaks form then spoon this over the coulis. Crumble over the reserved amaretti biscuits and decorate with the chocolate bark shards.

JEMMA'S TOP TIPS

To simplify this recipe, you can use ready-made versions for most of the components and just make the Swiss rolls and mandarin coulis from scratch. For the lemon curd, use 300g/10½oz ready-made lemon curd. Instead of the St Clement's jelly, use 1 packet of lemon-flavoured jelly and follow the packet instructions to make 568ml/1 pint. For the custard, use 500ml/18fl oz ready-made custard. For the biscuits, use 100g/ 3½oz ready-made amaretti biscuits. Instead of making the jewelled chocolate bark, you can finish this trifle by scattering over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and 50g/1¾oz white chocolate chunks.



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Trinity Coffee Morning report

Wednesday 4th May saw Richard de Coverly, a resident of the village, return to talk about the work of Air Ambulance Kent Surrey and Sussex.

Richard talked about the challenges faced by the charity in maintaining the income over the past two years and the ways that the team have adapted their fundraising to appeal to both a wider audience and around the limitations of the COVID restrictions which prevented nearly all of the face-to-face events and community engagement.

Weald Deanery Events

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Marden

Friday 10th June - 12.30pm - vestry hall soup lunch and cake in aid of the charity of the month - Valerie Taylor Trust/crp Admission free but donations will be appreciated.

Please advise Brian Woodgate if you are coming to join us - 01622 743011 or brimarchur@aol.com

Wednesday 15th June, 2022 - 7.30pm - Taj of Kent Restaurant, Marden

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Christ Church, Kilndown

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Advance notice

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Marden

Saturday 9th July, 2022 - 10.00am - 4.00pm - Vicarage garden Summer Fayre

A range of stalls including, cakes, craft items, unwanted gifts, tombola, refreshments, etc. Stalls are available at a fee of £20.00. Admission free.

Come along to support the church and have an enjoyable time. Stall bookings and further information from Graham Codling: 01622 832622 or email: grahamcodling@gmail.com

He also spoke about the history of the charity and how it has developed and grown from the early days of a fast-flying ambulance to the current model where the helicopter and the team deliver advanced critical care at the scene, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the aim of the team to help and support injury prevention and community defibrillation initiatives in the future.

A big thank you to everyone who came; your generosity raised an amazing £214.79 which will enable this vital service to continue to serve our communities.

The next bring and buy coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st June at 10am in the parish room and will be in aid of Fegans charity.

Sarah de Coverly and Ann Reid

Headcorn Health Walks May

Wednesday 8th: Meet at 09:30 for a 09:45 start in the car park the furthest behind Hollingbourne Village Hall (ME17 1TR) for an undulating 3½ mile walk (two hours) with no steep hills but starting with a gentle incline up to Pilgrims Way. This walk includes a footbridge over the railway and four stiles, with wonderful views of the Downs.

Directions: Take road signed to Hollingbourne off the A20. Proceed through the village a short distance and take the narrow lane to the right just before The Windmill pub.

Wednesday 15th: 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. As the weather improves, we may cross fields near the village. Please wear suitable footwear.

Wednesday 22nd: meet in the Recreation Ground car park in Biddenden (TN27 8BB) at 9.30 for 9.45am start. This progressive walk of 5 to 6 miles, with some stiles, will take us across fields and through the churchyard to our coffee break, returning to the car park by a different route. Directions: Take the main A274 through Biddenden. On the sharp left-hand bend just after the Village Hall, turn right into Old Mill Court and immediately bear left into the car park.

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

Weather Statistics:

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April Weather Statistics: The coldest day of April in Frittenden was 1st, with temperatures dropping to 7.6c/45.68f. It was a quite wintery day with a centimetre of snow over the Downs. We even saw a few snow showers in Frittenden. A proper April Fool's Day weatherwise. Countrywide, the lowest day maximum temperature was Aboyne in Aberdeenshire at 1.4c/34.52f. Frittenden's lowest night temperature was on 9th at -2.1c/ 28.22f The coldest night countrywide was at Tulloch Bridge in Perthshire on 1st at -8c/17.60f, their coldest April night since 1967. The highest temperature in Frittenden in April was 14th with 20c/68f. The highest in the UK was St. James' Park, London on 15th (Good Friday), when temperatures climbed to 23.4c/74.12f. Frittenden had 3 air frosts and 17 ground frosts in April. Our rainfall total was a paltry 11.8 mm/ 0.46 inches, about 25% of the average. April's Central England Temperature was 9.1c/48.38f, about 1 c above the long term average. Last year, we had the coldest April since 1922 with a CET of 6.4 c/43.52f.

JUNE FORECAST: There is a weather poem which says "A drip in June keeps everything in tune". This doesn't look very likely for the first couple of weeks of the month, as we will be dominated by high pressure from 1st to 8th. There is a lot of pressure to get the forecast right for the Jubilee weekend. . The nights will be fresher, with rising temperatures, increasing humidity and a small risk of a thundery spell. Early June in the South East should average 18.33 c/ 65 f, London 19 c/ 66.20 f, and this June we will get temperatures 10 c/ 18 f above the average, so into the 80 f's. King George II stated that a British summer consists of 3 fine days followed by a thunderstorm. From 9th to 15th June, high pressure will still be in control, but lower pressure from the Bay of Biscay, Northern France will give the South East, East Anglia and the whole of the Midlands a greater chance of thundery activity. If you do get a thundery downpour, there will be the risk of local flooding because the countryside's ground is so hard. Temperatures will be around 22 to 25 c/ 72 to 77 f/ There could be the odd

hotter day in Kent, Sussex and London, reaching up to 29 c/ 84 f. From 16th to 24th June, we will get cooler spells from lower pressure over Northern Ireland and Scotland, where it could be quite wet at times. It will be cooler, with westerly winds for us, possibly giving a few showers. It will be quite breezy at times, and temperatures will be back to an average 20 c/ 68 f. The South East will have the best of the sunshine, and some days will have temperatures around 25 c/ 77 f. Night temperatures will be better for sleeping, in the low teens. High pressure over the low counties will push hot, humid air over areas south of Birmingham. North of this area will be fine and sunny with more comfortable temperatures of 21 – 23 c/ 70 – 73 f, elsewhere 30 c/ 86 f+. In the last week of June, some places will have temperatures exceeding 90 f/ 32 c. Some parts of the south east and the Midlands will have some night minimum temperatures of 20 c/ 68 f, known as tropical nights. They are still quite unusual, but more common than they were 30 years ago. The Met Office will be giving heat warnings, so please check on vulnerable neighbours and relations. So Wimbledon will have a hot start, increasing the risk of electrical storms that could cause damage to buildings, even causing fires. Some places in the South East may well get a soaking on the last day of the month, but it will be a bit late to help the growing grass for hay making. June's highest day temperature will be: 33 c/ 91 f, hopefully in the first week of the month in London and Cambridge. June's lowest day maximum temperature will be 15 c/ 59 f, in Skegness, Lincolnshire mid month. Frittenden could get a total of 4 days that fail to reach 20 c/ 68 f. The average Central England Temperature for June 14.04 c/ 57.92 f. In Kent, the average CET for June is 14.97 c/ 58.94 f. Last year it was 15.5 c/ 59.90 f. This year it will be 16.1 c/ 60.98 f, equalling the baking hot summer of 2018. So yes, we will see a flaming June. Overall in England, averages will be a little less than May. In Kent, it will be almost the same as May, with 204 hours of sunshine. Many places in the South East, the Midlands and East Anglia could have 300 hours. A touch of the Mediterranean. Average rainfall in June is 47.6mm/ 1.87 inches. Most of us will be lucky if we see 50% of that, but where storms occur there could be 100mm. Possibly a good month for holidaymakers!.

REFUSE TRUCK SCHEDULE

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QUIZ (PAGE 37) ANSWERS

30 socks. He would have to account for the 10 blue and 18 black socks by pulling out 28 individual socks. Pulling 2 more would guarantee that he had a pair of brown socks.

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