

# Frittenden Parish Magazine

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

**Sat 3rd** 8:00 United Benefice Prayer Breakfast @ Trinity  
14:00 - 16:00 Families Summer Celebration @ Trinity

**Sun 4th Trinity 12**  
10:00 Family Praise  
11:15 Holy Communion BCP

**Mon 5th** 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's  
10:00 Little Lambs  
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

**Wed 7th** 9:00 SPACE - St Mary's

**Fri 9th** 15:00 Wardens Meeting

**Sat 10th** Ride & Stride in aid of Friends of Kent Churches

**Sun 11th Trinity 13**  
10:00 Morning Worship - St Mary's

**Mon 12th** 9:00 Moving Mountains - St Mary's  
10:00 Little Lambs  
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice  
19:30 PCC Meeting

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

**Sun 18th Trinity 14**  
10:00 Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday Club - St Mary's

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

**Wed 21st** 9:00 SPACE - St Mary's

**Sat 24th** 15:45 Essex Bell Ringers

**Sun 25th Trinity 15**  
10:00 Morning Worship @ Trinity  
17:30 Holy Communion BCP at St Mary's

**Mon 26th** 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](http://frittendenchurch.org.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

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

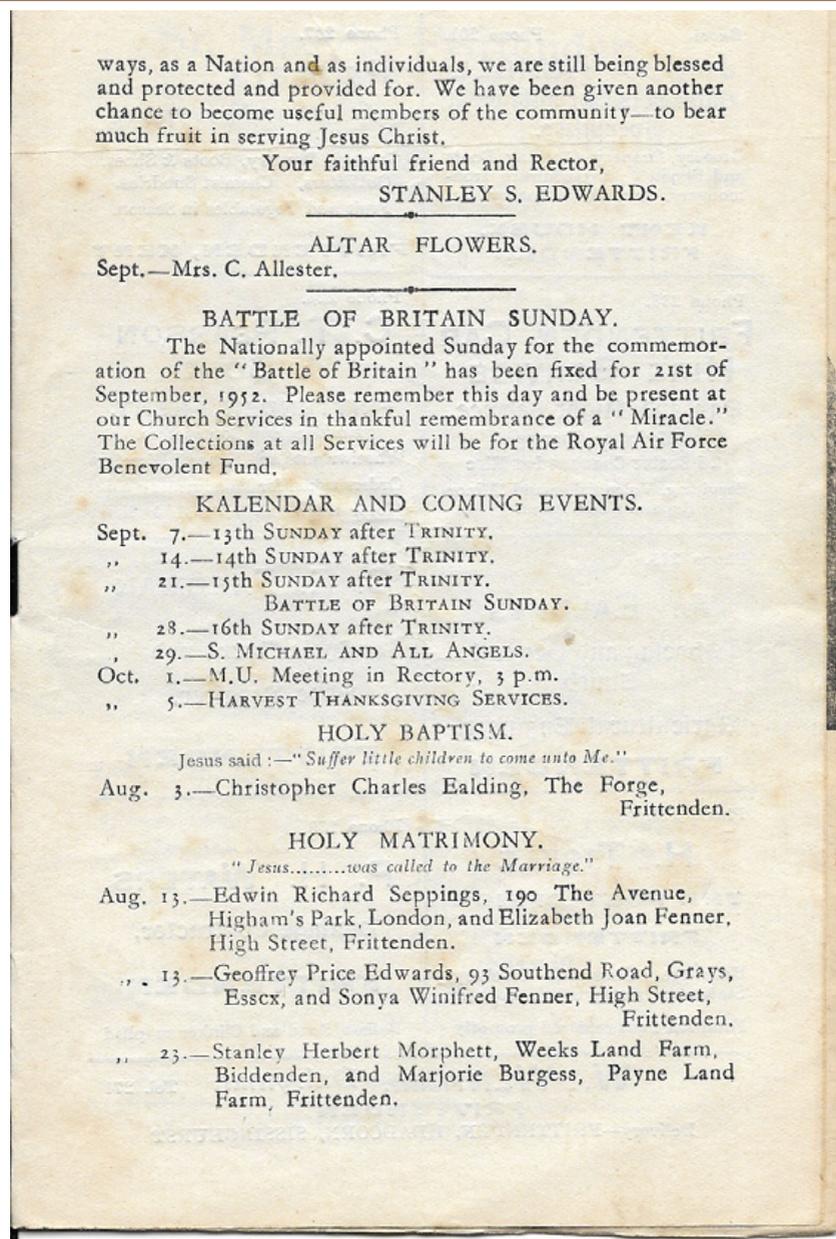
In the United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden, St Mary's is the parish church of Frittenden and Trinity is the parish church of Sissinghurst.

## Church rotas - Sunday Services

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Prayer	Sound	Coffee
4th Sept	10:00	Joanna Beech	Pete to arrange	Pete to arrange	Mike Gilbert	Mehrabian
4th Sept	11:15	Peter Braggins	Paul Wigram Margaret Knight	-	Debbie Haine	-
11th Sept	10:00	John Stansfeld Judy Staples	Elaine Highwood Heidi Easby	Helen Stansfeld	Myrtle Moore	Stansfeld
18th Sept	10:00	Rob Addis Judith Addis	Jeremy Elsom Janice Elsom	Nicky Robinson	John Dutton	Moore
25th Sept	17:30	Mack Mehrabian	Tony Staples Judy Staples	-	John Stansfeld	Nicky Vernon & Heidi Easby

**Flower Rota:** Sept 4th & 11th Janice Elsom; Sept 18th & 25th Sally Tuke  
**Cleaning Rota:** Lindsey Moore & Caroline Hannan **Key Rota:** Stewart Hagerty - 852688

A double wedding on 13th August 1952 Bernard Millard



FROM THE ARCHIVE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



# You're Welcome Here ...

Where are you going? How will you get there?  
What are you going to do there?

Whether it's a holiday, a mini break, or a trip out, those are the questions, aren't they? We can't help comparing notes, sharing horror stories, trading top tips...

You may be just back from holiday, or holding off until the schools start back, but as I write, the packing frenzy is underway. My road-bike jostles with the dusty roof-box, and the excitement levels are right 'up there' too - everyone needs a break! We've conferred with others who've taken the well-worn route out West on travel logistics. We've corralled generous-hearted family and neighbours (thanks!) to cover all the house and pet sitting. And we've carefully crossed off the days - ONE SLEEP TO GO!

We've loved having baptisms/christenings (same meaning), at both Sissinghurst and Frittenden recently - as well as a very joyful Thanksgiving service for the four Howard children! In baptism, I ask parents and Godparents several questions. The final one is taken from chapter 14 of John's Gospel: **Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?**

In a nutshell, the Christian journey of faith is saying 'Yes' to that question. Not a Sunday by Sunday 'yes', but moment by moment, and in each area of life - no areas off limits.

You see, it's not that Jesus simply directs his children in the way they need to go: he himself is the Way! It's not that Jesus just tells us the truth: he himself is the Truth! And it's not that Jesus merely gives us life: he is the Life!

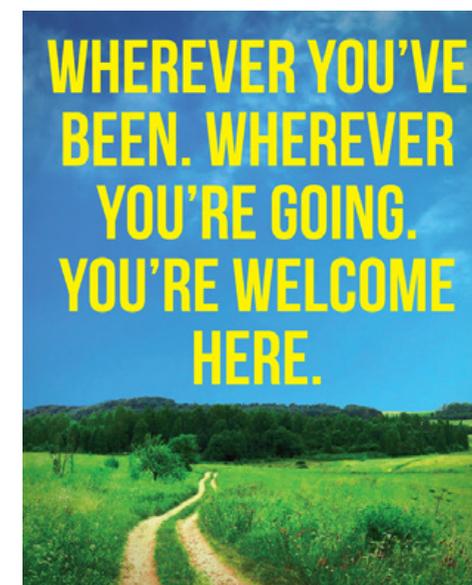
Where are you going? How will you get there?  
What are you going to do there?

We each need to ask these questions about our journey through God's world - far more significant than our holiday details. Wherever you've been, wherever you're going, whatever your circumstances, you're warmly welcome each Sunday,\* as we explore together how to orient our lives towards Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Every blessing in Christ**

**Pete**  
**852285**

\* See page 3 or the church website for details of our services





Photography by Julie Smith

## Harvest in the Heat

We welcome monthly photography submissions accompanied by a caption to [frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com)

# Welcome back from our HOT summer break...



**Frittenden appeared regularly on the National news, breaking more weather records (thanks Lester! - see page 38).**

Our September issue highlights include;

- Frittenden Ladies' Social (page 17)
- Full cricket report (page 20)
- The making of the village sign (page 8)
- Weald of Kent Young Farmers club update (page 10)
- Beautiful Snowdonia (page 22)

... and your regular favourites

A special thank you to all those who have kindly contributed financially to the magazine costs this summer, its been a huge help, and of course to all our advertisers for renewing their annual subscriptions.

Please keep sending articles or if you have never sent one, perhaps now is the time! We are interested in hearing from all parts of our village community; your views, stories, pictures, local events.

**James Booth-Clibborn**  
Editor

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## 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](mailto:deavesclaire@gmail.com)



# The making of the millennium map & the village sign

Phil Betts Chmn Frittenden Historical Society

Following recent exchanges on Facebook about the village sign, the history of its origins might be of interest. In 1997, Frittenden Parish Council held an open meeting to discuss how the community might mark the new millennium. The most favoured suggestions were for daffodils to be planted at the village 'gateways' (overseen by Judy Staples); for the creation of a map of the parish which reflected the village at that time (suggested by Jim Wall); and for a village sign. These projects were to be financed by the Parish Council, from a Millennium Fund, and other grants and donations.



## The Millennium Map

The 'Millennium Map Committee' met for the first time in January 1998, with the initial meetings under the chairmanship of Mike Burden, of Ponds Farm, and from then on of Phil Betts. The Committee decided to encourage as many residents as possible to become involved in making the map. While the main outline of the map; the roads, fields etc., would be undertaken by a group of talented artists from within the parish, every household was invited to illustrate their own house. Each of these would then be affixed to the map in the appropriate place. To establish an element of uniformity, and to constrain people's exuberance, the paper provide for the illustration was of two sizes, one for smaller houses and a slightly larger one for bigger, or groups of houses, and over 50 residents took the opportunity to illustrate their home.

To ensure completeness, members of the Committee photographed every dwelling in the parish (now held by the Historical Society). Any houses not illustrated by their occupants were painted from these photos by the group of artists. Because there are many more houses within the village confines than in the rest of the parish, it was decided to expand the central part of the parish on the map and reduce in size the outer parts. It was also decided to create the map as a triptych. The effect of these decisions was to produce a map more akin to those created in medieval times, i.e. a representation of the parish, rather than an accurate map.

Significant places, organisations, events and the ecology of the parish were incorporated into the map by a series of 'lozenges' around the perimeter. Each village organisation contributed their own design and other lozenges were again provided by the group of artists.



They also included, within the main body of the map, industries past and present, e.g. brick making, farming etc., and also pastimes such as cricket, angling etc.

After being laminated the map was framed by Barbara Spens. Before the map was installed in the Memorial Hall, it was

professionally photographed and from these negatives, a few large versions of the map, and a number of a smaller version were produced for sale (the smaller version is still available from the Historical Society). The map was unveiled by Nora Bearsby, 4 December 1999.

## The Village Sign

Sales of the map were used to help fund the village sign. In July 1998, a competition was launched for the design, open to any resident of Frittenden. The entries, 9 from residents and 23 from children in the village and school, were exhibited in the Memorial Hall, and visitors encouraged to vote for their favourite. The designs of Bob Davison and Sue Betts were by far the most popular and were submitted to the Parish Council for a final decision. It was decided that elements of both designs should be incorporated into a final design. The art work

for the final version was commissioned from Bob.

This final design shows the outline of a bell, representing both the bell ringers and The Bell pub. Within this outline are features of the parish: the church; the chimney (just opposite) of the former Pearson carpenter shop; oast houses; the school etc. Around the bell outline other elements of the parish are shown, e.g. a forest of trees, oak leaves and acorns (indicating the origins of the parish as an area for pannage for pigs), with an owl flying out of the sign.

Bernard Hill of Hillcraft, Cox Heath, was commissioned to make the actual sign (which is double sided) in resin. The then owners of Ivy House kindly gave up an area adjacent to The Street to site the sign. Graham Beard provided an oak post on which the sign was to be placed and this was erected in July 2021 by Rob Lewis using a cherry picker. Once in situ, the sign was photographed and a postcard produced from the image. Some of these can still be found within the parish.

More recently, Keith Croucher and Mick Sloman placed an elephant on top of the sign. Although originally put there as a joke it has remained in place and is a reminder of the ownership of both The Bell and The John Jorrocks by Fremfins, the Maidstone brewer, whose emblem was an elephant.

Apologies to the many people who contributed to the map and the village sign who are not mentioned by name.

Their contribution was both invaluable and greatly appreciated and in many cases is now recorded in the Historical Society Archive.



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# Weald of Kent Young Farmers Club

By Amie Bridge, Member and Dan Smith, Chairman

Early in June, our club participated in craft and stock judging competitions at the South of England Show. Ollie won the butchers lamb stock judging for over 18s and Sophie's club scrapbook came 6th. Kent YFCs won the overall county championship, after being runners up for a number of years.



our camping and entry fees. As well as members bringing their own livestock, calves were kindly loaned to us by High Weald Academy and R M Vidler, Staplehurst. Our camping party was never hungry, thanks to donations from E C Wilkes and Son, Lower Ladysden Farm, and Taywell Farm Shop. M&A Brown and Sons, Clock House Farm, and N P Seymour provided further support with moving equipment and the all-important pizza delivery!

At the end of July a team of members took part in Maidstone's River Festival Raft Race to raise money for The Heart of Kent Hospice. This involved building a raft from any materials that would float, and racing from the High Level Railway Bridge to the Maidstone Bridge of the River Medway. In total, we raised £190 for this great charity, plus our entry fee sponsored by Clock House Farm. Thank you to Christopher for allowing us to use his field for building and testing our raft.

On the 8th, 9th and 10th of July, we participated in the Kent County Show in livestock, machinery and craft competitions for YFCs. This was a great weekend for all involved, giving members a chance to show off their skills in all areas of agriculture, while socialising with other young farmers. We came 7th out of 14 clubs. Thank you to Paddock Wood and District Lions Club and Tenterden Lions Club who paid

We will be attending the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match on the 17th of September at New Barn Farm, Hawkenbury, so come along and have a chat with us.

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Ollie at the South of England Show



## Garden Society Autumn Show

Saturday 3rd September in the Memorial Hall.

Entry forms to joanna.beech97@gmail.com or deliver to Joanna Beech at Longmeadows, Biddenden Road, please, by 8pm Weds 31st August.

**Exhibits to be displayed between 8am and 9.40am, when the hall will be closed.**  
For details of flower, fruit, vegetable, floral display photographic and children's classes please see the Frittenden Gardening Society web site,  
[www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk](http://www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk)  
Everyone welcome from 3pm to view the exhibits, see the extended hall and for tea, cake and the raffle! Prize giving 4pm.



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# Always Fun at Larchmere

Becky Bruce

**What a fantastic summer we are having! We might have a ban on our hosepipes but no one can ban Larchmere from having fun!!!**

Since I last wrote soooooo much has happened here at Larchmere.

Deep breath ..... we have had a 100th Birthday to celebrate (and other Birthdays), a trip to the Battle of Britain Air Show at Headcorn, dressing with jewellery afternoon, Creative Minds art afternoon, a blind date organised (a great success), a visit, flower arranging, a visit from a bearded dragon, a visit from the gorgeous children at



pub



pre – school, a variety of singers, a visit for hymns and chat from

friends from the Church, the Big Cat Sanctuary private tour and last, but by no means least, our summer Strawberry Fayre !!

Geoff's 100th Birthday celebrations were done on an epic level. He had 2 parties, one here at Larchmere where the kitchen staff pulled out all



the stops with delicious party food, wonderful decorations and the most fabulous cake. We arranged for a (beautiful) top class violinist to come down

from London to play especially for him and a number of Geoff's



family came to join in the celebrations with champagne and cake. His second party was at a hotel in Tenterden, in a beautiful Atrium, organised by his family, where approx. 50 friends and family came. A wonderful day. His family had created an array of displays with not only pictures of throughout his life, but various



drawings and funny poems Geoff had done throughout the years – I was lucky enough to be his plus one for the day. And to top it all he had a blind date! I happen to have a 99 year old single female friend who came to Larchmere to have lunch with Geoff in

the summerhouse. Both were excited to meet each other as Geoff had been in the RAF in the war and my lady friend in the WAF – so they knew they had lots to chat about. The staff set up a romantic table for 2 and the couple were given first class 'silver service' as the picture will show you.

The Battle of Britain show was fantastic! Where we were sitting, we felt like the Red Arrows were performing just for us! The air displays were magnificent and lots of oooooo ing and arrrrrr ing. What a great day had by all!



It was quite a creative month. You could tell why Jean Hammond had been a very good Brown Owl in her life! she created the most lovely montage which we are getting framed to hang on her wall. Geoff got involved in trying on jewellery that was left over from the bric

a brac stall at the fair, whilst it suited him, he let the ladies take first choice on what was on offer. We have found a lovely lady who sells flowers cut from her garden and was happy for us to have extra on the day. Our residents then had



great fun arranging flowers for all the vases we have in the home so people could have some in their rooms as well as in the common areas.

Our gorgeous pre – school children paid us a visit in the garden. They entertained the residents with songs and nursery rhymes and with their joy of life brought a smile to everyone's faces and so lovely to see them again after all the Covid restrictions we have had.

This leaves me to mention the trip to the Big Cat Sanctuary and our summer fayre - both were enormous successes. We visited the cats a couple of days ago and are still buzzing, it was such a treat to see those beautiful creatures up close and personal.



And finally, our fayre. After what seems like years waiting (due

to Covid) it finally happened! There was lots going on - Bric a brac, lucky dip, plant stall, metal hoop game, tombola, pimm's table, cream teas, ice creams, a huge raffle, human fruit machine and the stocks (thanks to Nikki our matron for volunteering for the wet sponge !!). It was the most wonderful day and one to remember!





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# Frittenden Ladies' Night

**1st Thursday of every month - 7 pm onwards - The Bell & Jorrocks - ALL LADIES WELCOME!!**

**Hello lovely ladies of Frittenden!**

Frittenden Ladies' night has been running since March 2022 and has been a wonderful success. It really is a night to look forward to every month, meeting totally different ladies from our village and having a night off to relax. A night just for us ladies.

I decided to set the Ladies' Night up for our village mainly due to issues which I could see lockdown had caused for many of us.

Human contact and face to face communication is something I strongly believe is essential for us, and which many of us have lacked for some time now. Creating a safe space for this happen felt to be a positive idea. I knew the men of the village often have nights at the pub, however I had not seen anything specific for the ladies.

I know from my own upbringing that ladies in my family have never gone to the pub on their own so I know for some this is something that may seem slightly daunting. That is why I am always there to greet you, and everyone is always very welcoming.

Ladies' night starts from 7 pm onwards, and you are welcome to come along whatever time suits you. If you are unable to make it until later then we would still love to see you there.

Sean and Rosie are always fabulous at looking after us. There is a lovely food menu if you fancy a bite to eat when you come along or some nibbles and their cocktails are superb!!!

**What ages is the ladies' night aimed at?**

18-150 is the answer. Every lady in the village is very welcome, the bigger the age range the better.

**Who do I speak to if I would like to come along?**

Come along on the night or let Nicola know on 07791545890 so she can arrange to meet you for your first drink as you come into the pub :-). We can also add you to a WhatsApp group which has been set up.



**10 reasons why ladies' night is AMAZING!!**

1. Relax and have a night off for you with other like-minded ladies
2. Meet lots of lovely new faces and new friends
3. Build a stronger neighbourly community within our village
4. Be spontaneous - let your hair down
5. Confidence building
6. Yummy nibbles, Food and Drinkies at the awesome Bell & Jorrocks with Sean and Rosie
7. Amazing way for new people who have moved into the village to meet new people
8. Its Good to Talk - especially to like-minded people
9. Very local - it's on your doorstep
10. Real life contact - Which isn't behind a screen which is wonderful for your soul

We really hope to meet those who may not have managed to come along yet.

Please also tell all the ladies you know in the village so we can make sure everyone knows about our night and feels welcome and invited also.

**Much love - Nicola Elliott - The Old Bakery**

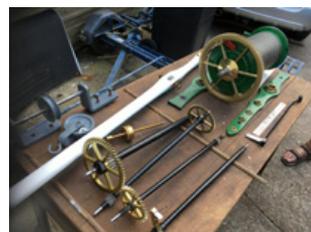
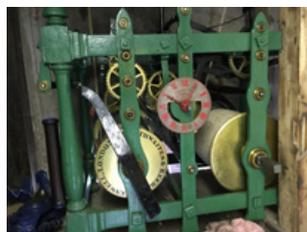
# Time stands still in Frittenden!

Rebecca Steele

This month I decided to write a little about the clock that our team of bell ringers share St Mary's tower with. As attentive Frittenden residents will already have noticed, the clock hasn't been keeping track of time in its usual reliable way for the last few weeks. The clock stopped running on Friday 15th July and needs some significant maintenance before it is able to come back into service. We are very lucky that Mike Ashbee has the knowledge and skills to look after the clock, as well as the bells that reside in the tower above.



The St Mary's clock was made by Thwaites and Reed of Clerkenwell, London, in 1847. Still a listed company today, 'Thwaites and Reed' are reputed to be the oldest clock-making company in the world, starting business in 1740. They became 'Thwaites and Reed' in 1816 when John Thwaites formed a partnership with George Jeremiah Reed. The Company is best known for their turret-clocks and throughout the 1900s provided clocks for towers in cities around the globe. In 1820 King George IV gifted five Thwaites and Reed clocks to Australia and two of these are still in use today in Sydney, one at St John's Cathedral and the other at St Matthew's Church. These clocks are almost identical to ours at St Marys.



St Mary's church was largely rebuilt between 1846 and 1848, as the clock is dated 1847, it is likely that it was installed in the tower at this time. The clock itself is contained within a cast iron frame, filled with gear-wheels on iron rods, inside a wooden clock case on the wall of the ringing chamber. From the rear of the clock hangs the six foot long pendulum which, when it is working, you can see through the window on the south side of the tower. On the front of the clock movement is a dial so the clock can be set to time without having to see the outside clock faces.



Mike Ashbee has been looking after the maintenance of the clock since 1973, when a

rope holding the clock weights broke and his help was sought in the repairs. In 2000 the clock workings were dismantled, cleaned and painted and since then haven't required any major works. In investigating the current problem Mike has again had to remove much of the clock movement to his workshop and in doing so has discovered wear in the brass bushes that the mechanism runs on. Mike is in the process of removing and replacing them before the clock can be put back to its usual reliable timekeeping. This is expected to take at least another month before Mike is able to reassemble the mechanism to see if this solves the problem.

Every week the church clock needs winding and this is done by Tracy Barham our Frittenden postman. The clock is wound with a crank-key, like a windlass, lifting the two heavy clock weights from ground level all the way up the tower until they are above the bells. We are very lucky that Tracy is happy to undertake this hard work, often helped by his wife, Charlie.



You can see some videos of the Frittenden Church clock on our Facebook page, please do visit the website and have a look if you miss the regular sound of the clock striking the hour!

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# Gosbee's Gossip

Lester Gosbee



**I'm sure that many of you will have enjoyed a summer holiday, but if you stayed at home, you would know that this summer will go down as one of quite long lasting heatwaves. It has been brilliant for tourism, but disastrous for agriculture and gardeners. France has been enduring its most severe drought. Our current drought is the worst since 1976. In 1921, Margate got the record for year on record with just 250mm/ 10 inches of rain. Let's hope that we don't have a repeat of that.**

The proposed Community Shop Committee held a public meeting on 13th July and concluded that sadly it looks like the project is a non-runner. Interestingly, everyone at the meeting was aged over 50, which was a shame. This seems to be becoming the norm, and not just in Frittenden. The word 'apathy' comes to mind. Despite the project not moving forward, we should give huge thanks to Berni Cooper and her magnificent team, Stuart Heggarty, Jim Henderson, John Stansfield, Mark Viviers and Rosalind Riley.

England football Lioness Captain Leah Williamson showed the men how to play, great tackling, no diving, holding shirts or spitting. It was much more entertaining than the usual men's game. Alessia Russo's amazing goal in the semi-finals was out of this world. I think that they all deserve medals in the New Year's Honours. I did watch some of the Commonwealth Games. I enjoy the track events the most.

It was very sad to hear of the death of Dame Olivia Newton John. She was my Pop Idol from 1970, when I first saw her on Cliff Richard's TV show. She fought breast cancer for 30 years, and she set up a charity to build and run a 320-bed hospital in Melbourne. She was a lady of great beauty and kindness. I had lots of posters of her on my bedroom wall, and her music helped me through 5 weeks of intense radiotherapy when I was 19, back in 1974. My treatment was so intense that I wasn't allowed to drive, and my father didn't drive, so I had to be taken in by ambulance every weekday. He was 76 and didn't really understand what I was going through. Later that year, I got Olivia's autograph at a Radio One Fun Day at Brands Hatch.

Whoever the next Prime Minister is, they must help people on low incomes to pay their utility bills. This could be by scrapping the 5% VAT on energy and taking of the Green Tax for now. This will save around £300.

It seems that many people are replacing their lawns with AstroTurf. Please do not do this, it contributes to flooding and destroys nature, especially insects.

Our refurbished Memorial Hall is to be officially reopened by MP Helen Grant. It is all getting very exciting, I hope that everyone will be impressed with the improvements. The Committee deserve a round of thanks for all their tireless work to make this happen.

Back to the subject of heat. I know that many of you hate the very high temperatures with a vengeance. Hazel is one, but I absolutely love it. The warmth means that I have less pain and can stand for longer and walk longer distances. I hate the dark and the cold. Maybe in a former life I was a moth, attracted to light! Hopefully I will not become like Icarus, who flew too close to the sun and melted.

**Joke time: Why did the grape go out with a prune?.... because it couldn't find a date. What do you call a sheep covered in cocoa?...a chocolate baa. What do you call a sunburnt librarian?....well red.**

I am sure that there are some people in Frittenden who feel lonely. While trying to help out someone in need, I have been given a lot of information on help for people over 55, from transport help to hospital and clinic appointments to groups that help people. I will pass the details on to our vicar Pete to pass on to anyone who may benefit from it. I might even find something of interest myself for the winter months. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to, my number is 01580 852288.



## TOUR OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

**Saturday 17th September 2022**

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# A Long Hot Summer

**Tim Bull** timbull@aol.com

## 19th June v Rolvenden (home, friendly)

Batting first, Frittenden scored a very respectable 244-8 from 40 overs, including 72 from Mark Handley, 49 by Chamil Almeida, and 41 from Wayne Totterdell. Rolvenden started well in pursuit of this total, but Chamil turned the game around, taking 3-18 in 7 overs, including the two set openers. From this point it was a procession of Rolvenden batters. Craig Smith and Andrew Warnone took 2 wickets each, Nic Rodrigo got 1, and the innings was wrapped up by a rare wicket for Finn McGinley, helped by a catch by Tim Bull. Rolvenden were all out for 139 losing by 105 runs.

## 26th June v Borden (home, league)

Borden batted first in an extraordinary match, on a difficult Frittenden wicket, and were dismissed for just 101, blown away by Nic Rodrigo's 6-32 from 7 overs. However, if Frittenden anticipated a comfortable win, hopes were dashed as Sanket Shah produced an even more devastating 6-15. Our lower

order batters, led by Charles Dobson with 24, crept agonisingly close, before our last wicket man fell at 90, and Frittenden lost by 11 runs.

## 3rd July v Capel (home, friendly)

Frittenden's "young guns" led the way to a score of 195-4. Finn top scored with 53 (retired), Will Totterdell made 33, and Tom Young 30 not out. Our youngsters also did the business with the ball. Newcomer Isobel (Izzy) O'Neill took 4-35, Louis Harmer 1-19 and 3 catches, and Will took 2-2. Two wickets also fell to the wily, but rarely witnessed, off-spin of senior player Stu Briley. Capel were all out 91, losing by 104 runs.

## 17th July v Minster (away, league)

Frittenden batted first. Skipper Craig was dismissed for a duck, but Finn, promoted to opener, calmly stroked his way to 98 falling just short of a maiden century. He was supported by 72 not out from Richard Hunter, as we made 219-4. Minster's top three all made good starts, but after an initial breakthrough by Nic, Craig compensated for his batting with a brilliant 5-32 from 9 overs. 2 wickets each for Charles and young Will dismissed Minster for 141, Frittenden winning by 78.

## 31st July v Rainham (home, league)

Batting first, again, Frittenden scored 215-4 this

time, and again Finn led the way, with 91 not out. On a difficult, now very dry, pitch, Richard (27), Mark Handley (35) and Nic (18) provided the rest. Rainham's G Mottram led the Rainham reply, scoring 77, but lost partners at the other end to Nic (3-14) and Louis (2-21). Mottram eventually fell to Mark, who took 3-12 as Rainham closed on 165-9, losing by 50 runs.

## 1st August v Selsdon (home, friendly)

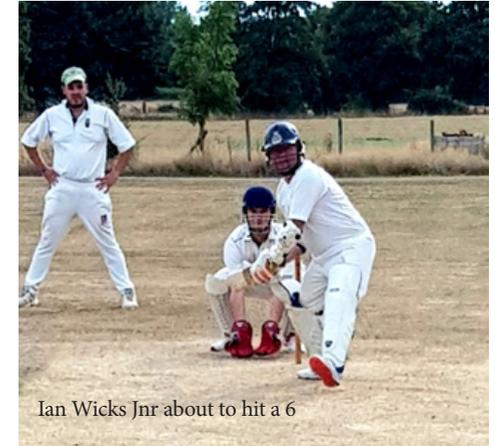
Selsdon, on a Kent tour, batted first, and tucked into the bowling of Frittenden's youthful attack. A rapid opening partnership was broken by Wayne, who went on to collect 5-32 – his first "five for" (or "Michelle" as they used to say) in a long career of swing bowling. We had four young guest players from Marden, and Harry, Ben and Fred all took wickets, as did our own Louis who bowled the last man, as Selsdon were dismissed for 165. Captain Finn's run of batting form ended, bowled for 9, but Fred and Harry Mundell came together and batted with great maturity. Fred made 28, Ben Hayes 20, and when Harry was finally out for 70, Jacob Hayes hit a mighty six to close out the match. Frittenden won by 3 wickets.

## 7th August v Rainham (away, friendly)

Our League game was cancelled, so the team visited Rainham for a last minute friendly. Our ten men made a decent 175 all out, led by Mark's 49. Rainham, however, were bent on revenge for their league defeat. Edkins scored 106, Roper 61 not out, and they cantered to victory making 178-1 in 21 overs to win by 9 wickets.

## 14th August v Egerton (home): Ian Wicks Memorial Trophy.

Every year we remember Ian Wicks, a local legend who played for both teams. Egerton's line-up was packed with a top-order of hard-hitting young players who grabbed the opportunity to bat first. B Emberson dominated an opening stand of 82, finally beaten by a Wayne delivery, caught behind by Tom Young. A further 162 were added before N Hope went for 77, caught Wayne, bowled Izzy O'Neill. S Harrison, after a slow start, capitalised on missed chances to make 100 (retired), and when



Ian Wicks Jr about to hit a 6

Charles Dobson took the third wicket, Egerton declared on 295-3. Frittenden fielded a mix of very youthful, some less youthful, and some occasional players, including three generations of the Smith dynasty: Don, Craig and Edward! In

Frittenden's reply, Craig, partnered by Ian Wicks jr, put on an opening stand of 71 in 10 overs. Craig made 32; Ian 28, including his first ever six! From 71-0 we slipped to 88-5 when Tim Bull was joined by Wayne. These two huffed and puffed to a stand of 81 before Tim was out for 30. Wayne was caught behind for 48, and the innings ended with Frittenden all out for 173, losing by 122. It was a fine celebration of the late Wicksy, completed by the ritual of pouring a glass of Guinness on the pitch.

**As the long hot summer continues, the grass gets browner, the groundmen despair and the spinners lick their lips, Frittenden are in 3rd position in Division 3 West of the Kent Village League with two games to play. Watch this space!**



Ian Wicks Jr pouring the ceremonial Guinness

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# Beautiful Snowdonia

Hazel Gosbee

A few weeks ago, my sisters Dawn, Fiona, Heather and I went on our adventure to Wales. Dawn had suggested that we climb Mount Snowdon on Father's Day in memory of our lovely dad, who we lost in December 2020.



In January, we booked a cottage in Llanberis for mid June, and got busy with weekly walks to build up our fitness. We set off on a sunny Tuesday and, quite unusual for Wales, it was a very sunny few days. The view from the cottage was amazing, with mountains and lakes all around. We explored the area, then on the Thursday, we got up early for our big challenge. Despite Llanberis supposedly being the 'easiest' path up Snowdon, it was so much more challenging than we'd expected, and we ended up taking 25 steps then pausing to catch our breath, then another 25 steps and so on. There were obviously some steep sheer drops, and when we were more than two thirds of the way, Dawn suffered a

terrible attack of vertigo. Fortunately, it coincided with us coming across the last train stop (the track from there to the top is out of use at the moment), and she really couldn't go any further. Fiona helped Dawn to the train and back to the cottage, as we were all worried about her. Heather and I continued and the final hour or so were a massive challenge for us.....I for one definitely felt that I was far too old for such a challenge, but we did it!. After starting at 6am when there was barely anyone about, by the time we reached the summit just after 12, there were lots of people.....and a swarm of some irritating flying insects, everywhere. It was a really hot, clear day and the views were absolutely breath-taking (as they were all the way up, that's what kept me going). I even got sunburnt. It is true what they say, that as difficult as the

ascent is, the descent is even worse. That was a shocker. So relieved to have reached the top, but the slate paths made it more difficult to grip and by the time we reached ground level, I never wanted to see my walking boots again. It was an amazing experience, one that I still can't quite believe that it happened. I am only disappointed that we couldn't complete it as a group...but we're looking forward to planning our next adventure.



# Tales from the Town Hall



**I hope we have all had a lovely summer so far. I'm not sure if there comes a time to wish for some cooler weather however in a time of drought, hosepipe bans and temperatures touching 40 degrees I think we need to pray for some rain and respite.**

I lost my position on the cabinet in May when the local elections ( not Frittenden and Sissinghurst this year) saw the local conservatives booted out of power. The national picture undoubtedly had an impact and the Liberal Democrats as the majority party have formed a coalition cabinet.

Frittenden elections are May 2023.

I really enjoyed my greater responsibility for the year I held the position and one I would hope to return to in the future.

Traditionally August is quite a quiet month at the town hall with no full council meeting and only essential services meetings taking place.

For those interested in elections the boundary commission has recently undertaken a review of ward

boundaries within our borough. The full report and recommendations is on the TWBC website and comments are invited during the consultation period.

In short the ward of Frittenden and Sissinghurst will be expanded to become a new ward of Frittenden, Sissinghurst and Cranbrook if their boundary changes take place. I think this will be a formality and there are parts of the borough much more adversely effected.

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything you need help with and I will do my best to assist.

Cheers all

**Andy Fairweather**  
Ward Member for Frittenden and Sissinghurst  
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# Songs, swifts and Swallows...

Rebecca Warren

There can be relatively few people who do not notice birdsong at some time or other. If you aren't the kind of person who longs to hear the first cuckoo in April or who listens for the wistful calls of migrating geese in autumn, well you may still be someone who shouts back at raucous seagulls on the beach, or swears at the throaty crooning of the pigeons on Waterloo Station. The point is, birdsong forms part of the fabric of our lives, both in the countryside and also in towns and cities.



Illustration by Rebecca Warren

In the spring, the days are filled with different songs, as birds seek out mates and defend their territories, each one trying to sing louder or later than their neighbours. One of the great joys of May is to wake early and listen to the dawn chorus outside, when there are few cars and other manmade sounds to interfere. But what is the birdsong that characterises summer, I wonder? In June and July I would argue that it is the excited chattering of swallows and the high-pitched screaming of swifts. It's true that both birds are in decline and we hear and see them less often now, but they still haunt the skies of the parish, even so. And then suddenly, by the end of July, the swifts are gone and the air is empty of that edge-of-hearing scream. A few swallows will continue to chatter overhead

for a few more weeks before leaving but, by August, the sound-scape has taken on a different tone altogether: silence.

Well, not quite silence; families of tits can sometimes be heard squeaking, as they forage in the hedges; a robin sings briefly from time to time; a green woodpecker lets out a peal of laughter, as it flies up off the grass and into the trees. But only the ever-present woodpigeons are still calling all day, every day: 'My toes hurts, Betty, my toe hurts, Betty...' over and over, the sound echoing from tree to tree as they ward off rival males or call out to absent lovers. Yet even this is against a backdrop of silence. Why is this? Well, birds are moulting their feathers in August and need to keep hidden whilst their plumage re-grows. And of course they have little need to claim territories or mates, when most have just completed an exhausting breeding season already.

So August is a month of silence, punctuated by a few hardy singers. And perhaps it is in its absence that we most value the beauty of birdsong.

## What was the Cheery Fund

Colin Bullock

The Cheery Fund was established by the Daily Express newspaper soon after the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, the start of what was then known as The Great War and later more famously referred to as The First World War.

In 1914 the after care for returning wounded and disabled British servicemen was just about non-existent, after being patched up in hospitals and clinics, these veterans were discharged from the armed forces and literally turned out on the streets to fend for themselves. Many had to resort to begging, selling matches or apples in an effort to support and feed themselves as many were inflicted with injuries that prevented them from returning to their previous professions. There were no benefit or welfare programmes in place to support, feed or shelter these brave individuals.

And this is why the Daily Express set up the Cheery Fund, it was designed as a charity to help those poor souls who were in desperate need, however as the fund raising picked up momentum, they were able to extend the distribution of help to serving military personnel on the battle fronts.

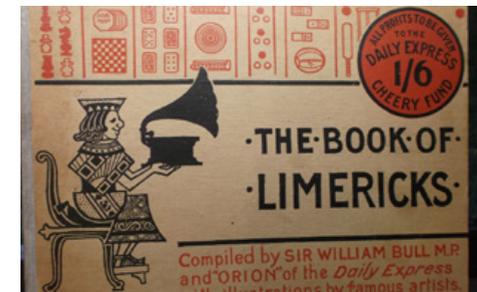
The Cheery Fund's achievements were quite remarkable when you consider there was no financial help from the government, they did in fact endorse the Daily Expresses efforts, but no money ever came from Whitehall.

They were quite diverse in what they provided to serving and ex-soldiers and sailors. The following is a verbatim reprint of the fly leaf in the 1916 book illustrated below, these items were donated over just a 21-month period.

When you also consider that the British Legion (Now the Royal British Legion) was not established until 1921 at which time it took over and continued the efforts started by The Cheery Fund, it is without a doubt that the Daily Express, in all its then glory, has never really been recognised for its brilliant and courageous work.

"It has sent out in the musical line 50,000 mouth-organs, nearly 2,000 whistles, 524 accordions, 364 concertinas, 256 mandolins, 250 flutes and piccolos, 188 violins, 150 banjos, 209 gramophones and hundreds of Japanese fiddles, auto-harps, guitars and clarinets and other expensive instruments.

The athletic branch has dispatched 4,500 sets of boxing gloves (18,000 separate gloves) 4,781 footballs, and nearly 2,000 cricket sets. The smokers branch has provided 350,000 cigarettes, 4,350 ounces of tobacco and thousands of pipes, pipe lighters and tobacco pouches.



Miscellaneous gifts comprise 13,000 games – such as draughts, ring-boards, dart-boards, floor quoits, chess sets, 23,000 handkerchiefs, 6,000 writing companions, 3,000 gramophone records, etc. It has also sent thousands of other gifts, such as soap, hair-clippers, gloves, mittens.

There is also a Prisoners of War Branch of the fund. Subscribers to the Cheery Fund may nominate individual recipients for their gifts.

Fuller particulars of the Cheery Fund's work may be obtained by sending a halfpenny stamped envelope to ORION, "Daily Express" Office, 8, Shoe Lane London E.C.



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## Trivia

# Churchillism

## John Day, from the Monthly Farming Update

- Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.
- You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.
- Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.
- A nation that forgets its past has no future.
- If you're not a liberal at twenty you have no heart, if you're not a conservative at forty you have no brain.
- Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.
- A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
- One man with conviction will overwhelm a hundred who have only opinions.
- However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.
- Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted.
- We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.
- I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots than have one agree with me.
- In the course of my life, I have often had to eat my words and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet.
- Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut.
- An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.

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# Busy Summer for Frittenden Tent Team

**Andy Fairweather**

The long hot summer has proved to be a busy period for the village tent team. The village owns a set of marquees, all of which were used at the Queens jubilee celebrations to provide a huge covered area for the festivities. The marquees are available to residents holding events at home like parties, weddings or any gathering where cover from rain or sunshine is needed. Village organisations have also benefited from the very cost effective way of having a facility delivered erected and taken down at times to suit. There is also lighting available if required.

Luckily this year has seen a pretty successful recruitment drive and the team has added several new faces to its number. They have come from a multitude of ages. Some retired, semi retired to a few teenagers who have all pitched in when required. There are also options of sizes of the tent supplied.



Many readers will of course know about and used the marquees but for those new or unaware this is something you could consider booking in the future.

Enquires re booking and pricing can be made to Mike Cooer - details and telephone number in Village Contacts pages at the front of the magazine.

**NB. Do you know the definition of marquee!?**  
**Chiefly British: A large tent set up for an outdoor party, reception or exhibition**

# Invitation to the whole village!

6.30pm, Friday 9th September 2022  
 To celebrate the journey of Frittenden Memorial Hall



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## All about gems

Colin Bullock

- A planet twice the size of earth and 40 light years away is made up mostly of diamond.
- Ancient Egyptians wore gemstone necklaces as protection from an early death.
- A “Watermelon” tourmaline, a semiprecious gemstone, has a pink core surrounded by a green rind.
- Rubies and sapphires are variations of the same mineral.
- Gemstone hunters are heading for Greenland, where rubies are popping up where the ice has melted.
- In its pure state, quartz is colourless.
- Some Australian Aborigine folk tales say opal is formed by a Rainbow Serpent.
- The word diamond is from the Greek word “adamastos,” which means Invincible.
- The finest quality emeralds are more valuable than diamonds.
- Opals have been discovered on Mars.

- Black, or carbonado diamonds came to earth billions of years ago embedded in asteroids.
- Less than 20 percent of diamonds mined are suitable for use as gems.
- Pink-coloured diamonds occur naturally in only 1 of every 100,000 diamonds.
- The imperial Crown of India, made for King George V, contains more than 6,000 diamonds.
- Jadeite is the rarest and most expensive, one carat of this green gem can cost over 3 million pounds.

## Brain Buster

A common, everyday four-letter word can be placed in front of the four words below to create four new words. What is that word?

BOW FALL COAT DROP

(Answers on the back page)

## Church Bulletin Board

Kaija Bulbrook

**The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.**

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'	The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.	At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.	The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.	This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.	Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.	The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'
Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.	This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.	

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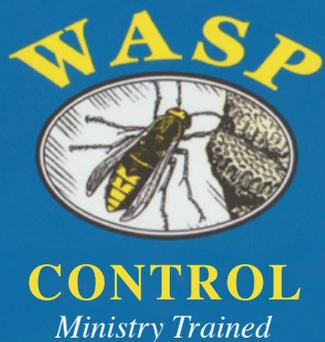


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**We held a public meeting on 13th July 2022 to update the village on current funding levels and discuss the future of the project. Despite a village wide leaflet drop, and reminders on the Frittenden Community FaceBook page this event was poorly attended.**

Our funding position as of 13th July 2022 was £96,000. We heard at the end of June that our grant application to the Prince's Countryside Fund – Supporting Rural Communities was unsuccessful. This would have been for a £25,000 grant towards the shop and café fit-out. The feedback from the Princes Countryside Fund was that we had submitted a solid application and we were one of 25 short-listed projects out of 117 applications. The trustees felt however, that Frittenden did not show enough evidence of social and rural deprivation.

A project at £100k would face both internal and external challenges.

Our internal challenges include:

- A reduced specification both in terms of size and quality
- The smaller space to allow for the café reduces the attractiveness and capacity of the shop
- £100k does not allow for a paid stores manager – but this is essential for accountability
- A larger pool of volunteers is needed as we know from other community shops that this is their biggest challenge
- The management team does not have the capacity or expertise to take on the role of stores manager

Our external challenges include:

- The cost of living crisis which has had an impact on village funding
- External grant awarding bodies are constrained

- Rising energy prices
- Escalating building costs
- The downturn in retail markets
- The impact of having Sainsbury's in Staplehurst
- And most importantly, we have not seen the breadth of support from the community for this project. To date only one third of the village has shown interest.

We have reviewed the meeting, taken on board the input received from those present and come to a final decision that we will not be proceeding with the project. All external grants awarded will be repaid or not drawn down.

We are grateful to the villagers who have supported the project, given us advice, attended meetings and to Sean and Rosie, the Parish Council and local community shops for their counsel. We are hugely disappointed not to be delivering this project for our villagers who would have benefitted from this village venture. However, given the cost of living crisis that we are all facing in addition to the internal and external challenges identified, we feel that community investment in a retail project of this nature is too risky in this current economic climate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the initial Steering Group for our visits to local community shops, our work on shop/café layout plans and the exhibition held in September 2020. Subsequently to Richard Vernon for his advice and work on the draft lease between FCS and the Memorial Hall, and to the Management Team; Stewart Hagerty for his immeasurable contribution to the build specification and schedule, the planning application, and the setting up of both the Community Benefit Society and our bank account; John Stansfeld for creating our website and mail-out platform, his assistance with all of our grant applications, his legal and corporate input and so much more; John Marshall for our initial financial figures; and latterly Mark Viviers who took over from John and diligently reworked our financials and assumptions post the pandemic, and Jim Henderson for his marketing initiatives most of which sadly we were unable to use. Thank you all of you!

**Bernie Cooper**



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

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**Wednesday 14th:** Meet at Parsonage Meadow, next to Headcorn Village Hall, at 9.30 for a 9.45am start for a 45 minute social stroll around the village at a pace to suit everyone. We may cross fields near the village. Please wear suitable footwear.

**Wednesday 28th:** Meet at 09:30 for a 09:45 start at Kingswood village shop in Charlesford Avenue, Kingswood (ME17 3PE) for a walk from Kingswood to Langley. This is a circular walk of approximately 3½ miles with no stiles and very flat. Hopefully the trees will

be turning early this year due to the heat so we should get some lovely views along Park Barn Road.

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# Weather Statistics:

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**July was a little hotter than I predicted. I never thought that I would see a temperature of 40 c / 104 f on a UK weather map in my lifetime. On 19th July, Coningsby in Lincolnshire recorded a temperature of 40.3 c / 104.54 f. The hottest in Kent was Brogdale in Faversham with 39 c and in Frittenden I recorded 37.9 c / 100.22 f. I do have a list of the hottest places in the UK that the Met Office kindly let me have. Kenley Airfield in Surrey ( 15 miles from Central London) had a night minimum temperature of 25.8 c / 78.44 f. A tropical night is defined as a night with temperatures of 20 c / 68 f or more. The Central England Temperature for July was 18.2 c / 64.76 f. In 1976, July's CET was 18.7 c / 65.66 f. July's rainfall in Frittenden was just 8.4mm/ 0.32 inch, just 4% of the average. Oldiham in Hampshire has not seen rain for 44 days. Fifteen days without rain is classed as a drought in England.**

WEATHER FORECAST FOR SEPTEMBER, for Kent, the Cotswold Counties, East Anglia, Lincolnshire and the Midlands. In meteorology, September is the beginning of Autumn. This summer has been dominated by high pressure. In 1976, the monsoon season began on August Bank Holiday, bringing widespread floods. The first half of this September will continue to be fine and warm, locally hot with temperatures of 30 c / 86 f, possibly even higher at 32.2 c / 90 f in the South East and Central England. The highest recorded temperature for September is 35.6 c / 96 f at Bawtry Hesley Hall in South Yorkshire. I think that the record will be safe, but maybe it could be beaten in this crazy summer. There will be a thundery breakdown on 5th September in the West Country and over the Midlands. There could be the possibility of flash flooding. In the South East and East Anglia, there will be some rain, but it will be sporadic, so we might not see a drop. Between 15th and 21st September, low pressure will be in charge, and it will be quite windy in the areas that I forecast for, with some spells of rain in all parts. There will be thundery spells

in the South Midlands, and some electrical storms could cause more fires, along with local flash floods. Temperatures will return to average in all the areas that I forecast for. Linton in Dorset reached 18 c / 64.40 f, and 19 c / 66.20 in the South East. There will be some fresher nights in the countryside, around 5 c / 41 f between 22nd and 29th . High pressure will keep us fine, with long spells of sunshine. We will then be way past the Autumn Equinox, so the nights will be longer than the days. Expect a touch of ground frost around Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, Suffolk and Dorset at the end of the month. There will be gales in the west of the UK, and windy everywhere and rain for all, at times. Temperatures will still be up to average and winds will be south westerly. September's Highest Day Temperature will be: 30 c / 86 f (and a 50% chance of reaching 32.2 c / 90 f), in the first 11 days of the month somewhere in the South East. I would be surprised if anywhere in the areas that I forecast for has temperatures below 15 c / 59 f. Some nights will have temperatures that will drop to 4 c / 39 f, and in frost hollows, it could fall to -1 c / 30 f on the grass. England's average rainfall for September is 69.7mm/ 2.35 inches. Kent's average is 57.1mm / 2.26 inches. Where there are local storms, some places could get 75mm/ 3 inches of rain this September, but most places will get 15% below average rainfall. This is a big problem for arable farmers. The average sunshine hours in England for September are 137.2. In Kent, the average is 152.7 hours. The Isle of Wight,, South East, the Midlands and East Anglia may get 200 hours, so 30% above average. The average Central England Temperature for September is 13.71 c / 55.58 f. This September, the CET will be 16.2 c / 61.16 f. It will be the warmest September since 2006, which holds the record, when the CET was 16.8 c / 62.24 f.

I really like the heat, wearing shorts with factor 50 sunscreen on, but I am less keen on the very warm nights. I had the privilege of talking about the extreme temperatures on KMTV on 19th July, 3 times in fact on 18th/19th July on the radio and on their news night programme. Michael Fish was also talking about the heatwave. It was good of them to bring out the old pensioners in the heatwave. Sea temperatures are around 65 to 67 f around Kent and East Sussex, so please keep safe and enjoy some of our highest sea temperatures.

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