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# Frittenden

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### Defibrillators

These are now available at: the village hall, the pub, Larchmere and a mobile unit available for use at village events.

### OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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## From the Rector



# How do we live well together in God's world?

**That's a question I'm often reflecting on with our primary school pupils when I have the privilege of taking an assembly, or dropping into a lesson. Beginning to navigate the complexities of the playground and the classroom is already prime time to start this important conversation.**

Because the question isn't going away, whether we're reacting to a social media post or responding to a housing development proposal. Will I operate - especially in situations where not everyone sees things as I do? How do we live well together in God's world?

One of the unique things about church is that from different backgrounds and vantage points we share one faith, and join together to worship Jesus. In late August we could see different perspectives in black and white as both churches displayed the responses to our July survey.

But whatever our perspective, as Christians uniquely we take our bearings from God's inspired Word. The Bible - the book which continues to beat the bestsellers year after year. More accurately it's an unparalleled collection of 66 books scribed by around 40 poets, historians and preachers from different backgrounds and vantage points across the centuries.

The Bible is full of life, and life-giving. Engaging with what we read there is what helps us see just how to live well together in God's world. And this Autumn we're excited to be running the aptly-named Bible Course, which provides a birds-eye view of the Bible. The course is designed to increase confidence in how to 'read the Bible better and see its relevance to daily life.' It's interactive and flexible, and is accessible for anyone, whether you're intrigued and bemused, or read the Bible regularly.

We'd love you to join us for a taster session on either 8pm Wednesday 8th (at Trinity) or 10am Thursday 9th September (in St Mary's). Do just turn up, or get in touch if you'd like some more information.

Blessings,  
**Pete – 852275**

**And talking of living well together, do look out for details on the church website of how we're opening out our family-friendly Sunday afternoon service. An opportunity for young and old – and with food involved – what's not to like?**



## St Mary's services during September

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Wed 1st</b>                                   |   |
| 9:00   | SPACE - St Mary's   |
| 10:00  | Coffee Morning at Trinity Church, talk by Juliet Mellor - Riding for the Disabled |
| 14:00  | Warden's meeting  |
| <b>Sun 5th Trinity 14</b>                        |   |
| 10:00  | Morning Worship - St Mary's   |
| 18:00  | Holy Communion BCP - Trinity  |
| <b>Mon 6th</b>                                   |   |
| 9:00   | Moving Mountains - St Mary's  |
| 19:30  | Bell Ringing Practice   |
| <b>Wed 8th</b>                                   |   |
| 14:30  | CAMEO in St Mary's Church   |
| 20:00  | The Bible Course - Session 1 - in Trinity Church Rooms                            |
| <b>Thu 9th</b>                                   |   |
| 10:00  | The Bible Course - Session 1 - in St Mary's Church                                |
| <b>Sat 11th</b>                                  |   |
| Ride & Stride in aid of Friends of Kent Churches |   |
| <b>Sun 12th Trinity 15</b>                       |   |
| 10:00  | Holy Communion CW - Trinity   |
| 18:00  | Evening Worship - St Mary's   |
| <b>Mon 13th</b>                                  |   |
| 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)

**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.

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Wed 15th</b>            |  |
| 9:00                       | SPACE - St Mary's                                      |
| <b>Thu 16th</b>            |  |
| 19:30                      | Joint PCC Meeting at Trinity Church                    |
| <b>Sun 19th Trinity 16</b> |  |
| 10:00                      | Holy Communion CW - St Mary's                          |
| 16:00                      | Families Together - St Mary's                          |
| 18:00                      | Evening Worship - Trinity                              |
| <b>Mon 20th</b>            |  |
| 9:00                       | Moving Mountains - St Mary's                           |
| 10:00                      | Little Lambs   |
| 19:30                      | Bell Ringing Practice                                  |
| <b>Wed 22nd</b>            |  |
| 20:00                      | The Bible Course - Session 2 - in Trinity Church Rooms |
| <b>Thu 23rd</b>            |  |
| 10:00                      | The Bible Course - Session 2 - in St Mary's Church     |
| <b>Sun 26th Trinity 17</b> |  |
| 10:00                      | Morning Worship - Trinity                              |
| 18:00                      | Holy Communion BCP - St Mary's                         |
| <b>Mon 27th</b>            |  |
| 9:00                       | Moving Mountains - St Mary's                           |
| 10:00                      | Little Lambs   |
| 19:30                      | Bell Ringing Practice                                  |

**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

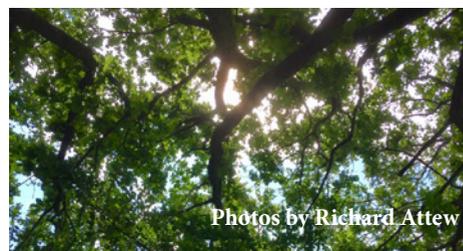
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|----------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| 5th Sep  | 10:00 | Mack Mehrabian<br>Helen Stansfeld | Judy Staples<br>James Booth-Clibborn | Tony Staples   | John Stansfeld | Dutton  |
| 12th Sep | 18:00 | Tony Staples<br>Judy Staples      | Marian Dutton<br>Tony Staples        | John Dutton    | Debbie Haine   |         |
| 19th Sep | 10:00 | Calvin Moore<br>Colin Highwood    | Elaine Highwood<br>John Dutton       | Henry Robinson | John Stansfeld | Staples |
| 26th Sep | 18:00 | Christopher Page<br>Janin Campos  | Margaret Knight<br>Christopher Page  | -              | Judy Staples   |         |

**Flower Rota** Sep 5th & 12th Pauline Finn; Sep 19th & 26th Sara King.

**Cleaning Rota** - Lindsey Moore, Joanna Beech. **Key Rota** - Michele Allchin (852358)

# The Promise of Harvest

Tony Staples



Photos by Richard Attew

The earth is the Lord's  
and all that is upon it  
Created and creative things  
Fruit and fruitfulness  
Springtime and Summer  
Seedtime and Harvest

For the promise of harvest  
contained within a seed  
we thank you.

For the oak tree  
within an acorn  
The bread  
within a grain  
The apple  
within a pip

The mystery of nature  
gift-wrapped  
for us to sow  
we thank you.  
We bless you,  
God of Seed and Harvest

And we bless each other  
That the beauty of this world  
And the love that created it  
Might be expressed though our lives  
And be a blessing to others  
Now and always.

Amen

From 'Praying through the Celtic Year' -  
[www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com).

We welcome reflections to [frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com) - a poem, prayer, thought... something to help us pause and reflect.

Trinity Church Sissinghurst and St Mary's Church Frittenden  
**Church Administrator – Part Time**

We are looking to employ a part time administrator to help in the running of the two churches. Working closely with the Rector, Rev Pete Deaves, the role involves:

**Collation and preparation of weekly Orders of Services, co-ordinating printing and distribution.**

**Planning service rotas for three months ahead.**

**Setting up and operating or linking to Google calendars for booking of events.**

**Preparation of monthly expense claims.**

**Administration for weddings, funerals and baptisms.**

**Hours & location** - it is envisaged that the role will take approximately twenty hours per month. Some tasks need to be done weekly and others on an occasional or periodic basis so there is need for flexibility over a month. The post holder will be able to work from home. If this is not possible then a room could be made available in the Sissinghurst Parish rooms.

**Essential skills** – we are looking for someone who is personable, unflappable, highly organised, a good communicator and a confident user of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe Acrobat and email.

Applicants do not need to be a practising Christian to apply, however a knowledge of the Church of England and a motivation to support the growth of the local church will be a distinct advantage.

**Remuneration** – The position will attract a salary of £300 per month.

**Duration** - as this is a new role the initial term is for one year during which time it will be regularly reviewed.

**If you would like more details please speak to Rev Pete Deaves (852275), or one of the Wardens: Joanna Beech (852312), Pennie Durie (712612), Fraser McKie (291038) or John Stansfeld (852185).**

If you would like to apply, please send a CV and covering letter to John Stansfeld, john.stansfeld@gmail.com by Wednesday September 15th.

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**A Village of Passion and Compassion**



**I hope you all had an enjoyable summer.**

This September issue brings us a breath of different articles:-

- Two village stories including one by previous residents Janet & Stuart Ash with the above title, and a golden wedding anniversary.
- Our first farmer's article 'Over the Farmers Gate' from Dick Munton.
- Update on two key community projects - The Memorial Hall & Frittenden Community Stores.
- News of an important TWBC initiative to support Afghan families

After the luxury of a few months 'unlocked' life, the village is buzzing with activities and purpose. As well as our regular church, village organisation updates, and a growing What's On section the monthly magazine is beginning to take shape!

As always thank you to the support of our local advertisers.

Our ambition is a more connected community through the Parish Magazine, and to achieve that we need your stories and views.

Do keep those articles coming...

**James Booth-Clibborn**  
 Editor  
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**STARTING ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10-11.30 @ 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**



# Songbirds and Seedheads

Rebecca Warren

**The dog days of summer - traditionally the period of summer characterised by thunder storms, sultry heat, drought and discomfort.**

In ancient Egypt the rising of the dog star, Sirius, [which is the origin of the phrase] was the precursor to the flooding of the Nile, whilst in ancient Greece its appearance came to be associated with the hottest part of the summer and its storms. Well, we've certainly had thunderstorms and occasional moments of heat but for a change, this year has not inflicted drought upon us. And the result is that many of our gardens are looking fresher, greener and lusher than they have for several years. Much of our wildlife has benefited from this damper weather; flowers have produced

abundant seeds and the ground has been soft enough for birds like the blackbird to be able to turn over the soil and feed on worms and invertebrates. In drought years, bird starvation can occur amongst species whose diet is focused upon soil-living creatures.

One of the joys of August is the sight of a flock of goldfinches balancing and swaying on the dry seedheads of the flowers in my garden. Indeed, I plant a lot of scabious and teasel for precisely this reason (well actually, teasels plant themselves after the first year!) And beyond the garden gate they are often seen feeding on thistle seeds, one of the few animals that really appreciates a field full of these otherwise unpalatable plants. In the past the goldfinch was widely caught and kept as a cage bird, and for centuries it has had strong Christian resonances. Its love of thistles was believed to link it with Christ's crown of thorns and it was often depicted in paintings of the Madonna and Child, where it was intended to foretell the crucifixion. Nowadays, thankfully, they are no longer trapped and caged here, and their numbers seem to be stable. If the dog days of summer bring goldfinches as well as thunder, then it's a season worth waiting for, in my book.

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Frittenden Dog Agility

# Weather vs Harvest

Dick Munton at Brissenden Farm

**As I write this, the 2021 harvest is approaching fast and we are hoping that a year of frustrating weather won't end with a wet one. Winter wheat established well last autumn but was then subjected to one of the wettest winters on record, followed by the driest ever April. The wet early summer increased disease pressure on the crop and our fingers are now firmly crossed for some dry, sunny weather to follow this period of unseasonal rain.**

Our two fields on the Biddenden Road were too wet to drill winter beans in the Autumn but we managed to get some spring beans in at the end of March. Unfortunately, the wet early summer caused their roots to rot and the crop has failed. It has now been sprayed off, enabling us to kill any black grass in the crop that has not yet set seed. A picture in last month's magazine showed a rogueing gang pulling this pernicious weed from a wheat field by hand - 21st century farming!

In common with many other farmers, we take some land out of production to enhance the habitat for wildlife, contributing, we believe, to the diversity of bird-life in the parish. Walkers may have noticed nectar-rich wildflower plots we



have sown in a number of field corners for the benefit of bees, butterflies and other invertebrates. These are now well established and in full flower. We also maintain wide grassy margins around our arable fields, to provide habitat for small mammals and ground-nesting birds. It sometimes feels as though we are fighting a losing battle against predators, especially the ecological disaster that the protected badger has become. Keeping loose dogs off the margins is nonetheless necessary for their success.

A new Environmental Land Management Scheme is being developed by DEFRA to replace the area-based subsidy long favoured by the EU. This will be a major change for the farming industry and we have yet to see any detail. The current initiatives at Brissenden are not part of any grant schemes and we are hoping that the new scheme will incentive farmers to do more.

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# Wild Pickings!

Rebecca Brown



This September we have gone 'native' and is heading off down a footpath to look for wild pickings!

Late summer heading into autumn is the season to snack on those little edible pleasures that enliven a country walk. And first on the list is the **blackberry**, a treat found along almost every footpath in the parish. My grandmother used to make bramble jelly, letting the cooked fruit strain for a day through fine muslin before producing a delicately set jelly from the resulting juice. Served in glass bowls on a white tablecloth, with slices of fresh bread and curls of butter, its deep black-red depths were exquisite to look at, and deliciously scented to eat. Of course you can buy blackberries too - but the cultivated forms have strange long shapes, and it just seems wrong to buy them when you can pick your own for free; the stained fingers and pricked arms are part of the pleasure - aren't they?

Further along the path is a clump of **hazel**. During late summer these stalwarts of Wealden hedge and woodland reveal pale green papery hands clasped around even paler green nuts. Often the first sign that the nuts are ripe is the tell-tale litter of nibbled shells and stripped husks on the ground below, where mice have already stolen half the harvest. Kent is famous, of course, for its

**cobnuts**, but in fact 'cobnut' is simply another name for the hazelnut and these are rarely for sale 'in the husk'. The distinctive nut that is briefly for sale now is actually the **filbert**, which has much longer husks that entirely cover the brown nut within. Filberts and cobnuts are still grown commercially in Kent - just - especially around Plaxtol and the nut plats [orchards] are so distinctive that they are worth buying just to support these little islands of local distinctiveness.

Where our footpath disappears into the wood, the dense shade of the chestnut coppice is a sudden reminder to start looking out for chestnuts towards the end of the month.

**Chestnuts** are believed to have been brought to Britain by the Romans (well, what isn't?) and in the past they were widely planted to supply coppiced timber for construction and making charcoal. Nowadays many chestnuts coppices are left uncut and as the trees mature they come into 'fruit'. Take them home and roast in the oven with salt and butter - but if you've found more than an evening's snack, then they can be left for 5 days, then peeled, skinned and frozen. Fifteen to twenty minutes in boiling water turns a frozen chestnut back into a delicious addition to a meal, with the added pleasure that comes from having gathered them yourself.

Happy hunting!



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# Frittenden Provident Society

**Phil Betts**  
Chmn. Frittenden Historical Society

**For nearly 100 years, Frittenden had its own 'friendly' or workers' insurance society.**

The aim of Friendly Societies was simple. Members paid a contribution weekly when in work as a provision against sickness or unemployment. Sometimes clubs also paid for burials, gave cash payments for injuries, paid lump sums and a small pension to widows and orphans, and, very occasionally, a pension for the contributor when he became too old to work. Such clubs had come into existence in England at the end of the seventeenth century.

Their early growth was encouraged both by the government in the form of sympathetic legislation, after carefully distinguishing between Friendly Societies and trade unions. Local civic elite - gentry, farmers and clergymen - started up clubs and often kept them firmly under their control.

Benefits were varied from area to area. Local societies such, as that in Frittenden, collected smaller sums than the affiliated societies such as The Oddfellows. It was not solely economic considerations which bound men to the local clubs. They were less closely regulated which enabled the club feasts and beer on club night to be paid for out of funds, a custom which the affiliated clubs had to abandon.

The origins and organisations of these local societies were almost as diverse as the societies themselves. It is probably no coincidence that Frittenden established a Provident Society in 1839, the year that Edward Moore arrived as a clergyman. Moore was

an active supporter of the Society, which continued for nearly 100 years, formally closing in June 1939. As such, its longevity as an independent society was remarkable, surviving for many years what has been referred to as the onward march of national affiliated orders which were busy mopping up village clubs in the second half of the nineteenth century.

From the outset Frittenden's honorary members, the wealthier members of the parish, were expected to donate funds to the society to provide adequate reserves to meet the demands of its members. However, officers of the society were drawn from the farmers and tradesmen in the village, not from among the honorary members, nor the labourers themselves. An Almanack of 1850 refers to the Frittenden Provident Society having a President, Treasurer & Deputy, Secretary, two Auditors, 10 Committee Men and four Stewards. It was the existence of the honorary members together with the members' subscriptions that enabled local societies to survive, because they were able to charge less than the affiliated orders to ordinary members - though they also typically paid out lower benefits.

The object of the Frittenden's Friendly Society was to "give relief to the afflicted, at the smallest expense to its members". This was achieved by the payment of a small sum monthly. This entitled members, all of whom were men, to receive funds from the Society, should he become incapable of working not as a result of "his own misconduct, or wanton act".

The Provident Fund was a successful institution, boasting in 1894 a reserve fund of over £1,000 and a membership of 220. What evidence we have suggests that there was little interference from the honorary members. In particular, there are few signs of any attempt to curtail or redirect the social activities of the club along approved lines.

The business of the society was conducted at The Bell Inn [now the Bell and Jorrocks] on the first Monday of every month while the Club Day, held in May, was an annual event in the village. For the village, Club Day was ushered in by the ringing of the church bells. From The Bell, later the Club Room, carrying their club banner, the members marched to church with boots shining, unfamiliar collars tight round the neck, watched by the rest of the village. At their head



went the band. As well as being dressed in their best clothes the members of the club often wore club favours, or sometimes regalia, and they carried banners and flags.

A newspaper report on the 1846 gathering noted that the inhabitants of Frittenden 'seem as if they were members of one family, for a more unanimous parish cannot be found, they all appear to dwell together in friendship and unity'. Members would assemble at the Bell Inn and parade behind a band, possibly though not definitely the Frittenden Band Chaps, to the Church for a service conducted by Edward Moore or his successors.

After this they would parade the village before having a 'capital dinner', usually in the field adjacent to The Bell Inn. The Club dinner was conducted with some ceremony. After the meal there were

speeches and toasts. These would reflect the social order of the day. As well as toasting themselves, members also drank the health of the Queen, 'the Bishops and Clergy' and later in the 19th century, the Army and Navy.

Glazed earthenware pint pots bought for use on such occasions can still be found in the parish.

The early twentieth century saw the construction of a 'club house' by the Provident Fund immediately behind The Bell Inn. It still stands today.

Club Day, not surprisingly since it's raison d'être was eating and drinking, was strictly governed and was as much a village celebration as the club's own, with open air dancing in the evening. Club Day was one of the great days of the village year, looked forward to and saved for, for months beforehand.

By the last decade of the 19th century, the old village clubs had all but had their day. In many places the affiliated orders such as the Forresters and Oddfellows had taken over and Club Day reduced to simply marching around the village. Not in Frittenden, however. Whatever motives lay behind the establishment of this society, its longevity suggests that, right down to the eve of World War II, it made a valued contribution to the welfare of the parish.

A rare survivor, Frittenden Provident Society's fragile flag is held in St Mary's Church.



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Sean & Rosie



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**Continue to enjoy our lovely fresh produce**

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## The Bell and Jorrocks

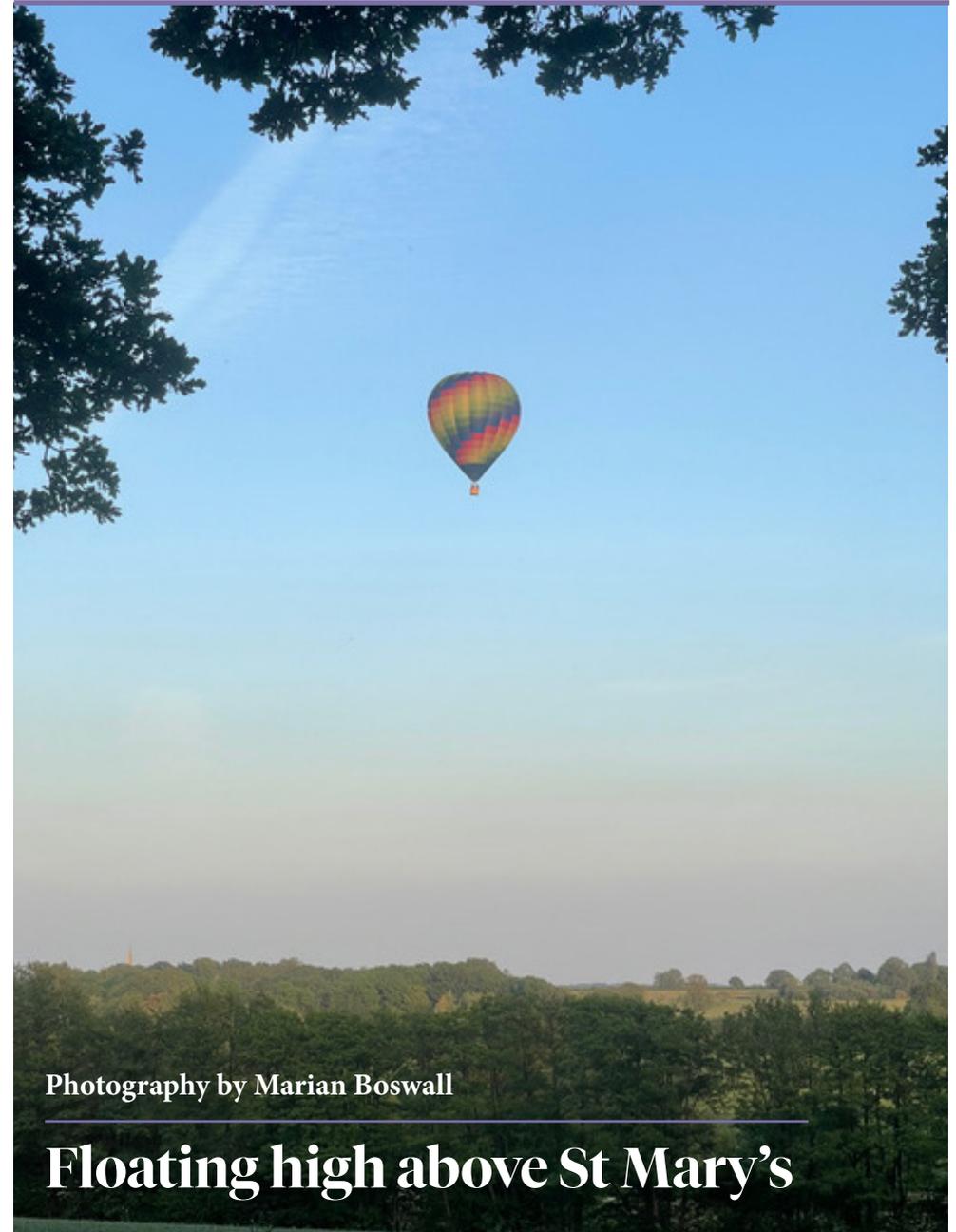
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We ask that if you want to eat with us, please book. We are still offering our takeaway menu.

We will continue to wear face masks inside while moving around.

Signing in is optional.

**Respect others personal space.**



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## Floating high above St Mary's

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# Oranges and Lemons

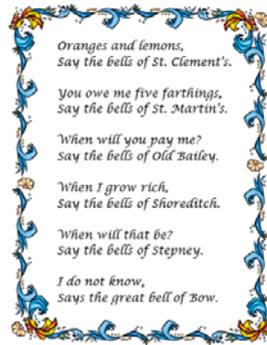
Rebecca Steele

If you were travelling through London on 31 July you would likely have thought that something rather momentous was occurring. The iconic churches of nursery rhyme fame were jubilantly competing for the attention of everyone within the Square Mile, residents and visitors alike. This was not because of a royal occasion or warning of imminent invasion, rather a celebration that, with the easing of COVID restrictions, some degree of normality was returning to the country and in remembrance of all those who have suffered from the global pandemic.



The day began with the ringing of Great Paul at St Paul's Cathedral. Great Paul is the largest swinging bell in the United

Kingdom and hasn't been rung properly for over ten years. This, the grandfather of all City bells, was rung in the presence of the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of London at 9:20am. In reply, the bells of St Mary le Bow (aka the Great Bells of Bow), St Magnus the Martyr



and St Sepulchre-without-Newgate started ringing out their peals across London as part of a day long programme of ringing. In all, twenty bell towers had a busy itinerary, some ringing

complicated peals lasting over three hours and others open for general ringing for any bellringer who had been able to travel to the capital. During the day I was able to ring the bells of three of these famous churches, something which I would never have dreamt possible before learning to ring the bells of St Mary's, Frittenden.



Bellringers are made welcome with open arms in towers around the world (COVID allowing). Whether in rural parish churches or grand metropolitan cathedrals, the community of bellringers is a friendly and welcoming one. Whether the bells of St Clements, the Swan Bell Tower in Perth, Western Australia or indeed St Mary's Church Frittenden, ringers and aspiring ringers will find friendly people to welcome them and maybe even a spare bell rope to get hold of. Why not give it a go sometime.....? Details in village contacts.

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Well, the promised release from virus restrictions for amateur musicians has come to pass and rehearsals are starting, but there is an inevitable time-lag before concerts can be produced. My researches show that Maidstone Symphony Orchestra has a concert planned for 9th October and Maidstone Choral Union has a concert planned for 30th October. Maidstone Singers' deferred concert takes place on 20th November. September however is too early for the amateurs although we can look forward to the professional Leeds Castle classical concert on 4th September. The last night of the proms is 11th September and you can see it on BBC2 (first half) and BBC1 (second half). Twenty of the proms will be available on BBCiplayer until 11th October.

Meanwhile I continue to search out anniversaries; here they are for September:

**8th Sept:** 180th anniversary of the birth of Antonín Dvořák, Czech composer

**10th Sept:** 80th anniversary of birth of Christopher Hogwood, English conductor, harpsichordist and musicologist

**11th Sept:** 310th anniversary of birth of William Boyce, English composer and organist.

**22nd Sept:** 20th anniversary of death of Isaac Stern, American musician

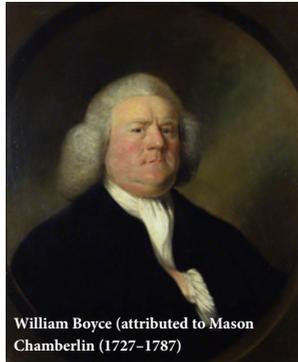
**27th Sept:** 100th anniversary of death of Engelbert Humperdinck, German composer

I will select William Boyce for details:

Born in 1711 he was a choirboy in St. Paul's cathedral and went on to hold a number of posts in church music before being appointed as Master of the King's Music in 1757. His

compositions varied widely – from songs for the Vauxhall Gardens to oratorio, from instrumental sonatas and opera to Garrick's 1759 pantomime Harlequin's Invasion which contained what became Boyce's most famous song, Hearts of Oak.

As "Master of the King's Musick" Boyce had the responsibility of writing music for royal occasions. He, however, refused to make a new setting of Zadok the Priest for the coronation of George III in 1761 on the grounds that Handel's setting of the anthem was unsurpassable – as a consequence of which Handel's setting has been played at every subsequent British coronation.



William Boyce (attributed to Mason Chamberlin (1727–1787)

**Brian Hardy**

After such a long time the Frittenden Gardening Society was able to hold its first social event on Friday 6th August. We had various visits, both outside of the village and to village gardens, and of course the Spring Show arranged for this year but Covid stopped all that.

So it was really good to see so many people, including some new members, at Duncan and Colleen Rouse's house to share a glass of wine and catch up what had been happening over the last year and of course to look round their lovely garden and vegetable beds.



Photos by Duncan Rouse

We are very much hoping that we will be able to hold our Autumn Show on 4th September in the newly renovated Frittenden Memorial Hall and we do hope that whether you are a member of the Frittenden Gardening Society or not that you will come along, have a cup of tea and cake and enjoy the display. If you miss/missed it we will post some pictures in next month's magazine.

**Diane Campos**

# Helen Grant

MP for Maidstone and the Weald

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# Gosbee's Gossip

Lester Gosbee



**A date for your diary, on Saturday 25th September between 10.30am and 2.30pm, Barbara Dunn is hosting a 'Big Green Day' in the Memorial Hall. In spite of her advancing years, Barbara always has great enthusiasm for everything, and this project is no different. Her aim is to highlight the issue of Global Warming, leading up to the Summit in Glasgow in November. Barbara's event will include contributions from various groups and individuals who are recycling for good causes. We all have to do our bit to help the planet, starting with our own small part of the world. I am looking forward to learning how much more that I can do to preserve our village and our wonderful planet.**

I have done a little bit of fund-raising for Dementia UK, by having my hair dyed the colours of the rainbow (photo attached). I am still getting donations, but the total raised so far is £934.05. I am blown away by everyone's generosity, so huge thanks to everyone who donated for this important cause.

On 7th August, we attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Judy and Tony Staples. It was really lovely to be able to mix with people again after the long running isolation rules. I got to meet some less familiar faces, including a lady that I didn't recognise, only to find that she lives directly opposite me!. How embarrassing.

My wife Hazel is holding another Macmillan Coffee/Tea and Cake afternoon on Sunday 25th September between 12 and 5pm, here at Manor Farm. Everyone is welcome, and she hopes that the weather will allow us to sit in the much improved garden. I am hoping to organise a fundraising quiz for the Memorial Hall funds for

October. Hopefully I will have more details for you in the next issue of this magazine. It seems like ages ago that we were getting excited about the Football Euro Championships. The England team had its best run since 1966. The final against Italy was a let-down after starting so well. I think that manager Gareth Southgate should have made more use of his substitutions, but hindsight is a great thing. Well done England.

The Tokyo Olympics were brilliant, and we barely noticed that there were not the usual crowds of spectators. Team GB won a total of 65 medals. If we added together the gold, silver and bronze medals together like the United States, we would have come third, not fourth on the medals table. 13 year old skateboarder Sky Brown won a bronze medal, and was outstanding considering the fact that she had severe injuries at the age of 11 and her parents encouraged her to give up skateboarding. I am sure that we will hear much more from Sky Brown in years to come. Maybe she will get gold in France 2024? She has already competed in 'Dancing With The Stars' in the United States.

Congratulations to everyone who managed to complete their A levels in these difficult times. I don't like all the publicity suggesting that the students were over-marked. The teachers are best placed to rate their students' abilities. The Government should give praise for our youngsters, not try to discredit their hard work in difficult circumstances.

**Joke time: A cement mixer collided with a prison van on Kingston bypass. Motorists are being asked to look out for 16 hardened criminals.**

## Tales from the Town Hall

Andy Fairweather

**I hope everyone survived the recent rainfall and flooding. Other parts of the Borough suffered severe damage to business and private property.**

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has pledged to help find homes for five Afghan families as part of the Government's relocation scheme

I had announced that TWBC would be helping find a home for an Afghan translator and their family under the Afghan Locally Employed Staff Relocation scheme but given the worsening situation in the country this was paused to see if it was possible to offer assistance to more people.

'I think residents who are aware of what's been happening in Afghanistan will agree we have an obligation to help these people, many of whom have risked their lives to help our troops. I am very pleased we're going to be able to help more than one family this year. It is the right thing to do.'

The Council has previously helped Afghan interpreters settle in the area and has housed and supported Syrian refugee families since 2015.

The families will be living in private rented accommodation.

The Council is grateful to private landlords who have helped with the resettlement programme previously and would be pleased to hear from other landlords who have family sized homes and who would like to support this initiative. Landlords should contact the Housing Team on 01892 526121.

I have chaired my first Health Action Team, meeting with other agencies addressing health and wellbeing with priorities such as obesity, substance misuse, mental health and COVID recovery. I have also joined the West Kent Integrated Health Partnership in conjunction with neighbouring councils and NHS representatives. The main aim and objectives are to reduce health inequalities. It was shocking to hear NHS data showing in Frittenden and Sissinghurst we have up to a 25 yr extra life expectancy in comparison with more deprived areas of Kent.

Regarding housing. I am working on two more projects to provide genuine social rent housing to those in need. This varies hugely from what is termed affordable housing or affordable rental. We have nigh on ended all homeless sleepers in Tunbridge Wells and The Russel Hotel have been a huge support with this. We have also completed 6 living units in Crescent Road, where those in need can be housed in the transition from homelessness to secured housing. Each occupant will be supported through the process and allowed a limited time of residence whilst this takes place. I am immensely proud of the housing team at the council who kitted out these units once they were completed. Furnishing and providing all wares as required on a limited budget. Using charity shops and providers. Well done to them.

I hope to see many of you on my travels and socialising around the ward. As ever I am happy to listen to any concerns either by phone, email or meeting personally.

Very best

**Andy Fairweather**

Ward Member for Frittenden

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# Rain did not stop play ...

**Tim Bull** timbull@aol.com

**There is less cricket to report on than expected, owing to the extremely wet summer.**

## 20th June v Rolvenden Home (friendly)

Rolvenden invited Frittenden to bat first. Craig Smith (26) and Chamil Almeida (25) made a solid start, Mark Handley stayed out there with (37 n.o.), but batting was not easy against accurate bowling. Frittenden made 132-5 off 40 overs. Chamil (1-13 off 8) and Wayne Totterdell (1-13 off 6) kept Frittenden in the game, but Rolvenden won by 6 wickets with 7 overs in hand.

## 27th June v High Halstow Away (league)

Frittenden batted first and enjoyed the rare riches of a 150 run opening partnership between Craig (72) and Chamil (74). A familiar Frittenden wobble saw three quick wickets fall as both were out, followed by Mark, but Nic Rodrigo scored 35 and some late scampering saw us reach 202-6 from 40 overs. High Halstow's reply was a case of "anything you can do I can do better": a 200 run opening partnership took on all our bowlers, and they reached a winning total of 205-1 in just 23 overs.

## 4th July v Bredgar Home (league)

Needing League points, Frittenden worked tirelessly to get our ground fit to play against bottom-of-the-table Bredgar. The visitors regarded our unseasonably damp wicket and outfield with deep suspicion, but eventually batted first in a match reduced to 25 overs. They had reached a decent 108-3 off 19 overs when a fresh downpour sent them home across the North Downs. No Result.

## 11th July v Dartford Away (friendly)

A last minute fixture against Dartford's Sunday Seconds was curtailed to 30 overs to allow players to get home for a significant football match. Frittenden batted first, making 134-8, led by Craig's 42 in a stand of 72 with his Dad, Don (20). After a mid-innings slump, Aiden McGinley's 32 and a few late blows got Frittenden to 134-8. Two early wickets and Craig's 3-20 saw Dartford 5 down, but half centuries from their numbers 3 and 7 got the home side home comfortably to win by 5 wickets.

## 18th July v Borden Away (league)

Away against table-topping Borden, Frittenden, batting first, were dismissed for 131 with nearly 10 overs in hand. Chamil (29) and Mark (21 retired) were making good progress when the latter was obliged to remove himself from the game after being covid-pinged. Finn McGinley came in next and top-scored with 34, but a collapse left Frittenden a well below-par score to defend. But in adversity and down to 10 men, the Treacle Miners mounted a famous defence. Craig took 4-41, and there were wickets for Nic, Chamil and Wayne as the game came down to the wire. Frittenden owed the victory to two up-and-coming juniors: a direct hit run-out by Tom Young in the 37th over and a wicket for William Totterdell in the 38th. Borden were all out for 125. Frittenden won by 6 runs.



## 23rd July v Smarden Away (20/20)

Frittenden scored 110-9. Smarden won in the 18th over, also losing 9 wickets. Scorecard not available.

## 25th July The Frittenden Premier

League (No play. Rain)

## 29th July v Headcorn Away (Hundred)

Arriving late to play an evening 20/20, I was thoroughly confused by a 10 ball "over". It was a while before the penny dropped that we were playing the much-hyped new format "The Hundred", albeit without live music and fireworks. Headcorn's strong batting line-up made 144-3. Frittenden struggled to keep up with the required strike rate, despite many gifts of wides from Headcorn. Richard Hunter top-scored with 35, but when he fell we needed more than 2 runs per ball from the last 25, and the innings subsided to 88-6, defeat by 56 runs. The game was notable for the comment "it seemed to go really fast until Tim turned up, then everything slowed down"!

## 1st August v Sherwood Home (league)

Skipper for the day Charles Dobson devised a cunning plan. Frittenden batted first and reached 109-7 (Stuart Briley 33, Chamil 24, Tom Young 17) in the 28th after which Charles brought himself to the wicket to join our other "gun", Nic. A rapid 65 from Charles and 42 not out by Nic racked up 112 in 12 overs to give Frittenden an excellent score of 217-8. Sherwood had a nightmare start, losing 2 wickets both to Wayne in the first 4 overs, before play was washed out by a torrential thunderstorm.

## 2nd August v Selsdon Home (friendly)

No play. Waterlogged pitch.

## 8th August v Town Malling Away

(league) No play. Waterlogged pitch.

## 15th August v Egerton Home (friendly)

Finally August delivered a full day's play as Egerton visited, determined on revenge after

the pummelling they received from Charles's 92 not out in May. The visitors were invited to bat first. Captain Nic opted to hand the bowling to youngsters Bill Totterdell, Louis Harmer and Ryan Martin. They bowled well but Egerton got an opening stand of 73 before Andy Burns turned things around. He ran out one opener,



had the other caught by Ryan, and then took two wickets in two balls to reduce Egerton to 118-4. Andy was to effect a further run out, and Ryan and Louis each took wickets, as Egerton finished on 198-7. Egerton's Skipper elected to open his bowling attack with "experience". R Parnham, bowling spin rather than the fearsome pace of his earlier career removed our top three, and good fortune and good cricket reduced Frittenden to 103-9 with 10 overs left. Wayne had some fun, top-scoring with 38 not out, before we were all out for 130, losing by 68 runs. Egerton's attack was led by junior player Isabella, 7 overs, 4 maidens, 3-19.

With two matches to play, Frittenden are mid table in the Kent Village League Div 3 (West), a position which would almost certainly have looked better had we not lost 4 matches to the weather. We hope for a few sunnier days to come and a successful final flourish.

**Frittenden Cricket Club is a welcoming, friendly Club. New players are always welcome. For information, please see our website: [frittenden.play-cricket.com](http://frittenden.play-cricket.com) or contact the writer. Net sessions are currently taking place on Thursday evenings.**

# Our staff and volunteers are the best!

Becky Bruce



**Hello from all at Larchmere. A little catch up for you all of what has been going on here since we last spoke!**

I wanted to start off by saying how wonderful our staff and volunteers are here at Larchmere. I have said it before and I am going to say it again they are the best. They all go above and beyond to make our lovely residents' lives as happy as can be and throughout all this covid uncertainty have stayed happy and upbeat with a lovely smile.

Pete our vicar and friends have been wonderful, they came round to sing hymns in the garden and weren't put off by a bit of a down pour! Good old British spirit. We also had Holly, a lovely 1940's singer in the garden. Beautiful to hear such a sweet voice after all the 'squawking' coming from Larchmere's choir (!!!) it made a change (sorry girls!).



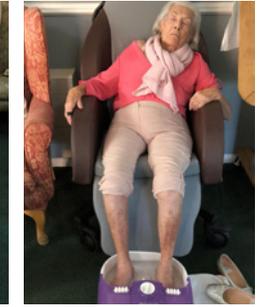
The 'sprucing up' of Larchmere has worked wonders. We have a beautiful cosy sun room now with sumptuous armchairs, coffee table, country paintings on the wall and beautiful country curtains – its hard to get up

from sitting in this room. Also, the summerhouse, the new laid lawn and the most beautiful hanging baskets (which we have mentioned before) but are going strong, if anything they get better all of the time.

Butterflies .... We had an idea to get a pack sent to us



online of little 'iddy widdy' caterpillars which we nurtured into full grown butterflies to be set free. It turned out more successful than I originally thought – we fell in love with these beautiful creatures and as you can see from the picture they really were gorgeous to look at and lovely for everyone to be reminded how miraculous nature can be.



We are lucky to have a qualified on-site masseur who gave a wonderful afternoon of luxury to the residents. As photos depict it was a huge success. Elsie went into some kind of trance while having her feet massaged (either that or El Vera/Rosie's scrumptious lunch had taken effect). Anthony, wanted to take a walk on the 'wild side' so got his toe nails painted red – good for him! and Geoff, for an almost centenarian and his first experience of a spa treatment it didn't seem too good to go down badly at all.

James' Birthday – what a cake! It was delivered to his room by all the staff to wish him Happy Birthday. He had a yummy lunch at the Bell and Jorrockes to celebrate and said lying down afterwards in his bed was his way of recuperating from such a lovely meal!

Also, 'raffle afternoon' was a hoot! We have been lucky enough to have so many donations of various items from you and families that we thought an internal raffle

for staff and residents without buying the raffle tickets would be a good idea. It was. Alison Penfold, one of our carers, won one of the first winning tickets. I encouraged her to take the 'surprise envelope' and said of all the things that it might be a) a trip to the Caribbean or b) a voucher for a Tiffany's diamond, her face was a picture when she opened it to find out she had won an afternoon washing up with Rose. How cruel am I. The residents howled at that one. Anthony won an afternoon ironing with Lucy in Laundry and June Trivett won an afternoon of tea and coffee making. Don't worry they all got other good prizes in the end!

We are after all having a fete day but it is going to be sized down this year and only for residents and their families. The reasons you will know only too well and will look forward to doing the largest of all fetes next year for you all.

**See you in October ... pray for the sun between now and then !!!**



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# The Bell and its associates

**Richard Hemsley a member of Maidstone Stroke Club.**

Having spent most of my formative years living in Iden Cottage Frittenden Road, Staplehurst and just a bike ride from the centre of Frittenden, I had intimate knowledge of The Bell and its associates.

Frittenden was a quaint little village with two number 44 buses a week, both on Tuesday, market day in Maidstone. The bus travelling right pass our front door.

The Bell was kept by one Dive Bearsby and it seemed to be the social centre for the horse racing fraternity of the area, with Len Barling and John Truman both holding NH trainers licences, being regulars there was a distinct rivalry between the Bell clientele and that of the Jorrockes and I have too many stories to tell.

1961 was supposed to be the hundredth birthday of something or other the village really celebrated. During the previous winter my father had obtained a large empty sherry cask and had Sid Mackleden a local farmer from Sissinghurst to press an odd assortment of apples. This was casked up and he fed it and added the correct amount of sugar at the right time, until one day the measuring got the better of him and the whole sack went in, but he drew off the necessary to compensate. Or so he said. The next spring, having forgotten all about it, I came home from school one day and went to my father's Office only to see the General, Gordon Burgess and his man, Sam Fields, a champion dart player of local renown, in conversation.

The General asked my father about his cider barrel and then they decided to sample it and he declared it just right after just two sherry schooners. About twenty minutes later, Sam came walking back into the yard and happen to mention that the General had put their Morris 1000 pickup in the ditch and could he borrow a tractor. The General had also made a mess of his pants!

To cut a long story short, the General and my father arranged for my father and a few others to set up a table outside the Bell on Centenary day dance night

and sell off glasses of cider for a few pence and put the proceeds into the village coffers. This they did, but one local, Lenard Croysdill, a local big wig, and head of the council roads department reckoned that he could drink three small glasses of the stingo and remain sober, much to the consternation of his over dressed wife.

As sure as eggs are eggs, he was soon flat on his back and his somewhat overdressed wife was most embarrassed, having watch him carried back to their car.

A wonderful evening must have been had by all and no doubt stories appear in many anecdotes passed by the illustrious village cartoonist Bob Coram.

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# A village of Passion and Compassion...

**Janet and Stuart Ash**



**We can hardly believe that we (Janet and Stuart Ash) left Frittenden over 10 years ago. We moved to Cornwall in 2010, but after 23 years together with you, we still feel part of the Frittenden community in spirit. Not that we are sorry to have migrated to the welcoming parish here, in this glorious part of England. Frittenden was the most wonderful village for our three growing sons, and for us in our younger days, but now our families with seven grandchildren between them can enjoy the beach, the surf, and the South West coast path just 200 yards from our cottage when they visit us.**

In large part, our ties to Frittenden have been sustained by the enlightening and entertaining Parish Magazine, sent to us kindly every month by Jennifer Jeffery. So thank you Jennifer, and a big thanks also to all the team, the contributors, and to Mike especially for your twenty years of such worthwhile service to the community. Not only has the Magazine kept us in touch with friends, neighbours and goings-on (and 'gossip!'), but it has also brought us the Rector's words of encouragement, some historical or botanical education, and the occasional excruciating joke to look forward to every month!

We would also like to thank our friends in Frittenden for their kind thoughts and prayers when we have been through difficult times. We are blessed that Stuart has 'pulled through' some major illnesses in the last three years. However, we are saddened that so many friends and neighbours in Frittenden have not had such good fortune. As well as getting news through the Parish Magazine, we are most grateful to friends, and to Brenda Croucher in particular, for keeping in touch, so that we have been able to keep those of you suffering illness or loss in our thoughts and prayers too.

Frittenden is a village of passion and compassion, and long may it last. Passion for local history, gardening, togetherness at church, pub or shop, cricket, the environment, and more; compassion in nurturing the young and supporting the elderly. We will be back to visit, but meanwhile we send our love and best wishes, and anyone finding themselves in, or passing by, Bude, is most welcome to call in for a 'cuppa' or more.

**If you have any village stories to share please email: [frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com)**



# 50 Golden Years

## Eileen and Ian Mounter

someone who enquired the whereabouts of the Students' Union building where a disco was being held. Having given directions, we then decided to attend the disco ourselves.

Ian was a wartime baby, born in Dulwich and adopted by a couple living in Mitcham where he grew up as an only child. Whilst still at school he tried his hand at various jobs such as doing a paper round and helping with a milk round to earn some pocket money. He did window-cleaning and worked in the Post Office as a telegram boy before joining the London Fire Brigade.

After a drink at the pub one Friday evening he was persuaded to join his friends in going to a disco at Whitelands College and



**It seems hard to believe that it's 50 years ago that Ian and I stood on the steps of St Mary's Church, Frittenden, having just got married on 28th August 1971, and the eight bells rang out joyfully as they do today after a wedding.**

So how did a farmer's daughter from Frittenden come to meet a London fireman? I was born in the spare room at Ridgefield (then a Colt bungalow), second daughter to Ruth and Henry Newman, and we spent a very happy childhood on the farm (Buckhurst), with our 4 cousins and ready playmates in the farmhouse.

I was privately educated until the age of eleven, when, due to a plummet in the dairy business, Rachel and I transferred to the Mary Sheafe School in Cranbrook. I later went on to Tonbridge Technical School to study for A Levels and then to Whitelands College, University of London, to train as a teacher. Rachel trained as a Nanny in Tunbridge Wells and later joined me in London to flat-share.

One Friday evening we decided to visit some of my college friends who lived in the college, but on the way we were met by

it was there, across a crowded room (cue the music!) that he saw me and told himself that I was the girl he was going to marry.

Having been brought up in the sticks, I thoroughly enjoyed the bright lights and all that London had to offer. I turned down four serious offers of marriage - from a soldier in the RAPC, a French electrician, a Mauritian and a student at the LSE, but when Ian finally proposed to me exactly a year to the day after we'd met, I accepted, and by the time I'd finished teacher training was only too glad to get back to the country where we initially set up house in Staplehurst and I taught at Angley whilst Ian commuted to his London fire station in Sidcup by car.

Our wedding day was fine but windy, and

we enjoyed a happy reception held with a marquee at Ridgefield, followed by an evening meal at Ye Maydes in Biddenden, sadly now closed. I had thought that we'd spend our first week of married life in the new house at Staplehurst but after the telegrams had been read out at the reception, the Best Man then produced travel tickets to Paris. Ian had secretly arranged for us to have a 5-night stay in the Grand Hotel (now costing over £1000 a night!).

We've been greatly blessed with four wonderful children, three lovely daughters-in-law and seven delightful grandchildren.

We think the secret of a happily married life is having three people in the marriage - husband, wife and Jesus!

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Our July meeting was held in the Church. Harpist Margaret Watson gave us a talk on the life and mechanics of the harp, interspersed with many varied musical pieces which sounded lovely to hear in the Church. This was only our second face-to-face meeting (the first being a socially

distanced garden meeting in June) so it was good to catch up with each other.

Several members enjoyed an outing to Hastings on 11th August. We met at the Hastings Contemporary Gallery and were given a very interesting tour of the old town by our Blue Badge guide. We learned about the ferocious storm of 1287 that fundamentally changed the geography of the area. The harbour of Hastings was destroyed, the old town of Winchelsea was abandoned and the coastline

realigned by the movement of massive amounts of shingle.

We learned about the Winkle Club formed to help less fortunate fishing families of Hastings Old Town in 1900 and still running today. Notable members have been Winston Churchill and Lord Montgomery.



Our tour moved into the old town discovering many beautiful medieval houses and viewpoints and discovered the twittens (alleyways) running from level to level of

the old streets. Our tour finished at George Street where members then explored the rest of the town and enjoyed refreshments at the local eateries.

On 14th September we shall be holding a produce show, in the Church.

**Valerie Reeves**

### Treasure Trail

We have decided to postpone our Treasure Trail due for Saturday 28th August, sorry for any inconvenience.

### Howzat!!

At the cricket club's village game on Sunday 19th September, we will be showing some of the rich history of cricket in the village. If you're at the game, please pop and in see us.

### New Season

Our new season starts early this year, on Thursday 30th September, with a talk from Phil Betts on the village charity, the Idenden Trust. The trust has its origins in the 1560s and continues to make distributions each December.



(Artist's representation of Idenden or Charity Farm when a workhouse in the 1830s)

The meeting starts at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Our subscriptions for the 2021-2022 season have been reduced to an amazing £7 per person, which is just £1 per meeting.

**Tor Millard, Secretary**



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## The Frittenden Village Tents

As most of you will know, these three tents are a village asset available to all village organisations and residents at very modest cost. They are erected, struck, and maintained by a team of volunteers, almost all of whom are retired since most people still working are unavailable to help during the week. This means inevitably that most of the team are shall we say "of a certain age"!

We are now looking for a small number of new recruits to the team in part to provide a bigger reservoir of people

on whom to draw, and in part to try to reduce the team's average age to a less embarrassingly large number!

In an average year, we would be called upon to erect and strike a tent or tents perhaps eight times, so with sixteen call outs we need a good number on the team to spread the load. If you would be prepared to join us please contact me, either on 852108 or [michael-cooper@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michael-cooper@hotmail.co.uk)

**Mike Cooper**

## Tennis Club

“Tennis: a racquet sport in which two players compete to see who has the shortest temper, the worst memory, the poorest eyesight, and the slowest watch.”

### Frittenden Tennis Club

The club has been steadily busy this summer, although the insipid weather may have at times discouraged some play in recent weeks. We're always looking for keen new players and especially youth players to make use of the court and we aim to offer very reasonable annual fees.

### Dates for your diary

The US Open starts on the 30th August and runs until 12th September, it's the last major of the year, Djokovic and Naomi Osaka are favourites for success.

### Davis Cup Finals

The Davis Cup Finals return over 4 days at La Caja Magica in Madrid in November. The event will feature 18 nations, in a group-stage format. Each tie will consist of three matches – two singles and one doubles, a knock stage and final follows. Spain are again hot favourites; GB failed to make the playoffs.

The ladies Federation Cup event has been renamed Billie Jean King Cup,

from 2021. The Great Britain team lost to Mexico earlier in the year following a closely fought match with Mexico, in the playoffs.

### British tennis success

Arguably the greatest British success this year at the Wimbledon championships came from Emma Raducanu making her debut performance at 18 years of age. She reached the quarter finals, before bowing out to a much higher ranked, but a new star is born.

### 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)

### Nigel Casswell

If you wish to join email: [Frittenden\\_Tennis@outlook.com](mailto:Frittenden_Tennis@outlook.com) or see the Frittenden Community page



## Memorial Hall Prize Draw

### The winners of the Memorial Hall Prize Draw

Here are the lucky winners of the July/August/September draw.

We are coming to the end of the Frittenden Prize Draw year. At that time I will be badgering people to join again. As you probably know the annual cost is £12.00 per person and the more people who join the greater the cash prize, as half of the proceeds are distributed as prizes.

Thank you for reading this and Good Luck!

Eileen Bridges 01580 852563

#### JULY DRAW

|     |        |               |        |
|-----|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1st | No. 57 | Caroline Nash | £20.00 |
| 2nd | No. 8  | Judith Addis  | £10.00 |
| 3rd | No.    | 1 Ian Mounter | £5.00  |

#### AUGUST DRAW

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|-----|-------|--------------------|--------|
| 1st | No. 4 | Jennifer Marchant  | £20.00 |
| 2nd | No.46 | Francsine Edmonds  | £10.00 |
| 3rd | No.69 | Christione Anthony | £5.00  |

#### SEPTEMBER DRAW

|     |       |                    |        |
|-----|-------|--------------------|--------|
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## Tremendous Themed Trivia

# Sense-ational Trivia

Colin Bullock

Buzzards can see rodents from 15,000 feet altitude.

Animals are able to sense natural disasters long before humans can.

Human tongues have five different taste buds, salty, sweet, sour, bitter and savoury.

A dragonfly has 30,000 lenses in its eye, a human has only one.

Penguins are attracted to the smell of rotting eggs.

Catfish have ten times as many taste buds as humans.

Houseflies taste with their feet, which are ten million times more sensitive than human tongues.

Bats have the best hearing of all land mammals.

A box jellyfish has 24 eyes, a scallop has about 100.

Sea stars don't have eyes; instead, their arms sense light.

Chameleon eyes and seahorse eyes move independently, they can see in two different directions at the same time.

The snout of a star-nosed mole is 6 times more sensitive than a human hand.

Fish can taste things not only with their mouths, but all over their bodies.

An owl can hear a mouse step on a twig from 23 metres away.

Human eyes can see about 10 million different colours.

People with prosopagnosia have difficulty recognizing faces, even their own.

A coyote can hear a mouse moving under 30cm of snow.

The Texas blind salamander has lost its ability to see because they live in total darkness.

Many animals use chemical signals called pheromones to communicate with each other.

## Animal adjective quiz

Identify the animal that is described by each adjective.

1. Equine
2. Leonine
3. Avian
4. Zebrine
5. Simian
6. Bovine
7. Piscine
8. Porcine
9. Taurine
10. Delphine
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12. Ursine
13. Apian
14. Caprine
15. Cervine

(Answers on the back page)

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**News in brief**

Planning permission was granted in March 2021 for an oak framed, purpose-built timber building on the site adjacent to the Memorial Hall. The building and fit out costs for this were estimated at £160,000. We have subsequently obtained prices for a cheaper alternative estimated at £120,000. These figures are correct as at spring 2021.

We met with Rosie and Sean in May 2021. Despite a drop-off since the pandemic restrictions have lifted, Rosie and Sean are keen to keep Stable Stores going for the benefit of the village residents and to enable the Community Shop project were it to go ahead to transition successfully and capture the same shopping behaviours.

Following the Community Event in September 2020 and the subsequent marketing mail-drop in December 2020 we have had 99 people pledge support for the project. At this point the amount pledged falls some way short of our target.

| TOTALS PLEDGED TO DATE                     |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Total amount pledged in shares             | £45,400.00        |
| Total amount pledged in donations          | £3,650.00         |
| Total amount pledged by corporate sponsors | £1,250.00         |
| Total amount pledged in loans              | £11,000.00        |
| <b>Grand Total Pledges</b>                 | <b>£61,300.00</b> |

We have received grants from the Parish Council (£500) and the Frittenden Tent Team (£1000) that have been used towards planning fees, architect fees, Community Benefit Society registration fees etc

KCC have pledged £10,000 towards the project. We have also received a grant of £2000 from the David Friday Memorial Fund conditional on progress. We hope that the delays will not jeopardise these.

**See you all on the 15th September!**

**Berni Cooper, Stewart Hagerty & John Stansfeld.**  
On behalf of Frittenden Community Stores Ltd.

**Do come along to the public meeting in Frittenden Memorial Hall on 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm. (see article by Frittenden Memorial Hall Trust opposite).**

Over the past months we have been working on a lease that would satisfy the requirements of charity law that Frittenden Memorial Hall Trust (FMHT) need to comply with and at the same time be acceptable economically to the Community Shop project. As we write this article the form of the lease has been agreed in principle. This meeting to ratify the decision by FMHT to grant us a lease is an important next stage for the project.

It is now essential that we re-validate the level of support and enthusiasm for this project from you the village as a lot has changed since our community event in September 2020. The Community Shop will be a community business owned by all of us run by all of us. We want to encourage everyone to become involved so that the Community Shop truly belongs to our community. It is a long-term commitment that will require a larger dedicated team during the ongoing development stages, financial commitment to enable the build and launch and regular use and support once the Community Shop has opened. So do come along to the September meeting so we can discuss the way forward.

# Village Meeting

## 15th September

### 7.30pm

**In order to ratify the Memorial Hall committee’s decision to lease a plot of Memorial Hall land to the Community Shop, we need to have an official public meeting, as stated in our Deed of Trust.**

All residents of the Parish over the age of 18 are invited to a meeting at the Memorial Hall on 15th September at 7.30pm.

We will be asking you to vote yes or no on one issue, as follows

**“As a resident of Frittenden, and therefore a beneficiary of the Memorial Hall Trust, I consent to**

**the Memorial Hall Trust leasing a plot of Memorial Hall land 13m x 13m to the Frittenden Community Shop Community Benefit Society for the length of 60 years.”**

The Hall committee believes that this is a good use of the land entrusted to them. We will charge rent and will not have to spend money on maintaining the land ourselves. There will be a chance to ask relevant questions before the vote, and we ask you to keep these to the matter in hand, and not on any other Hall-related questions (eg the refurbishment). A drawing of the proposed Shop will be available at the meeting. You must be a resident of the Parish, and over 18, to vote.

This meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting with members of the Community Shop Team – see their separate notice [in this magazine]\*

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Rosalind Riley, Chair, on behalf of the Memorial Hall, Frittenden**

# The Reopening of the Memorial Hall

**We had hoped to open in July as you may know – but it now looks like our first live event will be the Gardening Society’s Autumn Show on Saturday 4th September. Even if you don’t usually come to the Show, please come and enjoy our beautiful exterior and – yes – still fairly terrible interior.**

Phase 2 fundraising is under way and we will have more news soon. Yes! there will be problems with storage and facilities – Yes! some unfinished things will look a bit rough for a while – please bear with us and indeed join us on the continuing journey to finish the project.

If you wish to book the Hall, please contact Eileen Bridges as usual on 852563.

**Thank you everyone! – Rosalind Riley, Chair of Trustees.**

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- Photos of local wildlife and any wild flowers seen locally in any garden or fields sown with wild seeds
- Home grown vegetables to sell or display
- Any items made of recycled materials either to sell or display
- Any help or suggestions as I do not have much expertise just a passion for the welfare of Frittenden and the planet.

**Barbara Dunn 01580 852110**

During lockdown many of us have missed our monthly get togethers over coffee/ tea, cake or cheese straws.

Covid restrictions and building renovations at the Memorial Hall have created difficulties for us all.

However with restrictions easing and life getting back to a new ' normal' we are happy to announce that CAMEO is returning, albeit with a few changes.

The Venue will be St Mary's Church on the second Wednesday of each month starting with 8 th September, 2.30 - 4 pm

What remains the same is that it's a relaxing time to have a chat over a cup of tea.

So please

**COME AND MEET EACH OTHER**

Everyone is welcome  
 Looking forward to seeing you

**Isobel Mehrabian**

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**SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021 @ 10a.m.**  
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THANK YOU in advance from Frittenden & the Parish Council

**Please join us for a tidy up of our village**



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## Garden Society Autumn Show

Saturday 4th September in the Memorial Hall.

Entry forms to joanna.beech97@gmail.com or deliver to Duncan Rouse at Rose Cottage, or to Joanna Beech at Longmeadows, please, by 8pm Weds 1st September.

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.frittendengardeningssociety.co.uk](http://www.frittendengardeningssociety.co.uk)

Everyone welcome from 3pm to view the exhibits, see the extended hall and for tea, cake and the raffle! Prize giving 4pm.

## Art & Company

Starting Monday 6th September 2021 (term time only)  
7 – 9.30p.m. at Frittenden Memorial Hall

For Frittenden locals with an interest in art/creativity, we bring you an impromptu amateur arty evening of whatever you fancy. Bring your own materials whether it's for painting, drawing, sewing, modelling etc. A different subject will be provided each week but feel free to do your own project. Be prepared to clean up after yourselves. We have numerous arty books to peruse. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided. A suggested donation of £5 per person per session would be appreciated to help cover costs. Some equipment and paper will be

available on the first evening. No commitment to turn up week in week out. Hand sanitiser and fresh air will be provided. Please note this is deliberately kept off Facebook in case we are overloaded with interest; we hope to start small-fry so numbers can be managed. Looking forward to switching off and getting absorbed in creating with a little bit of company to go with it! Please E-mail if you are interested so we can keep a tab on numbers to: heatherepc@yahoo.co.uk or if you have any questions. **Ciao for now from Heather & Pearl**

## Headcorn Health Walks September

**Wednesday 8th:** A circular walk from Lenham of approximately 3 miles, 80 minutes, going up on the Downs to the large cross. Park in the car park in Maidstone Road or in The Square, meeting in The Square at 9:30 for a 9:45am start.

**Wednesday 15th:** Meet at Parsonage Meadow, next to Headcorn Village Hall, at 9.30 for a 9.45am start for a 45 minute walk around the village.

**Wednesday 22nd:** meet in Frittenden at 9.30 for a 9.45am start for a circular walk to Sissinghurst

crossing fields and along lanes. Approximately 3½ miles, 2-2½ hours, stopping at Sissinghurst for a coffee. Some ups and downs, some stiles and might be muddy in places. Parking available along The Street in Frittenden near the Memorial Hall (TN17 2DD).

**It is no longer necessary to book your place on any walk but if you would like further information, please contact Barry (barry@watersideeast.com) or Paula (07525 260539).**



## Frittenden Memorial Hall Fundraising Virtual Dog Show

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# Weather Statistics:

**Lester Gosbee** lester.gosbee@btinternet.com

It has been a wet summer to date. June rainfall in Frittenden was 98.6 mm/ 3.88 inches. In **June**, we had 3 days when temperatures exceeded 80 f/ 26.7 f, the highest being 28.58 c/ 83.30 f on 14th. The hottest day of the month countrywide was also on 14th at Teddington Bushy Park, in Richmond, London at 29.7 c/ 85.46 f. British Colombia in Canada reached a new record temperature of 49.6 c/ 121.28 f, 5 c/ 9 f hotter than the highest recorded July temperature.

In **July**, Frittenden had 4 consecutive days with temperatures above 80 f/ 26.7 c between 18th and 21st. On 18th, we reached 30.07 c/ 86.18 f in Frittenden and 31.6 c/ 88.68 f at Heathrow. On 20th July Heathrow reached 32.2 c/ 89.96 f. It is worth noting that for the first time, Northern Ireland had 3 consecutive days with temperatures exceeding 30 c/ 86 f between 21st and 23rd July, peaking at 31.4 c/ 88.52 f at Armagh. Scotland had it's third hottest July on record.

**Forecast for September:** September can be an extension of Summer, or the beginnings of Autumn. This September will have a summery start with higher pressure from the Continent. It will be warm or very warm. Parts of the South East, London and Central and Southern England will get temperatures into the 80 f's, possibly even 30 c/ 86 f. There may even be some tropical night temperatures, not dropping below 20 c/ 68 f. London, Brighton and Dover are the most likely places to get these temperatures. This spell could last until 10th, and apart from the odd thundery spell, winds will be southerly.

Between 11th and 19th September, there will be spells of thundery rain, and there will be the risk of some local flash flooding. The weather will become more settled with dry spells from mid month. We will have foggy mornings, known as 'hop-picking mornings'.

Night temperatures will be down into single figures in the countryside. There will be some warm afternoons, with temperatures reaching 22 - 24 c/ 72 - 75 f. A deep area of low pressure around 21st will give most areas that I forecast for the remnants of a tropical storm. There will be high winds and heavy rain, again bringing local flooding. Kent and Lincolnshire will be spared from the worst of the weather. In fact, these counties will get some warm humid sunshine along with the downpours. Temperatures will be well into the 70 f's. After this, a succession of low pressure systems will cross the country and temperatures will return to normal, mid 60 f's/ 18 c.

After 28th, high pressure will settle the weather down, and it will be mostly overcast. We will be in a north westerly air flow, so it will be cool and if the cloud breaks, expect fog in the countryside. Parts of the Midlands and frost hollows of Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire will get the first air frosts. Day temperatures will be below average at 15 - 16 c/ 59 - 61 f.

September's Highest Day Temperature will be: 30 c/ 86 f, on 3rd or 4th. September's Lowest Day Temperature will be: 13 c/ 55 f (In frost hollows where fog lingers), at the end of the month.

September's Lowest Night Temperature will be: 1 c/ 34 f, in the Midlands at the end of the month. September's average rainfall over England is 69.7mm/ 2.74 inches, but Kent's average is 57.1mm/ 2.24 inches. Many places will get at least 50% above their average totals, locally over 100mm/ 4 inches.

The last month that rainfall totals were average was April.

**Sunshine** - It has been a dull Summer in the South East. 137.2 hours is the average sunshine total in England in September. In Kent it is 152.7 hours. This September most places will get close to average sunshine totals, but the South East could get 10% above average. The mean temperature for September is 13.71 c/ 56.66 f. The hottest September recorded was in 2006 at 16.8 c/ 62.24 f. This year it will be 15.7 c/ 60.26 f, at least 2 c/ 3.6 f above average.

## REFUSE TRUCK SCHEDULE

Due to the Corona virus outbreak, this service has been suspended until further notice although sometime in September it may start again

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## ANIMAL QUIZ (PAGE 34) ANSWERS

1) Horse, 2) Lion, 3) Bird, 4) Zebra, 5) Ape, 6) Cow, 7) Fish, 8) Pig, 9) Bull, 10) Dolphin, 11) Goat, 12) Bear, 13) Bee, 14) Goat, 15) Deer. (Yes, dear reader, not a typo, numbers 11 and 14 are both correct.)

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