

# Yalding & Laddingford

Parish & Church Magazine

50p per issue



February 2021

**St.Peter & St.Paul, Yalding with St.Mary's, Laddingford**

For further information please go to Church website

**[www.yaldingchurches.co.uk](http://www.yaldingchurches.co.uk)**

Further information can be obtained by contacting

Father Paul Kish or the Churchwardens

(contact details are in the magazine).

We're into 2021 now and we've been governed not only by Covid-19, but also by Brexit. Our border forces have it all worked out for the poor lorry drivers who need extra paperwork and thankfully Manston Airport wasn't built over after all. It's difficult to imagine how life is going to be one year from now, but hopefully we are now on the road to recovery, not only from the pandemic, but also the economy.

So, with no news, how have we managed to get a full magazine together?! Thanks to our regular contributors plus an update from Yalding Surgery from Dr Scott, a new recipe spot from Hari Covert and our yearly rainfall charts from Edward Raikes plus snippet news from here and there we have managed it. And I'd like to say a special thankyou to our distributors who are still delivering to our loyal readers.

## FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH

### The One Tree, The Lees Flood Meadow, Yalding

The One Tree in the middle of the Lees is a local landmark loved by everyone living here and visitors from afar. This picture is from a couple of years ago now when snow made the Lees look magical. If only this Oak tree could talk! What conversations it has listened too from under its impressive branches. We know this tree is at least 50 years old, as only trees as old as this produce acorns. Many, many animals benefit from this tree - it is their home. Animals enjoying this tree range from birds, to insects to squirrels. It has a little friend growing beside it in the Hawthorn which when you look over to the copse of Oak Trees further round the meadow, they have them too.

### **Floodplain Meadows - a Technical Handbook - Floodplain Meadows Partnership**

I googled flood meadows and found the Floodplain Meadows Partnership and this is what they have to say: A brand new handbook on floodplain meadows covers everything you need to know about the history, management, restoration and creation of this vitally important, yet threatened, habitat. Once very widespread, these iconic sites now occupy less than 1,500ha in the UK. Floodplain meadows are both part of our heritage and inspirational wildlife habitats. They support a diversity of plant species rarely seen elsewhere, offering a home for a wealth of wildlife including birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. They are a product of a long agricultural tradition of managing floodplains to produce a valuable crop, and thereby provide a rich seam of rural history to explore.

Floodplain meadows require no artificial fertilisers yet remain productive during droughts and recover rapidly after floods. In addition, they supply many additional benefits to society for free, including storage and cleansing of floodwaters, sequestration of carbon and a very aesthetic contribution to the landscape. Mindful of the frequency of extreme flood events that have affected Britain in the period 2000-2020, encouraging resilient agricultural systems that can accommodate flood storage, yet bounce back to provide a crop that delivers both biodiversity and an economic return, is becoming an increasingly important priority. This book is aimed at anyone managing, restoring, or re-creating floodplain meadows, and those with a general interest in rural history and how it has influenced the floodplain wildlife we have today. It is available in hardback (£12.99) or can be downloaded for free as a pdf at <http://www.naturebureau.co.uk/floodplain-meadows>.

# Parish Letter... from Father Paul

*To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.*

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Corinthians 12:7 - 9)*

Biblical scholars may speculate, but nobody knows what St Paul was talking about when he mentioned his metaphorical "thorn in the flesh." It was clearly something which caused him great pain, and which would not easily disappear. Three times he mentions that he has asked for it to be taken away, and after each of these times it is clear that God did not take it away.

Poor man.

Who among us has not wished that this present predicament might be taken away? And yet, in our third lockdown, it remains.

We can identify with St. Paul in our own troubles, among the sickness, the death, and the bereavement, and all that we have lost as a society under the ravages of the novel Coronavirus. We have lost time, money, friends, fun, recreation, music, enjoyment, and the compensations have been slim. For all that we might look on the bright side and discover a renewed resolution to lead healthier lives and to appreciate the small things which we struggle now to enjoy, this has been a fiercely punitive and corrective experience, and continues to be so.

St. Paul was not afraid of hardship. In his missionary journeys he was beaten, scourged, imprisoned, insulted, and shipwrecked, but he was clear in his purpose. He was clearly a strong man in body, mind, and spirit. But he had his weaknesses, and he was all too aware of his limitations.

We all have limits, and even if they are large limits, they define the extent of our influence and capability.

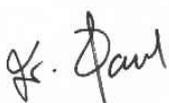
For all that we try to promote our strengths and maximise our influence, we always find a point at which we can go no further. With increasing age comes increasing wisdom, but also increasing weakness, pain, injury, and frailty. We cannot do everything forever, and some things we had perhaps hoped might happen will never come to pass.

But what did we expect? Did we ever really imagine that in our short and limited lives we could achieve everything? Is it not perhaps more important that we achieve something at a cost of all the rest? Make some friends, learn some useful skills, help some people, have some fun?

St. Paul was an incredibly capable man whose determination and influence helped to spread the Christian faith far beyond its origins and even ultimately to our own land. But even he had his painful boundaries. Yet he realised that it was not his job to be God, to achieve everything, to complete the task, to save the world – this has already been accomplished through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. St. Paul's job was to do his best in the constraints of the life he was given. And he realised in his own troubles something very important:

Weakness defines us. It reminds us that we are not responsible for everything. When we remember that we are not God, then perhaps we are reminded to worship God, and in that weakness we discover our true strength as His children. In knowing our limits, we can achieve what is possible, and leave the impossible to the God who makes the rules by which we all live. Therein lies our true strength. And His.

*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10)*



# What a year...!

## as seen from Yalding Surgery

### On the positive side

**Our Community:** Thank you to all neighbours, family, friends and volunteers who have rallied round to help us reach vulnerable patients. *Special thanks go to Rachel Curley and her amazing delivery team.*

**New Staff members:** Dr Marangoz has joined the doctors every Tuesday, and Sonia works three days a week as Primary Care Paramedic. We also welcome Louise in Reception and Kornelija in the dispensary to reinforce these teams. All staff really stepped up to the challenges of 2020. Some have worked at the new Covid assessment Hub in Headcorn, whilst others did extra shifts to cover self-isolating colleagues. *Thank you Team for your dedication and your positive Can-Do attitude!*

**Dispensary:** Despite record demand and medication shortages in the year, the team regularly provided up to 9,000 prescription items per month. All medication goes through 3 checks from shelf to collection, so *we continue to need 3 working days' notice* when ordering repeat prescriptions.

**Winter Flu Campaign:** Normal 'flu vaccination was extended to all over 50s in December and our nurses did a fantastic job accommodating record numbers. If you are eligible, *we still have 'flu vaccines available* - please call the surgery to book your appointment.

### Challenges

**Increased demand:** Nationally, many factors have combined to increase the pressure on General Practice: among these the need to alleviate pressure on hospitals, social distancing, and a mismatch between an ever expanding population and a stretched work force. Our waiting room appears quiet, but the surgery itself has been busier than ever!

**Working remotely:** The lack of non-verbal cues, the intensity of staring at a screen all day and the lack of understanding that we can't be available for non-urgent issues, (even for "Just" a quick phone call) is truly exhausting! We continue to follow NHS and Government guidelines regarding remote working and only see patients face to face after clinical triage or when there is no other option (blood tests for example)

**Increasing Patient numbers:** As we are rapidly outgrowing the surgery, we have applied to reduce our practice boundary that currently stretches from Staplehurst to Tudeley in the south and Maidstone to Kings Hill in the north. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT OUR CURRENT PATIENTS but it will help reduce new patient registration. If you would like more information regarding our proposed boundary changes please contact Jayne Spouse at the practice.

As I write, **the Covid programme is moving fast.**

By the time you read this, our care homes will have received their jabs; and many, or even most, patients over 80 should already have their letters, if not their first vaccination too.

Let's hope that this huge effort will allow some return to normality later in 2021.

Keep Safe and Remember...

# **HANDS, FACE, SPACE**

*Alexandra Scott*

## CHRISTMAS CHEER AFTER ALL

Christmas wasn't cancelled on December 12th! There may have been no Yuletide Market, but on December 12th (whilst following all the restrictions in place) the "Crafty Christmas" stalls brought to Court Lodge a very festive and Christmassy atmosphere, much enjoyed by all who attended. The stalls were packed with a huge range of hand-made Christmas decorations, flower-arrangements, small gift items, plants and home-made preserves.

Our thanks go to all those who contributed their time, energy and creative skills in so many ways, and to all who came to support the event with such generosity. The final total raised for the Heart of Kent Hospice reached £878.10!

We have received a very appreciative letter of thanks from the Hospice:

*"...this is a phenomenal amount to have achieved at such a difficult time. As a charity the services that we deliver to the local community have never been more important than during the current coronavirus pandemic, your donation really does make a difference.*

*...We value each and every pound that is donated to us and promise to put it to the best possible use. Thank you once again for your fabulous support and for thinking about Heart of Kent Hospice. Stay safe"*

*Karen Newton-Anker  
Community Partnerships Fundraiser*

Joy Virden, Karen Martin, Sue Williams

## Yalding Baptist Church Sunday Worship Services

If we are in lockdown, these services will be on Zoom only. If lockdown ends and we think it is safe, we may also be in the building

**Every Sunday 10.30 a.m.**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 4184 1757

7th February	Communion Service
14th February	Usual Service
21st February	All Age Service
28th February	Visiting Speaker Rob Eldred

Kitchen Crew (monthly date to be confirmed, for young people aged 11+) and Junior Church will be at home via WhatsApp and Zoom.

Any services in the building will follow all the relevant government Covid19 guidance and a register will be taken of attendees for Track & Trace

Most Mondays 10-11.15 a.m. Praise and prayer- via Zoom  
Alternate Wednesdays 8.15pm Home Group fortnightly (via Zoom until further notice)  
Contact James and Rachel Bushnell for further information/dates:

01622 817337 or rachbush75@hotmail.co.uk  
yaldingbaptistchurch.my-free.website www.facebook.com/yaldingbaptistchurch

# HARI COVERT RECIPE

## *Surviving in Lockdown 3*

Well who would have expected some ten months on from the initial Lockdown we are all being urged to stay at home yet again.



I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of my favourite recipes with you all as I am sure you are making use of the time in your kitchens.

I have been cooking like mad since March 2020 doing meals for my vulnerable neighbours, providing bread through the Covert Community Bakery (a badly kept secret) and more recently my Hari2Go takeaways.

My Almond Croissants have become somewhat legendary and about twice a week I make "Frangipane" that is used with them and some of my other baked goods (e.g. Bakewell Tarts) It is simple to make and I store mine in the fridge in a disposable piping bag ready to use.

### **Frangipane**

250g Unsalted Butter  
250g Caster Sugar  
200g Ground Almonds  
5 Eggs  
Almond Essence



### **Method**

I initially cream the sugar & butter in a mixer until it whitens - then add the ground almonds. I then crack each egg into mix and make sure it is well mixed before adding the next one.

Once all added I finally add the almond essence to the mix.

I then put straight into a piping bag and store in the fridge till I need to use it.

I have made mini bakewell tarts or on a roll of puff pastry I have smothered with a thin layer of the almond paste and then sprinkled with sultanas, stewed apples or mincemeat rolled up and then chilled to harden up and then sliced to make something different to have for breakfast or a last minute dessert. The pastries can be frozen and pulled out and cooked from frozen if needed last minute.

Enjoy and Happy Cooking

# Yalding Rainfall trends

Total rainfall in my rain gauge during 2020 was 691 mm (27 ins) compared with 665 mm in 2019 and a 30 year average of 603 mm. It was the seventh wettest year since I started keeping records in 1991, so well wetter than the median. In this period the wettest year was 802 mm in 2001 which started with the remains of the storm which caused the millennium flood of 2000, and the driest was 332 mm in 2005 which we remember for its hosepipe ban.

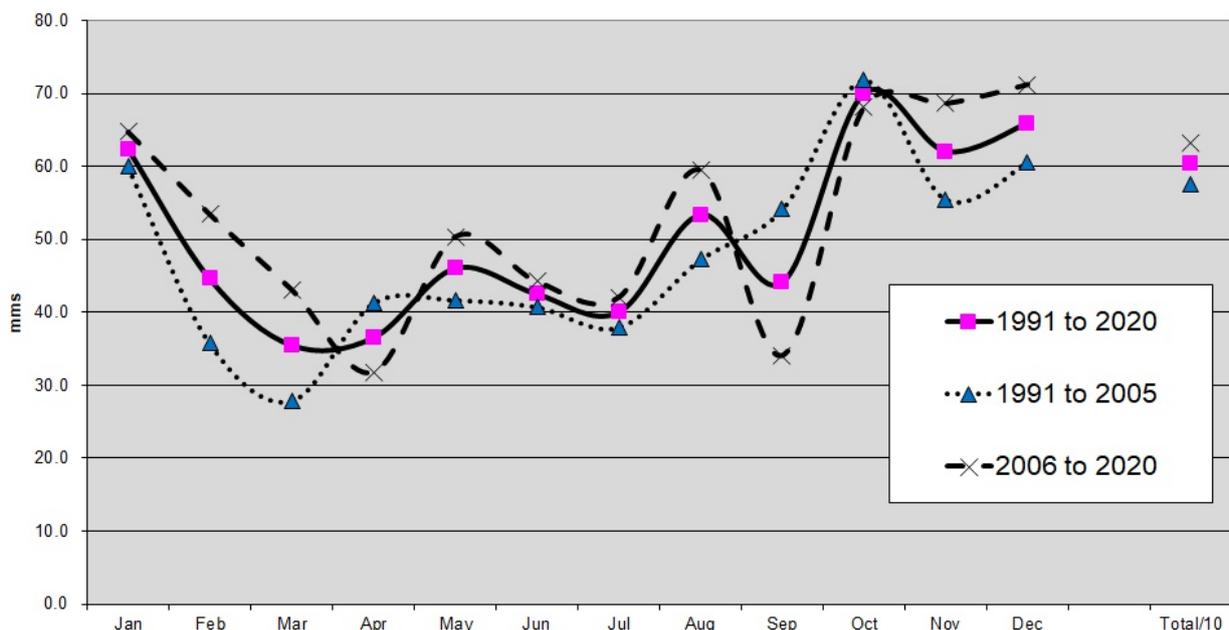
The English weather is characterised by its variability. For example the rainfall in June 2018 was 3 mm, whereas in June 2016 it was 139.5 mm. However when large numbers of readings are aggregated and compared patterns do emerge.

The Chart shows the long term average month by month and in total for the 30 years under review, and for the two sub-periods 1991 to 2005 and 2006 to 2020. The fact that these long term averages show a pattern indicates that in spite of appearances there is some underlying regularity about the weather. We can see from the dotted line that for the earlier sub-period the month of March had the lowest average rainfall, while for the later sub-period (dashed line) this had shifted to April. It is also evident that in the later sub-period September has become the second driest month which is a significant change from the way things were earlier. Overall the later sub-period at 631 mm had about 9.7% more rain than the earlier at 575 mm, which, if it is sustained, is a significant increase. It also appears the later sub-period is much more “wavey” than the earlier one. That is: there is more rain in the wetter months and less in the drier ones. Again, We cannot at this stage tell whether this will be a permanent feature of future years or whether it is just chance.

I am aware that the various plots I have presented would be better distinguished if they were shown in colour (rather than dots and dashes) and if any of you would like to see a colour version I can email it to you as a Word file if you contact me at [eraikes@parsonageoasts.plus.com](mailto:eraikes@parsonageoasts.plus.com).

Edward Raikes, 8th January 2021

Average Monthly Rainfall 1991 to 2020 (mm)



# TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK



February...

The river is up and down like a yoyo at the moment...it's very cold and the water is muddy and uninviting even to us water voles.

Mind you there are still fish to be caught...fish in moving water need to feed in the colder months just to stay alive. Bigger smelly baits will often work well. A fish won't waste valuable energy to target a small bait, but will often go for one that will give it the most benefit.

Talking to BB the River Bailiff, he tells me that CALPAC fisheries have memberships available for stretches of the Beult, Tiese and Medway. As well as lakes and other fisheries in Kent and beyond. Look them up on their website.

Just heard some not so good news about an application to build an egg / chicken farm next to the river a couple of miles upstream of us. Apparently lots of concerns about pollution running off the fields when they flood which can affect me and my aquatic mates very badly. Hope you can ensure that they can keep my river water clean!!!

Roll on Spring and the warmer weather...hope to see you then.. Nighty-night.  
Love Ratty.



*Roly Poly Poppy*

## FAREWELLS FROM CHRIS AND JO HAIG and family

It's time for us to say farewell to the beautiful village of Yalding, and to the amazing people that live there.

After just under 26 years here Chris, Jo, Felix, Molly and Ruby Haigh are sad to be leaving Yalding, and all the lovely neighbours and friends we have made over the years.

We moved here as newly weds in February 1995, and raised our three children here, who are all now making their own way in life. Molly and



Ruby were both born in our cottage on Vicarage Road. During our time in Yalding, Jo and the kids were very instrumental (*intentional pun*) with the Relative Minors orchestra, as well as Jo being an active member of Village Voices, and a recorder group.

For my part, I had several years as a governor of Yalding St Peter & St Paul Primary school, I have been a trustee of GamBLE / School Gambia, and I've spent the last ten or so years running the village Explorer Scout Unit and helping with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

We are moving back to Jo's native Devon, where we will be a mere 40 minutes from Jo's parents and about an hour from Felix & Florrie, who have settled in North Devon. We failed on the downsizing. Our new house has more bedrooms and more floor space. But that means we have room for visitors! Having said that, Jo will now have a dedicated art room, and I'll get a proper office to work from.

Massive thanks to Richard and Marguerite Bolsin and to Tan Rawkins for being the best next door neighbours, and also to everyone along our part of Vicarage Road. You made our time here so special. We still think this is a lovely place to live and we're sad to be leaving.

Everyone here is so lucky, perhaps much more than you all realise. *Chris Haigh*

*Editor: I'm sure I speak for all: we're very sad to see you go. Your contributions to our village will be much missed.*

## TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRE-SCHOOL

This term began by exploring the book "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear?" by Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle. What do you hear when you read this book to a pre-school child? Lots of noise!

Which is exactly what we have. Apologies to our neighbours if they hear lots of animal noises coming from the village hall! We have been making the sounds the animals make and using our imaginations pretending to be the animals featured in this book. The children's listening skills have also been tested as we ask them to identify the animal sounds. We have been chanting the rhythmic words in this book and identifying the colours of the animals.



We look forward to Chinese New Year on Friday 12th February (year of the ox) and to celebrate this we will be decorating our village hall and learning to write our names in Chinese.

During this term, our older children have been continuing with their phonics groups that we started in September. In normal circumstances, we would be inviting parents into the setting to discuss their child's development but, due to Government guidelines, this will not be possible, so we are busy writing reports that will be emailed to all parents.

If you are interested in joining our pre-school, please contact

**Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email [tandwngroup@gmail.com](mailto:tandwngroup@gmail.com).**

## Other Local News Items

### 100 CLUB MONTHLY WINNERS

DECEMBER drawn on Jan 3rd;  
1st Simon Wilson, No 76  
2nd Marion Coleman No 14  
3rd Jean Young No 62

JANUARY ALSO drawn on Jan 3rd  
1st Tony Saunders No 8  
2nd Robert Short No 18  
3rd Karen Lengthorn No 51.

Next Draw will be on 7 February 2021

### JEAN YOUNG SENDS GREETINGS

Jean sends her thanks for all the kind thoughts, messages and presents.  
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH

I have settled in really well here at Capel Grange and am looking forward to seeing a few visitors here when this lockdown is over.

## LITTLE VENICE

### *Happy New Year everyone!*

They say no news is good news - That's a relief as I have none!!

Life goes on, as it always does here at Little Venice. As usual everyone rallied round during the post Christmas flood. Thankyou to the Environment Agency and their flood warning phone calls - they give us plenty of time to get moving!

If anyone at Little Venice needs any bits of shopping, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I am always happy to shop for you when I am at work. Please take care and stay safe everyone.

Sally Hillier

### **Viv Robinson's Popup Shop Flamingo Cards and Gatehouse Candles in Yalding**

Thank you for supporting my outdoors popup shop for cards, gift wrap and candles in that first lockdown and over the Summer. I'm continuing the same arrangements now.

I'm open for trade by prior appointment only. The 'shop' will be located outside my garage for the time being. Just contact me to discuss your needs and arrange a time slot so I can set up the display on the specific theme requested.

All items will be on a table out in the fresh air with full social distancing observed.

All items for sale are on my website [www.vivtoro.com](http://www.vivtoro.com).

or contact me on

**01622 814779 / text 07734 049667.**

p&p for Web orders under £30 is £3.50.

Click and Collect or hand delivery available to shielding or self isolating customers;

**Thankyou for supporting local businesses**



## Yalding Post Office

**Most loved  
Post Office  
in Kent**

**2016/17/18/19/20**

**I have had some news from a senior source in the Post Office. The Gov't funding provided recently has allowed fixed remuneration to branches like ours to continue for another year. So we are safe until April 2022.**

**Sorting Office news.** We welcome our new postie Jo to the team in the sorting office. She is thoroughly enjoying her round and the people she meets. No final confirmation of the date the office transfers to the new building in Snodland.

**Royal Mail postal problems.** We are receiving increasing enquiries from customers whose mail appears to have gone astray over the past month or so. Please be aware that Royal Mail staffing levels have taken a huge hit due to Covid 19. Many main offices are operating at about 50% staff capacity with current mail levels at about double the normal. Even since Christmas, when mail levels normally decrease significantly, mail levels have stayed very high. Please don't panic...the mail will arrive eventually.

**For those customers with Post Office Card Accounts. (POCA)** The contract between the Government and the Post Office for these accounts expires November 2021. You will receive a letter sometime asking you to allow them to pay pensions / benefits into a bank account for you instead. They have not thought of what to do for customers who do not have...or cannot get a normal bank account. Apparently the Gov't may well accelerate the changeover, but still no plans for those without access to ordinary bank accounts.

The Gov't has been writing to POCA customers about this for a while now. Earlier letters have been interpreted as quite threatening by some customers who have, rightly in our opinion, ignored them. They are now taking a more conciliatory approach. Post Office Ltd (POL) are now taking the approach that customers should change their benefits arrangements sooner rather than later in order that customers have time to enrol with a bank that allows financial transactions at Post Offices.

I have asked POL what will happen to those customers that may be left behind in this. Their response is that an alternative scheme will be put in place in good time. We will see.

**The Coronavirus emergency. Please wear a mask in the shop. Only one customer in the shop at any one time (more than one allowed if residing together) Please also keep a safe distance apart whilst waiting to enter.**

**Bakery.** Our alternative supplier of pastries has recovered enough to resume producing his wonderful croissants etc. Coxheath Bakery has resumed its Monday service.

**Helen's cakes and biscuits.** Helen has sadly given up making her fantastic cakes and biscuits due to family circumstances. We wish her the very best in the future and hope that she can resume at some point. PS...Helen may do some "specials" on occasion. Yes Please!.

**Vulnerable persons cash withdrawals.** We are happy to allow 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to undertake financial transactions for vulnerable or isolating people. We require a confirmation letter from the customer and ID from the 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

# YALDING POST OFFICE

New stamps sets this month are the **Celebrate UK and National Parks** collections. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request.

All kinds of Post Office savings, insurance and investments, telephone and Broadband services available. Post Office Classic Travel Insurance cannot be arranged in branch at present due to a technical problem, but you can collect literature and contact details from us.

**Foreign Currencies.** We still have a stock of Euros and US Dollars...minimal demand at the moment of course. POL have informed us that credit on Travel Money Cards can be encashed at all branches in UK currency.

Your Post Office offers free cash withdrawals with most debit cards, pay bills, top up gas and electricity cards and keys, pay in cheques and cash to most banks using your debit card. We do Health Lottery, phone Top-Ups, Fishing licences and Moneygram. And, of course...we sell stamps and send parcels and letters all over the world.

Bakery items fresh every day, Croissants and other pastries Thursdays and Saturdays, cold drinks, unique greetings cards by local artists, Yalding honey, Joan's jams, Bit Spicy curry mixes, hand-made fabric items, stationery, Yalding mugs, fresh eggs from local chickens, Loddington Farm fruit juices, Oakapple Farm fresh produce.....All in stock now.

As well as a large stock of locally made face masks, bags and scrunchies...all moneys to the Yalding Surgery fund to pay for some new vital equipment. Well done to Sharon...the face mask manufacturer extraordinaire...

**The Post Office Gift Card is an ideal gift for that person hard to buy for....These can be used at pretty much every major retailer in the UK and online. See us for details.**

Our opening hours are 9.00am to 1.00pm. 2.00pm to 5.30pm. Closed on Sundays.

Early closing on Wednesdays and Saturdays (12.30pm Saturdays).

Many thanks for your wonderful support for Kent's Most Loved Post Office.... Telephone...01622 814327

Look us up on our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/yaldingpostoffice](http://www.facebook.com/yaldingpostoffice)

and website [www.yaldingpostoffice.weebly.com](http://www.yaldingpostoffice.weebly.com)

## GUESS WHAT!

Tim, our best loved Postmaster will be celebrating his

65th birthday on the 16th February 2021.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, a get together to celebrate this is on hold.

Here's to us meeting later on in the year and celebrating in style!!

## News from your trustees



YALDING CHURCH  
PRESERVATION SOCIETY

### Virtual Hamper Draw...



*Our online draw that ran up to Christmas was a great success. It managed to raise in total £500 that will now be shared between YCPS and the Yalding Community Foodbank. Our thanks to all who took part and contributed to what has been our only fundraiser since March 2020.*

*The winner was Lynne Barham who lives in Collier Street. She was delighted to take delivery of the Hampers (we had too much just for one)*

*Happy New Year to you all and hoping to be back soon with more fundraising ideas.*

### 22nd AGM - 10th December 2020

Delayed from March 2020 we finally managed to hold (virtually via Zoom) our 22nd AGM. We went over our fundraising activities for 2019/20 and what our plans will be once we get back to some semblance of normality.

Our 23rd AGM currently scheduled for March 2021 will be subject to the Covid situation at that time. We would love to attract some fresh blood to our small band of trustees.

If you think you could contribute some time and enthusiasm to our fundraising activities in helping maintaining the fabric of what is Yalding's most historic building then please contact us via [ycpstrustees@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ycpstrustees@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Our 2020/21 Trustees

**Chair** - Peter Chapman - 07973 839266

**Treasurer** - Rob Bird

**Secretary** - Alison Cresswell

**Events Co-ordinator** - Gail Johnson

Tim Chapman, Martin Johnson, Claire Morrison



#### OVER EXPOSED

An Illustrated chat with Caleb Photographer Dave King

**Sunday 1st March 2020**  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Yalding

Doors Open 6:00pm - Starts 6:30pm  
Tickets on sale at Yalding Post Office  
or Village Tea Room

On Line tickets available at [www.ycps.org.uk](http://www.ycps.org.uk)  
(On sale from mid December)

Tickets £8.00 per person  
On the door £10.00 (subject to availability)

Refreshments will be served at the end.

Dave will provide a highly entertaining and revealing talk about just some of his many amazing photographs and career in photography spanning 30 years. The chat will also include some behind the scenes revelations as co founder and organiser of the Vicar's Picnic Music Festival. We expect this to be an amazing and fun event that will give an insight into Dave's life behind the lens, make sure you get your tickets early.



# [www.ycps.org.uk](http://www.ycps.org.uk)



## YALDING ART GROUP

I am missing all my artists. It has been a long time since we have been able to meet and work together. This month, I have put forward the work we did when we tried our hands at oil painting. The bird is a Bittern and was copied from a linocut picture I found on an old art exhibition brochure. Unfortunately, the original artist was not named, but if they do see my version, I hope they would approve.

Debbie did a clown which is very colourful and a happy image and Rene did a dancing girl. Look at the online version of this magazine at [www.yaldingchurches.co.uk](http://www.yaldingchurches.co.uk) to see images in colour. What we learnt from that session was that it is so much easier to use the correct paper! This allows the paint to slide and be positioned in the place you want it to be. However, it takes simply ages to dry, so you have to be very careful to keep the paint in the place you want it and not put a finger mark in its place!

I have many art session plans in my 2021 diary and not many ticks against them. Here's to us meeting very soon! When we do meet again (very Vera Lynne!) - sessions are open to everyone with an interest in art. £3 covers subs and refreshment time at 11. We will be meeting every Thursday 10-12 and Friday 10-12 whilst restrictions are still in force. We will only meet again when restrictions ease a little and maybe we can have groups of six again. Until then, keep drawing, keep painting and I will keep posting on facebook:junechapmanart. Our website is [www.yaldingartgroup.weebly.com](http://www.yaldingartgroup.weebly.com) - I haven't updated it recently, but there is some beautiful work by artists past and present.



## YALDING LIBRARY

Our Library will remain closed at least until April 2021. (That's me you can hear sobbing in the background!) There are only five local libraries still open to customers, namely **Allington; Maidstone Library Centre; Larkfield; Southborough; and Tonbridge**

Flicking through the TV channels recently, desperately trying to find something that would interest me, I stumbled across a programme on Channel 5 enticingly entitled '*Britain's Favourite Novel*'.

I mean, really – what's not to like?!



I was even more delighted to see that four of the top six nation's favourites – which were voted for by members of the public – were classic novels written by women at a time when women didn't get much of a look in on the bestseller lists, making their achievements even more remarkable. And all four of these novels, classics though they may be, also neatly fall into the category of romances.

**Jackpot! It's February – a time for lovers! Lets celebrate St Valentine, the Patron Saint of Love.**

Here we go then – four classic romantic novels for your February delight:

### **Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier**

On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of this novel falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley, a change comes over Maxim and the young bride is filled with dread. Friendless in his isolated mansion, she realises that she barely knows her new husband. Worse still, in every corner of every room is the phantom of his beautiful first wife, Rebecca.

### **Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte**

Set in the remote moorlands of northern England, Wuthering Heights is the tumultuous love story of Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, the young foundling brought home by her father. Heathcliff is raised by Mr Earnshaw as one of his own and Cathy becomes his constant companion. But when he falls passionately in love with her, she rejects his proposal of marriage. Heathcliff's terrible vengeance ruins the family and yet, despite everything, the love between Cathy and Heathcliff refuses to die.

### **Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte**

This timeless classic follows the love which grows between the courageous orphan Jane Eyre and her employer, the brilliant, brooding and domineering Mr Rochester. The loneliness and cruelty of Jane's childhood strengthens her natural independence and spirit, which prove invaluable when she takes a position as a governess at Thornfield Hall. But after she falls in love with the man who has employed her, she discovers a terrible secret and is forced into making a heart-wrenching choice.

### **And the winner is:**

#### **No. 1 – Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen**

Full of wit and charm, this novel is centred around the Bennet family – a family of five daughters whose parents are desperate for at least one of them to make a wealthy match and save the next generation from destitution. The eldest of the sisters, Elizabeth Bennet, has a keen mind, a sharp wit, and no desire to marry for convenience. When she meets Mr Darcy, her first impressions are far from favourable, and he shows little interest in her. Nor do their opinions improve with further acquaintance. There seems to be little hope of romance. But, then again, first impressions can always change – can't they?

And if sitting down to read a classic novel doesn't rock your boat, have no fear – there are numerous classic film and TV adaptations of all four of these nation's favourites. Just put your feet up and enjoy!

By the way, did you know that St Valentine is also the Patron Saint of Epilepsy?

No? Neither did I – Happy 14th February everyone!

Julie

Laddingford C of E School  
Darman Lane  
Laddingford  
Kent  
ME18 6BL

www.laddingfordschool.kent.sch.uk  
Tel: 01622 871270

Email: office@laddingford.kent.sch.uk



### **Join our Laddingford Family!**

#### **Is your child due to start school in September 2021?**

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual open events in November, if you missed these but would still like to know more about the school please get in touch with us via the school office email address below. We would be happy to have a chat with you, via phone or video call and to share some videos with you to give you a flavour of our school.

Our school website has lots of information too, including a virtual tour video on the 'admissions' page;

www.laddingford.kent.sch.uk

**Headteacher:  
Mrs Gemma Hitch**

Laddingford St Mary's Primary  
Darman Lane, Laddingford,  
ME186BL

01622 871270  
office@laddingford.kent.sch.uk

Find Us on Social Media



**@LaddingfordCEP**

## **Laddingford Primary School News**

### **Well, 2021 has started with a bang hasn't it?!**

I first drafted this article in December – needless to say it's needed a bit of a rewrite! School is now closed to many of our pupils and we know it will remain that way until at least February half term. This is such a challenging time for everyone, even though I think we could perhaps see it coming, the reality of being back in lockdown brings with it immense difficulties for families, businesses and individuals. I hope you are all ok, that you are keeping safe and well and managing to find a little positive in each day.

The children, staff and families at Laddingford have once again pulled together brilliantly, by then end of our first week of 'closure' we had; put in place our remote learning policy, meeting the government requirements and having great engagement from our families. We also spoke to every one of our families, ordered and received our DfE laptops and started to prepare them to go home to those who needed devices. We ordered some 4G routers for those struggling with internet access and prepared 11 'workbook' learning packs for families who requested a non computer based alternative. Finally, we organized supermarket vouchers for our families entitled to free school meals and provided onsite provision for the children of critical workers. I am immensely proud of the team here.



The children continue to delight and impress us as they always do. There is great learning going on across the school via Google Classroom; being suddenly forced into embracing this new technology will undoubtedly have benefits which last long past the pandemic.

There are of course many things technology cannot replicate though, one of the highlights of the week at Laddingford is always getting back to basics in the forest. Children adore forest school and we love seeing their confidence grow as they learn new skills, become more resilient and learn to solve problems in a new way. Our Forest school is well established now, I've popped a few photos in this article (above) but you can see loads more over on the forest school blog on the school website – go and have a look at what the children have been up to! Hopefully it won't be too long until we can get back there – but in the meantime, don't forget to have breaks from your screen and get outside!

# YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY

## Save the dates!

## YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY



Monthly Zoom meetings - New members welcome!

1st February at 8pm - The Gardens of Alhambra

1st March at 8pm - AGM and a talk (tba)

Further information regarding Yalding Garden Society  
please contact Joy Virden 01622 814509

## BIG SCHOOL'S BIRDWATCH

Children across the UK can take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch during the first half of Spring Term which is from 5th January until the 22nd February.

This year is the 20th anniversary of connecting children with nature in their school grounds.

Since its launch, over a million schoolchildren and teachers have taken part.

It will be a poor year for bird sightings in school grounds this year due to yet another lockdown.

We are lucky as we are a rural community and we see lots of common birds flying to and from nests and making a noise guarding territory and thinking about the Spring mating season.

If your child is at home at the moment, why not do a garden watch instead - look out for robins, wrens, blackbirds, blue tits, pigeons and point out what noises they make.

These are birds easy to see at the moment and we can all cringe when that pigeon makes that mournful noise on and on! We are also lucky having a river - The birds to spot there are kingfishers and we have lots of those, as well as swans, moorhens, coots and mallard ducks.

Find out more from [www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch)



## Cricket news – fingers crossed

In normal times, as I write this, we would have been starting winter nets at Putlands. We began these about eight years ago, and they have been a brilliant opportunity for the kids and – in the last few years – the senior teams to get in some pre-season training. But, most importantly, it has been a chance to catch up with mates, introduce new players, and for the youth team to get to know the seniors.

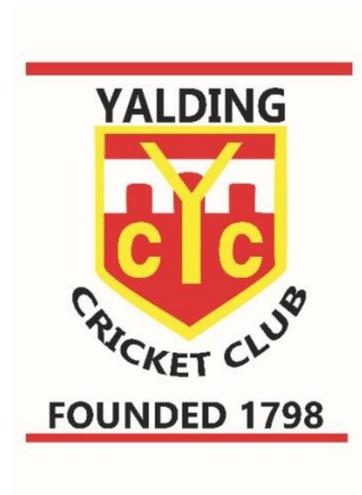
Like so much else in the last 12 months, though, this has obviously all changed. Under current rules, we can't now hold indoor nets of any kind. Like any sport, cricket is a social game: we'll all have to practice in isolation for now.

But, as last year, we hope we will be able to play some cricket when the spring and summer come. With good discipline and clear rules, there is no reason why cricket – which has very little physical contact between players – can't continue when the going gets better. We'll keep everyone updated as best we can. Watch this space.

In the meantime, though, thanks to everyone who bought a Christmas tree through the service we set up in December. The club normally relies on a several fund-raising activities, like the quiz nights, but also charges match fees and pitch fees to visiting teams. None of that was possible this year, so we have lost thousands of pounds, but we still have to maintain the pitch, service the mowers and rollers, and cover the other costs incurred by the club even when we are not playing. We don't receive any subsidy or grants, so without this vital income, we would really struggle in the next year. Thanks again to all for organising that effort, and for those who bought the trees: it really was a lifeline to the club. And everyone seems to have loved the trees!

Despite all the bad news, cricket seems to have found a way to carry on: there have been test matches and T20 competitions going on globally, some even with crowds. If you don't have a Sky account, many of these are now available on Amazon Prime, or BT Sport. Otherwise, there are plenty of highlights on YouTube and other video streaming services. If we can't play – at least we can watch! If you have youngsters who might be interested in the game, watching how it is played is massively important. Please feel free to contact Martin (details below) if you are struggling.

By the spring, we are hopeful that we will have completed work on our new permanent net. This will be a major boon for the club, allowing us to offer people the chance to just pop down and practice at a time that suits them, as well as allowing batsmen to warm up during matches. A massive thanks to Roy and his team for all the work they have put in over a tough old year. Here's to a much better 2021!



-----  
Please note Martin's new email address: [martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com). His mobile is 07961 100389. Roy can be contacted on [RoyFarrier@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:RoyFarrier@litmuspartnership.co.uk).

# Exciting Tree Planting at Hunton

I heard well over a year ago now that the owner of Hunton Court had exciting plans to plant trees on a large field he had bought and make a new wood. He's already been very busy planting a lot of trees in the past four years within his current Hunton Court grounds and I noticed a few boundary sticks recently, so it looks like they are to mark out a perimeter walking 'gap'.

If you look on the next page you will see that the location of this exciting new 'Wood' is the field between Church Woods (behind Hunton School) and river, down Bishop's Lane which is a dead end road. Many people in the village of Hunton and the surrounding areas have been enjoying the walking opportunities in the village; especially the access to the private land of Bishop's Field. In the strange year of 2020 and indeed this year so far, the number of people, and dogs walking around the field has increased greatly.

The opportunity to be able to do this has helped many people cope with the Covid-19 pandemic crisis by walking in the fresh air with man's best friend and it has proved to be a good place to have a socially distanced contact with other people.

By the time you read this, the next chapter in the life of this field may well have started. The field in question is part of the Hunton Court Estate. It was sold off in 1954 and then re-purchased in 2018 - thankfully. The current owner, Mr. Serge Desmarais has great plans to make this 60 acre field into a wood and it is no small undertaking.

Over this Winter and Spring, 45,000 trees will be planted. That is really something to celebrate. Most trees will be native species and there will be a number of statement trees. To give this wood the best possible start, the woodland will be protected by fencing to keep out rabbits and deer.

Knowing how the village community love to walk this field, a strip of land is being left between the fence and the field boundary; for all to continue to use. After decades of use for agriculture, mainly hops, wheat and oil seed rape, 2019 saw grass being sown and the most amazing display of poppies sprung naturally from the ground. Poppies lie dormant in the soil and will grow again when disturbed hence the poppy fields of Flanders being a poignant spectacle of this phenomenon.

During the Summer of 2020 saw grass being cut, bailed and transported. The antics of the contractors kept many of us amused, and interested for weeks and weeks! This Summer will see the woodland, with its rides and open spaces planted and taking shape.

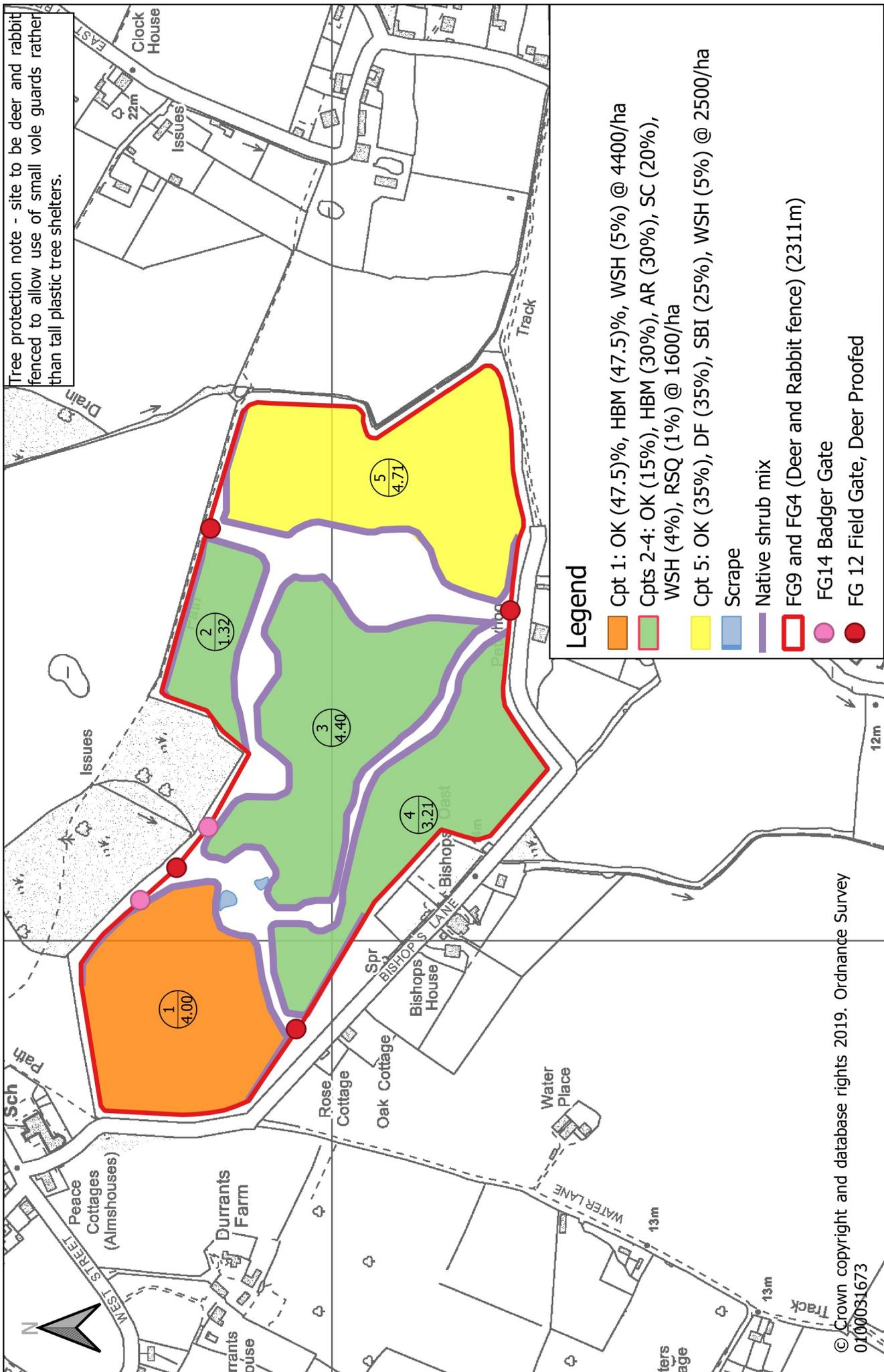
It will be interesting and uplifting to see the changes to the fauna and flora from the latest chapter in the life of this part of Hunton.

*Mike Summersgill - Tree Warden - Hunton*  
hunontreewarden@btinternet.com

## **YALDING ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION** **Plots Available Now!**

If you have ever fancied growing your own produce, now is a great time to get started. You'll benefit from fresh air, gentle exercise and the joy of eating something you have grown yourself; perhaps these things are more important to you now than ever before.

There are currently whole and half plots available at Yalding Allotments, Vicarage Road. Please contact the Secretary at [\*\*yaldingallotmentassociation@outlook.com\*\*](mailto:yaldingallotmentassociation@outlook.com)



Hunton Court - Woodland Creation Plan  
Central Grid Ref: TQ723489

---

## Yalding Parish Council

---

### **EXTRACTS FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### **WEBSITE**

The new website address has been changed to [yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk).

#### **NAMING THE ROAD BETWEEN LEES ROAD AND CLAYGATE ROAD/DARMAN LANE**

The consultation has been put on hold until lockdown has been removed.

#### **VILLAGE NAMEPLATES AND FINGER POSTS**

The two Heritage nameplates at Laddingford have been removed for refurbishment. Heritage-style nameplates have been ordered for the entrances to Yalding as well as a new finger post for the village green.

#### **YALDING POST OFFICE**

The postmaster has received confirmation that the post office subsidy will be renewed for 2021/22. However, the mail delivery office is due to close by the end of March 2021.

#### **THE YALDING CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW**

The Chairman and The Clerk meet with the conservation officer who will make recommendations early next year. He is recommending adding Yalding School.

#### **MBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – CALL FOR SITES**

There has been such a huge response to the Regulation 18b Consultation that the recommendation for the preferred option has been deferred to the SPI Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **VISUAL UPDATE INSPECTIONS OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND**

Inspection of all areas complete with a report that dog poo on The Kintons is on the increase again.

#### **WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF PLAY-AREAS**

**JUBILEE FIELD** - Inspections complete no issues.

**THE KINTONS** - Inspections complete; there is some graffiti that needs removing and one of the baby swings needs to be replaced. There is a crack in the spiral slide.

#### **FLOODING**

##### **GENERAL UPDATE**

There have been several flood alerts this winter but, to date, no serious flooding for the Parish.

##### **FLOOD WARDENS**

Five people have come forward and there was a training session on 24<sup>th</sup> November and a Zoom meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>. DS has agreed to take the lead with regard to manning of road closures.

##### **PROPERTY FLOOD RESISTANCE UPDATE (PFR)**

All installed equipment is being inspected to ensure fit for purpose and that residents understand how to install. Residents are reminded that the equipment must be serviced annually to check seals, pumps and that all nuts and bolts are available.

##### **SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Burgess Bank is complete. At Lyngs Farmhouse it appears UKPN have been writing to Oakley Homes, previous owner of Curley's site, who went into liquidation some 13 years ago. YPC have now given them the correct contact details.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - TO REVIEW**

MBC are keen that parishes proceed with plans and have provided reasons why. In light of the information provided by MBC and NPPF paragraph 14, The Streeting Group agreed to move forward with the plan.

#### **EXTERNAL AUDIT - LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW**

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had made no comments on the 2019/20 audit return.

---

## Yalding Parish Council

---

### NEW GATES

#### **FOWLE HALL GREEN ACCESS GATE – TO AGREE TO QUOTE OF £670**

All agreed to accept this quote and budget £,1000 in total to allow for fitting.

#### **THE LEES PICNIC AREA ACCESS GATE – TO AGREE TO QUOTE OF £1,900**

All agreed to accept this quote and budget £2,400 in total to allow for fitting.

#### **THE KINTONS FIELD ACCESS GATE TO THE FIELD – TO AGREE TO QUOTE OF £782**

All agreed to accept this quote and budget £1,300 in total to allow for fitting.

### CONSULTATIONS

Two consultation were received in December.

- Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review: Regulation 18b – YPC’s proposed representation was circulated via Parish News.
- A Street Trading application to sell hot and cold foods and soft drinks from a trailer in Orchard View Garage car park, Hampstead Lane, Yalding

Councillors strongly object, the site is completely unsuitable:

- There is insufficient off-road parking for larger vehicles. The frontage abuts double yellow lines and opposite is where residents and visitors park and is in constant use
- The EA require unobscured access in that area
- The parking will have a knock on effect to the overflow parking to the existing business
- It is in close proximity to the traffic lights, which may back up.
- Hours of working will create light and noise pollution in the open countryside.
- Hours of working will potential cause anti-social behaviour
- The application states only one member of staff; how do they propose deliveries?

Whilst not a specific objection, Councillors noted that it would be in direct competition with Teapot Island and the other pubs doing takeaway and who are struggling at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions.

From previous month - The National Highways & Transport Network - Public Satisfaction Surveys – 21 February 2021 The Chairman will send this out on Parish News.

### COUNTRYSIDE FOOTPATH ACCESS TO THE KINTONS

The residents have started a petition and reported the lack of an access point to planning enforcement. The Chairman and Clerk met with the MD from Countryside and Medway Valley Countryside Partnership were asked to quote to build a bridge across the ditch from the site to The Kintons’ car park. Awaiting Countryside’s decision.

The track from, Vicarage Road to The Kintons has been resurfaced by Countryside; the water running from the highway down the track needs to be resolved.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021

The following dates were agreed.

- Christmas Lights down TBC
- January/February meeting 19 January 2021
- VE Day Celebrations TBC
- Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2021
- Parish Picnic 12 September 2021
- Parish Clean Up 10 October 2021
- Remembrance Day 14 November 2021
- Christmas Lights up 21 November 2021
- Yuletide Market 04 December 2021

### CORRESPONDENCE

- NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 06/13/20/27 November 2020
- KALC CEO Bulletin - November 2020
- Kent Police - latest Rural Task Force Report and Rural Matters newsletter – 11 November 2020
- Helen Grant MP report - 3rd November 2020
- Medway Catchment INNS Project Report 2020

---

## Yalding Parish Council

---

- Letter from a resident with regards to the erosion of the grass verges along Vicarage Road near the entrance to the new development. The Clerk will obtain a quote.
- Letter objecting to YPC carrying out door to door consultation through Laddingford. Councillors agreed to defer this until Covid-19 restrictions were lifted.

### **SANTA'S DRIVE-THROUGH OF THE PARISH**

This was really well received most especially this year as children had been unable to visit Santa in the usual way. Our thanks go to the Stead Family for providing Santa and two elves, to the Gent family for providing reindeers and three elves and an extremely special thank you to Sean from Greenways Nursery on Benover Road for lending us his bright red, 1947 classic truck to transport Santa around the two villages. Will this be an annual event? A lot of discussion and consultation required before a decision can be made.

### **COUNCILLOR KEN GOUGH**

Councillors thanked Councillor Gough for all the work he is doing with Community Payback at The Fen and The Kintons as well as lots of other things.

### **NEXT MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be no Meeting in February. The next meeting will be held via Zoom Conferencing on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 6.30pm. Parish Electors are able to address the Council by sending a written statement to the Clerk at [clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk) at least forty eight hours in advance of the meeting. You may still attend the meeting but not speak and you will need to be able to sign into the Zoom meeting via the internet. The Clerk will advise you of the procedure.

### **FLOOD WARDENS**

Thank you to those who have volunteered but we could still do with a couple more flood wardens. There is an online training session in February (date to be confirmed)

We have three types of warden; those with designated areas to look after and ensure vulnerable people are safe, those who are willing to don a hi-viz and man a road closure and those who are willing to man the emergency centre in the church.

We are also keen to keep a note of those people who might be able to offer some temporary accommodation (such as a bed for the night).

Please email me if you are willing and able to help; training will be given where needed. [chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We are also looking for Flood Buddies to assist those with Property Flood Resistance measures to install their equipment before the flood arrives.

### **PARISH NEWS – PARISH DATABASE**

To receive news on flooding, road closures, lost and found and any other important news and information, please send your details to [chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk) with a request to be included on the database. All information is stored in accordance with GDPR Regulations.

Have you not been receiving bulletins? Maybe it's because you have changed your email address and forgotten to tell us.

Are you new to the Parish? Please let us know.

---

## Yalding Parish Council

---

### COVID-19 – CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

**VACCINATIONS** – These have started for Yalding residents and will be undertaken at both Headcorn surgery and aerodrome. Wait for your GP to contact you to make an appointment.

**Action Fraud is warning the public to remain vigilant as criminals begin to take advantage of the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine to commit fraud.**

Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is **free of charge**. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam.

Action Fraud has received reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases, the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website. For more information go online to:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/coronavirus-vaccine-scams-warning>

### ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

This is available to everyone who is not showing symptoms of Coronavirus and is particularly useful to those who cannot work from home. You can have the test every two weeks and the result comes through in a couple of hours. Whilst you can take the test at any centre, the two for Maidstone are at Detling Showground and Sessions House (County Hall).

For more information, a full list of test centres in Kent and to book a test (scroll to the bottom of the page) go online to:

<https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

### LOCKDOWN JANUARY 2021

Whilst most people seem to have sorted either online shopping outlets or are being helped by friends and family, our local volunteers are still available if you need help. Also, the food bank is still operational. If you need help and have no other contact, please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call her on 01622 814134 between 10am and 1pm (please leave a message if necessary).

### DINING IN

The following are open for takeaway food; some will deliver locally. Not all are open all day or every day, so it is necessary to check beforehand so that you are not disappointed.

The Chequers	01622 871266 or see Facebook page
The George	01622 814376 or see Facebook page
The Village Club	01622 814123 or see Facebook page
The Walnut Tree	01622 814266 or see Facebook page
The Woolpack	01892 720356 or see Facebook page
Zatrdia Indian	01622 816807 or see Facebook page
Moby Dick Fish & Chips	Friday only 07904 234618
The Boathouse	Closed

## DEADLINE FOR COPY & ADVERTISING

**10th of every month**

Editor: June Chapman

mag@yaldingchurches.co.uk

Advertising: Lara Franklin

ylpm.advertising@gmail.com

Weekdays 8am - 4pm Saturday 8am - 2pm Sunday 8am - 11:30am

  
**The Village Tearooms**

Barista Coffees

Homemade Cakes

Sandwiches and Toasties

Speciality Teas

Organic Soups

Pastries

PRE-ORDERS WELCOME 07794 233 513 call or TEXT  
yaldingtearooms@gmail.com

*Under new ownership. Drop in and have a taste!*

## YALDING TAXIS

**Competitive - Personal - Professional - Reliable**

- Friendly, local, family-run business with many years' experience excellent working knowledge locally, Kent, London, southeast
- No journey too short or too far
- Whole of Kent covered for long distance runs (Airports, Seaports, London etc.)
- 24-hour service, 365 days a year (advance bookings)
- Very competitive rates and no extra charge after midnight
- Lady drivers available
- All major credit and debit cards accepted
- Vehicles with up to 16 passenger seats
- Modern, clean, comfortable fleet - fully licensed and insured
- All drivers police checked and licensed
- Business and personal accounts welcome

**01622 81 43 43**

**mike@yaldingtaxis.co.uk**

## FINE FINISH

**CARPENTRY & JOINERY**

**All aspects of carpentry undertaken including:**

- Kitchens
- Wardrobes
- Flooring
- Panelling
- Hand Cut Roofing

**A fully qualified and professional service with over 25 years experience**

**Yalding Based**

**www.finefinishcarpentry.co.uk**

Contact: John Aldrich

**01622 816747 / 07973 439957**

## WHITES LANDSCAPING

**SPECIALISTS IN DRIVES, PATIOS, FENCING and GARDEN DESIGN**

**Your local hard landscaping company.**

**Extensive portfolio and references, free no obligation quotes and advice**

Garden and Drive design and construction including drives, patios, fencing, brick-work, turf, artificial grass and all associated outdoor work.

Maidstone 01622 962646

Staplehurst 01580 891079

Mobile 07986 843903

**Checkatrade.com**

REGISTERED & FULLY INSURED

**www.whiteslandscaping.co.uk**

# west kent

## FENCING & LANDSCAPING CONTRACTORS

**01892 838752**

**ANDY**  
07841 643184

**SEAN**  
07973 403624



ascruickshank@btinternet.com  
www.westkentfencingcontractors.co.uk



## HUDSON

### CARPENTRY & BUILDING SERVICES

All aspects of Carpentry, Building & Home Improvements

Designed, supplied and fitted, we offer a full range of Home improvements.  
Extensions & Conversions  
Kitchens & Bathrooms  
Tiling, Flooring, Doors & more!

#### FULL PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Including Plumbing, Electrical, Plastering & Decorating

Fully Insured | Over 25 Years Experience | Local & Reliable

See our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/hudsoncbs](http://www.facebook.com/hudsoncbs)  
01622 816818 | 07838 156170 | hudsoncbs@hotmail.co.uk

## "THE AERIAL MAN"

### TV & SATELLITE AERIAL INSTALLERS

Your local family firm  
Est for 38 years

**01622 871614**  
**01732 883542**



## G.H DECORATORS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

professional Painters & Decorators  
Covering the South East & Kent

Tel: 01622 813947 / 07539 216392  
Email: ghdecorators@hotmail.com



### Computer Problems

???



Any computer related issues can be fixed.

Contact Dean on:  
**07722 293187**  
[warfordcomputers@hotmail.com](mailto:warfordcomputers@hotmail.com)  
£25 per hour

**NO FIX, NO FEE, NO CALL OUT CHARGE**

# TAD STUDIOS Ltd

Your complete  
Architectural  
Services under one  
roof



### Tailored Architectural Design Studios Ltd

Complete friendly Architectural design service to suite everyone's needs

- Planning applications • Property extensions • New Houses
- Garage conversions • Loft conversions • Annexe designs
- Small developments • Building Regulation Drawings

Allan Robinson

01622 872081 / 07900 564987

[ajr@tadstudios.uk.com](mailto:ajr@tadstudios.uk.com) / [www.tadstudios.uk.com](http://www.tadstudios.uk.com)



## DessoMech Bike Repairs

A common sense and affordable approach to bike servicing and repairs  
Doorstep collection and delivery  
**07598 225195**  
dessomech@icloud.com  
www.DessoMech.com

## ELM FENCING LTD

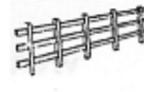
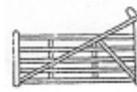
All types of fencing and gates supplied and erected.

Specialists in domestic, agricultural + Equine.

Please call

**01892 838258**

**01622 871468**



[WWW.ELMFENCING.COM](http://WWW.ELMFENCING.COM)

## THE 1:1 DIET

by Cambridge Weight Plan

[www.sophie1to1diet.co.uk](http://www.sophie1to1diet.co.uk)

#oneZonediet

**Lose Weight & Feel Great!**

facebook.com/  
sophie1to1



Arrange your 1:1 consultation  
with Sophie on  
**07795 511950** or

[sophie@sophie1to1diet.co.uk](mailto:sophie@sophie1to1diet.co.uk)

Violin lessons with Rosemary Hinton

Dip ABRSM, BMus Hons, LRAM

One to one lessons

for all ages and abilities!

Mobile: 07850 230 873

or Email: [RoseHintonViolin@gmail.com](mailto:RoseHintonViolin@gmail.com)

## PIANO LESSONS

For Children & Adults - Beginners to Grade 8

**MARJORIE AYLING** BA Hons., FTCL, ARCM.

T: 01892 835702 E: [MarjorieAyling@outlook.com](mailto:MarjorieAyling@outlook.com)



Do you live in an area with a history of flooding?

FloodRe insurance was launched on 4th April and is designed to assist homeowners in obtaining affordable property insurance for homes situated in high risk flood areas.

In addition to offering competitive premiums, qualifying properties benefit from a standard flood excess of **£250**.

If you would like advice or quotations for your property, get in touch with us on **01622 815 011** or email us on [info@lion-insurance.com](mailto:info@lion-insurance.com)

To view further insurance covers we arrange, take a look at our website  
[www.lion-insurance.com](http://www.lion-insurance.com)

Tel : 01622 815 011  
Lion Insurance Consultants  
(Tonbridge) Ltd.

Shingle Barn Farm, Smiths Hill,  
West Farleigh, Maidstone, ME15 0PH

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



Dude and Arnette are a fourth generation family business. Our team specialises in oast cowl repair, construction and maintenance. Wherever you live in the UK, if you have a building with an Oast cowl (the distinctive chimneys on the top of Oast houses) then it's almost certain it will have been serviced by one of our family at some point in its life.

From royalty to business and regular homeowners, we have been the go-to oast house repair company for over seven decades.

Get in touch to find out how we can help you.

Call us for a quote or advice on:  
**01622 725 898 / 07973 332 790**  
[info@dudeandarnette.co.uk](mailto:info@dudeandarnette.co.uk)

[www.dudeandarnette.co.uk](http://www.dudeandarnette.co.uk)



**DUDE & ARNETTE**  
OAST COWL CONSTRUCTION

# ORCHARD VIEW GARAGE

Hampstead Lane, Yalding,  
Maidstone, Kent ME18 6HG  
**01622 814204**

ALL AVAILABLE AT ORCHARD VIEW GARAGE

Oil/Filter Service	Cam Belt Replacement	2 Wheel Alignment
Intermediate Service	Clutch Replacement	Bulbs & Wipers
Full Service	Tyres & Puncture Repairs	Fault Finding
Major Service	Engine Management Lights	Brake Fluid Changes



LOOK AT ALL THE CARS WE SERVICE...  
Mercedes · BMW · VW · Audi · Fiat · Mini · Skoda  
Ford · Land Rover · Mitsubishi · Citroen · Peugeot  
Renault · Nissan · Toyota · Honda · Alfa Romeo  
Vauxhall · Porsche · Jeep · Chevrolet · Volvo  
...and all other makes

SERVICE BOOK ALWAYS STAMPED WHEN PRESENTED AND SERVICE LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED



Got a problem with your car? Blown bulb? Broken door handle or I've got a funny noise coming from somewhere! then give us a try, we will be only too pleased to help.

Years of experience come together at Orchard View Garage, you too can join our family of extremely satisfied long-term customers.

Mark Newman, Director

**01622 814204**  
Prices valid from 1st March 2015



**FREE LIGHTS CHECK Stay safe all year round**

## Taylor's Tails - Dog Groomer



City & Guilds Qualified - Fully Insured  
taylorstails@outlook.com  
07900 561336  
YALDING

## Primary Plumbing

All aspects of heating and plumbing works kitchens & bathrooms  
Established over 30 years. Qualified installers

"Anything in the pipeline"

**01622 820393 07930 758250**

## BroadSigns LTD

vehicle branding specialists  
shop & building fascias  
digital printing  
banners  
window splashes  
free standing fascias  
magnetics  
pavement signs  
site boards

tel: 01622 747222

[www.broadsigns.co.uk](http://www.broadsigns.co.uk)

[info@broadsigns.co.uk](mailto:info@broadsigns.co.uk)



**BASKET PLANTS**  
**GERANIUMS**  
**BEDDING PLANTS**  
**PERENNIALS**  
**COMPOST**  
PLUS MUCH MORE

THURSDAY - SUNDAY / 10.30 - 5.00  
TEL: 01622 815900 BENOVER ROAD - YALDING

## Phillips & Painter Ltd

All Aspects of Brickwork & General Building

Small works to New Builds  
Established in 1983

GARY or JOHN

Call 07876 243198 or 07799 691449  
01622 812925

[phillipsandpainterltd@googlemail.com](mailto:phillipsandpainterltd@googlemail.com)



All aspects of interior refurbishment  
Since 1995

Carpentry  
Kitchen fitting  
Partitioning  
Dry-lining  
Decorating  
Wood Flooring  
Decking  
Patio awnings  
Fixed structures  
Fully insured

Based in Yalding

For free estimates contact Sam

Tel: 01622 816 705

Mob: 07984 628 903

Email: [samjr75@btinternet.com](mailto:samjr75@btinternet.com)



**Paul Wakeling**  
Director

17 Blunden Lane, Yalding  
Kent. ME18 6JQ

Telephone: 01622 817895  
Mobile: 07702 167555  
www.pdwplumbing.co.uk

## PDW Plumbing & Heating

- All types of plumbing & gas central heating carried out
- Power Flushing
- 24 hour Call Out
- Free Quotations



## Farleigh Cakes and Bakes

Bespoke cakes especially for you



**Celebration cakes and bakes created for any occasion, designed in consultation with you.**

All dietary requirements catered for.  
Please telephone Julie on 077393 12127 or email  
farleighcakesandbakes@outlook.com.  
see us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**

## D.K. Plastering

**Plastering Contractor**  
**All Plastering Carried Out**  
**at reasonable prices**

**Call David on Tel: 01622 728494**  
**Mobile: 07974 891 795**



## Mel Boxall

**Painter & Decorator since 1995**

Professional service with  
exceptional results

References available upon request

- Interiors
- Exteriors
- Wall Papering
- Fully Insured

For free estimates call:

**07710 077 683**

or email: [melboxall@gmail.com](mailto:melboxall@gmail.com)

## + BRADFORD BATTERIES -

**Batteries for Cars**  
**Batteries for Commercial**  
**Batteries for Agriculture**  
**Batteries for Motorcycles**  
**Batteries for Leisure**

## CML TRADING

Unit 1 Church Farm, Collier Street  
Marden, Kent. TN12 9RT  
Telephone No: 01892 730922  
Email: [msgodden@hotmail.com](mailto:msgodden@hotmail.com)

Agents for

Varta Batteries  
Pavillion Batteries  
Southern Farmers Group

**Free Battery & Alternator Testing**

## TOP2BOTTOM LTD

ROOFING SPECIALISTS & BUILDING CONTRACTORS



Friendly roofing and building company  
based locally in Benover  
**SPECIALISTS IN PERIOD &  
LISTED PROPERTIES**

Established over 24 years and fully insured  
Roofing - Tiled, pitched, flat, leadwork,  
chimneys, PVC fascia/soffit /guttering  
Building - Extensions, alterations, new build,  
renovation works, conservatories, windows & doors  
Paving and Decking - Patios, drives, landscaping,  
drainage and groundworks  
Maintenance and Improvements, General Repairs  
Domestic and Commercial  
Free estimates and advice

**Call Mark on 01892 730299 / 07850 911322**  
**info@top2bottom.co.uk**  
**www.top2bottom.co.uk**

Burnt Oak, Benover Road, Benover, ME18 6AS



## Interiors Ltd

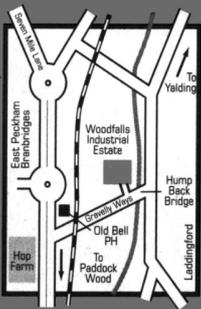
Painting & Decorating

Specialising in all aspects of painting and decorating work, including full refurb.

bcdinteriorsltd@gmail.com  
Phone : 07984 976627

## LADDINGFORD

Garage Service Ltd



-  **Collection & Delivery**  
(Railway Station or Home drop off/pick up FREE)
-  **Homestart & recovery**
-  **MOT's (No Re-Test Charge)**  
Servicing from £37.50 + Parts
-  **Guaranteed Work carried out**  
by fully qualified mechanics
-  **Full liability insurance**
-  **Welding and crash repairs**
-  **Full fleet maintenance available**
-  **Electrical repairs and Full diagnostic testing**
-  **Air Con Service**

**For a prompt, polite, friendly service**

Please come and see me or telephone

Ken Leary  
01622 873020 (24 hr) or 07977 906577

# Camrass Wills

✦ KENT & SUSSEX ✦

Advice you can trust

- Wills
- Powers of attorney
- Probate
- Funeral plans

**Help & advice**  
**Home visits**  
**All fees agreed**  
**before you proceed**

**For a free initial consultation contact:**

**Peter Camrass** DipPFS MSWW  
01622 720985 or 07747 007971  
[www.camrasswills.co.uk](http://www.camrasswills.co.uk)

## Coxheath Veterinary Surgery

6 Westerhill Road, Coxheath, Maidstone ME17 4DG

Patrick Tibbitts BVSc(Massey)MRCVS  
Caroline McIlwaine BVSc(Pretoria)MRCVS



**Professional Pet Healthcare in a**  
**Bright, Caring, Friendly Atmosphere.**  
**Modern Diagnostic & Operating Facilities.**

Opening hours: Mon/Fri 8.00 am - 7.00 pm Sat 8.00 - 12 noon  
Consultations by Appointment Only

For appointments and emergency cover **Tel: 01622 743888**

## OFSTED Approved Childminder

Has vacancies for children from 3 months upwards  
17 years experience.

Comfortable family setting in Yalding.

For further information contact  
Angela on 01622 814488  
or email [wyatt-g@sky.com](mailto:wyatt-g@sky.com)

## Atmosclear Building Services Ltd

Forstal Business Park, Paddock Wood TN12 6PY

Kitchen & Bathroom Design  
Supply & maintenance of Heating,  
Ventilation, Refrigeration and  
Air-Conditioning systems

e: [sales@Atmosclear.biz](mailto:sales@Atmosclear.biz) / w: [www.Atmosclear.biz](http://www.Atmosclear.biz)  
t: 01622 816 820



CITY & GUILDS &  
ADVANCED CRAFT

## Nigel Dear

Painter & Decorator Internal & External  
[nigeldear@icloud.com](mailto:nigeldear@icloud.com)  
01892 664698 or 07710 798553

# PATTENDEN

VET CLINIC



Your independent, family vet practice

Segro House, Pattenden Lane, Marden, Kent. TN129QJ  
Tel: 01622 397900 Email: info@pattendenvets.com  
[www.pattendenvets.com](http://www.pattendenvets.com)



Established  
2007

## LAUREL PROJECTS

Painters



Decorators



07967 428 811

01622 831 272

[Laurelprojects.co.uk](http://Laurelprojects.co.uk)

[laurelprojects@btinternet.com](mailto:laurelprojects@btinternet.com)

[www.trilliummontessorihouse.co.uk](http://www.trilliummontessorihouse.co.uk)

Spaces available from September  
Nursery and Pre-School for children aged 2 to 5  
"Free for Two", 15 & 30 hours funding available.

St. Justus Church Hall  
Mount Pleasant  
Paddock Wood  
TN12 6AH



**Trillium**  
Montessori House

Call: 07848 855820  
or 01892 835710

### YALDING YOUTH CENTRE, VICARAGE Rd

Available for hire and ideal for children's parties.  
Two halls, main hall can take bouncy castle.  
Good kitchen facilities. Outside play area. Parking.

Call Martin & Gail Johnson for details and bookings  
01622 815498



## TRADITIONAL AWARD WINNING VILLAGE INN

Good Quality Value for Money Menu  
Real Ales, Selection of Wines

*During COVID restrictions we offer  
Our Take Away Menu &  
Delicious Takeaway Afternoon Teas*

Delivery may be possible in the Parish  
for vulnerable or self isolating customers

Updates online and  
on Facebook: @chequersladdingford

**01622 871266**

[www.chequersladdingford.co.uk](http://www.chequersladdingford.co.uk)

## Viner & Sons Limited



*Funeral Directors  
& Monumental Masons*



*Personal Day and Night Service & Private Chapel of Rest*

Golden Charter and 'Help the Aged' -  
Pre-Payment Schemes

Please contact us for further details.

54 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6LU  
Email: [info@viner&sons.co.uk](mailto:info@viner&sons.co.uk)

**Tel: 01732 842485**

## The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush

Your local 15th Century Pub and Restaurant

We are pleased to offer you:

Home cooked quality food, served lunchtime and evenings

Large beer garden and ample parking

Large Open Fireplace

Real Ales straight from the barrel

A fine selection of Lagers, Spirits and Wines

Quiz Nights on Tuesday Evenings

Warm and friendly atmosphere

Traditional Bat and Trap during summer evenings.

Disabled facilities

Functions and Events can be catered for.

Telephone: 01622 871349

Bush Road, East Peckham TN12 5LN

# Woolpack Inn

01892 730356  
Benover, Yalding



Dave and Renata  
Welcome you to the "Woolpack Inn"  
Renowned for its good food and hospitality.

Fine Cask Beers & Lagers,  
Home Cooked Meals & Bar Snacks  
Large Gardens

24 Hour Emergency Service  
Home Visits  
Private Chapel of Rest  
Full Fleet of Modern & Vintage Vehicles



Floral Tributes  
Catering  
Memorial Masonary  
Pre-paid Funeral Plans  
Repatriation



**HENRY PAUL FUNERALS**  
*Contemporary and Traditional Services*



HEAD OFFICE  
Pembury  
01892 825505

FUNERAL DIRECTORS & MEMORIAL SHOWROOM  
Tonbridge  
01732 605002

FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
Southborough  
01892 458338

[henrypaulfunerals.co.uk](http://henrypaulfunerals.co.uk)

**Queenie's Dog Grooming & Spa**  
*Your Pooch Treated Like Royalty*

AT THE HOP FARM  
01622 871861  
[QueeniesDogGrooming@gmail.com](mailto:QueeniesDogGrooming@gmail.com)

## LADDINGFORD COUNSELLING

Anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, addiction...  
**You deserve good mental health. We are here to help.**  
One to one counselling. We also offer:  
Specialised Mental health workshops for companies, schools, cafés and more.

MBACP Registered  
Sandy Paine: 07399 154471  
Sara Ramlot: 07827 159577  
[www.laddingfordcounselling.co.uk](http://www.laddingfordcounselling.co.uk)  
[enquiries@laddingfordcounselling.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@laddingfordcounselling.co.uk)

**bacp**  
Registered Member 374972  
MBACP

# LITTLE EDEN



01622 833088

Hairdressers and barbers  
Colouring experts  
Cutting and styling  
Affordable prices  
Fully qualified and experienced staff  
Warm welcome and friendly service

LITTLE EDEN LTD, BANK HOUSE, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT. TN12 9HS

## Yalding Tree & Hedge Services

- All aspects of Tree Surgery
- Hedge Cutting • Stump Grinding
  - Free Estimates and Advice • Fully Insured
  - Over 20 years experience

Ross Taylor NCH ARB  
01622 817678 or 07527 326864  
[yaldingtrees@outlook.com](mailto:yaldingtrees@outlook.com)



**Parkinsons**  
Appliance Services Ltd  
**07766 607251**

**Repairs / Sales / Service**

Washing Machines, Dishwashers, Cookers, Ovens  
Tumble Dryers, Storage Heaters Etc  
**Fast, Friendly Service**



**Kerry Mann BSc (hons) OST**

Registered Osteopath  
kerry.osteohhealth@gmail.com  
07958 705 797

Structural and Cranial  
Treating Adults, Children & Babies  
OSTEOPATH Reg 1997

[www.eastfarleighosteopathy.co.uk](http://www.eastfarleighosteopathy.co.uk)

Yalding Surgery, Benover Road. ME18 6ES  
296 Upper Fant Road, Kent ME16 8DA

**The Essential Curtain Company**

Email: [theessentialcurtain@gmail.com](mailto:theessentialcurtain@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01892730252 Mobile: 07813 750117

Specialising in hand stitched curtains, roman, Velox and roller blinds, and a variety of other soft furnishings.

I bring the shop to your home.

**TRACEY BENTLEY**

(Estimates are free)

 **Little Brittany**  
Crepes - Bespoke Catering for your event!  
07850 318 314

Available for Festivals, Farmers Markets, Fetes, Fayres and Private Functions including Weddings, Engagements and Private Parties.

Contact us now to discuss your options

[www.little-brittany.co.uk](http://www.little-brittany.co.uk)

**Circuits Class**

Thursdays 7.30pm in Yalding Village Hall. Only £5.00 for a fun, varied class

**07900 311359**

[www.petebrooksfitness.co.uk](http://www.petebrooksfitness.co.uk)

Work at your own pace  
all fitness levels welcome

**PAUL'S CARPET CLEANING**

Professional Carpet, Upholstery and Leather Furniture Cleaning  
Stain and Odour Removal  
Deodorise and Protect

01622 813514      07950 053200  
[paulcarpetfresh@gmail.com](mailto:paulcarpetfresh@gmail.com)

**WKN COACHES**



**01622 815573**

[www.wkncoaches.co.uk](http://www.wkncoaches.co.uk)

**Town & Country WINDOW CLEANING**

Family business  
Est since 1982

- Domestic      • Light Industrial
- Office        • Contractual

**CALL STEVE ON  
07747 334422**

**C Ladbrooke Local Qualified Electrician**

All types of Electrical work undertaken  
Free Estimates  
24 Hour Call Out  
Fully Insured

Call Chris on 07860 181406



**STREET DANCE CLASSES**

Yalding Youth Hall - Thursdays

3.45pm 4-7 years 4.45pm 13 years +

5.30pm 8-13 years

All suitable for girls and boys

[www.lrsd.co.uk](http://www.lrsd.co.uk)      07793 020601      [hello@lrsd.co.uk](mailto:hello@lrsd.co.uk)



## YOGA IN YALDING

All levels welcome!

Group, private and 1 2 1 classes  
Covid safe, by Zoom and in Yalding

*Yoga promotes  
Physical and Mental Wellbeing*

Contact Natalie: 07813623266 or  
hello@happynatyoga.com

# THE WHETSTED WORKSHOP

**All aspects of  
building · roofing  
joinery & carpentry**

**TEL: 01892 832455**

**MOB: 07813362537**

**E: whetstedworkshop@yahoo.co.uk**

## David Terry PLASTERING

Professional plasterer in Maidstone. Established in 1996,  
Offering affordable plastering and decorating solutions in  
Maidstone.

Over 15 years' experience specialising in all aspects of  
plastering and decorating,  
offering a professional and friendly service for all your  
home improvement needs.



[www.davidterry-plastering.co.uk](http://www.davidterry-plastering.co.uk)



**01622 661 780 / 07971 919 694**

## FREE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

Why pay to have your old electrical items collected? Or queue at Toivil  
Refuse Site having struggled to get them into your car?

We are a fully licenced service and will collect anything electrical or  
electronic in any condition or size FREE OF CHARGE and fully recycle to  
avoid land-fill.

\*We are currently having to make a small charge for refrigeration, TVs and  
Monitors

Call Adrian and Penny Weaver-Coles - 01622 812928 07884  
183541 or email [info@wecollectltd.com](mailto:info@wecollectltd.com)

Upper Tier Carrier Broker Dealer Registration no: CB/ZE5499VW



# The George YALDING

*The family warmly welcome you to our pub.*



The family warmly welcome you  
to The George, Yalding

Atmospheric family friendly pub,  
outside events including a great garden  
for many uses including new fishing  
facilities and live music.  
New children's playground.

**01622 814376**

## Paul J. Rowland Funeral Directors Ltd 01622 757177

15 Mid Kent Shopping Center, Castle Road, ALLINGTON,  
Maidstone, Kent ME16 0PU

**01622 662661**

4 Hillary Road, PENENDEN HEATH,  
Maidstone, Kent. ME14 2JP

24 Hours A Day – 365 Days a Year  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF ALLINGTON  
MAIDSTONE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

We offer a full range of services and facilities,  
Home arrangements at your convenience

Free car parking

Company Director: Paul J. Rowland

**AN INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

## WOODFALLS

Office and Storage space for rental. Competitive rates  
set in a well maintained rural setting. CCTV.  
Good parking. Please contact for availability.

Tel: 01622 871378



## Autocollect

**CARS VANS & MOTORCYCLES**

**WANTED ANY CONDITION, CASH PAID**

Mark: 07736 284848

Paddock Wood, Kent

[wellard2640@gmail.com](mailto:wellard2640@gmail.com)



**Charlotte Tabor**  
Jewellery Designer/Maker



*Gifts Commissions Repairs*

**When you shop from a small business a person actually does a happy dance!**

For more info: [www.karajewellery.co.uk](http://www.karajewellery.co.uk)  
Or contact Charlotte on Tel: 07973 955994

Phone for an appointment

**“Simply the Best”** *The Old Forge*

**The Old Forge Cattery**



**Luxury boarding cattery  
in Laddingford  
Contact Sandy King  
on 01622 871330**

**Cattery**

**Email: [cats@theoldforgecattery.co.uk](mailto:cats@theoldforgecattery.co.uk)  
Website: [www.theoldforgecattery.co.uk](http://www.theoldforgecattery.co.uk)**

**impact**  
decoration

**Painting & Decorating - Interior & Exterior  
City & Guilds Qualified  
Dulux Select Approved Decorator**

Fully Insured  
Domestic & Commercial Clients  
Virtually Dust Free Sanding  
Wallpaper Hanging

**Sam Gregory**  
07882 597433 - 01732 873726

[www.impact-decoration.co.uk](http://www.impact-decoration.co.uk) [info@impact-decoration.co.uk](mailto:info@impact-decoration.co.uk)

**ACSDirect**

Ltd Company Accounts - Corporation Tax ✨  
Self Employed - Self Assessments ✨  
New Business Start Ups ✨  
Payroll & VAT ✨  
Book Keeping ✨  
Bags of receipts accepted ✨  
Sageone / Xero / cloud based systems ✨

Contact Charlotte on  
**01892 240880 07766 752329**  
e: [charlotte@acsdirect.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@acsdirect.co.uk)  
**[www.acsdirect.co.uk](http://www.acsdirect.co.uk)**

Based between Hunton & Yalding

**ALL LOADS Ltd**

SPECIALIST IN SUPPLYING AGGREGATES, TOPSOIL,  
TURF, SLEEPERS, TO TRADE AND THE PUBLIC



**Aggregates**

- Rock Salt
- Building Sand
- Sharp Sand
- Ballast
- Plastering Sand
- Reject Sand
- Type 1
- Pea Shingle 10/20mm

**Horticultural**

- Rock Salt
- Seasoned Logs
- Premium Topsoil
- Mushroom Compost
- Bark/Ornamental
- Woodchip/Mulch
- Turf
- Sleepers grade A
- Sleepers NEW Oak

**Recycled Materials**

- Blended Soil
- Bulk Bag
- Hardcore
- Crushed Concrete
- Concrete Fines
- Granite Kerbs

All Loads is a family run business. Managing Directors, Ryan and James Latham have gained valuable experience within a family run haulage business, which has been operating for over 40 years.

We pride ourselves on ensuring outstanding customer service at all times.

We can supply aggregates, decorative aggregates, building materials, and recycled building and landscaping materials. We now also offer GRAB Loaders.

We will be more than happy to answer any queries you may have with regard to our products and services.



DELIVERY AVAILABLE TO : TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TONBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS, MAIDSTONE AREAS

**\* SPECIAL PRICES ON BULK ORDERS \***



**free local delivery**  
**01622 873231**



Email: [aggregates@allloads.co.uk](mailto:aggregates@allloads.co.uk) - [www.allloads.co.uk](http://www.allloads.co.uk)

ALL LOADS LTD, Little Budds Farm, Gravelly Ways, Laddingford, Maidstone, Kent ME18 6BZ

**David Gerrish Garden Maintenance**



**[davidgerrish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidgerrish@hotmail.co.uk)**

**07840 566343**

**ACCOUNTS FOR SMALL  
BUSINESSES**

**QUICKBOOKS EXPERT**

individual tuition provided

Preparation of VAT returns: Book-keeping.  
Friendly and professional service- stress free

For further details contact Catherine:

**01622 872081 or 07900 568613**



Village Hall, Lyngs Close  
Yalding, ME18 6JT  
Hall tel: 01622 814024

[www.YaldingPreschool.co.uk](http://www.YaldingPreschool.co.uk)  
[admin@YaldingPreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@YaldingPreschool.co.uk)

**All children aged 2 - 4 years old**

**Wednesdays at The Baptist Hall, Vicarage Rd**  
Charity Number 1052236



**BOE Pet Services**

Professional, reliable, local dog walker.  
Over 20 years experience.  
Insured and canine first aid trained.  
References on request.  
Call Sarah on: 07772436234

**Yalding Village Hall**

All functions and Activities can be booked.  
Kitchen available

Contact booking officer by email [SueGerrish@gmail.com](mailto:SueGerrish@gmail.com)  
(preferred), or phone 01622 814163

**Cedar Counselling - Karen Lambert**  
Qualified Counsellor

Specialising in Bereavement Counselling along with other issues, including:

- Relationship problems
- Work performance/issues
- Anxiety and Stress
- Lack of self-confidence
- Coping with a chronic or terminal illness



07766 704 647

[karen@cedar-counselling.co.uk](mailto:karen@cedar-counselling.co.uk)  
[www.cedar-counselling.co.uk](http://www.cedar-counselling.co.uk)



**RIXSON Heating and Plumbing**

All heating & plumbing work undertaken

**FREE QUOTATIONS**

**07957 636269**



**C&J Jetwashing Services**

Driveways - Patios - Decking

**Charlie Kavanagh**

TEL: 07957 168780

[charlie00kavanagh@gmail.com](mailto:charlie00kavanagh@gmail.com)

Reliable & Professional Jet washing service for  
all your driveways, Patio's and decking.



**TaxAssist Accountants**

The Accountancy and Tax Service for Small Business

**The Small Business Champions**

- Startup Advice
- Fixed fees Agreed in Advanced
- Companies / Partnerships
- Self Employed / CIS / Landlord
- Corp & Income Tax / PAYE / VAT

**Call for a friendly, free initial discussion without  
obligation on**

**01892 834411**

**Helen Grant**  
MP for Maidstone  
and the Weald

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



[helengrant.org](http://helengrant.org)  
 [@HelenGrantMP](https://twitter.com/HelenGrantMP)  
 [helengrantmp](https://www.instagram.com/helengrantmp)

Produced by  
Helen Grant MP,  
House of Commons,  
London SW1A 0AA

**SCAFFOLDING**

MT Scaffolding Services

**Please call Mark for a free quotation on  
01892 825848 / 07770 947888**

Local professional business, with old fashioned core values  
Very competitive pricing providing a reliable service  
Fully qualified and insured with over 30 years' experience  
Residential & Commercial Premises



## **IKD Kitchens and furniture**

Design – Manufacture – Installation

### **Local showroom:**

6 Woodfalls Industrial Estate  
Laddingford, ME18 6DA

**Telephone: 01622 871190**

**Mobile: 07932 797576**

Email: [info@ikd-int.co.uk](mailto:info@ikd-int.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ikd-int.co.uk](http://www.ikd-int.co.uk)

# MKA

## **MID KENT AESTHETICS CLINIC**

Your face is safe in our hands



Non-surgical cosmetic procedures carried out by specialist doctors in our new clinic near Yalding. We use only world leading dermal fillers & anti-wrinkle therapy.

- \* Dermal Fillers
- \* Anti-Wrinkle Therapy
- \* Facial Peels
- \* Obagi Skin Care

01622 296247 07368 5588310  
[midkentaesthetics@aol.com](mailto:midkentaesthetics@aol.com)  
[www.mkaclinic.com](http://www.mkaclinic.com)

## **Pre-School based in Teston Village Hall**



Open from 09.00am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday  
Optional early morning drop offs at 08.30am

Quality pre-school care and education since 1966  
Ages 2 years to School age.

15 hours free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds  
Approved provider of the 'Free for 2' funding scheme  
Extended 30 hour entitlement available

All fully qualified staff

*Activities tailored to each child ensured my child was ready for school in a way I could not have done myself  
(Mum of a 4 year old)*

**Enquiries to: Tina Driver – 07805 796353  
or email – [tandwngroup@gmail.com](mailto:tandwngroup@gmail.com)**

[www.testonandwateringburypreschool.co.uk](http://www.testonandwateringburypreschool.co.uk)



**Michelle Spittle  
HUMAN RESOURCE SOLUTIONS**

[info@michellespittlehr.co.uk](mailto:info@michellespittlehr.co.uk)  
07392 997028

- » HR Shared Service «
- » HR Audit Controls «
- » HR Policy Review «
- » Recruitment and New Starters «
- » HR Plans and Objectives «
- » Absence Management «
- » Health and colleague well-being «

**[www.michellespittlehr.co.uk](http://www.michellespittlehr.co.uk)**

## **Dragon Property Maintenance Services**

Your local handyman based in Yalding

Experts in all aspects of Garden and Property Maintenance

See our website for details or call

**01622 814854 / 07704 501438**

[www.dragonpmservices.co.uk](http://www.dragonpmservices.co.uk)



*Yalding Village Club Welcomes You.*

Mon-Fri 3pm till 11pm Sat & Sun 12 noon till 11 pm  
Sun lunches 12 till 5pm. Outside Bars  
Venues for Weddings, Parties, Wakes etc.  
Telephone Peter 01622 814123

## **Village Pensioners Club (VPC)**

*a club for the retired*

*Meetings fortnightly in Yalding Club - Tuesday 2-4 pm*

**For details contact: The Club on 01622 814123**

## **Anita's Alterations**

*Breathe new life into your wardrobe*

*From taking up a hem to re-shaping a jacket  
Swift and professional service*

**Call Anita on 01622 813460 or 07956 647614**

## **Yalding Parent, Baby & Toddler Group**

Weekly informal get together for all pre-school ages and their carers

Term time Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon

**Yalding Village Hall**

Just pop in and ask for Sophie, Hayley or Karen

Call 01622 814453 for more info

## **Pizienwell Arts** Framing & Gallery

You Create It  
We'll Frame It  
You Display It

**Framing Repairs and Re-glazing undertaken**

For free advice and quotes  
come to the studio at

**Court Lodge Farm, Forge Lane,  
East Farleigh ME15 0HQ**

visit [www.pizienwellarts.com](http://www.pizienwellarts.com) for opening hours  
Tel 01622 728670 eMail [info@pizienwellarts.com](mailto:info@pizienwellarts.com)



**Your local Clock &  
Watch Repairers &  
Antique Shop**



**Lees Road, Yalding, ME18 6HB**

**01622 817315**

**[clocks1066@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clocks1066@hotmail.co.uk)**

**We make them  
We sell them  
We deliver them**

**Bedz4zzzz**  
Retail Limited

**"Beds handmade  
in Kent"**

**[www.bedz4zzzz.co.uk](http://www.bedz4zzzz.co.uk)**

# Village Contacts

## CHURCH CONTACTS

Vicar - Father Paul Kish	01622 814182
e: Vicar@YaldingChurches.co.uk	
Churchwardens	01892 730910
Jeremy Tenison-Smith	
PCC Treasurer	01622 817919
e: treasurer@yaldingchurches.co.uk	
Joint Planned Giving officers	
Joy & Jonathan Virden	01622 814509
Junior Church	
Rachel Curley	01622 814159
Bellringers	
Richard Young	01732 669782
Choir	
Daniel Sharman	01892 723884
RC Church of St.Francis	01622 756217
Yalding Baptist Church	
Rachel Bushnell	01622 817337
Carol Featherstone	01622 812838
Little Fishes	
Rachel Bushnell	01622 817337
e: jnfloresster@gmail.com	
Churchyard Working Party ("The Vandals")	
Paul Mahoney	01622 814369
Men's Breakfast	
Jeremy Tenison-Smith	01892 730910
Yalding Church Preservation Society	
Peter Chapman	07973 839266

## EDUCATION

Yalding School Head	
Mrs Sarah Friend	01622 814298
PTA: Emma Peskett	
e: chair@YaldingPTA.co.uk	
Laddingford School Head	
Mrs Gemma Hitch	01622 871270
Yalding Library	01622 817735
Yalding Pre-School	01622 814024
e: admin@yaldingpreschool.co.uk	
Yalding Parent & Toddler Playgroup	
Sophie O'Donnell	07807 242904

## HELPING HANDS

Volunteer transport for medical appointments			
Jenny G	01622 817439	Jane	01622 814002
Jenny S	01892 459041	Barbara	01622 814038

## PARISH MAGAZINE

Editor June Chapman: mag@yaldingchurches.co.uk	
Advertising Lara Franklin	01622 817315
e: ylpm.advertising@gmail.com	
Diary	01892 459041
Jenny Scott	07785 974951
Treasurer Graham Spillman	01622 813771
Distribution Martin Williams	01622 815403

## PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Geraldine Brown	01622 814222
e: chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk	
Clerk: Angela Gent	01622 814134
e: clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk	

## GOVT & LOCAL COUNCIL REPS

MP: e: Helen.Grant.mp@parliament.gov.uk	
KCC: e: Paulina.Stockell@kent.gov.uk	
Cllr: Paulina Stockell	01622 842508
Cllr: David Burton	07590 229910
Cllr: Annabelle Blackmore	01622 833299

## DOCTOR (NHS 111 non-emergency)

<b>Burgess Bank Surgery</b>	<b>01622 814380</b>
<b>Friends of Yalding Surgery</b>	
Elaine Andrews	01622 816951
<b>PPG - James Guillum Scott</b>	01892 730308

## POLICE

Emergency	999
Maidstone Rural	101
RSPCA Cruelty Line	0300 1234 999
RIVER BAILIFF	
Bill Bird	07568 183185

## VILLAGE HALLS &c

Yalding V. Hall Bookings	01622 814163
Yalding Post Office	01622 814327
Youth & Community Centre	01622 815498
Laddingford Church Hall bookings	01622 873450
Yalding Church Rooms (Clare)	01622 814027

## CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Allotments: Susanna Barnwell	01622 813309
Art Group: June Chapman	01622 817324
Bee Keepers: Chris Morris	07855 464667
Cricket Club: Martin Tripp	
e: martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com	
Football Club: Steve Faulkner	01892 263907
Garden Society: Joy Virden	01622 814509
Relative Minors: H.Haddesley	01622 749284
Rifle Range: Dave Woodger	01732 843813
Table Tennis: Peter Camrass	01622 720985
Village Voices: Karen di Marco	01622 814267

## SCOUTS

<b>Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10.5), Scouts (10.5-14)</b>	
Sandra Grace	01622 727040
<b>Explorer Scouts (14-18)</b>	
Eleanor Mead	07539 890093

# Could you be a Flood Warden?



...and help your community!



- Be the vital link between your community and emergency responders
- Be part of a committed flood warden network
- Receive essential training and emergency kit

*“When Flood Wardens arrive it feels like the cavalry have come”*



**Kent Resilience Forum**  
  
 PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES IN KENT AND MEDWAY

Floodline 0345 988 1188

[www.kentprepared.org.uk](http://www.kentprepared.org.uk)