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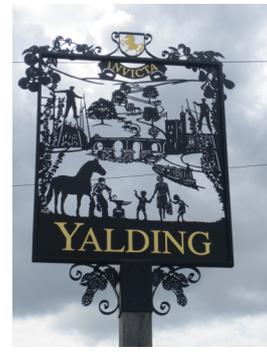
FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH THE CHEQUERS, LADDINGFORD

This pub is a Grade II Listed Building, defined as a building or structure that is "of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve it".

It may once have been a private dwelling, owned by someone of the yeoman classes. Built in the sixteenth century, a time when there were a large number of wealthy sheep rearers, weavers and clothiers in the area, it could have been home to one of them. The construction is of four timber framed bays typical of the 16th century, with 19th century frontage, extensions and outbuildings. We do not know when it became a public house, though it may well have been quite early in its existence.

There are more than 150 pubs around Britain called the Chequers, which puts it into the top 30 pub names. There are differing points of view of why the name is relatively common, one being that the chequer board provided a basis for reckoning the prices owed by illiterate customers who used a system of wooden tallies to calculate their debts (as in Exchequer, the financial office of the government), another that unnamed beer houses often had a chequer board painted outside to signify that strong ale was for sale within.

Alison Cresswell



EDITOR'S NOTES

We have our diary page back up and running. It has been absent for a while now, but take a look and update your diaries - there are plenty of events to go to and I personally am very pleased that my diary is now filling up with wonderful things to do.

One of my first events will be to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, 12th September 3-7pm - if you are planning to go, please let the clerk of the Parish Council know so enough food and drink can be supplied. See the full ad for details.

All residents are invited.

Events include an Arts & Crafts Fair in September at the village hall and a weekend long Art Fair with beautiful artworks for sale in St. Peter & St. Paul's Church in November. Also listed is the Christmas Tree Festival - well timed as it is a two yearly event and this is the second year of it being held. So, if you are a local club or business get designing your Christmas Tree as its all down to the visitors to decide the winning tree and the last winner was the very inventive Cricket Bat and Ball tree. Top that!

We've got an update on the Almshouses from Michael Stewart - his article last month certainly got people talking.

We also have an article from afar from Anthony Barnard - Africa in fact. He tells a frightening tale of a lion attack in 1992 and I am very pleased we don't have them to worry about in Yalding!

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH

St Peter and St Paul, Yalding

Sundays	09.30	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	10.00	All Age worship
Mondays	13.45	Little Fishes (monthly on 2nd Monday) in church
	19.00	Prayer Group (weekly in person) at Cob End.
		You are more than welcome to join us
		If you would like us to pray for you, please ring 01622 813995
		or email annetelfer7@gmail.com
Tuesdays	18.00	Evening Prayer online (Traditional)
Wednesdays	10.00	Holy Communion, Lady chapel (not Sept 1st)
Fridays	18.00	Evening Prayer online (Contemporary)

St Mary's, Laddingford

4th Sunday	9.00	Holy Communion
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St Margaret's, Collier Street

Sundays	11.00	Holy Communion
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Catholic Mass at Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlestead

Sundays	09.30	All welcome.
Contact:	Fr Alastair Ferguson	
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Yalding Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Services with Junior Church

at 10.30 Zoom ID 857 4184 1757 ALL WELCOME

You can listen to our sermons on our YouTube channel

5th September	Communion Service
12th September	Kitchen Crew (age 11+)
19th September	All Age Harvest run by the Family Trust
26th September	Visiting speaker: Levi Lee
Home Group	Wednesdays: Fortnightly at 8.15pm; Contact us for venue

Thurs 23rd Sept 10.30am Coffee morning in support of SchoolGambia

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	www.facebook.com/yaldingbaptistchurch

100 CLUB - drawn in aid of church funds

I am now organising the next 100 Club starting in October 2021. The Club has been running for 29 years and has helped raise thousands of pounds for the church. New members are needed. Please contact me if you are interested in joining and can spare £20 for our good cause.

Contact: **Richard Young 07734 960706**
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PARISH LETTER

In the Old Testament it is written:

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens....

There is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1,22a)

As I write this letter, my three-year season in Yalding, Laddingford and Collier Street is drawing to a close. The nature of the Church of England's training pattern is that newly ordained clergy are sent to serve in a parish and learn from a more senior priest. For me, that mentor has been Fr. Paul Kish. I am very grateful for his generosity in sharing his time and considerable knowledge with me. He has shown much patience and kindness as I have grown in confidence as a minister. When a curate is sent to a parish of course, it is not just the training incumbent who has that role. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child and arguably it takes a parish to raise a curate. Thank you to you all!

Having worked the majority of my life in London schools, the chance to spend my curacy in a rural setting was something of a dream come true. I have really appreciated the changing seasons and farming year, and the range of traditions and events enjoyed in each community. My working life has been centred around beautiful church buildings. I feel particularly blessed to have the chance to worship in these three settings and with congregations who have been so easy to love. Each church brings me its own sense of God's presence and peace. Just how much I have grown to love them was made clear in 2020 when pandemic regulations led me to experience much sadness as I missed the places and people of the benefice during the first national lockdown.

One of the joys of parish ministry is to be alongside people at significant turning points in their lives. I have been part of baptism and wedding services and appreciated bringing these celebrations before God. A particular privilege of priesthood is in offering funeral and bereavement ministry. I thank all of you who have trusted me to care for you during the saddest times in your life. It has been such an honour to walk alongside you in your grief and be given the chance at funerals to celebrate the lives of loved ones and entrust them to God's care. Having been through the death of my own mother a few months ago, and needing the ministry of her local church, I am now even more aware of the need for a ministry which acknowledges the sadness of grief, but is counterbalanced with the chance to celebrate and give thanks for those that we love but no longer see.

There have been many sources of joy in my season with you. Amongst the greatest has been the opportunity to enjoy a range of music in churches and schools. To rediscover the joy of making and appreciating music has at times felt like I have grown wings to fly. Thank you to all those who have shared their musical talents over this time. My life has been enriched by you all.

As I move in September to be the rector of four rural churches, I am very grateful for all that you have taught me by welcoming me into your lives and communities. I have learned so much and been enriched by all the experiences, even those that were difficult at the time. I have laughed more in the past three years than I probably ever have before. Not least at choir practice! Leaving you, to shepherd a new flock will be hard but a task that I have been equipped for by every single encounter I have shared during curacy. I have enjoyed much local hospitality, good conversation and been sold a ridiculously large number of raffle tickets. Who knew there were so many good causes needing funds?!

I have so many thanks to give, but I will leave the personal ones until my leaving do or to say in private. Of course, my greatest thanks must be to God. I am so privileged to have been called by him to serve amongst you in this beautiful part of his creation and amongst a very special community.

As I leave you for new pastures, I offer you this blessing from The Old Testament:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24-26)

Yours in Christ.

Rev'd Lisa Cornell

YALDING ALMSHOUSES - A LITTLE MORE HISTORY OR HOW SMOKING CAN SOMETIMES SAVE YOUR LIFE (A TRAGIC STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING) BY MICHAEL STEWART

It was mentioned in the July magazine article that the land on which the Almshouses now stand was agricultural land leased and farmed by Robert Ellis. It was owned, however, by an aristocratic family called Halsey whose "seat" was (still is) in Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire.

In January 1863 23-year-old Frederick Halsey sold the land to Ann Simmons. He could not have done so much sooner because in those days you had to be 21 before you could own and sell land.

So, couldn't older members of his family have sold it?

Well, no. Sadly all had perished when in 1854 the steamship in which they were travelling on a Mediterranean holiday collided with another ship off Cap d'Antibes. Frederick should have been with them but as a 14-year-old schoolboy at Eton he had been caught smoking, "gated" and forbidden from taking part in the family holiday.

Frederick went on to become a distinguished MP from 1873 to 1906 and a member of the Privy Council. After losing the 1906 election he devoted himself to extensive community work, was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, created a Baronet in 1920 and lived to the age of 87.

Who knows? But for that illicit cigarette and moment of schoolboy naughtiness such good works may not have been achieved and we may not have had our Almshouses. I am indebted once again to our super-sleuth Donald Troup for unearthing these gems.

I am grateful too to Alison Cresswell, local sage and erstwhile archivist at Maidstone Library, for information concerning Mill Place Yalding.

The stone plaque on the Almshouse building shows that this is where the benefactors Ann and Elizabeth Simmons lived. They and a third sister, Harriet, were the daughters of John Simmons (1745-1807) who owned Mill Place Farm and sundry properties, some of which were sold at The Star, Maidstone, in 1814 as "fit for the Residence of a Genteel Family".

Ann and Elizabeth lived on in the farm house until their deaths in 1862 (Elizabeth) and 1864 (Ann), either side of the establishment of the Almshouse Trusteeship in 1863. The 1841 Census refers to their farmhouse lane as "The Miss Simmons Lane".

Michael Stewart

YALDING ART GROUP

WWW.YALDINGARTGROUP.WEBBLY.COM

We're so excited! And I think I can't hide it! Our **Arts and Crafts Fair** is back and we are so grateful for all our very enthusiastic stallholders who are supporting us this year on Sunday, 5th Sept 11am-4pm.

We have artists: Dawn Thomas, David & Valerie Tovey and Cheryl Johnson showing us their work as well as our artisan crafters such as Haven Creation handmade cards, Bonnie Jewellery, Yalding Surgery sewing items and many many more at Yalding Village Hall.

Please come and support them now lockdown has finished and make sure you stop for tea and cake from Valerie Refreshments who are our lovely caterers. If you like savoury instead of sweet, try their Premium Hotdog Sausage in a roll - lovely!

Social distancing in place and a oneway system - you can just go round and round as you wish! This month's picture is by Debbie inspired by the original boat landscape by Andre Lhote. *June*



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and certificate -
well done Tim



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Tim's Regular Reminders

- **Masks** are no longer mandatory, but they are affective, so if you would like to wear one, please do.
- We offer all main PO postal & basic banking services, plus phone and energy meter top-ups, fishing licences, Moneygram, Health Lottery etc
- EU Parcels need a correctly completed customs label
- Foreign Currencies. We stock Euros and US \$, and can order other currencies, as you plan your trip abroad.
- New stamp sets: The Industrial Revolution & British Army Vehicles collections. Other Philately products in stock or can be ordered on request.
- Post Office Card A/cs. The DWP ceases all payment to these a/cs in Nov 2021. You will need a standard bank account.
- The Post Office Gift Card is an ideal gift for that person hard to buy for. They can be used at pretty much every major retailer in the UK and online. See us for details.

Shop and local produce

Croissants and other pastries are back on sale again - Thursday & Saturday

Bakery items from Simply Delicious Bakery in Coxheath every day - orders taken.

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, Owletts fruit juices, Oakapple Farm fresh produce - All in stock now.

Talking about fruit juice - we have expanded our range from Loddington Farm to include Apple & Ginger and Pear & Elderflower - they have a larger range, so we will be looking into stocking some of their other juices as well.



This is what happens when you don't do your research and you unwittingly offend a customer... We are pleased to publish a correction and apologise to Figaro. Undisclosed damages by the way of dog treats have been agreed.

Dear Editor,

I was very pleased when my owner told me that I had been mentioned in the August edition of the magazine as one of the favourite four legged visitors to the Post Office. However I was shocked to be described as a "bitsa" presumably suggesting that my lineage was bits of this and bits of that. This sent me barking mad!! I'll have you know that I'm a pure bred Fox Terrier. I was considering contacting my lawyer over this terrible slur on my character but remembered that the Post Master rescued me and my master from the river 2 years ago when I fell in and dragged my master in behind me. So I've decided to paws for thought on the matter. Besides if I complain too much I might miss out on my weekly treats! Yours furilly.

Figaro, the Fox Terrier

Dear Figaro, I grovel abjectly at your feet Figaro... what was I thinking? You are indeed a wonderful specimen of pure bred Fox Terrier... Don't worry your treats will always be available for you... Tim the apologetic Postmaster



YALDING LIBRARY

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WE ARE NOW OPEN

Sunday closed

Monday	1pm-5pm
Tuesday	9am-1pm
Wednesday	9am-12pm
Thursday	1pm-5pm
Friday	1pm-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm

At last Library lockdown is over!

Come on, dust down your library ticket and get in there...

NEWS FROM LITTLE VENICE

Natalie & Scooby got married!

At long last, after so many delays due to lockdown, they only went and did it!

Friday, 18th July 2021 was the big day (it was also Natalie's birthday). I missed it as I was on holiday, but I hear on good authority that they, along with family and friends had an amazing day.

Congratulations to the both of you. Their evening celebration was in the newly refurbished Club at Little Venice.

John took the bull by the horns and has knocked down the wall between the bar and the conservatory leaving one big light and airy space. There is now a pool table to encourage visitors along with the usual array of events and hot food - both English and Thai.

Now that lockdown is over, everyone seems to be out and about. The gardens are a riot of colour - the alpacas have had a haircut and everything seems to be on the up and up. Lets hope it stays that way! See you next month. *Sally*

A POLITE REQUEST

Please keep The Kintons poo-free.

The Kintons is a hugely valuable community space for the village. On a Saturday morning, up to a hundred children can be playing football and cricket there, as well as having fun in the playground and walking with their families. And, of course, it is a popular site for people walking their dogs. The vast majority of dog walkers clear up after their animals. It isn't hard: you just take a poo bag and scoop it up. But there are people who consistently let their dogs poo on the playing fields and walk away. There are so many problems with this.

First, it is unpleasant and anti-social.

Second, it is a health hazard: Toxocariasis picked up from dog waste can cause long-term health issues for children, including breathing difficulties and seizures.

Third, it just makes kids not want to come and take part in sporting activities if every week they go home smelling of dog waste. If you are a responsible dog walker, please point out to others the harm they are doing. And the fact they could face a fine.

If you are an irresponsible dog owner, please be prepared for the fact that other people might challenge you. Just clear it up!

Martin from the Cricket Club & Steve from the Football Club

COMMUNITY DIARY

SEPTEMBER

5th	Arts & Crafts Fair, Village Hall, Yalding,	11-4pm FREE ENTRY
8th	Zumba is back with Tanya	7-8pm at Yalding Village Hall, Lyngs Close
9th	Craft Afternoon - The Chequers Laddingford	2-4pm
11th	Yalding Church Fete, St.Peter & St.Paul	10am onwards
11th	Kent Churches Ride & Stride	10am onwards
12th	Parish Picnic, The Fen	3pm-7pm
12th	The Chequers is CLOSED for the whole day	
13th	Little Fishes - St.Peter & St.Paul Church	1.45-3pm
15th	Collier St. Pop In, St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
16th	Jazz & canapes - The Chequers	TBA
23rd	School Gambia Coffee Morning, Baptist Church	10.30-12.00
28th	Popup Cafe, Laddingford	10.30-12.30pm

DECEMBER

4th	Yuletide Market	5pm
8th	Collier St Pop In St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
11th	Christmas Tree	1-4pm
12th	Festival Weekend	

OCTOBER

11th	Little Fishes - St.Peter & St.Paul Church	1.45-3pm
13th	Collier St Pop In, St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm

NOVEMBER

8th	Little Fishes - St.Peter & St.Paul Church	1.45-3pm
10th	Collier St Pop In, St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
19-21	School Gambia Art Fair @ St.Peter & St.Paul's Church	
19th	Preview to meet the artists (£5 per ticket)	7-9.30pm
20th	FREE entry to view art exhibition	10-5pm
21st	FREE entry to view art exhibition	11-3pm

For more details regarding these events, please look throughout the magazine.

If you have an event you would like us to cover, please send details to mag@yaldingchurches.co.uk

GARDEN SOCIETY DIARY

Saturday, 18th September	Autumn Show - Entries 9.30am and open to the public from 2.30pm
Monday, 4th October	8pm at the village hall - Martin Newcomb - Ecologist
Monday, 1st November	8pm - Subject TBC
Monday, 6th December	7.30pm at the village hall - Christmas Party, Talk & Quiz
Monday, 2nd February	8pm - Subject TBC
Monday, 7th March	8pm at the village hall - AGM & get together

For further information on our events and enquiries regarding joining the Society, please contact:
Lois 01622 814889, Joy 01622 814509 or Jane 01622 815569

POPUP CAFE



Our last popup Cafe for 2021

Tuesday 28th September 10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome** ... see you soon!

We will be operating under Government Guidance with Covid-19 measures in place if necessary, so you are able to relax in a safe environment.

Charity Number: 212796

THE PARISH PICNIC & APPLE PICKING ARE BACK

Sunday 12th September

On Yalding Fen

**From 3.00pm to 7.00pm
(or until the beer runs out)**

bring your own picnic and chairs/blankets

there will be a BBQ and we will provide drinks

Local Beers, Cider, Wine, Yalding Apple Juice and other soft drinks

We will be crushing apples on site so, if you would like to take away some rough apple juice (no charge), please bring a plastic milk bottle or other container

Traditional Jazz from "Dr Jazz"

Pond Dipping, Den Building and Walks around The Fen

If appropriate, a Bat Walk at Dusk

Please wear sensible clothes and shoes (sandals are not recommended)

Toilet facilities available

For further details contact The Clerk on 01622 814134 or clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Telephone contact for the day 07815 926313 or 07971 869087

Directions:

From Hampstead Lane, cross over the lifting bridge beside the EA building towards The Boathouse and continue down to the bottom of Parsonage Lane from where you will be directed to the picnic site.

Ample car parking available

Please bring proof of residency, e.g. a utility bill

This picnic is arranged free for the residents of Yalding Parish and their families.

Friends are welcome but a charge of £5 per head will be made.

TO ASSIST WITH CATERING, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY 1ST SEPTEMBER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND THE SIZE OF YOUR PARTY

chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01622 814134

YALDING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



The Yalding Educational Foundation has existed for many years. Its purpose is to encourage the education of the children and young people of our local community. This objective is pursued in several ways.

Each year the YEF sponsors Spoken English competitions in the primary schools of Yalding, Laddingford and Collier Street. Also, when funds allow, the Foundation sponsors each school to take the older pupils on a 'cultural or educational' experience.

Finally, **scholarships** are available to assist in the **Higher Education** of pupils of these local Primary Schools. The scholarships are annual, for up to three years of a University or College course.

To qualify, students must have attended one of the local Primary Schools mentioned above for a minimum of two years and be aged over 18 years.

If you qualify, please take the time to apply. The scholarships typically average £100 to £300 depending on the number of applicants and the funds available.

Applicants should state which Primary School they attended and when; brief details of the University or College course they are following and their home and term time address. Applications must be signed by the applicant.

If an email address is included, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the application and a date by which the Trustees will be assessing applications so that awards can be paid.

Apply now, by letter only, for the academic year 2021/2022 and send to:

Gary Atkins
Clerk to the Foundation
Hawthorns
Laddingford
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I might just qualify!

Closing date: September 30th 2021.

SAVE THE DATE!

Yalding Church Fete & Ride + Stride

Saturday 11th September 2021

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FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES



Raising money for St. Peter & St. Paul, Yalding and St. Mary's Laddingford

The Ride and Stride is open to Everyone!

50% of sponsorship money raised goes to the above Church of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches, who use it to help the most needy churches and chapels in use in the County.

You can plan your own route from start to finish any time between 10am and 6pm

Anyone who wishes to take part please contact Pamela Curley on 01622 814159 or pamelavcurley@hotmail.co.uk

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THE CHEQUERS INN

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It never rains but it pours – and that’s exactly what happened for our Transport & Train day. The unpredictable English summer meant that the rain fell out of the sky in the morning which unfortunately meant many of the beautiful classic cars we not able to turn up. In the 10 years of this event we have only ever had a couple of drizzly days so we can’t really complain and anyway in usual Chequers spirit we were going to have a good day despite rain and isolations! Big thank you to Kevin and his son Toby for battling the rain on their 50 minute journey from Yalding on their beautiful steam engine and Pamela for bringing the lovely old fire engine. Roger & Butch chuffed and huffed away in the garden with their water stationery engine and the usual layout of Hornby Trains chugged along in the marquee.

The folk group provided light entertainment in the pub and by lunchtime the sun had come out and a great day was had by all with the feeling that we are returning to some normality. £216 was raised for the Air Ambulance, thank you.

Unfortunately the date of the Jazz and Canapes night has had to change as not all members of the band were available. This will now take place on **Saturday 9 October**. We are hoping that the Fun Veg, Flower & Craft Show can take place this year. This is a lovely day and the date has been tentatively set for Sunday 3 October. Please check our website and facebook nearer the time just to make sure this is the correct date. As it’s being held later in the year there will be several “making” classes and of course there will be the fiercely contested men’s home bake. Look out for more information and schedule of classes.

We look forward to the return of “SAUSAGE WEEK” which will take place 11-17 October. A festival of sausages available all week including gluten free and vegi

Ladies evenings are scheduled for

Monday 20th September

Thursday 21 October (jewellery & scarf swap)

Monday 15 November (Christmas evening)

Our fun Halloween Quiz Night will be held on **Saturday 30th October**. A Spookily fun evening, tables will need to be booked in advance.

In the ever long saga of our annual crib competition, it has been decided that 2020 finalists Roger & Tracey will have their names jointly on the trophy as this will be a reminder of what an unusual year 2020 was. There may be a quick dash crib competition held October or November this year so that a further year is not missed, otherwise we’re hoping to play again in January!

Finally it was nice to be informed by the Editor that The Chequers would feature on the front cover of this month’s edition of the Magazine. We have just started our 28th year as landlords and don’t know where that time has gone! Over the years we’ve heard many stories of “goings on”, births, marriages and deaths that took place or celebrated at the pub and the former village hall that was next door. It was interesting to hear that there are pictures of The Chequers “blacked out” during the Second World War and it is known that it was the favoured location of the fire wardens to sit each evening to record any fires that happened in the village and surrounding areas.

Formerly owned by Whitbread and being within walking distance of the Hop Farm, The Chequers played a focal role in drying hops in its own oast house and supplying ale to thirsty hop-pickers down from London for “hopping”. Traditional tin or china pint mugs were made available to the hop-pickers (after paying a deposit for them) and their ale was then scooped out of a tin bath like structure and served to them through a window hatch - they were not allowed in the premises as they had a reputation for being a bit unruly!!

Things are “slightly” more civilised now and customers are allowed in (although strangely with the recent restrictions we were not allowed inside for several months!). We consider ourselves really only “custodians” and are just looking after it for a time so it may continue to be enjoyed and at the centre of the community hopefully for many more centuries to come. *Tracey & Charles*



Laddingford Primary School

Join our Laddingford Family!

Do you know anyone looking for a Primary School place? We still have a limited number of spaces in some year groups – please give us a call to enquire.

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. 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



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Mrs Gemma Hitch

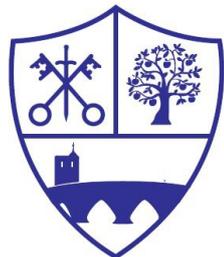
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Yalding St Peter and St Paul
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Yalding Primary School

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Yalding School is a friendly and successful school. We have a unique setting with engaging, bright and inspiring classrooms and extensive outdoor learning spaces.

Our vision is to provide a caring and engaging learning environment which nurtures the well-being and aspirations of all members of the school community.

Our mission is to develop learners who are curious, motivated, creative, co-operative, persevering and independent.

Our school website has lots of information, including a short film and virtual tour video on the Home page.

www.yalding.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher:

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Find Us on Facebook



YALDING PRESCHOOL



New term begins Tuesday, 7th September and we are waiting to give a really big welcome to all our children.

We are now open in the village hall *every* weekday, from 8am until 3pm.

Breakfast Club is growing but there is still availability, **8am** start on weekdays.

We are quickly filling up spaces for September, but it's never too late to send us an admissions form, available on our website - www.yaldingPreschool.co.uk

TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL



Welcome back to all our children and families to what will be a very exciting start to the new academic year. This term we will be exploring the book **'Whatever Next'** by Jill Murphy. This book explores imaginative adventure. Baby bear is determined to fit in a trip to the moon before bath time.

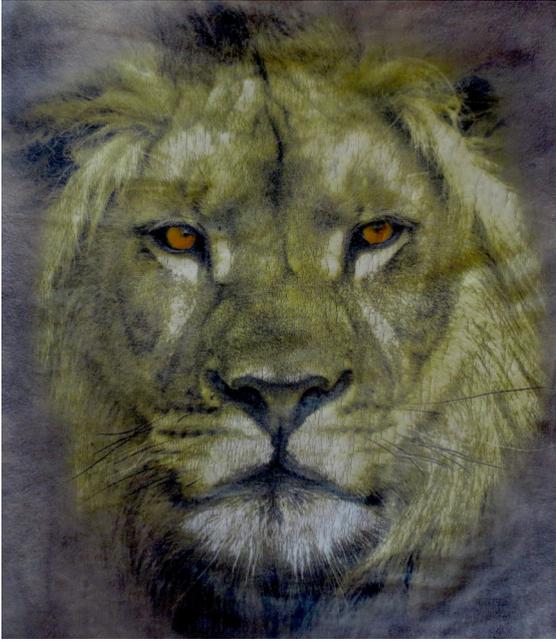
Can he do it?

Children will develop their imagination whilst exploring the stars and the moon. They will learn about friendship and how to pack a healthy picnic. We will explore the sound of rain along with things that may or may not withstand getting wet, as it starts raining on Baby Bears adventure.

In our craft activities we will be making our own rockets to help us fly to different planets and making a healthy picnic to take with them.

**If you are interested in joining our pre-school,
please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email on tandwngroup@gmail.com**

LION HUNT BY ANTHONY BARNARD



This is a true story of events on the morning of Sunday, 26th January 1992 as told by local resident Anthony Barnard who was on safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda.

It was 5am on a very special day for the people of Uganda. It was the 6th Anniversary of Yoweri Museveni's victory for the return of democratic rule.

In the little village of Kiburara, close to the Zaire border in western Uganda, Joseph Kabagambe and his neighbour John Businge had risen early. They had planned a trip to Joseph's cousins at Katunguru to buy fish for the celebrations.

The round trip would take six hours. By 6am, they were ready to leave and started on the steep descent toward Katunguru.

We had travelled to Mweya Lodge the previous day and enjoyed a bird watching safari and an excellent bar-b-que.

We set our alarms early as we had booked a ranger to go to Ishasha in search of tree lions.

As we set off, to our horror, we discovered we had a puncture, so it was nearer to 7am before we away. By 7.15am, Joseph and John were pedalling merrily along the newly surfaced road and were only five miles from Katunguru.

All of a sudden, there was an almighty roar and an aged male lion with a tattered grey mane burst from the bush. With one bound he struck Joseph off his bike, bit him in the neck and he was dead.

John dropped his bike and all he could do was run to a safe distance. The lion dragged the lifeless body of Joseph into the bush. John hurled stones at the lion in a futile attempt to get him to release his prey.

It was 7.30am by the time we arrived at the scene to find a bicycle lying in the middle of the road. We stopped and found a pair of shoes and a hat and the bicycle seemed to be in good order, but there was no-one there.

There was however, a pool of blood a metre away on the road.

We searched desperately in search of the rider, but there was no sign. All of a sudden, our ranger shouted "There's a lion". We froze as Peter pointed to a newly formed path entering the bush and in stunned silence we heard Peter releasing the safety catch of his AK47 in case the lion attacked.

I scrambled onto the bonnet of the Land Rover and scanned the horizon. After two to three minutes I spotted the old lion walking in an awkward fashion as though he was dragging a kill. I was horrified to think that the cyclist had been taken by the lion. The lion must have been desperate for food.

By now a number of other vehicles had stopped. A passing cyclist stopped and knew who the bicycle belonged to.

After a heated discussion, weighing up the inevitable risks and our desire to return the body to his family, we looked at ways of recovering him. Firstly, Peter had to fire shots to warn the lion off.

With help from a Danish couple, we managed (with Peter standing guard with his gun) to lift the body onto the Land Rover and we proceeded to the village where his wife and nine children would be.

On arrival, his family were informed of what had happened and his wife was incandescent with grief. After paying our last respects we left a donation to help his family with funeral expenses. We were told the body would be laid to rest in a simple grave on Joseph's farm the next day. A sad day indeed.

With heavy hearts we set out for Kesese to complete our original task of repairing our tyre. This took so long we did not have time to complete our planned safari, but really we did not have the heart for it anyway. We returned to Mweya to recount our unforgettable experience to the chief game warden.

He told us that this particular lion had taken a man before and he would have to seek authority from Head Office in Kampala before the lion could be destroyed.

It is most unusual for lions to attack man, unless provoked. This is plenty of game they can hunt, but clearly this particular lion had become old and weak and had no pride to hunt and supply food for him. The bush is a dangerous place so visitors are always advised to go with experienced rangers and stay in the vehicle at all times.

THE COOKING POT BY HARI COVERT



Odds and Sods...

For this month's article I have assorted news for you all ... It has been a busy summer for me what with moving home to assorted functions from private dinners to paella parties. We are so happy to be back cooking in a little bit more normal circumstances as we come out of what has been a challenging time during the pandemic.

**The Square Peg, 46 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells.
www.thesquarepegtw.co.uk - Tel 01892 514819**

Earlier in the summer I had the good fortune to try a relatively new restaurant that has opened on Camden Road in central Tunbridge Wells. It opened in late 2020 and immediately then had to cease trading due to Lockdowns two and three. It has survived doing takeaway gourmet burgers and has now reopened as very much a fine dining venue.

The chef patron is Robert Marshall who works single handed in the kitchen serving just sixteen diners in this intimate little restaurant. His menu reflects the best local produce he can find and he passionately puts together a six course menu that showcases this self-taught chefs skills and and prowess with interesting combinations.

The menu structure also caters for Vegetarians as there is always a dish dedicated to an "in season" vegetable alongside the meat and fish dishes. Highlights for me were the homemade breads and butters and an amazing main course of "Ex Dairy Cow" a rather fashionable ingredient with chefs currently and a more sustainable choice.

This place deserves to do well as Rob works so hard to ensure you have a real memorable meal experience - do give it a go and tell him I sent you!!!

Take 6 Chefs - Update...

Some of you will remember that just over two years ago I helped organise the fundraising dinner for YCPS the local charity tasked with protecting the fabric of our village church. Part of the evening celebrations was a Hand Drawn Noodle demonstration by Chinese Chef Mr Kam Po But who also kindly with a lot of arm twisting agreed to cook a dinner for six in their own home.



Well the pandemic and diary clashes had delayed this until just recently when the dinner took place at the home of Phil Keeler a stalwart supporter of YCPS. Chef But now in his 70th year and long retired from his role as Executive Chef of Ken Lo's Memories of China cooked a banquet meal that provided memories for Phil & family of times spent previously living in Hong Kong. The pictures below are just some of the dishes they tucked into...



Covert Community Bakery...

During the assorted lockdowns I have been baking breads and pastries - supplying Tim at the Post Office on a Thursday & Saturday with everything from a butter croissant to Portuguese Custard Tart and Almond Croissant

I have also baked on a Sunday morning for my own former neighbours and others within the village with some weeks as many as one hundred fresh pastries at a time.

The supply of these has now continued from my new home in Tunbridge with me delivering to the village each Sunday morning.

I have also have a limited supply of breads on a Thursday & Saturday (My Beer Breads & Fresh Focaccia) I also supply fresh Sourdoughs from the Bicycle Bakery in Tunbridge Wells twice a month on a Thursday.

If you wish to join the Covert Community Bakery list to partake in breads and pastries please email me at **covert.hari@yahoo.co.uk** and include your mobile number.

I can then add you to the WhatsApp group so you will get text updates for ordering & collection.

RELATIVE MINORS' FAREWELL, WELCOME & RETURN

The last time that our very own village orchestra, Relative Minors, played together was in February 2020 - that is 17 months ago. We had been looking forward to one of our popular concerts in July 2020. During lock down we were unable to arrange satisfactory Zoom meetings. Also in that time our popular conductor, Andrew Thurston, retired and moved out of the village. We were all sad to learn of his departure but we were able to arrange a surprise farewell present for him:

FAREWELL

In our individual homes each of us recorded our separate parts for a movement from Handel's "Water Music" and our trombonist, Paul Kish, aka the vicar, spliced these to create a memorable ensemble recording. Simultaneously we submitted individual photographs of ourselves with our instruments and added our personal comments to make a giant farewell card for Andrew. Unknown to him we arranged with his wife, Wendy, the handing over of a bottle of bubbly and details of our gift that we then presented to him during a Zoom meeting in his new home. It was a truly unforgettable occasion and we were all able to give Andrew the send off that we felt he deserved after all his years of directing Relative Minors.

WELCOME

Happily we have been able to find a new director. Rachael Hannigan, who lives in the village and played with the orchestra before she left music school and college, has volunteered her excellent services.

RETURN

We have managed two real live sessions with her in the church, one section at a time to meet Covid safety measures pre July 19th and we have had one session with the full orchestra. Rachael is very generous with her time and expertise and we are learning very quickly with her. We look forward to being able to play regularly together under her baton.

We were also sad to say farewell to the Haigh family who have moved to Devon and were a big part of Relative Minors for a generation. Felix played the bassoon and his mother a sisters played violin, viola and double bass. Consequently we now have a bit hole in our string section.

We welcome new string players (Grade III and upwards) and, in fact, anyone other instrumentalist that is free on Sunday evenings between 5-7pm when we rehearse.
Karen Di Marco

VILLAGE VOICES KEEP SINGING

During the first lockdown the village choir kept focused on singing by joining Gareth Malone on his daily on line Big Sing choir. We also shared YouTube recordings of some of the songs that we have been singing. Eventually, as the lockdown extended, we had the courage to attempt to meet on Zoom. Not all our members had the facilities for doing this and we missed them a great deal. However, we did our best to adapt to the skills and trials of meeting on a screen.

It may sound strange to say that a choir meets together operating the mute button, but on some levels this worked. By using pre-recorded parts on my phone, a good quality bluetooth speaker, a booster microphone and an ethernet cable, I was able to create a platform for the singers to sing in canon and in two, three and four parts whilst in real time they were singing a solo - whilst occasionally tying myself in knots! Weirdly, during a year of meetings I did not actually hear one member of Village Voices singing!

Some people enjoyed the liberating feeling of singing without being heard and we all gained a great deal from our pre-session and post-session chats, seeing friendly, smiling faces and feeling that we were overcoming the strange circumstances in which we were living.

We also extended our new technical skills to recording individual voices to form a multi-track of several of our

songs: "Sumer is a cumin' in" "Think of Me", "How Sweet the Sound", "Go Lassie, Go" and "Maketume". Nearly enough to cut our first CD!! Many, many thanks to one of our basses, Tony Walsh, and my son, Paul Mallett for their technical abilities. This process was quite demanding and required each of us to listen critically to our own voices. So we were very, very happy when the gradual easing of lockdown and summer evenings enabled us to meet in person. We had our first reunion at a Sing for Your Supper in the garden and it was so wonderful to sing outside that Zoom box! We managed another cold evening in another garden in June, but we had to revert to Zoom when the weather misbehaved.

Now, however, we are able to meet indoors and we continue to take suitable precautions. There is no doubt in any of our minds that singing together, in whatever form, helps us to feel positive, release any stress and boosts our happiness.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Yalding (usually the school but currently in the church) and we welcome anyone who can sing or wishes they could! There is no requirement to read music - just come along and relax with us. We charge £10 for a series of 5 sessions to cover venue hire and music but any surplus money goes to SchoolGambia. www.schoolgambia.org.uk
Karen Di Marco karendimarcomusic2@gmail.com

IN MEMORY OF CAROL BOYLE



28th December 1961 - 15th June 2021

Having been a resident of Yalding village since 1998, Carol could usually be seen on her daily run around the villages of Benover, Yalding and Laddingford. She is survived by her husband Alan, her four children and eleven grandchildren. We miss her dearly.

We would all like to thank friends and neighbours who attended her service at Vinters Park Crematorium on the 29th July 2021 and also those friends who joined us at the Woolpack afterwards, in celebration of her short life.

Should anyone wish to donate a gift in Carol's memory, please do so to The Friends of Yalding Surgery

YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY

YGS Talk by Caroline Halfpenny – A Gardener Abroad – The Alhambra, Granada, Spain

Caroline visited The Alhambra, which is a Unesco World Heritage Site, in early Spring, when the weather was reasonably cool. The views of the Red Castle on Sabika Hill, with the mountains of the Sierra Nevada in the background were amazing. Caroline explained the history of the castle from when it was built between 1232 and 1492 and how, over the centuries, it had been the home of Sultans of the Nazrid dynasty, Catholics, including at one time a Franciscan monastery and later Muslims- again. This was reflected in the symbolism of the architecture and layout of the gardens.

Within the palaces the symbolic architecture and decoration includes slender pillars symbolising trees and wonderfully intricate patterns of fretwork, triangles, squares and stars, but no representations of living organisms. Beautiful buildings and towers surround formal courtyard gardens and the number 7 features in the number of the arches around the sides - indicating the 7 skies of the Islamic cosmos. Courtyards laid in patterned pebbles are an impressive feature, especially surrounded by the arches and towers.

The Alhambra was the birthplace of formal parterre/knot gardening.

Water is a vital component running along the box hedged formal squares. Dark hedging of myrtle and cypress trees absorbed the heat of the summer and even vegetable gardens were also formally laid out. They contained plants such as artichokes (the roots of which were used for medical purposes and flavouring of beer/tonics). Pomegranates, lemons and other fruit trees feature, and these also had a dual purpose, being used for dyes and leather tanning.

The many water features, rills, streams and fountains are hydraulically fed from the River Darro through 6km of ducts with reservoirs beneath the gardens, and this has encouraged the growth of plants such as aubrietia, bougainvillea and maidenhair ferns – the leaves and stems of which were also used for medicinal purposes.

The Alhambra site is enormous and a whole day would be needed to just go around the castle buildings even before the gardens have been viewed. Thank you, Caroline for a fascinating snapshot into well preserved ancient civilisation.

Thanks must also go to Alastair and Gail for organising the talk. The Zoom attendance of over 50 members just goes to show YGS can still function very well in lock down.

Lois Mitchell

CRICKET NEWS

Results

The season of ups and downs continues right to the end.

The Seniors dragged themselves out of relegation problems with outstanding displays against Tenterden and Rainham, only to be pegged back by a loss against Selling.

Tenterden, near the top of the table, were completely outplayed by our young team: they were bowled out for 65, with Sam Faulkner taking 5 wickets for 17 runs. Yalding knocked off the score in under seven overs (Sam Tripp 39, Kieran O'Leary 22).

Against Rainham, Matthew Masset returned amazing figures of 4 wickets for 5 runs in 4 overs (!!!) as we bowled them out for 89, with Sam Faulkner (41) and John Skinner (37) reaching the goal without losing a wicket.

We scored 176 against Selling – our best total of the season – thanks to a good score from Sam Tripp (70), and 20+ from each of John Skinner, Ed Mead, and Justin Gregory. Unfortunately, Selling's batting was too strong, and they passed our total with only two wickets down.

The Under 15s finished the season in an unfortunate 3rd place, despite winning more matches than anyone else in the league. It was a superb team effort, led on the bowling front by Justin Gregory and Jack Masset (10 wickets each) and by batters Justin (again) and Max Thomson. Josh Pettit and Zac Moore also put in really notable all-round performances.

Our Under 11s, in their joint playing guise with Capel, finished 4th in the league as a lot of games were cancelled due to the weather. They finished with a higher win rate (75%) than anyone else in their league other than Pembury, who finished second. Brilliant work.

If you would like to see results for all the teams, go to <https://yalding.play-cricket.com/>

Fundraising

As mentioned last month, we are having to fund a big renovation of the cricket square this year. It will cost us around £4,000 – roughly equivalent to our normal annual running costs and our total income from subscriptions and match fees – so it will leave us very short of funds to pay for the training and equipment



we need to sustain the club.

The renovation will start in early September. In the next issue of the parish magazine, we will give details of how to donate via a GoFundMe page.

We do know that in these straitened times, and with a global pandemic, cricket might not be your first concern. But the club has been providing a sporting outlet to the people of Yalding for 200 years, and the achievements of those people highlighted above really do emphasise the important role the club plays in village life.

If you have any thoughts on fundraising, please contact Martin or Roy via the details below.

The new net

The new net is available for everyone to use for cricket practice purposes. You don't need to be a member of the club. However, if club members have time booked, please give way, or join in. Everyone needs to clear the playing surface of debris before training to preserve the matting.

Training and playing

Junior training will continue through to September (weather permitting) every Saturday at the Kintons from 10.30am. Anyone wanting to find out more about playing or training with the club can come down to find out how to get involved.

Saturday morning training will be limited to youth (U15s) and children's practice. Seniors will train on weekday evenings, usually Tuesdays: please contact Martin on the details below.

We are ALWAYS keen to talk to potential players, of whatever age, experience, or skill, so please feel free to get in touch.

Games for August & September

Senior league games are at 1.30pm on Saturdays. Home matches will be at the Kintons:

14th August vs Gravesend

4th September vs Holborough

Contacts:

Martin: martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com

Roy: royfarrier@litmuspartnership.co.uk

YALDING & LADDINGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



A quiet Summer on the pitch for the club with a few Summer tournaments that were enjoyed by all. Much activity off the field with 105 players to register and coaches undertaking online courses.

Some teams have moved leagues to either remain playing on their desired day of the weekend or due to proximity of games.

This season sees us in Maidstone primary league, Ashford Youth League and Maidstone & Mid-Kent adult league.

This season has seen our u18 side remain together to become the men's reserve side. The men's sides have already played 3 friendlies with the 1st team losing two close games to teams from a higher league whilst the reserves defeated Coxheath 1-0

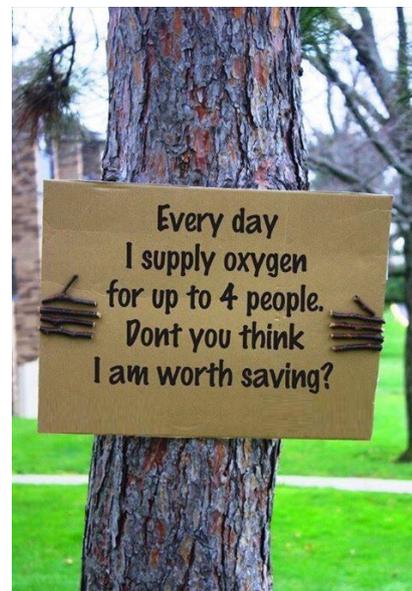
This coming season our teams play

U7, U9, U12 and U13 on a Saturday morning whilst U10 and men play Sunday morning - please pop down and lend your support.

New members always welcome.

Steve Faulkner

YALDING TREE GUARDIANS



This image was posted on our facebook page: yaldingtreeguardians - it says it all! We thought it amusing, informative and is just a reminder of how valuable trees are in our environment. Yalding is lucky indeed to have such beautiful trees. *June*

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** or telephone **020 7219 7107**.

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YALDING YULETIDE MARKET

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STALLHOLDERS

(UPDATED 2021)

These conditions are required by the various authorities who grant permission for the Market to take place. Failure to adhere to them could jeopardise future markets. Bookings from any individual stallholders who fail to comply will not be accepted for subsequent markets.

All stallholders must provide and erect their own gazebo, measuring 3m x 3m for a single stall, and tables to display their wares. They must also provide adequate lighting for their stall as there is limited street lighting; battery operated halogen lights are ideal for this purpose.

If any cooking or heating is planned it is essential that you have adequate fire precautions available, i.e. a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket, and any necessary licence. Health and Safety regulations preclude the use of generators or mains power except where previously agreed.

Food Traders must have a documented food safety management system. They must be registered with their local authority and are required to supply their company name, the local authority they are registered with and their hygiene rating. They must have this documentation on site with them during the event. They are also asked to confirm that they have a portable water supply.

Entry to the High Street for the purpose of setting up your stall will not be permitted under any circumstances before 3.00pm. On arrival vehicles must be fully unloaded and removed as quickly as possible before the stall is set up.

All vehicles must be removed from the High Street by **3.50** there will be no exceptions. This is a police enforced condition. Vehicles may then be parked in either the school car park in Vicarage Road or the surgery car park in Benover Road. Larger vehicles (vans etc) **must** be parked at the surgery. Access to these car parks will not be permitted unless a permit is clearly displayed.

If you have more than one vehicle please ask for the required number of permits. Car park access will only be available between **3.00 and 4.15** and again between **8.00 and 9.00**.

The Yuletide market is run as a not-for-profit organisation. Costs relating to staging the event are borne by the market committee and the potential for COVID related cancellation is a known risk we are unable to obtain insurance for.

Your stall fees are not refundable in the event of COVID related cancellation, although you may apply them to future Yuletide markets. You accept this risk at the time of booking.

All rubbish must be cleared from your stall at the end of the market please bring your own refuse sacks. Large refuse bins will be positioned outside Church House. Please place all your rubbish sacks, refuse, packaging and litter here before you leave.

The Market Organisers cannot take responsibility for any individual stall and it is therefore important that your personal possessions are kept in a secure place and that you have the necessary insurance cover for your stall.

YULETIDE MARKET STALLHOLDER APPLICATION

This year the Yalding Yuletide Market will be held on **Saturday 4th December in the High Street**, commencing with the switching on of the Christmas lights at **5pm**.

The High Street will be alive with street entertainers, festive food, the Farmers' Market and a variety of stalls run by charities, village organisations and individuals, all helping to create a festive atmosphere. If you are interested in having a stall at the Market, please complete and return this form, together with your electronic pre-payment, by **1st November 2021** latest to:

Clare Curley, Conifer Farm, Emmett Hill Lane, Laddingford, Kent ME18 6BG

Tel: 01892 730744 Email: clare@curleyuk.com

Please give a detailed description of your stall as this will help the organisers to plan the Market with as much variety as possible. Stalls will be allocated in early November, once all applications and payments have been received, please be assured that unless you hear from us before then your stall is agreed in principle.

Pull out the centre spread and retain the Terms & Conditions on application.

The charge for charities, local resident's (Yalding Parish) and Farmers' Market stallholders is £25. The charge for all other stalls is £50, except for those providing hot food and/or alcohol for consumption at the market where the charge is £75.

Please note that electronic pre-payment must be received no later than 1st November to secure your booking.

£25.00 £50.00 £75.00

Please tick which rate applies.

Please confirm you have the following:

Public Liability Insurance: Yes TEN: (if selling alcohol) Yes Trading Licence: Yes

Details of stall (include trading name for bank payment tracking).

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Name of Organisation/Stall.....

Contact Name

Address.....

Telephone No:..... Email:

I have read, understood and confirm I will comply with the attached Terms and Conditions.

Signed

Payments by Bank transfer : Acc No: 44495485 Sort Code: 09-01-53

Please Note: No refund of stall charges will be given if a booking is cancelled less than two weeks prior to the event date. Please refer to COVID related cancellation clause in terms and conditions.

UK GDPR - this information is kept on a password protected computer and is used solely for the purposes of this event.

**Saturday 11th September
1pm - 4pm**

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YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 18th September

at

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Please refer to the 2019 schedule which is being used for 2021 - also on website

Entries from 9.30am

Open for visitors from 2.30pm

New members welcome

www.yaldinggardensociety.org.uk

facebook.com/yaldinggardensociety

THANKYOU

I would like to say an enormous thankyou for all the cards, flowers, gifts, laundry and meal service, shopping and all other offers of help Peter and I have received over the last two months. We have both felt truly supported by everyone during and after my removal of a cancerous kidney. I am now making slow progress to fitness and all the prayers and good wishes have been a great help and very much appreciated.

Thankyou again

Sue & Peter Crompton

NEW CLERK NEEDED BY YALDING ALMS HOUSE TRUSTEES

We have a vacancy for a Clerk for the committee of Trustees of the Yalding Almshouses.

The Clerk is required to attend between 2 and 4 Trustee meetings; the committee consists of a Chair, Treasurer, Clerk and 5 other Trustees.

The new clerk will arrange meetings, prepare minutes, present clerk reports and act as a link between the residents of the Alms Houses and the Trustees.

Their role is essential to ensure the charity is run in the best interests of those it supports. No specific Clerking experience is necessary but Administrative experience and basic IT skills would be beneficial.

Trustees seek someone who is committed, tactful, caring and sympathetic to the needs of the residents and also able to contact tradesmen and service providers when needed.

The Alms Houses were built in 1847 for 6 single women of the parish.

They continue to provide a safe and secure home for 6 ladies from Yalding, Laddingford or Collier Street.

If you are interested in this role or have any questions please **contact the Chair, Barbara Grandi at barbaragrandi@aol.com**

Also: The Trustees are still interested in finding someone with general Handyman skills who is interested in quoting for ad-hoc work at the Alms Houses.

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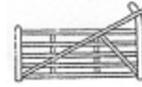
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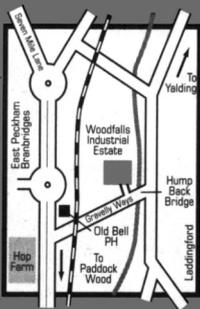
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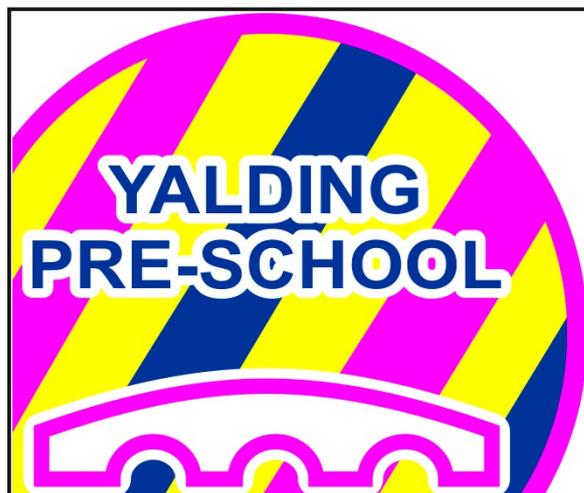


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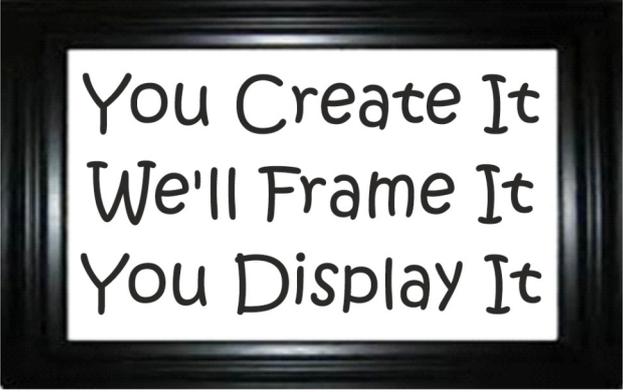
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