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FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH W & H MONCKTON, YALDING

This month's photograph is of a fully laden lorry (and lorries above) belonging to the haulier W & H Monckton. These photographs were posted through the door of the house pictured behind them and are at present a mystery.

At least the house behind them gives a clue as to where they are parked and whoever took the photograph was obviously very proud of them and rightly so, as they are so expertly stacked and secure.

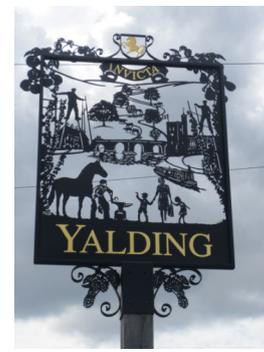
So, the question remains, who were W & H Monckton and what is in the sacks so expertly strapped onto each lorry. I am thinking hops, but I could be wrong.

I'd be very interested to hear from anyone who has any comments regarding these lorries and also if the year can be established.

They look like they are about to go over the bridge fully laden with at least 50 bags on board and maybe they were headed for Hunton, which is written on the door as part of their phone number - but who knows, do you?

We are hoping someone does as it is a snapshot into the past which is always intriguing.

Email mag@yaldingchurches.co.uk with your comments and we'll update our readers next month.



EDITOR'S NOTES

The sun shone and all the stalls looked fabulous on the 5th September for Yalding Art Group's annual Arts & Crafts Fair. The fair is usually held in May, but due to the pandemic it wasn't possible. It was then re-scheduled for July, but still the pandemic raged on. Third time lucky with the date and luckily it was the first really sunny day of the Summer!

It was the first event since Covid to be held in the Village Hall so everyone was a little nervous and everything was put in place so stallholders and visitors would be safe.

Well done everyone and a special mention for Jack Walker who is new to Yalding who exhibited his beautiful animal pictures which were admired by everyone as they came into the fair.

I can hardly believe it is now October and preparations are well underway for the annual Yuletide market which has been missing from the High Street since 2019.

There is a hardworking team of volunteers making sure it will be the highlight of the year, but if you feel you would like to help, please step forward. It is a wonderful event and it kicks off the Christmas period for me, but I know how much work goes into making it so successful and I would like to say how appreciative Yalding will be to have it back again.

Talking about events, we are very happy the diary has made a comeback - this surely means we are truly getting back to normal and Yalding is going back to the fun place it has always been.

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St Peter and St Paul, Yalding

Sundays	9.30	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
Wednesdays	10.00	Holy Communion, Lady chapel (Traditional)
Fridays	18.00	Evening Prayer online

If you would like to receive Father Paul's weekly email to the congregation, please let him know by emailing vicar@yaldingchurches.co.uk

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 the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlestead

Sundays	9.30	All welcome
		<i>Our Discussion Forum will resume after Lockdown.</i>
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Yalding Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Services with Junior Church

at 10.30 Zoom ID 857 4184 1757 ALL WELCOME

3rd October	Visiting speaker Rob Eldred
10th October	Communion Service
17th October	All Age Worship
24th, 31st October	Usual Service
Home Group	Fortnightly Wednesdays at 8.15pm Please contact for venue

You can listen to our sermons on our YouTube channel

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The 100 Club has been running for 30 years now and has raised £1,000s for much needed church funds. The need is even greater now with rising costs and loss of funds due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Many members have left the club this year for various reasons - I have persuaded some friends to join, but there are still many vacancies. Please contact me if you can spare £20 for a chance to win in 10 draws during the year.
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PARISH LETTER

When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him? (Psalm 8:3,4)

When I was a boy I quite fancied growing up to be an astronaut. This was the 1970s, and I suspect I was not alone in that ambition. Sadly poor eyesight nipped that career choice in the bud, or so I tell myself. These days, our children are just as likely to put on a Hi-Vis vest and declare that they want to grow up to be essential workers, which ironically is more like what I have actually done – in hospitality, transport, education, and now in saving souls in the badlands of West Kent. I imagine that I have been rather more use to my fellow human beings this way ... a life of public service rising from the smouldering ashes of my broken dreams.

Now that we find ourselves at the beginning of a new chapter, a new academic year, holidays over for many who have been lucky enough to have them, and a return to work if not exactly to normal, there seems to be a real chance to reset our ideas about who we are and why we are here. The coronavirus pandemic and its unfolding consequences have enabled us to see a little beyond our own selfish ambition and see more of the communities of which we are a part, and not always in a good way.

We have seen sometimes a desperate inequality in education, health, wealth, and opportunity: the difficulties of isolated elderly citizens, the frustration and disappointment of our underemployed youngsters, the stresses of the furloughed, and the frenetic overwork of those on whom we depend.

But we have also seen that we have a responsibility towards others, a real chance to help and to be helped, a need to seize the moment in case it is taken away or does not last, and a sense that actually we were heading in a dangerously misguided direction of individual worth being determined solely by status, wealth, and achievement down a narrow tunnel of exclusive self-obsession.

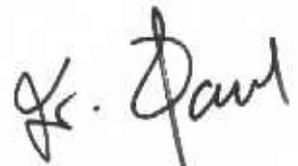
Now in our churches we are building our stamina again and enjoying our singing and our fellowship, offering our prayers in worship of the God whom we believe to be the very source and being of the love that created us. This is what it means to be a people of faith – to know that only this is certain and that this is of primary importance. To know that we are loved, and that all of us matter to God.

I didn't get to walk on the moon, but I did get to meet someone who did. Colonel James Irwin came to visit my school when I was a teenager to give us all a speech about working hard and following your dreams and determination to succeed. I can't really remember what he said, but it wasn't the more interesting talk he might have given about the huge part that luck plays in how our lives turn out, both good and bad. I was one of a group of lucky lads who got to show the colonel around the school, because I'm sure those retired astronauts couldn't get enough of quadrangles and rugby pitches. Hiding his excitement well on the school tour, he asked me, "Are you a Christian, son?"

Taken slightly aback, I mumbled some sort of inaudible agreement that I probably was, and he replied, "Never forget that God loves you."

Well, I haven't forgotten, and I'm also thinking that this is probably a good time to remind everyone else, because when we know we are loved, we know that we can love in our turn, and if He who made the heavens and the earth cares enough to think of all his children, then we ought to do the same.

Do not waste the opportunity. We are the lucky ones. Let's make it count.



God is Love, and those who live in Love, live in God, and God lives in them." (1 John 4:16)



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Finland	Mon 13	Sweden	Mon 13
France	Sat 18	Switzerland	Thu 16
Germany	Thu 16	Turkey	Sat 11
Greece	Sat 11	USA	Mon 13
Iceland	Thu 16		

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The last month has seen a number of birthdays and celebrations and it's lovely to see everyone getting back together with their family and friends and catching up on celebrations missed. We celebrated the marriage of Jon & Vicky Carden and amongst the birthdays Charles Newberg celebrated his birthday with us where he surprised us with his lovely poem which we've put on our website. Thank you Charles we're very touched.

We've enjoyed the parish events of the Church Fete and Parish Picnic where again it was lovely to catch up with people. A big thank you to the "gophers" who helped out at our Water Station for the Paddock Wood Half Marathon; it was a very hot day for the competitors, who once again gave such positive feedback on our station. Well done to our own Chequers Chaser Faith Charlton and Marina Di Cara who we cheered on and who completed the race.

As the Autumn approaches we've got quite a lot going on - we're starting off the month on **Sunday, 3rd** with our **Fun, Flower, Crafts & Arts Show** – there are lots of classes to enter and our favourite 'challenge' this year is Trolley Pulling' - design a trailer device that will carry two half pint glasses full of liquid along a standard 13ft scaffold board in 30 seconds. All proceeds go to Laddingford School, so please put it in your diary - we guarantee a wonderful afternoon, with all entries needed to be in place by 3pm and the important judging at 3.30pm.

Do you like a sausage? Well, we're delighted that our Sausage Week is back **10-17 October** when there'll be a selection of 20 different sausages available including vegetarian and gluten free.

We're delighted to welcome back "The Roarin 20's" Jazz Band on **9th October** tickets £10 per person to include canapés and everyone is encourage to dress in the era. Come along for a lovely evening.

Other events at the Chequers are:

Ladies Evenings:

Thursday 21st October – scarf & jewellery swap bring along your preloved scarves and jewellery and let someone else enjoy them and find some new items for yourself. 7:00-9:30pm.

Christmas Ladies Evening

Monday **15th November** 7-9:30pm.

Halloween Quiz Evening

Saturday **30th October** – teams of up to 6 people 8pm start – teams to be prebooked – prize for the best fancy dressed team.

Laddingford Christmas

Lights & Fayre

Saturday **20 November**

We are now taking bookings for Christmas lunch & dinners as well as our

Special Christmas Afternoon Tea from

2nd-24th December.

Tracey & Charles

NEWS FROM LITTLE VENICE

Good weather, bad weather and Little Venice is carrying on regardless. It is in glorious colour as our gardens are thriving from all the love and attention they have received over the past few months.

We came out of lockdown in style by doing what Little Venetians are darned good at. We partied! Many of us joined Ian Peacock in the Clubhouse to celebrate his 70th birthday. A good night was had by all.

There are several new owners here now. Welcome to all of you! I am sure you have all discovered what a friendly, welcoming place this is. The Club is the plave to go for Bingo, Darts and Pool. Food, including Thai is always available. You can also visit for breakfast on a Saturday and a roast on a Sunday (please pre-book to avoid disappointment). Well, another month gone and lockdown may be over, but please continue to stay safe. *Sally*

COMMUNITY DIARY

OCTOBER

3rd	Fun, Flower, Crafts & Arts Show - Chequers	Entries by 3pm (£1 adults, 50p children)
9th	Roarin' 20's Jazz Night at the Chequers	7pm
11th	Little Fishes - St.Peter & St.Paul Church	1.45-3pm
12th	WI Meeting - Hari Covert Cooking Demo	7.30pm @ Village Hall, Yalding
13th	Collier St Pop In Cafe, St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
16th	Quiz Night for Yalding PreSchool	7pm
21st	Ladies Night at the Chequers	7-9.30pm
30th	Halloween Quiz Night at the Chequers	8pm start

NOVEMBER

1st onwards Bottle donations for the Yuletide Christmas Market - collection point at the Post Office

8th	Little Fishes - St.Peter & St.Paul Church	1.45-3pm
9th	Bags to School drop off at Twyford Pre-school	9am
10th	Collier St Pop In Cafe, St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
11th	WI Meeting	7.30pm @ Village Hall, Yalding
15th	Christmas Ladies Night at the Chequers	7-9.30pm
15th	Laddingford PTA Christmas Tree Orders	
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
20th	Laddingford Christmas Tree Switch On & Fair	5pm
21st	FREE entry to view art exhibition	11-3pm
20th	Christmas Lights & Fair at the Chequers	5pm onwards
29th	Laddingford PTA - Last Orders for Christmas Trees - pick up 3/12	

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

DECEMBER

4th	Yuletide Market	5pm onwards
8th	Collier St Pop in St.Margaret's Church	2-4pm
11th	Christmas Tree Festival	1-5pm
12th	Baptist Church Carol Service	10.30am
12th	Christmas Tree Festival, Baptist Church	1-4pm
14th	WI Meeting - Wreath Making	7.30pm @ Village Hall, Yalding

YALDING & LADDINGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our First meeting

On Tuesday 14th September we held our first meeting as the Yalding and Laddingford WI.

It was great to see so many people in the Village Hall; lots of ladies from when the WI was running before and lots of new ladies too.

It was a really successful evening and everyone chatted, drank prosecco or a cup of tea, and made new friends.

We are really excited to be re-forming the village WI and we hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall.

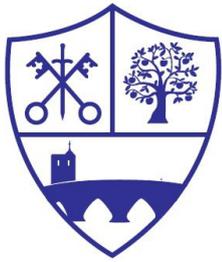
We will be in the magazine diary each month with our up and coming events and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Victoria President of Yalding and Laddingford WI

GARDEN SOCIETY DIARY

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:
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Yalding St Peter and St Paul
Church of England Primary School

Yalding St Peter and St Paul CEP School

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.

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Yalding School News

A new school year

The new academic year has started well. The children seemed happy to be back and have settled well into their new classes.

We also welcomed our new Reception pupils and 5 other children across the school. We are delighted that they are now part of the school.



New facilities

The Year 6s now have a brand new classroom in the top building. This means that we can now run 7 classes and keep each year group together.

In addition, we now have a shelter on the KS1 playground and work has started on a similar project over the KS2 quiet area.

Thanks go to the PTA for their fundraising work which has helped to pay for the shelter projects.



Alien visit

Year 1 were excited to find evidence of a visit from Beegu, the alien. There were coded messages around the playground and, in the corner of the field, the children found many metal items which they thought could have been the remains of a spaceship landing!



New projects

Bees Class, Year R, are settling into their new routines.

The other year groups will be exploring a new 'Big Question' this term:-

Year 1 – Dormice – **What does being brave look like?**

Year 2 – Hedgehogs – **Do all Superheroes wear capes?**

Year 3 – Kingfishers – **Why do we leave things behind?** – Focus on Ancient Egypt

Year 4 – Puffins – **How can immigration change a country?** – Focus on The Romans

Year 5 – Toucans – **Where does authority come from?** – Focus on Ancient Greece

Year 6 – Wolves – **What does it mean to be a child?** - Focus on the Victorians

Mrs. S. Friend - Headteacher

YALDING PRESCHOOL

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year, the children have settled back in well along with the new faces that have joined us. Our focus so far this term has been on making sure the children settle back in comfortably and the new children build relationships.

Our theme for September was 'All about me' which helped the children to get to know each other. It also helps them to discover their own strengths, likes and personal interests. Our focus book was 'What makes me a me' by Ben Faulks. In October we will be exploring lots of different Halloween activities, making some Halloween crafts and of course carving pumpkins!



Yalding Pre-school race night!

We would love you to come to our race night to fundraise for the preschool.

16 October Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start

Licensed bar – Nibbles on tables - but more than welcome to bring your own food! For more info contact or purchase tickets via sum up... twyford-preschool.sumup.link

Stacy Codling - Secretary - Yalding (Twyford) Preschool Committee

Please check out our website for further updates and information.

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TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL



A big thank you to our parents for sharing the amazing photos of their child's first day at big school, it's wonderful to hear they have all settled well.

We continue to explore our book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy when we will be making rockets and stars for our display board, eating moon space snacks, and smashing moon rocks. Our other activities include making galaxy playdoh, moon sand and painting with shaving foam, it could get messy this term!

To help with our fundraising, we have a 'bags to school' collection on Friday 8th October at 09.00am.

Please bring your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, and handbags to the village hall from Monday 4th October. All monies raised will go towards craft material for the children.

And finally, we will be holding our annual general meeting in the hall this year, it will take place on Monday 18th October at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome.

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

YALDING BABY & TODDLER GROUP



YALDING BABY & TODDLER GROUP – An UPDATE...

From now on our fantastic Yalding Baby & Toddler group meets at the Baptist church every Wednesday from 9.30am – 12noon in term time.

There is a really warm and relaxed atmosphere, welcoming all parents, carers and their little ones under the age of five. We ask for a suggested donation of £2 per child and adult, subsequent children £1. Parents are provided with tea or coffee and biscuits (sometimes even cake!) and the children can have squash, water and biscuits.

...and a THANK YOU!

We want to say a huge, public THANK YOU to Hayley Stern, Karen & Sophie who managed the group for years. They have done a marvellous job and the group wouldn't be what it is today without them.

Please contact me, Katie Organ or Sarah Willis for any further info at YaldingToddlerGroup@gmail.com, or on our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing familiar – and new – faces at the Baptist Church very soon!

Joanna Geary



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Saturday	9am-1pm

Over the last few weeks, I have been thinking a lot about public libraries and their place in our local communities, and I don't suppose it will surprise you to know that I'm a really big fan.

For me, libraries aren't just places where you can go to borrow books, important though that is; they're about the space that they provide too, often in the heart of our communities. They're a meeting place. A place where anyone and everyone is welcome and where it's completely free to go and make use of all that they have to offer.

Yalding Library may be small, but small is beautiful and it really is in the heart of our community. And now that it is finally back up and running again, we're really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Being a small library means that we don't have the biggest selection of books, but for anyone who wants to use our reservation service, we can have books delivered to Yalding Library from any other library in Kent – and that gives you access to more books than you could possibly shake a stick at!

Already, we're supplying books for all the book groups that use the library here. If you want to set up a new book group, please come in and see us – we can reserve sets of books for your group too which can be collected in Yalding.

Or perhaps you just need to use a computer, do some printing or use a photocopier – all services which are also available in your library.

And don't forget all the online services that are completely free to use if you've got your own library card – you can download books, magazines and newspapers all for free and access all sorts of websites such as the very popular family history websites.

And for those of you who just want to have a place where

you can go to sit and have a chat with whoever else happens to be passing through, we're here for that too. Everyone is welcome.

In the words of the great Albert Einstein:

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

- and he was extremely clever, so he must have been right!

I am writing this in my last week behind the desk at Yalding Library before I go on to work in the library of a school not very far from here.

And while I'm really looking forward to a new challenge, I am, of course, very sad to be leaving.

I have really enjoyed running your library for you and I know that it will be really well looked after in the future. Please keep making good use of it and all that it has to offer, and remember: your library is here for you.

Another favourite quote of mine is by Cornelia Funke, the children's author:

"A library book, I imagine, is a happy book."

And I can add to that:

"A Yalding librarian, I'm sure, is a happy librarian!"

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome behind the desk of your library in recent years – I've loved it.

Happy Reading everyone – see you when I next pop into the library! *Julie West*

Thank you so much Julie ...for always being that smiling face in the library as we walked up and down the hill and for giving our readers such wonderful reviews of books each month. You gave us an insight into stories we might like to read and indeed borrow from the library.

Good luck in your new job - your new school has made a very good appointment. We here in Yalding will miss you.

The Editor and all our readers

THE YULETIDE MARKET IS BACK - SATURDAY, 4TH DECEMBER FROM 5PM

Arguably the village's most successful event, the Yuletide Market began in 1999 and grew in popularity each year until Covid prevented it in 2020. Plans are well underway for its return this year – barring any further government lockdowns or significant restrictions.

We have a great many new residents since 2019 and welcome them with open arms to join the existing band of loyal supporters and the many who travel from far afield to be here on that day.

The Market begins at 5.00 when Father Christmas switches on the lights on the village green. It finishes at 8.00 but the High Street is closed to traffic between 4.00 and 9.00. Over 40 stalls selling crafts, food and refreshments line the High Street verges, the Church is open and there is a variety of street entertainers. The entrance fee of "at least 1p per person" is a mandatory licensing requirement!

The Market is non-profit-making but supports local charities and aims to break even through stallholders' fees and from sales at the bottle raffle stall.

In November every house in the village is invited to contribute a bottle to this stall.

Donations over the years have been amazing and without them the Market could not run.

Further details will be given over the coming weeks but please keep the date free and join in this marvellous event.

AN APPEAL

The Yuletide market is planned and staged by an enthusiastic group of local volunteers who are well supported by the Parish Council.

In addition to this core team there are lots of options to get involved!

We would love to hear from you if you're able to donate your time and ideas in the following operational areas of the event:

- Stewarding the road closure, this works on a rota basis and involves traffic management at each end of the High Street
- Helping with litter picking and tear down at the end of the evening (from 8pm)
- Being on the bottle stall team – are you a dab hand at selling raffle tickets and dealing with the public?
- Helping with the movement of items on the day (we need gazebos, tables, ladders, lights, cables to be in the right places)

If you want to help in some way please contact Jason Bryant on jason.bryant1968@btinternet.com

YALDING SURGERY NEWSLETTER

Covid-19 booster jabs

We are pleased to announce we will likely offer the Covid-19 booster jab for this year.

We are awaiting confirmation for this from the CCG. Like the rest of the country, we are not 100% sure will be eligible and when it will start. We will let eligible patients know as soon as we do.

Welcome to a New GP

We are also pleased to announce that we have employed a brand new GP, Dr Suresh Logarajah, who will be working with us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

He will join our regular GP's - Dr Alexandra Scott, Dr Shamim Ahmed, Dr Victoria Watson, Dr Jon Fenton as well as Miss Sonia Watling, our paramedic practitioner.

We are hopeful that with his kind help will be able to offer more clinical appointments to reduce our waiting times for an appointment. Alongside routine appointments, we have a daily duty doctor available all day for urgent clinical matters.

Masks & Hygiene precautions

Sadly, people in our community are still falling ill with Covid-19, even with a double jab.

We are therefore insisting that anyone entering the surgery wears a mask (or face shield), washes their hands and maintains a social distance. We will do our best to make provisions for anyone who doesn't want to wear a mask.

PPG Group

Lastly, the PPG – Patient Participation Group – for Yalding Surgery are keen for new members and to hear from anyone in our community.

They have meetings every two months at the practice. Please contact the surgery if you want to get involved or know more.

Further information is also available on the Yalding Surgery website.

Thank you and stay safe.

YALDING & LADDINGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2021-2 season starts

The season is now in full swing and this weekend will see the last of our teams - the u7s start their campaign . Mixed results for the other 7 teams but all have had thoroughly enjoyable games . The pitches at the Kintons are looking superb with many players commenting on the quality of the surface - much time has been spent over the summer on Repair work.

The youngsters need coaches

This summer has seen us lose 2 valuable coaches to university meaning more pressure on those remaining and with more children joining weekly we are looking to recruit new helpers.



Anybody looking to coach will be offered the chance to gain formal coaching qualifications and those helping to officiate games will be remunerated.

We now have a training group of u14s school yr 9 who are looking for new members. At the most recent Wednesday evening training session we had over 80 children's out enjoying the fresh air and most pleasing was the number of girls that have joined recently

New members of any age are always welcome.

Steve Faulkner



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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;

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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 to help the organisers to plan the Market with as much variety as possible. Stalls will be allocated in early November, when all applications and payments have been received.

Be assured that unless you hear from us before then your stall is agreed in principle.

Please read Terms & Conditions on page 14 prior to application.

The charge for charities, local residents (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 Terms and Conditions.

Signed

Payments by Bank transfer to: 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.

STALLHOLDERS TERMS & CONDITIONS UPDATED FOR 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 **3pm and 4.15pm** and again between **8pm and 9pm**

The Yuletide market is run as a not-for-profit organisation. Costs relating to staging the event are borne by the market committee. 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. 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.

LADDINGFORD FUN, FLOWER, VEGETABLE, CRAFTS & ARTS SHOW



APOLOGY

Our apologies to the Environment Agency and to Mr Bill Bird for reporting that Mr. Bird was employed by the EA. This is incorrect.

Mr Bird is the volunteer bailiff for Yalding Parish Council land and CALPAC. Although his duties monitoring fishermen help the environment, he is not employed by the Environment Agency as stated in our August issue.

There are lots of classes open to adults and children and the as this is a fun show we have rules and conditions, but not many! Date for your diary - **Sunday, 3rd October**.

Enjoy the show at **The Chequers, Laddingford**. All entries to be in place by 3pm - judging at 3.30pm.

Rules:

- 1 All produce, unless stated **MUST** be homegrown by the exhibitor
- 2 Where suitable, exhibits to be submitted on plain white paper plates
- 3 The judges decision is final - they may have no experience in the class, but they are judging!
- 4 No scrumping allowed 30 days prior to the show
- 5 No nobbling your neighbour's exhibit (or anything else!) prior to the show
- 6 This is for fun so by entering you permit at least half of any edible entries to be tried by the other ompetitors after the judging.. that's the fun bit!
- 7 Rosettes to be given for all children's exhibits

A huge thankyou to our sponsors and everyone who supports this show in aid of Laddingford School - we aim to put the FUN into fundraising. Good luck to all our exhibitors
Charles & Tracey

YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

Yalding Garden Society held their Autumn Flower Show on Saturday, 18th September 2021

It felt just like old times, to see the Village Hall on a lovely sunny Saturday afternoon - full of wonderful displays of seasonal flowers, fruit and vegetables. As well as stunning flower arrangements, delectable cooked produce, plus beautiful photographs and craft items; all being admired by a lively throng of around 60 visitors and exhibitors, buzzing with excitement and satisfaction at this element of return to normality, after the restrictions due to Covid-19 had prevented the YGS's usual shows being held since Spring 2020. A long wait indeed!

A few decades ago, by far the most popular Autumn flowers were Chrysanthemums and Dahlias, and the exhibition schedules still include several classes for these flowers.

However tastes change with time, in ways impossible to predict or explain. This year, although there were several entries in the different Dahlia classes, there was only one of Chrysanthemums.

In fact, in several of the classes in different sections of the schedules, the number of exhibitors was noticeably below what might otherwise have been expected. This was probably in part due to the vagaries of the English weather (consistent only in its inconsistency!), which undoubtedly thwarted the efforts and ambitions of several would-be exhibitors.

However this did not detract from the excellence of most of the entries actually on display.

For instance, although Sue Gerrish was the only entrant in the prestigious and demanding Master Gardener class, which requires skill in producing both flowers and a range of vegetables, the Judge had no hesitation in deciding that the quality of her entries fully justified that she be awarded the Cable Pipe Memorial Bowl.

Jonathan Virden was awarded both the Milsted Challenge Cup, for the best performance in the Vegetable classes, and also the Society's Challenge Bowl for the best performance in the Vegetable, Fruit, and Flower classes.

Combined. In the four different dahlia classes, there were in total 17 entries, with Pat Tomlin winning two of the classes, and also earning the Doctor's Cup for the best dahlia entry in the show.

As always, the flower arranging classes produced several wonderful exhibits, full of colour, imagination and skilled design. Interpretation was of the three subjects specified in the schedules:

Hallowe'en; Inspired by a Painting; and Harvest table

Each of these classes was won by a different exhibitor (including one by Sue Gerrish, demonstrating her versatility in this field as well as in being Master Gardener). The Laura Borton Challenge Bowl for the best exhibit in the show went to Sue Williams, for her re-creation of a typical Dutch Old Master flower painting.

The Penny Leeson Award, for the best performance by a novice flower-arranger, in a separate class for novices on the subject of a Dressing Table Arrangement, was won by Helen Baldwin.

The Lumsden Bowl, for the best performance in the Photography classes was deservedly won by Bibi Findlay, who maintained her own very high standard in this difficult art, even though there were markedly fewer entries than normal in this field.

The Perrins Challenge Bowl, for the best performance in the preserves and cookery classes, was won by Rachel West, who won the Pear Cake class, and also the Green Chutney class.

The usually popular battle of the Sexes class, this time to produce 5 sausage rolls, was not awarded as there were only two entries.

Finally, the Craft class was won, through the popular vote of those present, by Yvonne Martin, for her exquisite cutwork embroidered table cloth.

Congratulations to all the organisers for mounting this successful event, and of course the exhibitors and visitors, who helped to make it all worthwhile! We shall now look forward to next year's shows.



Beautiful dahlias outnumbering chrysanthemums this year.

Well done Sue Gerrish for this beautiful display and for becoming our Master Gardener 2021



Yalding Parish Council

EXTRACTS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

All County, District and Parish Councils are being asked not only to have this as a permanent agenda item, but to consider it with regard to all decisions made by the councils.

YALDING ENTERPRISE PARK (YEP) – UPDATE

Planning permission has now been granted and the S106 agreement has been drafted but written consent will not be forthcoming until it is signed.

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Regulation 19 consultation goes before MBC's Strategic Planning and Infrastructure (SPI) Committee on 21st September and then to full council on 29th September after which time the consultation should commence. The reviewed plan should be ready for adoption by October 2022, 5 years on from the adoption of the original plan, but there is a lag of about 3-4 months to January 2023. Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) is urging MBC to make up this shortfall.

REDEPLOYMENT OF PCSOs

The Police had proposed to redeploy some Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO) including Nicola, to the Town Centre, and the Parkwood PCSO to Yalding, from 6th August however after much objection has been put on hold indefinitely. Nicola is currently on sick leave after an operation on her knee

POLICE/MBC WARD CLUSTER MEETINGS

The Parishes will now be included in these meetings with one representative allowed; Yalding's is in October.

INTERNET AND FIBRE OPTIC CONNECTIVITY KENWARD ROAD & OTHER AREAS

The Clerk has failed to establish any further information. As Open Reach are saying that they can only discuss their plans with a Member of Parliament, residents will be given Helen Grant's email address to write to her direct (see her notice).

YALDING VILLAGE GREEN

Residents should only leave rubbish next to the bin.

THE KINTONS

The solicitor has received the draft papers from Countryside's solicitor for approval with regard to the transfer of the remaining Glebe Land and track to YPC. He will be reviewing these and should be able to report to YPC on them next week. Community Payback and KG have fixed the kissing gate. There was damage caused by an East Malling football player, the football club are trying to find a name, East Malling are not welcome back until the issue is resolved. The moles are moving around a lot and are proving difficult to remove. William Bird will be asked to do a regular patrol. In order to alleviate the compaction of the surface the football club would like to slit the pitch once per month in September, October and November. The work would be undertaken by Capel Pitchcare using their machinery. The slitter sits behind a tractor and will cover the entire field except for the cricket square.

THE TATT

YPC have received an apology from the Land Registry regarding the inaccurate transfer of the land to a third party. A revised title deed in the name of YPC awaited. Medway Valley Countryside Partnership has prepared a report on the use of this area; the play equipment has been removed but the safety surface is still to be taken-up. A site meeting will be arranged to look at the state of the surface of the track, the cutting back of vegetation and car parking arrangements.

FLASH FLOODING FROM THE SUMMER STORM

Properties in Vicarage Road and Yalding High Street, including the tearooms and club, were flooded. KCC is preparing a report for all parishes affected along the Greensand Way. The Chairman has discovered that MBC have money for ditch clearance so has asked The Clerk to investigate what can be done with some of the ditches.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DL sent a short report. The executive team are continuing to meet every three weeks on zoom. They have reviewed some initial drafts for policies regarding the built environment and have divided the subjects across the participants.

HAMPSTEAD LANE

The closure of Hampstead Bridge has been deferred until 2022; the EA have been advised on the dates to avoid. Twyford Bridge - The traffic sensor on the car park side had come loose and was tracking the path of every aircraft rather than cars. They are now back to simultaneous red in both directions when nothing is coming. The engineer has raised the sensor slightly on that side to try to pick up vehicles that stop short but the white line needs to be moved back.

USING DIFFUSION TUBES FOR AIR POLLUTION MONITORING

Diffusion tubes monitor the fumes and can be arranged via MBC. The information gathered can be used in planning application responses. It was agreed to install them at sites of traffic congestion to start with.

REPLACE THE 5 BAR GATE IN THE LANE LEADING TO THE KINTONS

The Gate is well worn, all the posts need to be checked and repairs should include the pedestrian gate if necessary. The Rifle Club have offered a contribution towards the cost.

TWO LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS WITH REGARD TO WORK AT KENWARD FARM

Letters have been received from two concerned residents about the work being carried out by Clock House on Kenward Road which is more extensive and disruptive than they initially thought and work is being undertaken outside of permitted working hours.

THE FEN

MVCP have written to say they will be delivering Woodland Wellbeing sessions at Yalding Fen on Fridays until 22 October 2021.

NEXT MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 7pm** at Yalding Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend but, if you wish to address the Council on any subject, you must please advise the Clerk on 01622 814134 or email to clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk at least twenty four hours in advance of your intention to do so and the subject matter. If more than one person wishes to speak on any matter, a spokesperson will need to be appointed. We are not permitted to discuss items that are not on the agenda so, unless the issue is urgent or in respect of a planning application, Councillors may agree for it to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

PARISH DATABASE

To receive current information on flooding issues, road closures, lost and found, Parish Events and other news, please email chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name and address details. We do not keep a record of your address and the database is kept on an encrypted drive that is password protected. We do not share you details with any third party.

PARISH PICNIC

On a beautiful day with lots of sunshine, over 400 residents took themselves off to an orchard on the edge of Yalding village for the annual Parish Picnic and Apple picking.

Not having been able to hold the event in 2020, it was amazing to see so many people enjoy meeting up again with old friends and meeting new neighbours from Glebelands and Hawthornden.

All nine parish councillors and the parish clerk were in attendance, with Deeann, Sue, Andy and Angela serving, beer, cider and wine and David, Jason and Joe on the BBQ.



PARISH PICNIC



Whilst the adults savoured the benefits of the day, the children got to work. First of all, to the pond for pond dipping then off onto The Fen itself to say hi to the cattle (GB did not follow!!). Then apple picking and pressing began in earnest; where did they find the wheelbarrow? June was in charge with parents taking care of the knives. Lots of juice! Finally, Den Building in the woods and, with the parish clerk's job never ending, the clear-up the following day. A good time had by all and looking forward to next year. Music was from "Dr Jazz".

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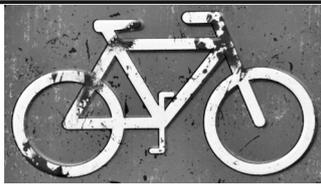
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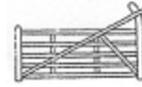
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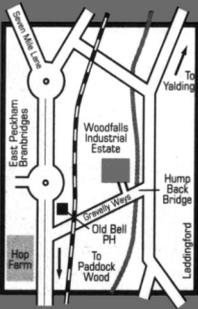
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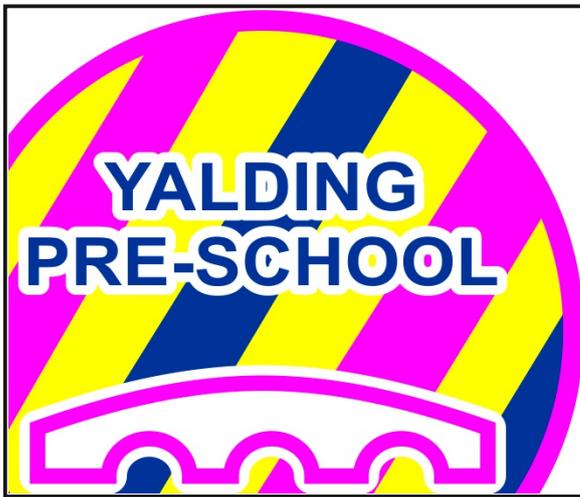


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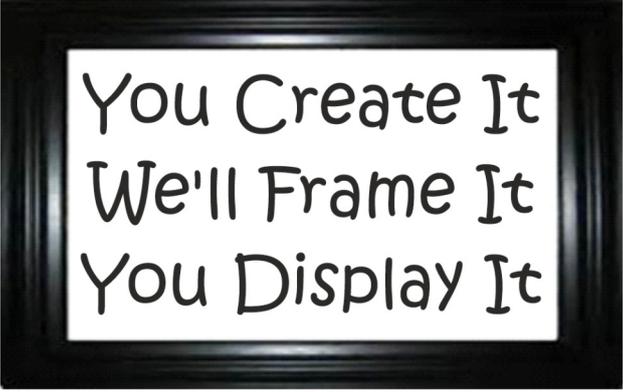
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Buoyed up with enthusiasm we will be studying Gustav Klimt this month and we all know how much bling he liked on his work.

The Kiss is his famous work which can be seen on all sorts of items to biscuits tins, prints, mugs etc.,

He is a very popular artist, so we'll have our work cut out trying to copy some of his work, but we are all keen!

So if you see art group artists glittering in Yalding, you'll know what we have been up to.



Jack Walker has just moved into the village we were very pleased to feature some of his lovely artwork at our annual Arts & Crafts Fair at the village hall last month.

Jack is only 18 and shows such talent. His work was admired by everyone who came and prints will be available soon. He specialises in painting wildlife in oil with a credit card on a very large scale - something we think we will have a go at some time at the art group, although I'm sure it isn't easy and I think we will be practising on much smaller paper or canvas!

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As many of you will remember, SchoolGambia held this very popular and successful event in 2018 and for several years prior to that. We had planned to organise a 2020 occasion but the pandemic prevented this. However, we have not given up and our very active committee have been meeting on Zoom and planning the details of putting on this function in the church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Yalding over the weekend of 19-21 November, 2021.

Happily most of the brilliant artists who originally signed up are keen to exhibit and we have booked the musicians for the Preview Night on Friday. Do put this date in your diary. As well as being able to look at a wide variety of exquisite art work, the occasion will provide an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, to socialise and to enjoy the beautiful venue.

The money raised from this function will go to SchoolGambia, a Yalding-based charity that for 20 years has built and supported a community school in the village of Farato in The Gambia. The villagers themselves chose their name, Yalding School in honour of the support raised here in Yalding, Kent. Every year at least two of the trustees and up to 20 volunteers work in the school regularly but Covid restrictions have prevented this happening for over 18 months. However, the headteacher and staff have managed to run the school efficiently and keep to the Covid safety regulations, whilst operating new systems for making up the schooling lost between March and October, 2020. Two trustees hope to return to the school in January 2022 when the plans to renovate the Nursery classrooms (built by the villagers in 2000), including replacing the original roof; create a purpose-built library and plant a growing fence around the vegetable garden to keep out the goats! The Art Exhibition will help to finance these projects.

We encourage sponsors of teachers rather than individual pupils as we feel that this is fairer and more consistent. Through our sponsors we pay our 20+ teachers and senior staff a regular salary and provide professional development training. There is a very low turn over and most of our staff have worked in the school for 10-15 years. We are always looking for new sponsors! If you want to know more about our work, go to www.schoolgambia.org.uk or contact Tony and Karen Di Marco at schoolgambiauk@gmail.com