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FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH POST OFFICE, YALDING

Yalding Post Office has been at the heart of the village for more than a century. Back in 1927 a photograph was taken featuring Mrs Alcott with her two children.

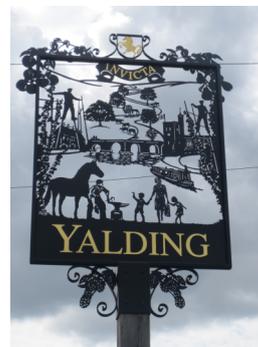
Eighty-eight years later in 2015, I had the idea to recreate the image with the current Postmaster Tim Chapman with his wife June and their family.

Their daughter Melanie and son Philip with his family, wife Holly and two children, Amelia and Logan.

I took time to get the correct angle to represent the first photograph although the traffic nowadays is considerably busier and faster! It took time to get the exact shot and I was pleased that a Royal Mail van positioned itself in the exact same spot as the car in the original.

I am proud to have recreated a lasting tribute to the heritage of the Post Office and to include my friends.

David Jenner
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Esquire Print



EDITOR'S NOTES

I can't believe it! Our Diary is back! That means lots of events are being planned and that to me is just how Yalding used to be - a hive of activity with something exciting happening every weekend. Most exciting to me however, is the return of our beloved Yuletide Market - it is such a magical fair and is talked about far and wide. Volunteers are always needed as it takes a lot of organising, but it really is the jewel in Yalding's crown. So if you are up for it, please volunteer and make this event one to remember and cherish on its return.

My claim to fame this month is being on the front cover in the Yalding Post Office picture taken by David Jenner in 2015. Lots has happened since then - we no longer have our lovely post men and women sorting out the mail and it has been very quiet since they went. Plans are afoot however for the vacated space - we just need to do some work to make sure it happens!

Our grandchildren also have grown and grown since that time and now they are nearer to us in Laddingford and go to the local school and take part in all the community life of living in a village. Happy days!

I was so pleased to find a lovely picture of Joyce Stern when looking through my photo files - she was a well loved lady who came to Yalding in 1950, but who has sadly passed away. She would have been known contributing to the family business in the day at the Yalding Forge when horses came to the forge to be shod before the days of mobile farriers. My condolences to her family at this sad time. *June*

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH

August at St Peter and St Paul, Yalding

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th	09.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00	All Age worship
Sunday 29th	10.00	Joint Benefice - Farewell Rev'd Lisa Cornell
Mondays	13.45	Little Fishes (monthly on 2nd Monday) in church
	19.00	Prayer Group (weekly in person) at Cob End.
You are very welcome to join us. Call 01622 813995 or email annetelfer7@gmail.com		
Wednesday 4th	10.00	Holy Communion, Lady chapel

St Mary's, Laddingford

No services are being held at St Mary's for the time being.

St Margaret's, Collier Street

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

Sundays	09.30	All welcome
<i>Our Discussion Forum will resume after Lockdown.</i>		
Contact:	Fr Alastair Ferguson 01892 838220 · 07887 925356 alastair.ferguson153@gmail.com	

Yalding Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Services with Junior Church
at 10.30 Zoom ID 857 4184 1757 ALL WELCOME

August

1st	Visiting speaker : Levi Lee
8th	Kitchen Crew (age 11+)
15th	All Age Worship
22nd	Communion Service
29th	Usual service

Home Group **No Wednesday zoom group in August**
You can listen to our sermons on our YouTube channel

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100 CLUB drawn in aid of church funds

July winners

1st	Mike Alexander	7
2nd	Sue King	66
3rd	Jane Bird	79

This will be the last draw of 2020/2021.
New members would be welcome to join for the next year. If you are interested, please
Contact: Richard Young 07734 960706



PARISH LETTER

Music, inclusion and love

“If you've lost your faith in love of music oh the end won't be long”

This lyric, from the Libertines song “the Good Old Days” neatly sums up the importance music has had in my life. I’ve spent most of my life listening to music every waking hour, and always being involved in music in some type of capacity. I met my wife when singing in a band, had a small recording setup in my house ever since, and have only recently come to the rational conclusion at the age of fifty that perhaps rock stardom isn’t coming knocking anytime soon.

I have passed on the interest to a household of one drummer, one pianist and a very talented guitarist who, grades permitting, will be leaving home to study music soon. None of this implies I consider myself to have any particularly remarkable talent; but music speaks to me in a way that other activities don’t. God meets me in music. I find music has a real power to communicate what can’t be put into words, to provide comfort and carry me through difficult times.

The pandemic has had a big impact on worship in general, but particularly on our music in church. Up until recently, our services in Yalding have been without music; but recently we have been able to reintroduce a small choir and, by the time this newsletter is published, it may well be that we have been able to return to congregational singing in church.

The main purpose of the Christian church meeting in our services is to worship God, and congregational singing and involvement in music enables Christians to “make a joyful noise” together (Psalm 100:1-5).

As well as pointing upwards to God, joining together in singing in church can unite us into a single body – the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) - as we gather and encourage each other as we journey through our lives – much missed during the pandemic.

Music’s power to speak to us and provide meaning is why people care so much about it. Music can be controversial; each person has their own taste and point of view, and disagreements about music are a well-known source of tension and division within churches.

In striving after unity within a church community, there is a danger that church music makes it more difficult for those outside our church communities to feel welcome, and able to join in. Similarly, musical excellence can risk making music worship more about performance than participation. There is something profoundly counter-cultural when the church invites anyone, irrespective of their ability, to sing and participate in communal music-making.

If you’re not a fan of church services and music, you’re in good company – an Old Testament God laments “I hate, I despise your religious festivals....Away with the noise of your songs!” (Amos 5:21-23). This criticism is levelled where worship is too inward, and becomes a substitute for engaging in the wider world.

But this isn’t God’s attitude; in the Parable of the Wondering Sheep (Matthew, 18:10-14), Jesus describes the greatness of God’s love in his love not just for the gathered, but his wish to reach out to all (captured in the great Cory Asbury song “Reckless Love”).

When disagreements arise around church music, perhaps this loving message is missed. By being diverse in our choices and including a wide variety of people within our musical choices, we can provide hospitality to all people. Love involves putting the interests of others before self-interest, and Christians can demonstrate a community grounded in love and concern for others through their music and worship.

While it might seem a paradox, through diverse music choices we can include and unite people together – helping to form us into a community that is more than the sum of our parts and demonstrating love and concern for others. Music can change us.

It draws us closer together as diverse community focused on what unites us – love of God and faith in his Son. Take your pick from Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Huey Lewis and the News, or Celine Dion but that’s “the Power of Love”.

Justin Elks
Licensed Lay Minister

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

**YALDING CHURCH
FETE**



Bouncy Castle

Free Childrens Games

BBQ - Tea Tent - Cake Stall



Barrow of Bits

Bric a Brac

**Donations to be left in church on 10th September
before 4pm - No fabric or clothing please.**

Raffles, Tombolas

Music, Flowers & Plants

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Early Closing Wednesday & Saturday
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Tim's Regular Reminders

- Although the Government have changed the Covid rules, please wear a face covering if you are coming into the shop. Covid has not gone away, so protect yourself (and me!)
- We offer all main PO postal and basic banking services with FREE cash withdrawals, plus phone and energy meter top-ups, fishing licences, Gas and Electricity cards, Moneygram, Health Lottery etc.
- EU parcels need a correctly completed customs label, which has to be clear, in black ink and in capital letters, with the sender's address on. Don't chance it being returned.
If you are VAT registered and trading under Etsy, Ebay, Amazon etc., you will be required to declare the VAT on your goods when mailing to the EU.
- Foreign currencies. We stock Euros and US Dollars and can order other currencies, as you plan your trip abroad.
- Post Office Card Accounts: The DWP ceases payment into these accounts in November 2021. You must have a standard bank account to receive your pension from November.
- 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.
- New stamps this month are the Industrial Revolution and Wild Coasts collections. Other philately products in stock or can be ordered on request.

Shop & Local Produce

Croissants and other pastries are back on sale again (Fridays & Saturdays only) as the baker has moved home. We do stock bakery items daily from Simply Delicious Bakery at Coxheath. You can pre-order any of their items including sourdough.

Cold drinks, unique greetings cards by local artists, Yalding honey, Joan's jams. Bit Spicy curry mixes, handmade fabric items, stationery, Yalding mugs, Hadlow pottery, fresh eggs from local chickens, Loddington Farm fruit juices and Oakapple Farm fresh produce - all in stock now.

HORIZON SCANDAL UPDATE...Several more convicted Postmasters have been cleared by the Court of Appeal... there are many more waiting for their convictions to be overturned. The biggest ever injustice in Britain and still no signs of senior Post Office managers losing their jobs or being prosecuted.

POSSIBLE CLOSURE THREAT FOR YALDING RETURNS...

Nick Read, the new POL CEO, has said that he is hoping to lead a new and open relationship with the Postmasters...he has a funny way of putting this new beginning into practice.

Under his leadership he has proposed that there will be a new way of calculating our mails remuneration from next year. Like the bad old days of the past most branches will be paid less for exactly the same work. It is so sad to report that if the projection for the future mails remuneration for us at Yalding proves correct, this office will have to close. With the loss of income from the Royal Mail sorting office going to Snodland and this sharp proposed cut in wages it will not be economically viable to operate the Post Office after March next year. The Post Office did a consultation exercise with us postmasters and have ignored it all. Nothing really changes with them even after all the trouble they have caused.

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

Look us up on our Facebook page and website.
www.yaldingpostoffice.weebly.co.uk

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 ART GROUP

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We would like to welcome Ellie - a new member of the art group and new to Yalding. It's so lovely to find another artist who is really working hard and producing good work.

It seems we are now getting back to our usual routine!

We find a subject, study it for two weeks and then move on. We enjoyed exploring Annie Soudain and we will go back to her later in the year when I finally find all the linocut equipment!

We moved on to Toulouse Lautrec - first with pastel and then with watercolour.

He certainly loved to study people and it was a glimpse into the Bohemian lifestyle of the Moulin Rouge with ladies of the night, seasoned actresses and rich, but shadowy benefactors.

I think Jill has captured the older, more jaded look of one of the performers here - well done and good observation.

Moving on again, we are currently studying Andre Lhote, who was an abstract and cubist painter.

We thought it would be fun to study one of his landscapes and one of his portraits with collage and paint.

It is so nice to feel like we are almost back to pre-Covid days and now we are planning our annual Arts & Crafts Fair which we have cancelled twice already this year!

Third time lucky for our Arts & Crafts Fair

on Sunday, 5th September

and we have more artists in
amongst our artisan craft stalls this year -
so book your diary and join us from
11am until 4pm.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact me on
chapman.june59@gmail.com

June



YALDING FOOD BANK

Since the start of the first Lockdown in March 2020 we have been operating a foodbank for our benefice in the villages of Yalding, Collier Street, and Laddingford.

At times there has been significant demand matched by significant generosity in the donations made, both physical and financial.

Now that the need for help and support has much reduced, we have decided to bring the operation of this service to a close at the end of July.

We would ask you, therefore, not to bring any more donations as we shall be using our stock before passing on anything that is left over to the foodbank in Paddock Wood.

We will use any money for the purposes for which it was given by supplementing those last few deliveries and eventually passing on any surplus to the Yalding Charities.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who found that they were able to give from what they had, and to those who had the courage to ask for help to supply what they did not have.

This is how we learn to depend on each other in all things.

We pray that we shall not need to resume the service in future, but if we do, we have the experience and the support to start again.

In the meantime, the church in Yalding remains open for prayer every weekday between 1100 and 1200, and of course on Sundays for our usual services.

Fr. Paul and the Food Bank Team.

COMMUNITY DIARY

August

- 2nd Garden Society - Garden Party & Fun Show, Village Hall 5-8pm
- 3rd Laddingford Popup Cafe 10.30-12.30
- 7th Transport Day 11am onwards - The Chequers
- 8th North Downs Walk - starting Harrietsham Church
- 12th Craft Afternoon - The Chequers 2-4pm
- 31st Laddingford Popup Cafe 10.30-12.30

September

- 5th Arts & Crafts Fair, Village Hall, Yalding 11-4pm
- 8th Laddingford Popup Cafe 10.30-12.30
- 9th Craft Afternoon - The Chequers 2-4pm
- 11th Yalding Church Fete from 10am
- 11th Yalding Church Ride & Stride from 10am
- 12th Parish Picnic 3pm-7pm
- 12th The Chequers is **CLOSED for the whole day**
- 16th Jazz & canapes - The Chequers - time TBA

December

- 4th Yalding Yuletide Market from 5pm

For more details regarding these events, please look throughout the magazine as all are featured.

If you have an event, contact Jenny Scott on jscott@callflow.uk

FOUR-LEGGED VISITORS TO THE POST OFFICE

Many of our customers are aware that we are a dog friendly bunch here in Yalding. We welcome those same dogs into our little Post Office. Each dog gets a little treat and is always made welcome. We tell everyone that it is merely a commercial ploy to have your dog drag you into the shop so you buy something...only partly true...we actually do love dogs.

We have certain favourites...Maisie the black lab...Figaro the bitsa...Patch the Jack Russell, Sandy the miniature poodle...amongst many.

Whilst we have always welcomed dogs we did have a period a few years ago when Ferrari, our late grey cat, decided that the Post Office was where she spent her days and wo-betide any dog that came to visit. Even the biggest dogs were justifiably scared of her, and would only come in for a treat very gingerly.

Luckily for our canine friends Ferrari has departed and they can visit without fear...



GARDEN SOCIETY DIARY

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

Monday 2nd August 5-8pm Garden Party and fun 'Show'

The Schedule is as follows:

- Class 1 – A Single Rose (not necessarily in a container)
 - Class 2 – The Ugliest Vegetable
 - Class 3 – A Bunch of Mixed Flowers in a jam jar (or similar)
- Entries to be in place by 5.30pm ready for judging.

- Monday 4th October 8pm at the Village Hall by Martin Newcomb – Ecologist
- Monday 1st November 8pm at the Village Hall - Subject TBC
- Monday 6th December 7.30pm at the Village Hall - Christmas Party, Talk and Quiz
- Monday 2nd February 8pm - Subject TBC
- Monday 7th March 8pm at the Village Hall - Annual General Meeting & Get Together

POPUP CAFE



Laddingford: Cleavesland

Tuesday 8th June

Tuesday 6th July

Tuesday 3rd August

Tuesday 31st August

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

YALDING SURGERY NEWSLETTER

We are offering both face-to-face and telephone appointments; whilst our preference is for telephone appointments, if a patient wishes to be seen in person and has no acute Covid-19 symptoms then this can definitely be arranged.

We are happy to help with any problem, big or small. You are never 'wasting our time' and if you are worried about something, please, don't ignore it, tell us.

We have become a lot busier recently, in part due to the easing of restrictions and return to (near) normal services.

Our waiting times are higher than they were before, but we are taking steps to change this, including employing new staff. Please bear with us.

Unfortunately, in June alone, we had a very high number of patients who DNA (did not attend): 24 GP appointments, 175 nursing appointments and 20 appointments with our practice paramedic.

There are different reasons why this happens and we recognise that it is sometimes unavoidable but we do ask that you please make every effort to let us know if you cannot make your appointment so that we can offer it to someone else.

Everyone at the practice is doing their best and we appreciate the kind comments and support from our patients.

We are also keen to hear about ways we can do better; we take all feedback seriously and make changes where we can. Unfortunately, a small minority of patients are rude, use bad language or act unreasonably towards our staff. We have, and will institute, a zero tolerance policy against repeat offenders, which will include removal from the practice list.

To end on a high note, the weather is getting hotter, travel restrictions are lifting and, at the time of writing, England are through to the EURO 2020 finals. Fingers crossed!

Thank you!

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
Kent
ME18 6BP



I might just qualify!

Closing date: September 30th 2021.

SAVE THE DATE!

Yalding Church Fete & Ride + Stride

Saturday 11th September 2021

RIDE+STRIDE
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

www.kentrideandstride.co.uk



THE CHEQUERS INN

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As we write this the Government have confirmed the relaxing of Covid restrictions in a week's time so when by the time the Magazine is distributed we will once again be experiencing a "new normal".

Whilst many people think everything will go back to how it used to be we would like to reassure our customers that we will continue to be diligent in ensuring our processes minimise the risks and our staff will be vigilant in making our customers' continue to be feel safe while visiting The Chequers.

We will continue to review our operating processes and are looking forward to being able to socialise more freely but still in a safe environment.

We have plenty of space both inside and outside – seating in the front and in our lovely big garden as well as our new garden marquee room offering more seating.

We look forward to welcoming you over the remainder of the summer when we will be holding some of our annual events as well as some new occasions too.

We are continuing to do our **very popular afternoon teas**, come and enjoy your tea with vintage china in a traditional way or have it as a takeaway in our lovely takeaway tea stands.

Ideal for any occasion or no occasion at all just a "you" treat! It doesn't even have to be at tea time! Please pre-book with at least 24 hours notice, call us on 01622 871266.

Our transport & train day will be held on 7th August . Come along and enjoy the Hornby layout of model trains, anything to do with transport is welcome to be brought along, such as old cars, bikes, racing cars.

There will also be a very interesting display of stationary engines. This is purely just a social day come along, admire the lovely vehicles and engines, chat and socialise from 12-5pm.

BBQ, teas and refreshments available. Just come along. There will be a collection for the Air Ambulance.

Unfortunately the Big Band were not able to come to us on 1st August, we're sorry for the disappointment.

We are still looking at possible dates for them later in the summer.

Ladies evenings will continue throughout August and September – check online or facebook or ring us for dates and we are delighted to support the **Paddock Wood Half Marathon with the Laddingford Water Station on Sunday 5 Sept.** If you would like to help us please come along to the Laddingford School corner for 10am.

Please note we will be closed for the whole day on Sunday 12th September.

Make a note of our Jazz & Canapes evening on **Thursday 16th September.** Contact us now to book your table.

We were really pleased to be able to host the Father's Day Breakfast for the dads of Laddingford School. Well done to the ladies of the FLS for doing such a great job in organising this and for cooking all that bacon and sausages so early in the morning!

Lastly don't forget the Pop Up Cafe in Laddingford which anyone is welcome to come along to just for a chat and very good cake! – dates are elsewhere in this magazine. Also the craft afternoon has resumed. This is open to anyone to come along with anything they are making and have a natter, tea and cake with likeminded people. These are held on the **2nd Thursday of the month from 2-4pm.**

Drinks, Dinner, Snacks, Natter, Craft, Ladies evenings, Afternoon Tea whatever the reason we look forward to seeing you some time soon.

Charles & Tracey

TRANSPORT & TRAIN SOCIAL DAY



**The Chequers Inn - Laddingford,
Nr Yalding - Kent ME18 6BP**

**Saturday 7th August
11am till tea time**

TAPPERS Train Collectors Club - 'O' Gauge tinplate Hornby layout and ACE trains of London

ANY OLD TRANSPORT VEHICLES WELCOME

ALL OLD CROCKS WELCOME

**& PLEASE BRING ALONG ANYTHING TO DO WITH TRANSPORT
eg models, books, photos, vintage cars, motor cycles, buses,
stationary engines, model boats, pony carriages etc**

BUT NO HORSES!!

**No charge just turn up and enjoy yourself
Real Ale & Refreshments available all day
PARKING FOR VEHICLES ON CAR PARK OR IN ORCHARD FIELD**



Enquiries Terry 01622 871167 / Tracey 01622 871266



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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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YALDING PRESCHOOL



We had so much fun with our space activities in July. We spoke about all the different planets and the one we live on. We also talked about gravity and why astronauts need to wear their helmets and gear.

We enjoyed activities such as climbing into our space station and 'Rocket'; playing Space Bingo, looking at the matching pictures and marking it on their own cards; Solar System Matching Planets, creating their own rockets which they blew through a straw for it to fly, and creating their own astronaut helmets.

Not forgetting the ever-popular Space Obstacle Course. So much fun! – Demi-Lyn Fernandes, Deputy Manager.

We are now permanently in the village hall every weekday, 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.

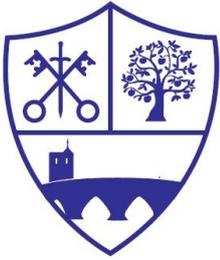
We hope all of our little people in the village are loving the summer holiday and getting some good family time.

Looking forward to seeing their cheeky faces come back in September, but if not...

Good luck to our 'Ducklings' off to big school in September.

We will miss you!!

From **Abi, Harmony, Demi and Lisa.**



Yalding Primary School

Yalding St Peter and St Paul
Church of England Primary School

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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.

www.yalding.kent.sch.uk

TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL

We wish all our leavers the best of luck in their new schools and we are looking forward to our new children starting in September.

Happy Holidays everyone

Best wishes from Tina, Jo, Louise, Gill, Anna,
Wendy, Sara, Molly, Kim & Caroline



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FAMILY FUN WORKSHOPS IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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With many of us choosing to stay closer to home for our holidays this year, here is a trip around the British Isles in novel form to whet your appetite for some great British reads. Hold on to your hats and pack your paperbacks, here we go ...

In the red corner, representing England:

The Whitstable Pearl Mystery by Julie Wassmer

Pearl Nolan always wanted to be a detective but life got in the way of a police career and instead she built up a successful seafood restaurant in her coastal home town of Whitstable – famous for its native oysters.

Now, at 39, and with son Charlie away at university, Pearl finds herself suffering from empty nest syndrome ... until she discovers the drowned body of local oyster fisherman Vinnie Rowe, weighted down with an anchor chain, on the eve of Whitstable's annual oyster festival. Is it a tragic accident, suicide – or murder?

In the green corner, representing Northern Ireland:

The Godforsaken Daughter by Christina McKenna

When Ruby Clare's father was alive, they toiled together happily on their dairy farm in Northern Ireland. Since his death, Ruby – aged thirty-three – has been forced indoors and made a domestic drudge for Martha, her endlessly critical mother, and her prettier younger sisters, May and June.

But everything changes when Ruby finds her late grandmother's old case in the attic. Among its strange contents: a curious, handmade volume called 'The Book of Light'. As Ruby delves into its mysterious pages, she's enticed into a most beguiling world, whose allure and magnetic power she finds irresistible.

In the blue corner, representing Scotland:

The Ice Twins by S K Tremayne

A year after one of their identical twin daughters, Lydia, dies in an accident, Angus and Sarah Moorcraft move to the tiny Scottish island Angus inherited from his grandmother, hoping to put together the pieces of their shattered lives. But when their surviving daughter, Kirstie, claims they have mistaken her identity – that she, in fact, is Lydia – their world comes crashing down once again.

As winter encroaches, Angus is forced to travel away from the island for work, Sarah is feeling isolated, and Kirstie (or is it Lydia?) is growing more disturbed. When a violent storm leaves Sarah and her daughter stranded, Sarah finds herself tortured by the past – what really happened on that fateful day when one of her daughters died?

And in the dragon's corner, representing Wales:

On the Black Hill by Bruce Chatwin

More twins in this one, this time identical twin brothers who grow up on a farm in rural Wales and never leave home. They till the rough soil and sleep in the same bed, touched only occasionally by the advances of the twentieth century. In depicting the lives of Benjamin and Lewis and their interactions with their small local community Chatwin comments movingly on the larger questions of human experience and expertly weaves together fact and fiction, local stories and social history.

Happy Holidays everyone and Happy Reading!

Julie

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Joyce Stern

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Forever in our Hearts

The family wish to thank everybody for their kind wishes after the death of our mum. She was a dearly loved mum, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed.

She had lived in the village since 1950 and was a cherished member of the community. Her ready smiles and cuddles were legendary and the overriding message was of how much joy she brought to everyone's lives.

PERSONAL MEMORIES OF JOYCE STERN BY THE EDITOR



A couple of years ago now, Joyce used to go to Yalding Baptist Church to join in with the Chat a While coffee time which was on a Thursday morning.

At that time, Yalding Art Group used to also meet for our art sessions and at 11am, we would join them. We would all enjoy homemade cakes, drink tea or coffee kindly made by Barry and Pam.

Anne Telfer was painting a mural in the main hall of the Chat a While group, so I took pictures of some of the ladies who attended.

When we received the sad news of Joyce passing away, these pictures came to mind and I trawled through my photo files determined to see if I had in fact captured Joyce at all. And what a lovely surprise to not only find a photo, but one which shows her lovely smile plus a cup of tea too!

I remember Joyce used to be well loved member of the chat a while ladies and this photo, to me shows her smiling and enjoying herself.

She was an incredible lady - always gentle and kind and I have such fond memories of that time. RIP Joyce and we all wish your family our love and condolences on your passing.

June

YALDING GARDEN SOCIETY

Yalding Garden Society's Zoom talk by Adam Alexander, entitled The Adventures of a Seed Detective was attended by some 50 members who all enjoyed the entertaining stories of how Adam had been growing since the age of 6, not just in height but as a gardener.

His career was focused on filming abroad which gave him time to investigate unusual rare and endangered species of vegetables the seeds of which he has spent the last 35yrs collecting.

At the beginning of April YGS were treated to a fascinating Zoom talk by Adam Alexander titled The Adventures of a Seed Detective.

Adam emerged as a natural 'Zoom speaker' and his passionate interest in gardening and most of all the collection of seeds was infectious.

By profession he is a film producer – a career that has taken him all over the world enabling him to discover and collect rare seeds, particularly vegetable seeds.

He is one of 200 Heritage Seed Guardians, and it was when filming in the Ukraine that it started, visiting a market place where he met an old lady who gave him some seeds of the unusual sweet and spicy red peppers she was selling.

From there he discovered in Omani garlic (named Omani) believed to have originated in India and grown for 7000 years.

Purple peas he found in Laos and he spotted jungle peas in Catalonia named 'Avi Joan' – which were very rare and are now in the Heritage Seed Collection.

More pea seeds were given to him in Utrecht (Jaune de Madras) which is golden and sweet and may have originated in India and is used in Madras curries.

Another new pea variety was discovered in Wales, named Llanover, which were apparently brought in by German prisoners of war.

Adam grows 500 varieties mainly for seeds - and not just peas, although the Rats Tail Radish he found from SE Asia looks more like a pea – and the pod can be eaten also (see photo).

When visiting Syria in 2011 he went to Palmera and found a large broad bean – a Faba bean, again, grown for around 7000yrs.



He brought some seeds back, cultivated them and now sends seeds back to the refugee camps in Syria.

However, sharing seeds and returning rare species back to where they originated has proved more difficult in recent years due to restrictions on agricultural movement.

Talking about his visits to Myanmar, he was given 5 seeds of a spectacular bean, named 'Angry Bean', which grew well and he discovered they also grow in Texas, known as 'Christmas Lima Beans' which came originally from Peru, during the Gold Rush.

In the isolated areas of Myanmar where 90% of the population live off the land Adam searched out varieties of beans, chillies, tomatoes and discovered special staging for gourds and cucumbers.

A most interesting tomato, the Burmese Sour Tomato doesn't have seeds.

It is large with red ridges, and has a deep acid flavour, which is great for both cooking and raw with olive oil and salt.

Thank you to the YGS organisers for arranging what was a fascinating talk, with so much information that one should be encouraged to look Adam up on line to discover even more about rare and endangered seed species.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Society, do contact

**Joy Virden - Chairman on 01622 814509,
Lois Mitchell on 01622 814889 or
Jane Bird on 01622 815569**

Summer - Food for thought...

As promised in last months column here are some of my favourite recipes for those BBQs we all love to eat. Let's hope the weather remains kind and fine for us all - do let me know what you think of them.



Marinades & Brine

This is a good way to add flavour and tenderise your meat or fish to ensure they do not dry out and deliver maximum flavour. One of my favourites is a tandoori spice - good with chicken or a meaty fish fillet such as Salmon.



Take a small pot of natural yoghurt, add zest and juice of a lime or lemon plus a heaped tablespoon of Tandoori Spice (available in most supermarkets). Place your meat or fish in this for at least 2 hours or overnight before then cooking. Baste with the marinade towards the end of the cooking period.

For a brine solution that you can use for Pork, Chicken or Lamb you will need to make up about 3 litres in quantity so you can immerse the chosen ingredient fully.

- Brine Ingredients**
- 3 Lt Water
 - 300g Salt
 - 200g Sugar
 - 10 Cloves
 - 10 Coriander Seeds
 - 10 Peppercorns
 - 10 Juniper Berries
 - 10 Star Anise
 - 3 Sprigs Thyme
 - 3 Bayleaves
 - 1 Smashed Garlic Clove
 - Zest of Orange & Lemon

Brine Method

Dry roast the spices in a pan to release their oils, add sugar, salt & zest plus one litre of water. Add fresh herbs and bring to the boil for a minute or so. Then cool the solution with the remaining water. Do experiment with other spices e.g. Szechuan Peppercorns, Ginger, Lemon Grass & Soya Sauce for a more Asian flavour. Brine your chosen meat for a minimum 2 hours to 12 hours.

Hot Dressed New Potato Salad

- 500g Baby New Potatoes - boiled and hot
- 1 Sliced and Fried Onion (lightly coloured)
- 1 garlic clove finely chopped
- 1 small bunch finely chopped parsley
- 3 small gherkins chopped
- 1 tb sp chopped Capers
- 100ml Oil, Vinegar & Mustard Dressing.
- Chopped Hard Boiled Egg (optional)

In a bowl place your fried onions and gherkins etc with the dressing . Either slice or quarter the hot potatoes straight into the dressing mix and coat thoroughly. Add parsley and place into serving bowl and cover to cool. Potatoes will absorb the dressing. An excellent salad with a grilled smoked sausage or a piece of grilled fish. You can also garnish with chopped boiled egg.

Meats, Sausages & Fish

It is not all just Burgers and Sausages... I love to BBQ a joint like a Lamb Rump, Pork Loins or Tenderloins (fillets) wrapped in cured ham. Chicken Thighs on the bone marinated/brined is another favourite.

I do love a smoked sausage as well - If you can get hold of the nub ends of a garlic sausage from the deli counter or some other slicing sausage they make a great cheap cut to BBQ. (I found these at a butchers in Germany and love them)

I often use a Silesian Smoked Sausage that has a great flavour and meaty texture and slow roast it over the embers.

Fish on the bone is great to cook or a thick fillet like salmon - just do make sure you clamp in a cage so you can constantly turn to cook it evenly.

Please don't just think burgers!!! However, be adventurous with these, maybe a Wagyu one or perhaps a homemade one with the addition of chopped bone marrow will excite you.

I was recently gifted a Patty & Bun 2 Burger Home Pack that was a lovely and juicy patty with great simple instructions on how to cook it perfectly. Just remember do not overcook and cremate it..

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Beetroot Salad

I always have a packet or two of this vacuum packed cooked vegetable in my fridge as it will make one of my favourite salads to have with Pork, Chicken or Lamb.

Wearing disposable gloves just grate the cooked beetroot into a bowl, add a bunch of finely chopped spring onions.

Dress this all with a small tub of natural full fat Greek Yoghurt with the zest and juice of one lemon. Mix and season well.

Green Bean Salad

Well I had to include my signature vegetable (ha ha) some blanched cold green beans (Haricot Verts), Runner Beans and perhaps some Yellow Bobby Beans will make a great colourful combination for a salad.

A simple Oil & Vinegar dressing mixed with some grain mustard can be used to dress the vegetables at the last minute before serving. (They will lose their colour vibrancy if you do too soon) Sprinkle some toasted Cob Nuts or Hazelnuts this will add another texture & flavour or how about some dry roasted mixed seeds like Sunflower, Pumpkin and Sesame Seeds.

Try mixing up the oils as well - a great nutty sesame oil or perhaps a pumpkin seed oil or walnut oil. Just let your imagination run riot...

Happy Cooking

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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

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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:

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Signed

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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.

YALDING & LADDINGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



The end of the football season sees us cutting back on the training whilst taking part in local tournaments in Rusthall, Bearsted, Paddock Wood and at Sommerhill School. Mixed results throughout with the standout one being the second place in the league by the u11s at Bearsted.

On June 27th, we held our annual presentation with 93 boys and girls receiving medals to commemorate the season. Each team awarded prizes for Players and Managers, Player of the Season, Most Improved and Clubman awards.

We now look to ramping up the training in preparation for the new season in September.

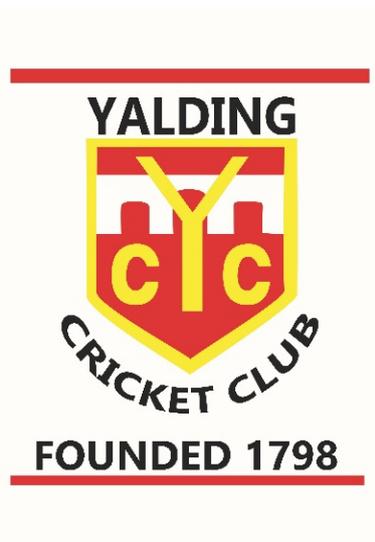
Last season the U18s moved up to be the mens reserve team and numbers are ever increasing. We now have two teams for the u10s.

During the last few months, the coaches have been working through various online courses such as first aid, concussion and cardiac arrest.

Steve Faulkner



CRICKET NEWS



Results

At the time of writing, the season is delicately balanced.

The senior team are currently bottom of their league, following a poor result against Holborough (now second bottom) last week. In large part, this was due to shortage of players.

We actually have a very talented squad – and if we could turn out everyone every week, we would be close to promotion, as we have been in previous years. As always, we would welcome any interest from players young, old, good or indifferent! Contact Martin on the address below to join in.

The U15s have had a much better season than their seniors. With one game to play, they are fourth in the table but with a strong possibility of ending second. An unfortunate loss to Offham, league leaders, set us back, but it has still been an outstanding effort by the players this year.

Meanwhile, our equally talented Under 11s, in their joint team with Capel, have had a weather-affected season, but have won two out of three of their games. Others have been rescheduled, and they could well end up above their current fourth position too.

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

Fund raising

We are about to undertake a big fund-raising drive. As some of you may have noticed, there was accidental damage to the cricket table at the Kintons at the start of the season.

The plan is to strip all the topsoil out and reseed the square in new soil. It is an onerous and expensive operation (we have to hire in outside contractors), but actually one we should have done a few years ago, according to the Kent Groundsman's Association.

So, look out for our begging bowl! We don't get any funding from Kent or the ECB, so all of this has to be paid for by us.

If anyone would like to make a donation(!), or has fund-raising ideas, please contact Roy on the address below.

Pavilion Renovation

As mentioned last month, we are indebted to Steve and the football family for their initiative and energy in the ongoing renovation of the current pavilion. And thanks to all the cricket mums and dads who helped out too.

We know the current pavilion is not a long-term solution. We and the FC are working with the Yalding & Laddingford Sports Association to find a longer-term answer. More fund-raising to come!

The new net

Just a reminder that 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, and you are not a member, please give way, or (of course) join in. Everyone needs to clear all twigs and leaves off the playing surface 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. Martin will be there.

To preserve the damaged strips, 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 to find out more.

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 July, August & September

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

24th July vs Tenterden

14th August vs Gravesend

4th September vs Holborough

We also have a friendly game vs Town Malling at the Kintons on Sunday 15th August.

Contacts:

Martin: martin.tripp.cricket@gmail.com

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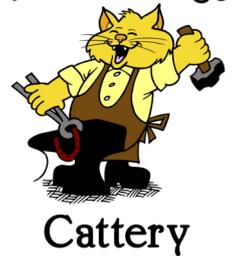
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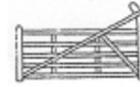
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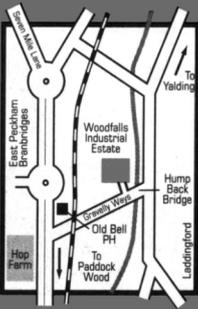
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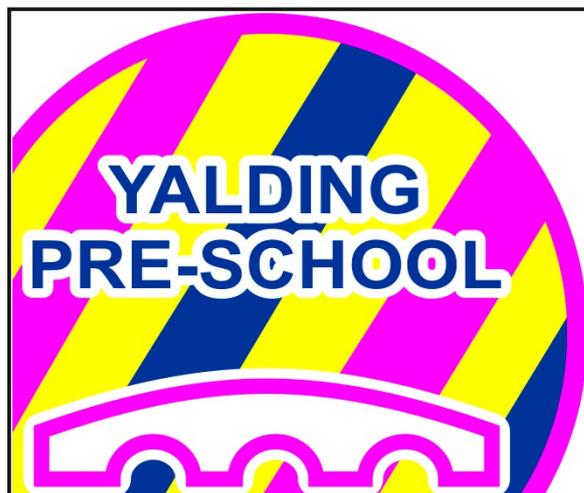


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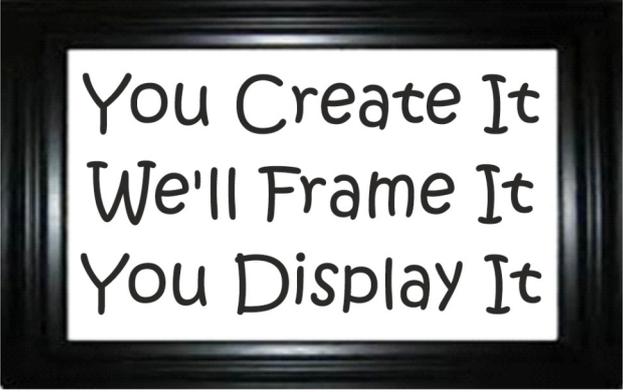
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As part our HiS charities ethos we look after the individuals whole needs and that can include supporting them back into work. We have been fortunate to have EZlawn who provide work placements for some of our men. EZlawn knows how important it is to a person's mental health to feel a valued member of the work force, which is why they support us and our men. If you own a company and want to support the charity by providing a work placement that supports men's mental health, please get in touch by emailing: info@hischarity.org.uk

Fund-raising

Our charity rely totally on fund raising. Every penny really does count in saving men's lives. You can support the charity by purchasing our "Stronger together" t-shirt @ £17.99, bags, or our delicious box of 12 brownies @ £15.00 including postage. These items are all available from our online shop: www.hischarity.org.uk

As well as our shop we also have a community interest company, **GRATITUDE MUSIC FESTIVAL & EVENTS**. From time to time you can see up coming events where 100% of profits go into supporting our men's therapy.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

CHURCH CONTACTS

Vicar - Father Paul Kish.....01622 814182
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Churchwardens.....01892 730910
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Bellringers
Richard Young.....01732 669782
Choir
Daniel Sharman.....01892 723884

RC Church of St.Francis.....01622 756217
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Paul Mahoney.....01622 814369
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Laddingford School Head
Mrs Gemma Hitch.....01622 871270

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Yalding Pre-School.....01622 814024
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Yalding Parent & Toddler Playgroup
Joanna Geary01622 964468

HELPING HANDS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Geraldine Brown.....01622 814222
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GOVT & LOCAL COUNCIL REPS

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Cllr: Annabelle Blackmore.....01622 833299
Cllr: Claudine Russell.....To be advised

DOCTOR (NHS 111 non-emergency)

Burgess Bank Surgery01622 814380
Friends of Yalding Surgery
Elaine Andrews.....01622 816951
PPG - James Guillum Scott.....01892 730308

POLICE

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

VILLAGE HALLS

Yalding V. Hall Bookings.....01622 814163
Yalding Post Office.....01622 814327
Youth & Community Centre01622 815498
Laddingford Church Hall bookings01622 873450
Yalding Church Rooms (Clare).....01622 814027

CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Allotments: Susanna Barnwell.....01622 813309
Art Group: June Chapman.....01622 817324
Bee Keepers: Chris Morris.....07855 464667
Cricket Club: Martin Tripp.....07961 100389
Football Club: Steve Faulkner01892 263907
Garden Society: Joy Virden01622 814509
Relative Minors: H.Haddesley01622 749284
Rifle Range: Dave Woodger01732 843813
Table Tennis: Peter Camrass.....01622 720985
Village Voices: Karen di Marco.....01622 814267

SCOUTS

Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10.5), Scouts (10.5-14)
Sandra Grace.....01622 200555
Explorer Scouts (14-18)
Eleanor Mead.....07539 890093

SPEED LIMIT CAMPAIGN

20's Plenty



Where people are

What is 20's Plenty?

It is an organisation set up to campaign for a default 20mph speed limit in built up areas without physical traffic calming. www.20splenty.org

Now, just what does that mean and how do we qualify? It means, where pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles meet, there is a need to slow the traffic down to enable everyone to go about their business safely.

It is a countrywide campaign for local people to claim back their streets for their community. We now live in a society where the car is King and there is little room for the pedestrian, cyclist or horse rider. This is the means to enable people to put an alternative in place.

There are multiply reasons why 20mph is a sensible solution, but three reasons matter the most:

1: It saves lives: a pedestrian has a 5x better chance of surviving a collision at 20mph than 30mph. This survival rate rapidly decreases the faster the vehicle is travelling.

2: Health professionals recognise 20mph as the right speed where people and motor vehicles mix: this speed gives motorists and pedestrians time to react.

3: 20mph is popular: 2/3 of people support 20mph speed limits in built up areas.

I can hear you ask – how can I get this in my area? Campaign. Get together with likeminded people as you will get resistance. Change is always resisted, even if it is for the benefit of others. Put out a call and see who answers. The only qualification needed is the mix of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles travelling faster than 20mph which if not restricted they will.

The website has lots of ideas and information – claim your streets and let us know how you get on.



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