

# *Frittenden Parish Magazine*



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**DEFIBRILLATORS** - These are now available at the shop, at the pub, at Larchmere and there is also a mobile unit available for use at village events. Last updated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## FROM THE RECTORY

*Moving to Kent, and then lockdown – what rotten timing, eh?!*

*Poor you, what a baptism of fire you've had!*

I've heard many such comments over recent weeks, and on behalf of Claire and the girls, thank you for your kindness and support. No, it's not been an easy ride, but no one's had it easy, and we're very grateful God brought us here when he did. It's a privilege to be part of these very special communities where care and compassion are so evident – don't stop doing what you're doing...

There's also been: *You must be enjoying lots of extra free time now that the church is closed?!* Well not quite, who would have thought we'd be closing the church buildings after three short weeks... But, as we've had to, over the centuries, church has looked carefully at how to move forward, and we've adapted. We've developed a pattern of services anyone can access - it's great to see those without internet enjoying our 01580 234185 dial-a-service. No need to check the weather first, and you can take part from the comfort of your own sofa. Or even in bed if it's one of our simple Night Prayer services which many of you find a peaceful way to end the day!

The challenges we're facing at this time no one saw coming: economic, physical restrictions, how we relate to others and many many more. What part can we play in seeking to create a better environment? How do we make sure that care for each other carries on beyond Lockdown? What positive difference can we make in the Black Lives Matter campaign our Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin has been speaking out on?

No easy answers, but where better to turn than to the God who spoke and brought this universe into being? Join us at church – online or dial-in for now, and in person just as soon as we safely can: we'd love to see you there.

In the meantime, assuring you of my prayers, and as always, don't hesitate to get in touch about anything you'd like to talk about.

***Pete - 852275***

## **ST MARY'S SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN**

Our normal services are suspended during the lockdown but that doesn't mean we aren't meeting. Each week we are recording a virtual service led by Rev Pete Deaves with contributors from across the two parishes of Sissinghurst and Frittenden taking part, recorded from their own homes. We are also including a variety of music from CDs and the internet as part of these services. Accompanying each service is an order of service so that you can follow along and join in the songs.

You can listen to these services by clicking on the Audio tab on the church website [frittendenchurch.org.uk](http://frittendenchurch.org.uk) and this will also give you access to the service sheets in pdf form.

Across both parishes we are listening to the Sunday service at 10am so even though we are not able to meet in person we are meeting virtually.

If you don't have access to the internet you can listen to the latest service by dialing a dedicated local phone number 01580 234185.

In addition to the Sunday services, there are two services of night prayer, or Compline, available on Tuesday and Friday evenings. There is no set time for these but you may wish to listen before retiring to bed.

Our bi-monthly service of reflection S.P.A.C.E. will be available as a pdf on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We are also meeting for virtual prayer meetings, using zoom, praying for our country and our community. If there is anything you would like us to pray for please email Rev Pete Deaves at [rector@frittendenchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@frittendenchurch.org.uk)

## **FRITTENDEN YELLOW CARDS**

Towards the end of March the Parish Council & St Mary's Church arranged for a yellow card to be put through every letterbox in the village providing some phone numbers to call if you need some help, or if you would like to offer help to others in our community. So far over sixty people have offered to help – which is tremendous, thank you all!

The offers range from shopping and picking up prescriptions, to dog-walking, phoning for a chat, cooking meals, taking pets to the vets and lots of other things.

We now have a system in place to quickly match requests for help, with those offering. So if you know of anyone who is in lockdown and not able to get out, or needs something collecting, or is an essential worker who can't get to the shops - do encourage them to use this facility.

Call Howard Lilley on 852225, Rosie Croucher on 852415, Rev Pete on 852275, John Stansfeld on 852185, Joanna Beech on 852312 or any Parish Councillor. You can also click on 'Logging a request for Help' on the church website [www.frittendenchurch.org.uk](http://www.frittendenchurch.org.uk).

Stay safe and well!

***Joanna Beech & John Stansfeld, Churchwardens***

We hope all our Messy Church families are staying safe and well.

We won't be able to hold our normal Messy Church but thought we would send you our new online version in both July and August!

So look out on the Church website and Facebook\* on The weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July and

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August



Ideas for creative fun for all the family, devised jointly by St Mary's Frittenden & Trinity Church Sissinghurst

\* Sissinghurst and Frittenden Churches or Frittenden Community page.

## RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

As you will have seen from the news Churches are now allowed to open for 'Private Prayer'.

With effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we will be opening as follows:

St Mary's Church, Frittenden	Wednesday	09:30 - 10:30
	Saturday	14:00 - 15:30
Trinity Church, Sissinghurst	Tuesday	14.00 - 15.30
	Saturday	10.30 - 12.00

Please check the Church website for any amendments to these arrangements as the guidance is likely to change over the summer and we would like to move to full opening as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

## GRAVE MATTERS

Recently a question was asked on the Community Facebook page about how and whether someone could 'book their place' in the Burial Ground on Mill Lane. As the answer is a little long, we thought it might be helpful to put the answer in the Parish magazine for all to read.

Firstly the Burial Ground in Mill Lane is legally an 'extension' to the churchyard around St Mary's Church, which is now closed for burials. It is owned run and maintained by the Church and the administrative body that runs St Mary's Church, the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has no involvement with the Burial Ground. The area already containing graves is just over a quarter of the whole Burial Ground. A recent survey estimated that there was room for several hundred further graves. Unlike many churchyards there is plenty of room! In the last ten years there have been on average 4 or 5 funerals per year, but that includes cremations and burials are more in the region of one or two per year. So on that basis, it could be several hundred years before the Burial Ground was full.

### So, who can be buried in the Burial Ground?

**Everyone who lives in the village, who dies in the village or is on the Church electoral roll has a right to be buried in the Burial Ground.** If someone has a strong connection with the village, but does not meet the above criteria, then a request to be buried is likely to be favourably considered. Therefore if you are reading this article then you are quite likely to be able to be buried in the Burial Ground, if that's what you want!

Obviously, if you choose to be buried in our Burial Ground, then the type of funeral/ceremony will be dictated by the Christian faith practised here.

If you choose to be cremated and wish your ashes to be buried, then there are still a few places for ashes to be interred in the main churchyard, at the Church, but once this is full the PCC will look at creating an area in the Burial Ground for the interment of ashes.

## **Do I need to reserve a plot?**

The basic answer to this is No. As can be seen from above, there is plenty of space in the Burial Ground. The exception to this is that it is possible to reserve a specific plot if you have “good cause”. The PCC would generally interpret this if you have a husband/wife, father/mother or child who dies and is buried in the Burial Ground and you wish to reserve the adjoining plot. This is quite a long process, a positive outcome is not guaranteed and you have to pay a fee, currently of approximately £300. Alternatively, when the first of a couple is buried, it is possible at that point to arrange for a double depth grave, then allowing two people to be buried in the same plot.

## **What should I do if I want to be buried in the Burial Ground?**

The most important thing you need to do is to speak to your family and leave written instructions as to how you would like matters handled after your death. So if you wish to be buried in the Mill Lane Burial Ground then make that clear so that everyone knows what you want to happen.

## **The Mill Lane Burial Ground is a beautiful place, how is it maintained? Can I do anything to help?**

The Burial ground is maintained by volunteers, some members of the Church, some who have relatives buried there and some who just want to keep the space beautiful. In addition Paul Hope cuts the hedges and the wildflower meadow.

Yes we would love to have more people help to maintain the burial ground, we have occasional working parties to tidy up. It is very special to spend a couple of hours, clearing paths, strimming or weeding or just spending time there. If you would be able to assist, then please contact Tony Staples (852226) or one of the Church Wardens. If you want to speak more about a burial in Mill Lane, then contact Rev Pete Deaves on 852275.

*Joanna Beech*

## **BRING A SMILE TO OUR FACES!**

We really want to help anyone who is in need as a result of the Covid 19 lockdown. So far we have made 13 grants totalling £5,860 but thanks to the generosity of Frittenden people we still have ample funds for anyone who is struggling at the moment.

We know it's not always easy to ask but what you may not realise is that we are always so glad when people feel able to get in touch – or tell us about someone in need – as we don't want to think of anyone in our village suffering unnecessarily while we have the means to help you.

Do contact any of us on the Hardship Fund Committee.

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Rosalind Riley 852317

Tony Staples 852226

or send an email to Emma Nightingale, our Parish Clerk at [frittenden.pc@gmail.com](mailto:frittenden.pc@gmail.com)

We promise to keep all your details confidential.

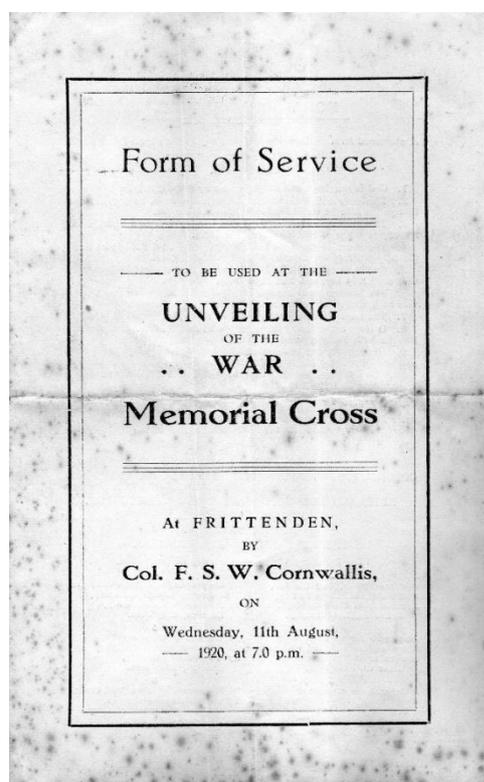
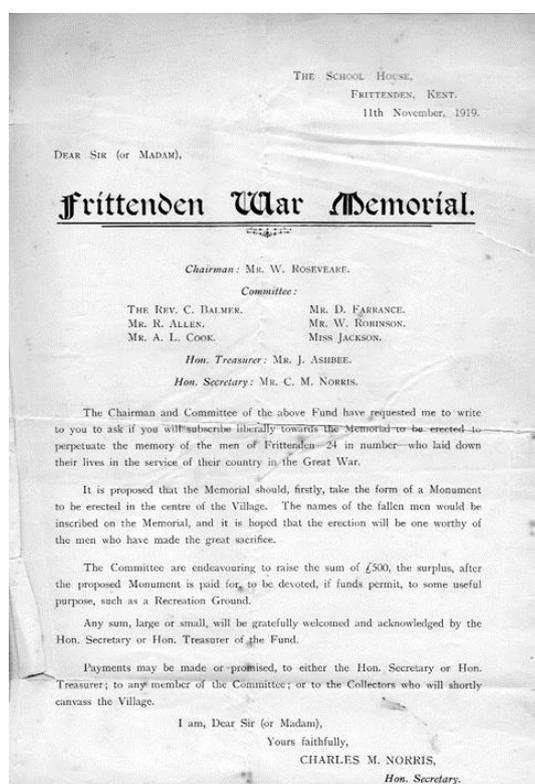
*Tony Staples*

## LEST WE FORGET



August 2020 sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unveiling of Frittenden's War Memorial. War memorials are a link to events that are increasingly beyond living memory and are important records of individual sacrifices. On the first anniversary of the WWI Armistice, in 1919, the Frittenden War Memorial Committee, chaired by Mr Wallace Roseveare, farmer of Pullen Farm, made an appeal to raise £500. The Cook family donated some land for the site of the memorial which was unveiled by Colonel F S W Cornwallis on 11 August 1920.

It is of note that the inscription on Frittenden's memorial reads "IN THE MEMORY OF THE MEN OF FRITTENDEN WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES" rather than "To The Glorious Dead" found on many war memorials.



Sadly, more names needed to be added to the memorial following the ending of WWII.

While the Church has wall plaques of those who died in each war, the Historical Society holds the Rolls of Honour recording all the men who served in the forces for both WWI and WWII.

Frittenden has in many ways continued to remember those villagers who served and died in war. Perhaps the best-known commemoration is the annual service of Remembrance in November.

The centenary of the Armistice in 2018 became the focus of four years of commemoration. In 2015, 25 poppies were purchased from those displayed at the Tower of London display 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'. The Poppies are displayed in the niche between the font and the Vestry and represent the men of Frittenden who gave their lives in WWI. That same year a rose garden was planted adjacent to the memorial. Over the four years a series of 'war diaries' were published in this magazine.

The weekend of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Historical Society held a major exhibition on Frittenden and its residents' contribution to WWI and, in addition to services of Remembrance in the School and the Church, the village beacon was lit as part of the national commemoration.

These events show that the people of Frittenden have met the aspiration of the Frittenden Memorial Committee in 1919 that the "memorial to be erected to perpetuate the memory of the men of Frittenden who laid down their lives in the service of their country"

***Phil Betts***

Chmn. Frittenden Historical Society

*Editing skills, graphic design, advertising experience ?*

***Could this be you ?***

Mike Cooper has been 'filling in the gap' producing the parish magazine for eighteen years and by anyone's standards that is an amazing achievement! He is now looking to hand it on to someone - or to a team - who can take it forward.

Would you like to lead or be a pivotal part in the team that produces and distributes the monthly magazine?

If so please speak to Mike Cooper (852108), Rev Pete Deaves (852275), Joanna Beech (852312), or John Stansfeld (852185)

*We would love to hear from you!*

## OF SONGS AND SUMMERS

I have been musing on what ‘makes a summer’ here in the Weald of Kent. A swallow? Well, we all know that ‘one swallow’ is not enough! And anyway, they arrive in mid-April, so I’d say they are really a welcome sign of spring. How about the scream of a flock of swifts, as they race overhead, so high and so fast they are almost impossible to see? Well, yes - for me, at least - they are one of the signals that summer is here, as they are one of the last migrants to return to the UK in late spring and one of the first to leave again in late summer. So yes, swifts (although I do think we might invent a better collective noun for them; how about a ‘scream’ of swifts? or a ‘race’?)

So what else? Well, I think of all the birds that crystallise the sound of summer for me, it has to be the yellowhammer. Our area of the Low Weald here is believed to be the best place for them in Kent, although that is hardly a comfort, considering how rarely we come across them now, even here. Still, they are cheerful little birds, sporting distinctive buttercup-yellow feathers on head and belly, and rich russet browns on back and wings - a male in breeding plumage is a very handsome sight indeed.

But it is perhaps the yellowhammer’s song that makes it so redolent of long summer days. A long trill of grating, monotone notes, followed by two final notes, the first a high-pitched squeak, the second dropping down an octave or more to a low wheeze. Like several distinctive bird songs (remember the wood pigeon’s croon? ‘My toe hurts, Bet-ty’), the yellowhammer’s call has various linguistic interpretations. The one I learnt as a child is ‘Little bit of bread and no cheese’ but perhaps you know a different version? Growing up in the Weald of Sussex, this lovely sound accompanied us on our daily walks - as we moved past one singing male, another could already be heard trilling in competition further along the hedgerow. Sadly, hedges have been removed or flailed into insignificance and the variety of insects and seeds on which they depend have declined catastrophically; there are far fewer yellowhammers now.

Even so, for me, the cheerful song of the yellowhammer means that summer has arrived, but of course it is part of a tapestry of other sights and sounds too: the smell of warm grass pollen, the delicious scent of flowering thistles, clouds of electric blue damselflies around the pond, sheets of golden buttercups... I wonder what sums up summer in a city? I’m happy not to know - but I like to think that more people will have become attuned to the sights and sounds of spring and summer in the parish now, as a result of the requirement to stay at home. So many people have reported noticing wildlife ‘for the first time’ in their gardens or local patch; of course, the wildlife was there all along, it was just the time to stop, look and reflect that has been missing

***Rebecca Brown***

## SOUNDS

A fine spring combined with this unprecedented lockdown has been a great opportunity to savour the sounds of our countryside, as so much normal business and activity has been curtailed. It has also been a chance to dig into the literary archives, where this literary curiosity came to light. It may have been the work of a hack known as “M.T.O. Loofyer” (obviously a nom-de-plume), who may have been a regular contributor to periodicals such as *The Field*, *Horse & Hound*, *Farming News*, and the long defunct *Molecatchers’ Annual*. It may have been written, at the very end of a long career, as a submission for “The Lady”, but have been returned summarily with the stinging rebuke “Total rubbish. Don’t bother next month!”. But all this, as Wikipedia frequently says, “requires citation”.....

### THE COUNTRYSIDE CHORALE

Can there be any auditory experience to match the symphony of the countryside experienced in an English meadow or garden, as spring turns to summer and the air begins to hang heavy with heat, fragrance and expectancy of delights to come? This writer thinks not. Let he who will extol the delights of tropics or savannahs, Mediterranean shores or Amazonian mudbanks. For me, the sounds of England in May exceed all other sensory experience! And what better time to savour the harbingers of estival glory than a late May bank holiday, when working man can rest his wearied bones, the noise and clamour of everyday is extinguished, and full attention can be paid to the choral glory of an English countryside afternoon? Seated in my garden, expectant, cup of Lapsang Souchong on my father’s folding campaign camp table, I hear the first voice take the stage. It is.... Yes.... A ride-on mower. But not any such. I believe what we hear is the steady drone of our old friend the Westwood, dependable as the day, and the most appropriate voice to announce our post meridianal concert. Soon his volume increases and tone broadens as the twin bladed cutting deck comes into action, and then, in immediate response, the alto voice of a hedge cutter joins him in duet. The insistent and unforgettable voice of the hedge cutter is soon augmented as a strimmer joins the fray. Undoubtedly a Stihl, powered by a Kawasaki two-stroke engine, driving a nylon string through weed and thicket. The chorus gathers force as another mower joins the throng, a smaller but no less important instrument in our late Spring orchestra: a Hayter rotary. The power of the chorus to attract new voices is irresistible, and soon we hear the guttural grunt of an elderly motor car engine, amplified in open garage or barn, obviously yet to attain full fitness, but searching for perfection under the tender hand of its weekend mechanic. I sit, sip my tea, entranced as the symphonic chorus plays out, drowning paltry organic sounds, and as I wait I am rewarded as a motor cycle enters the field of auditory battle. It displays a full range of tone and volume as it navigates our narrow and twisty lanes. Is it Kawasaki? Suzuki? Surely one of these Oriental visitors, and blessed with a most prodigious number of gears, each of whose unique tones it proceeds to demonstrate for our listening pleasure as blind bends and short straights are attempted at speed. Alas, almost as soon as the crescendo is attained, the chorale moves to diminuendo as one by one the players leave the stage, the sun moves lower, the light softens. But the entertainment is not complete! We are treated to a coda, a last hurrah: a mighty tractor, the heavy thumping bass of... a John Deere? It is the crop sprayer, indefatigable, oblivious to weekend or holiday, relentless in completion of his work, and now here comes the tell-tale swish and swoosh as he playfully empties his tank in the final field before the homeward drive to welcome rest and refreshment. And so, finally, it ends. The stage empties. The curtain is drawn. The show is over, the chorus done, and with all probability so am I.

*Thanks to Tim Bull for this gem!*

## GOSBEE'S GOSSIP

I completed my NHS Fundraising expedition, walking up and down my drive 8 times every day through May, and a further 10 times on 10<sup>th</sup> June to mark the 99<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. When I started this, I could never have dreamt of the response and support that I have received. I don't have the words to express my gratitude for everyone who has supported me. There were 76 donations on the Just Giving page, and many more that were delivered to me or to the Bell and Jorrocks (many thanks Rosie and Sean for your support). I received an envelope containing £500 cash, but have no idea who left it in my porch. Whoever you are, so many thanks. Due to the lockdown, my London hospital appointments were cancelled, so I donated the £350 that I would have spent on train and taxi fares. The total to date is £4,022.

I have said many times what an amazing village we live in, and it is the people that make it so amazing. The Covid19 Hardship Fund has been set up to help residents that have been unable to work due to the virus. So many people have been unable to work, and many qualify for financial help from the Government on the furlough scheme, but many are not covered by this scheme.

Rosie and Sean at the Bell and Jorrocks have been keeping us all going with the Pop-Up Shop. Rosie tells me that the pub will not be reopening on 4<sup>th</sup> July like some other pubs, as it would not be viable with all the restrictions still in place, even if the '2 metre rule' is reduced to 1 metre. The B & J was always very busy at the weekends. I hope that things will return to normal as soon as possible. Hopefully it has given us all a taste of how good a Community Shop would be for the village, and I hope that everyone will support the efforts of the Committee in establishing a permanent and successful Community Shop. It will need a committed group of volunteers to help to set it up and run it.

I have been in hiding since 20<sup>th</sup> March, but once a month, before the Zoom Parish Council meetings, I drive around the village, looking for potholes in our roads and any fly-tipping. Please let me know if you spot any and I will make sure that they are dealt with. I feel very sorry for people that have been isolating on their own, and not even been outside until 1<sup>st</sup> June. As I am classed as 'medically vulnerable', I have been receiving text updates on recommendations to keep safe. They say that Hazel and I should use separate bathrooms/ toilet facilities, which is not possible in a one toilet house. They also recommend washing our clothes separately and having separate cutlery etc. I am sure that gardening and walking have done me a lot of good. Just exchanging a few words with people that I have seen as I have walked up and down the drive has done me more good than staying indoors for weeks. Staplehurst Health Centre called to see how I was doing, but I told them that there were far more needy people than me that needed checking on. I was supposed to have a monthly call from my Heart Failure Nurse, but it doesn't always happen. I hope that it will be OK for Hazel to start looking after children again in September.

We have been told that we can reopen our Caravan Club Certificated Location on 4<sup>th</sup> July, but we are waiting to find out what restrictions if any we have to put in place, such as closing the toilet. It would not be practical to clean it after every use.

As you may have seen on Facebook, Hazel has been clearing our very overgrown front garden. She has had plenty of spare time as she cannot work at the moment. She has really enjoyed it, a job that would have never been done without the enforced time off, and the weeds are a welcome change from looking after children. We now have a big garden to replant with plants and shrubs that will be beautiful all year round, and attract wildlife. Anyone with a talent for garden design would be welcome to pass on any tips?

We have some of Paul Hope's sheep in for 'keep' at the moment and a few weeks ago, they managed to push through a gate, and they found my garden that I have spent months planting up with vegetables, flowers and fruit. They decided to turn it into a 'pick your own' strawberry site. They also ate most of my growing dahlias, gladiolas, sweetcorn and potatoes. It was just one of those things, I suppose, but luckily they were spotted before they destroyed everything. The sheep were 'mules', the most adventurous of breeds of sheep. My sister and I had a mule that was crossed with another breed. She had wool with the texture of a brillo pad. My sister Barbara named her Mrs

Brick Bat, because she always escaped, wherever she was put. She was a brilliant mother, but was never satisfied with her single lamb, always trying to steal lambs from other ewes. We put a dog collar on her, with a little plank of wood attached to try to stop her pushing her way through hedges and fences, but she still got out. Watching her, we saw that she stood on the bit of wood to make it vertical so that she could fit through the small gaps. I guess she just liked being on her own. She had small horns, which she used to lift up netting if it was a little slack. When she was too old to raise lambs, we kept her as a sort of mascot, but sadly she was killed by a dog attack. Back to Paul Hope's escaping sheep, Paul gave us a lovely joint of beef as an apology for the damage, and it was the best piece of beef that I have tasted in years.

I have avoided the political side of the Covid 19 issue. I am sure that we are all fed up with it all. Rishi Sounak has done a lot to try to keep people in employment, but must do more to help. It would be a travesty to lose cinemas and theatres. Our Prime Minister Boris Johnson was very ill from the virus, and still doesn't look back to his old self. While we are borrowing money like it is going out of fashion, I would like to see all key workers get a bonus of £500. They kept the country going. That would be from bin men to all NHS workers. It would be nice to have a Friday Bank Holiday as an extra August Bank Holiday in honour of the NHS. We could use it to reflect on those who have lost people that they love to the virus and NHS workers that have put their lives on the line (and those who have lost their lives while saving others). Or maybe at the end of October during the school half term holiday. The children have missed so much schooling, it has been a tough time all round.

During the long days of hot weather, I have been creating puddles in the farmyard for the house martins to use the wet mud to build their nests. They build a nest every year outside our bathroom window, under the guttering above the back door. The nest was very active, but seems to have suddenly been vacated. I hope that they come back. It is lovely to see them.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July, my sister in law and fellow Parish Councillor Heather Cullingworth will reach the age of 50!. We wish her a very happy birthday in this very strange year. Of course, all plans to celebrate have gone out of the window, but we're hoping that the family will help her to mark the occasion, and hopefully bigger plans will be possible next year.

All that is left is to wish everyone a happy summer, and here's hoping that the world will return to normal as soon as possible.

*Lester J. Gosbee*

## WEATHER

Frittenden Weather Statistics: The warmest day in May in Frittenden was 21<sup>st</sup>, when temperatures rose to 27.39 c/ 81.32 f. The warmest day in the UK was at Santon Downham in Suffolk with a temperature of 28.2 c/ 82.7 f. The coldest May day in Frittenden was on 5<sup>th</sup> at 14.4 c/ 57.92 f, and countrywide it was Fair Isle at 4.9 c/ 40.82 f. The coldest night on Frittenden during May was on 12<sup>th</sup> at 0.4 c/ 32.72 f, and the coldest night in the UK was at Katesbridge, County Down, Northern Ireland at -6.1 c/ 21.02 f. It was the coldest May night there since 1982. Frittenden had 3 days when rain was recorded: on 1<sup>st</sup> May we had 2.6mm, on 13<sup>th</sup> there was 1mm and on 23<sup>rd</sup> there was 9mm, totalling 12.6mm/ 0.5 inch. Frittenden's lowest grass temperature in May was -4.6 c/ 23.72 f on 12<sup>th</sup>. May had 8 grass frosts, a worry for fruit farmers and gardeners.

Our magazine Editor Mike Cooper asked me a meteorological question about winds in May. I consulted with the Met Office. We had a prevailing easterly wind which set in during mid March, and blew on throughout April. The direction of the wind did change, but for no longer than 72 hours. During May, the easterlies were more prevalent. So here is the explanation: There was dominant low pressure to the north or south of the UK, low pressure in the mid Atlantic and low

pressure over Eastern Europe. The UK had high pressure throughout the month and our high pressure system was being squeezed. The more that it was being squeezed, the stronger the easterly wind blew, sometimes as high as 50mph. It was in the top 3 windiest Mays on record, blowing clockwise. The strength of the wind took the top off the temperatures, 4 – 5 c/ 7 – 9 f. In fact, Frittenden had days with temperatures above 20 c but only one day with temperatures above 25 c/ 77 f, but 2 above 24.9 c. We had clear blue Mediterranean skies with wall to wall sunshine day after day. May's rainfall averaged over England: it was the driest May since 1896, with just 9.6mm/0.4 inches. This May averaged 266 hours, beating May's previous record of 255 hours that was set in 1948. It has been the sunniest Spring on record with a total of 626 hours.

The Met Office says that this May was the sunniest calendar month on record. Being a weather geek, I spoke to a lady at the Met Office today, who said that this fact is not quite true, because July 1911 was sunnier. That year, July in England had an average of 310 hours of sunshine. Eastbourne in Sussex still holds the title of the sunniest spot in the UK with 383 hours of sunshine, 12.4 hours each day. We are apparently now only using records back to 1929 - I know people in Frittenden whose birth date was before then! In Canterbury on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1911, temperatures reached 36.7 c/ 98 f. Kent held that record until 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1990, when Cheltenham in Gloucestershire reached 37.1 c/ 98.8 c. That record was broken in 2003 at Faversham on 25<sup>th</sup> July. The new record is 38.7 c/ 101.66 f at University Botanic Gardens in Cambridge. The highest temperature that I have recorded in Frittenden was 36.08 c/ 96.8 f.

The Central England Temperature for May was 12.5 c/ 54.5 f. 2018 was warmer at 13.2 c/ 55.66 f, which was followed by the hottest summer since 1976. This May's Central England temperature was held down by the cold nights, when it started to get chilly by 7pm.

There is limited space as this magazine is online. I am just starting to write my next detailed 6 monthly weather forecast. If you would like a hard copy or to be emailed a free copy, please let me know. My email address is [lester.gosbee@btinternet.com](mailto:lester.gosbee@btinternet.com), telephone 01580 852288.

If you are hoping that the summer will turn out like the one we had in 2018 and weeks of clear blue skies, I think that you will be disappointed. Our rainfall deficit will be made up by the end of August. There will be warm spells, we will have high pressure which will give us the highest temperatures that we have seen so far this year, 28 – 30 c/ 82 – 86 f. The rain here will be around 40 – 45mm, a little below normal. Last year, June's Central England temperature was 14.2 c/ 57.66 f, close to the long term average. This year it will be 15.2 c/ 59.36 f.

If you like swimming in the sea, despite record sunshine, the sea water is slow in warming up off our coast. At the start of May, sea temperatures were around 11 to 13 c, but by the end of June, they will increase to 15 c/ 59 f.

***Lester J. Gosbee***

## **LOST IN TRANSLATION**

### **CV Mishaps**

My intensity and focus are at inordinately high levels and my ability to complete projects on time is unspeakable.

Education: Curses in liberal arts, curses in computer science, curses in accounting.

I am a rabid typist.

I demand a salary commiserate with my extensive experience.

# **THE POP UP SHOP**

## **1 in 1out @ The Bell and Jorrocks**

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support during Covid 19.

Whilst lockdown rules have relaxed and more of you are trying to get back to a 'new normal' we ask you to still consider using us for your fresh produce and any other items you may have missed or not been able to get from your high street supermarket.

The shop has proved popular for freshness, variety and safety. This is also a perfect dry run for a permanent Village Shop. We are still taking bookings for Veg, Salad and Fruit boxes with allocated pick-up time slots and are also offering shopping time slots when you would be the only one in the shop. Pre booking, bread, milk, meat and fish (Thursday only) is recommended.

You can pop along, but please be sensible on social distancing and respect others.

Stay Safe

***Team Bell and Jorrocks***

## **THE COMMUNITY SHOP PROJECT**

The Frittenden Community Shop and Café committee is staying in touch with Rosie and Sean. We all agree that they are doing an amazing job.

Although we are all looking forward to resuming our daily routines please remember where you were able to get your fresh food, fruit, vegetables and other staples that were so elusive during lockdown and since. Their initiative and others that we have seen over lockdown is what Frittenden is all about – we live in an amazing community that pulls together and works for the common good of all.

Let's keep this community spirit alive and maintain a village shop. The Committee with the help of the Plunkett Foundation is exploring how we can transition to a Community Shop once Rosie and Sean are able to run their pub to the point where they cannot also continue running the shop.

We are still hoping to set up a Community Shop on the site next to the Memorial Hall but there is a lot of work to be done between now and any launch and we will need ongoing community support and involvement.

We will continue to post updates on the Frittenden Community FaceBook page and on our own dedicated Community Shop FaceBook page.

***Frittenden Community Shop and Café Committee***

## **E FOR EDITORIAL**

This issue includes two articles about the Sounds of Summer; that by Rebecca Brown and that found by Tim Bull. I loved them both, and have often complained about the latter sounds spoiling my Sunday afternoons.... They also got me thinking about perception, and how one views things.

A couple of years ago Jamie, our younger son who works in the media, produced a promotional video for Plumpton Agricultural College using a filming technique known as 'Point of View', in which each scene is filmed as if through the eyes of the main character in the action. Thus for example a clip showing students playing rugby began with the passer's view of the ball flying towards the catcher, and halfway through changed to the catcher's view of it flying towards him. My favourite sequence was the opening scene when Jamie launched a falcon from his gloved left hand, which was followed by a drone filming what the bird would have seen until it returned to Jamie's outstretched glove. Fascinating how the point of observation changes perception....

Have you ever had a friend who was the spitting image of XYZ from one side, but looked nothing like him/her from the other? Can you think of a favourite little village that is quite beautiful if you arrive from the south, but really mediocre arriving from the north? So often one's impression of things depends on the point from which one observes them. We even have a common expression in English that encapsulates this - "Depends how you look at it, doesn't it?"

So to the environmentalist Covid has its positive side, with city air qualities down to levels of a decade and more ago. To the artist, and perhaps even to a casual observer, the skies are so much more beautiful without the crisscrossing of vapour trails. To the police, indeed to all of us, the roads are more agreeable with less traffic – though the white vans still drive far too fast! However I do have difficulty reading the increasing number of comments suggesting Covid has done us a favour, and the world will be a better place as a result, forcing us to change our work-style or lifestyle. From the point of view of those who didn't win the battle with the disease, or those who lost someone to it, there is nothing positive to behold.

On a lighter note, if you enjoyed 'A bit of adventure' in the May edition, you should appreciate 'Can you be a virgin twice' in this one. Not content with trying not to drown himself in various parts of the world, Mr. Elsom decided to get Mr. Palmer to drive him across France – twice!

*Mike Cooper*

## **GAINED IN TRANSLATION....**

In your May edition of the magazine, you quoted an amusing and unfortunate instance of the too literal translation of the formal title of a senior government official visiting Japan, which somewhat changed his status from "Permanent Under Secretary" to "Eternal Typist".

Some years ago, Admiral Lord West was also the subject of a very literal translation of his title when attending a conference in Japan. He was due to address an international audience in his capacity as First Sea Lord, and to his surprise and delight was introduced as "Shogun of the Seas".

*Jeremy Beech*

## Can You Be a Virgin Twice?

Keith Palmer

A philosopher (possibly Bertrand Russell or even Alf Garnet) is reported to have said 'you should try everything once, except incest and Morris dancing'. Well, I've tried lots of things, but what on earth was I doing in 1998 phoning TR Bitz to see if they had a TR250 in need of restoration. I was going to drive *once* in one of the various historic Monte Carlo rallies and accordingly I had chosen one organised by the Classic Rally Association, the Millennium Monte.

TR Bitz had a part-restored TR5, which they told me was a real bargain! I bought it and Andrew Marsh and his team at Maidstone Sports Cars finished it off for me. (They are local to me and I could keep an eye on progress.) For the technical among you, the car was rebuilt with a standard unleaded engine, Bosch fuel pump mounted in the boot and an unleaded metering unit. Also it was updated with the usual poly suspension bushes, standard lever arm shocks on the back (telescopes weren't allowed on the rally) and 185 Hankook tyres on wires. I chose these tyres as they were cheap but similar to snow tyres and they have a wide tread pattern. As you are obliged to take chains when in the Alps in winter, I didn't really see the point in running on snow tyres all the time although many teams did. Lots of these winter rallies run partly on Route Nationale roads in France which, in my experience, are usually well looked after and mostly clear of snow in the winter. It's the little alpine trails where the chains or snow tyres come in handy. Anyway to make a long story short, Jeremy Elsom, my navigator, and I did compete in the Millennium Monte. We started in Ypres and finished in Cannes coming 25th on the marathon (wimps) route. Not bad we thought for a couple of virgins. The wimps route meant you went to bed at a reasonable time rather

than participating on the sporting route which had longer night sessions and less sleep.

The TR5 is a nice car, very reliable and with lots of power, sufficient to cope with steep inclines set by the course marshal on the various cols where the regularity tests were set. Only my lack of skill with sheet ice, sheer drops without crash barriers and a very nervous passenger stopped us winning any of these tests! The trouble with the TR5 is that its independent rear suspension is not, in my opinion, up to taking a lot of extra weight: 20 litres of fuel, a host of spares, chains, trolley jack, half a ton of maps, a small bag of clothes, and still operate with any real efficiency. Still, it was my choice and it served its purpose by getting us to the finish and back again, and I've still got it.

Having done a Monte, and had snow under our tyres, Jeremy and I decided to get some sand under the wheels and I signed up with the CRA to compete in their World Cup Rally. This took in three weeks of driving 11,000 km through France, Spain, Morocco, the Sahara, Portugal, and finished in London at the Earls Court Motor Show in October 2001. For this rally I decided to stick with a TR but this time a TR4, which had a solid axle and springs that could be beefed up quite a lot. This enabled it to take the extra weight, particularly fuel, on the desert sections. I found one in TRaction, and took it to Maidstone Sports Cars, where I helped completely strip it. The chassis and suspension were upgraded to original TR rally spec. with bits from Revington TR. The engine was overhauled and unleaded and the gearbox/overdrive and axle were rebuilt in-house. The body was OK being a left-hooker from Texas, but I had a TR5 hood fitted, much better than the marquee-like effort of erecting a TR4 hood. I was due to go on an autumn rally to Switzerland on 8

September 2000, and got the TR4 back on 7 September. The car ran fine and we put in some 2500 km on the speedo over that four day weekend, including a couple of regularities on some cols which still had a bit of snow around.

Unfortunately the CRA cancelled my application as they didn't have any other historic entries and also because the cars needed eight inches of ground clearance and the TR4 certainly didn't.

During 2001 my wife, Tricia, and I entered a couple of rallies with a French car club, including a six day Alpine rally, the Transalpina, (about 3300 km). This started in Alsace, went through the Black Forest to the German Alps, on to Austrian, Italian, and Swiss Alps, and finished in the French ski resort of Chamonix. In each country we had to do a regularity up a col with the best one being the Stelvio, about 30 hairpins and finished at 2758 metres. The engine ran rough on the TR4 as the air was a bit thin up there to say the least! The great thing about French managed rallies is that they stop for a proper lunch and take about one and a half hours to do it. This rally cost £850 for two people, with all the food, drink, including alcohol and hotel costs.

Jeremy and I had decided that we were not going to do any more Montes, but unfortunately along came an invitation from probably the most prestigious car club in the world, the Automobile Club de Monaco. They organised the original rallies of the fifties and sixties, (remember Paddy Hopkirk, Pat Moss, and Eric Carlson) as well as the Monaco Grand Prix. This was the event we had to do, it was run to the old rules i.e. regularity penalties measured to a tenth of a second and road penalties of 100 points for each minute out of time. There were about 500 applicants and 350 places and, lucky us, we were awarded a place as well as our first choice of start, in Reims.

*Heavily laden TR5, note rear wheels.*





Benny Hill alias Jeremy navigating and praying on ice.



So Friday 25 January saw us driving to Reims ready for a welcome dinner, and scrutineering Saturday afternoon, followed by the start outside the town hall. All went well and we were flagged away in front of capacity crowds. Lots of people turn out and the route was lined for about half a mile with spectators, camera crews, and official photographers. There were 111 starters and the crowd remained until the last one left. Having been up from 08.00 the prospect of a 24-hour drive starting from our 20.43 start time and covering 750 km in 12 hours was quite daunting. Total distance for the rally was 2,200 km of which 400 km are regularities, plus another 1000 km to get back home. The first leg was called the 'concentration leg', and meant that all the various

starters eventually congregated in Romans, from where every team then followed the same 'common leg'. Provided map reading, driving and time-keeping was up to it, cars should arrive in Monte Carlo without points and with a minute between them. If only it worked out like that.

We arrived in Romans around 11.30 having had three intermediate night stops for fuel and food. Each time the villagers had turned out to welcome us, even at 04.00 in the pouring rain.

After Romans there was a section to check the trip meter, and then we bashed on to Val les Bains, where the regularities began. These were generally about 40 km long and speeds varied from about 42.4kph to 49.7kph and always involved climbing and descending some serious cols. You knew where the start of each regularity was but the time checks were secret, so bashing on

at higher speeds would do no good as penalties build up for early and late arrivals. Eventually we arrived back at Val les Bains at 20.00 for the night. We had dinner at the casino and Jeremy fell asleep in the taxi on the way back to the hotel.

Monday saw us start at 11.00 in position 240, having started the rally in 304th. Room for improvement. Unfortunately during a regularity we had a puncture and picked up 5400 points on the way to Gap. Despite this we finished the day in 232nd place, as on one regularity we only had 101 penalty points. Later we nearly halved this, getting only 53 points, but we couldn't sustain it.

The cols now seemed to be getting harder and higher. Although there was no fresh snow there was lots of slush, ice, and tons of loose grit with only a few dead stinging nettles to stop cars going over the side and down at least 1000 feet. The night-time regularities were as horrendous as the daytime ones, luckily you couldn't see the drops, but you knew they were there. I think navigators are real heroes; they sit there all the time not



Keith and Tricia on a track somewhere in Europe on their way to Geneva. (Note alternative use of riding helmet.)



really seeing the sights, just looking at maps and calling out the timing. They have total faith in the driver, and hopefully the driver does too!

Tuesday we started at 10.00 and after three more regularities, we arrived to a big welcome and drove over the finishing ramp around 18.30 on the waterfront at Monte Carlo. There was a welcome reception, lots of lovely food and wine aplenty. We didn't have anything alcoholic to drink though, as we all still had the Monte Carlo night loop of 280 km and four regularities to do to complete the course. Our start time was 23.47 so we checked in to the hotel, cleaned up a bit and hit the trail again. The problem this time was fog, plus the usual ice etc. Lots of it. We met a crew who had given up after the first regularity saying that conditions were atrocious and they were back before we had started. Not encouraged by this but having got this far we had to do the whole course. We did finish it, arriving around 06.30 on Wednesday and it was a really tough night. It was made worse by Jeremy trying to sing 'Long and Winding Road' to me, whilst I was peering through the fog at the icy, muddy, tracks and trying to keep us on the road. He also said who else but a bunch of nutters would leave a splendid hotel and drive the

equivalent of London to Manchester on cart tracks. He was right of course.

That evening there was a spectacular gala dinner held in the Monte Carlo Sporting Club, prizes were presented and we all stood for the Danish National Anthem. The winners were a Danish husband and wife team driving a Lancia Fulvia 1300 on their third rally. We weren't on the podium but it was great to have been there anyway. We did manage to beat Jean Alesi and his father, Frank, who came about 280th, and a former US racing driver, Tom Jones, plus quite a few others in our finishing position of 220th. That, of course, is a world ranking in historic rallying, but only lasts until the next Monte.

So how do the winter rallies organised by the CRA and ACM compare? The CRA do put you on a more level playing field as the cut-off for entries is 1962, so you don't get Escorts, Porsches and more modern machinery that the ACM allow. The CRA do not allow back-up crews, although they have recovery vehicles running along the course. If you are a privateer in the ACM rally and you break down, you are on your own. The ACM route and driving times seemed *much* harder than the CRA. After all, who but the French would allow crews

to be driving after being awake for more than 36 hours? Both rallies were really great but with the CRA the *esprit de corps* is probably just in front - but unfortunately the CRA do not run a Monte any more. This year they ran a Winter Challenge, starting at Brooklands, and a couple of other places, at ending at Barcelona.

I'm lucky enough to have participated in both types and we definitely won't be doing it again. Having said that we are on the look-out for a London taxi; great lock for the hairpins, lots of room for spares, tyres etc. Jeremy wants to convert the front luggage area next to the driver into a kebab rotisserie. He can eat a few and we can probably cover our costs by selling them to the other competitors as they, inevitably, roar past us. I will do alright too, as I will have the meter running all the way, as I sit sideways with my flat cap on, telling jokes to Jeremy. He pays, naturally. I do have an alternative as I have a French chum who might be persuaded to part with his ex-works Lancia Stratos.

I really can't give any advice as I still think we were 'virgin on the ridiculous' for the second time. If I write my autobiography, I may call it 'Rallying with Jean Alesi', because we did. Just once.

## MUSIC NOTES JULY 2020

As I write this in early June the signs of an easing of the virus lockdown are becoming clearer, but there is still little chance of live concerts in our area in July. Because concerts require rehearsals most local music societies are not expecting to perform until the Autumn, if then. However more professional orchestras at home and abroad are finding ways to produce music which is published through the internet. If you have internet access and go to <https://www.classicfm.com/music-news/live-streamed-classical-music-concerts-coronavirus/> you will find contacts for a long list of Classical music organisations from around the world which are live-streaming, or that have made their concert archives available online.

The radio of course is a constant supply of good music on Radio 3 and Classic Fm. As last month, Radio 3 will supplement its programme of archived performances with live chamber concerts filling many of its "lunchtime concert" slots – sometimes with interesting versions of pieces better known as works for full orchestra. Beyond that, one Radio 3 concert to specially note is a performance of Purcell's *The Faery Queen* from the Notre-Dame Basilica on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. Also a composition culled from Beethoven's nine symphonies by Ian Farrington and featuring a 350 strong Grand Virtual Orchestra will be broadcast on Radio 3 on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> to open the 2020 proms series. It is forecast to be on BBC4 TV two days later.

Turning to other TV items, the three-part instalment of the series exploring the life and times of Beethoven promised for June is now expected in July on BBC4, but still at "a date and time to be advised". Also promised on BBC4 but with no time scheduled is The Royal Opera House's performance of Beethoven's *Fidelio* which was filmed just days before UK Lockdown. As I said last month, as the virus emergency changes no advanced programming for either radio or TV can be guaranteed. All we can do is keep an eye on the daily schedules.

**The musicians' dictionary continues in lockdown:** flute – A sophisticated pea-shooter with range of up to 500m and deadly accurate at close quarters.

***Brian Hardy***

## PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference, He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
6. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

***Thanks to John Day, and the M F U***

# THEMED TRIVIA AND WICKED QUIZ

## PLANETARY TRIVIA

PLUTO is just over 1,400 miles across, less than half the width of the USA.  
Sunsets on the exoplanet OSIRIS are green, blue and brown.  
SATURN'S rings are made of ice and rock.  
URANUS is so far from the sun that it only gets 0.3% of the sunlight that Earth gets.  
EARTH comes from the Middle English word "ertha" meaning ground.  
There are more than 1,600 volcanoes on VENUS.  
There is no gravity at EARTH'S centre.  
JUPITER's moon EUROPA has an ice-covered ocean that is ten times deeper than Earth's oceans.  
A billion Earth's could fit inside one of SATURN'S rings.  
The surface temperature on VENUS is hot enough to melt lead.  
Geysers on EUROPA shoot plumes of water 124 miles into its atmosphere.  
There may be as many as 40 billion habitable EARTH sized planets in our galaxy.  
SATURN is the lightest planet in the solar system, it would float if dropped in water.  
Iron rich soil gives MARS its reddish appearance.  
URANUS only has two seasons; winter and summer, they each last 42 Earth years.  
Since its discovery in 1930, PLUTO has only done a third of its journey around the sun.  
SATURN has a solid core that is about the size of our Earth.  
Olympus Mons, the highest peak on MARS is three times higher than Everest.  
It rains super-hot molten glass on an un-named planet that is 63 light-years from us.  
Some storms on MARS last for months and can cover the entire planet with dust.  
NASA's New Horizons spacecraft reached PLUTO in 2015, it left in 2006.  
It rains sulfuric acid on VENUS.  
MERCURY has the shortest year of all the planets in the solar system, just 88 Earth days.

## WICKED QUIZ

You are taking a long drink of your favourite beverage. Which happens FIRST?

THE GLASS IS 5/16 EMPTY.  
THE GLASS IS 5/8 FULL.

*Colin Bullock*

Answer on back page.

## MORE ONE LINERS

There is no path; the path is made by walking.

*Antonio Machado, Spanish poet*

One discovers the light in darkness – that is what darkness is for.

*James Baldwin*

## A LITERARY PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Can you name the famous book?

1. The Geezer And The Caribbean
2. An Elm Develops From A Sapling Where The Dodgers Once Played
3. Brilliant Red Communication No One Writes Anymore
4. While I Was In The Bed Croaking
5. The Muscadines Belonging To Anger
6. Armed Conflict And The Kind of Train Cat Stevens Used To Ride
7. Out Of Here In The Current Of Air
8. The Purple Rain Singer Associated With the Rising & Falling Of The Ocean
9. Tremendous Anticipations
10. What Comes Before A Fall & Preconceived Judgement Towards A Group
11. Mitt-Wearing Home Plate Squatter Enclosed By Reuben Sandwich Bread
12. Murder A Derisive, Taunting, Feather-Covered Creature
13. An Au Revoir For Everything Inside The Shirt Sleeves
14. Y2K Minus Number Of Candles On Molly Ringwald's Cake
15. Felonies And Misdemeanors Coupled With Spankings
16. That Audio And That Rage
17. Toward What Person Or Persons A Recess-is-Over Sound Is Directed
18. One Who Domineers Over Things Stuck To The Swatter
19. Scoliosis Sufferer At The Fighting Irish School
20. Courageous Globe With The Tag Still On It
21. Pirate Loot / Counter In The Center Of A Kitchen
22. Story Of A Duo Of Municipalities
23. About Little White Rodents And Grown Boys
24. Ruby-Colored Nametag Indicating Bravery
25. The Star In Our Solar System Comes Up, Too

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*Thanks to my daughter, Pip.*

Answers on next page but one.

### **AND ANOTHER ONE LINER** **Particularly appropriate at this time....**

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

*Dr Martin Luther King Jr*



## **FRITTENDEN**

Well, we are all still living under lockdown rules, although they have been relaxed a little, but who knows when it will end. At least it's Summer, in theory the weather is getting better (although not this week!), the birds are singing, and we can all get out into our gardens.

It should have been our Annual Meeting in May when we would normally have elected a new Committee. However, as we weren't able to meet, we have been advised that the present Committee will stay in place until next year, but we have emailed to everyone the Annual Reports from our President and our Secretary and also the Financial Statement for the last year. We also have a full programme of events in place for the next year but will just have to wait and see when we can start meeting up again.

We have had to cancel our July speaker – Life on a Harp String, and were planning our August outing to Hastings Old Town and our Produce Show in September. Who knows, being optimistic, perhaps our Produce Show might be able to go ahead.

If, when all of this is over, you would like to join us we meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Anne Holroyd on 01580 893256 or myself on 01580 852355 for further information.

*Christine Anthony*

## **THE MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS YOUR VOTES**

Head over to <https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/frittenden-memorial-hall> and vote for the Hall. We are one of the applicants for a £5000 grant from the Calor Gas Community Fund, and the projects with the most votes go through to the final judging. Just click the "Like" box on the right of the page. (There is also an option to donate – please feel free to do so, but it is not a requirement). Voting closes on 16 July. Please take a few minutes to add your support, and ask your family and friends to do so too. Many thanks.

## **THE POST OFFICE IS OPEN AGAIN**

Headcorn Post Office have restarted their Outreach Service in the Memorial Hall. The Post Office will be open 2pm until 4pm Mondays and Thursdays.

(Apart from the Post Office service the hall still unfortunately remains closed, we are taking advice from ACRE and will re open it again as soon as we feel it's safe and we have all the necessary safety measures in place)

*Charlotte Hunter*

## **ANSWERS TO THE LITERARY PUZZLE**

1. The Old Man and the Sea.
2. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
3. The Scarlet Letter
4. As I Lay Dying
5. The Grapes of Wrath
6. War and Peace
7. Gone With the Wind
8. Prince of Tides
9. Great Expectations
10. Pride and Prejudice
11. The Catcher in the Rye
12. To Kill a Mockingbird
13. A Farewell to Arms
14. 1984
15. Crime and Punishment
16. The Sound and the Fury
17. For Whom the Bell Tolls
18. Lord of the Flies
19. The Hunchback of Notre Dame
20. A Brave New World
21. Treasure Island
22. A Tale of Two Cities
23. Of Mice and Men
24. Red Badge of Courage
25. The Sun Also Rises

## **AND MORE 'LOST IN TRANSLATION'**

### **Italian hotel brochure**

This hotel is renowned for its peace and solitude.  
In fact, crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy its solitude.

### **Sign in Tokyo hire car**

When passenger on foot heave in sight, tootle the horn.  
Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage  
Then tootle him with vigour.

## THE BACK PAGE

### REFUSE TRUCK SCHEDULE

Due to the Corona virus outbreak, this service has been suspended until further notice.

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**This month's Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

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### QUIZ ANSWER

Answer:- The glass is  $\frac{5}{16}$  empty. The  $\frac{5}{8}$  is equal to  $\frac{10}{16}$ , which means that if the glass were  $\frac{10}{16}$  full, you would have emptied  $\frac{6}{16}$  of it. so, you empty  $\frac{5}{16}$  of the glass first.