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		The Club is not able to function at the moment. Later, we hope...

From the Rector



What on earth is going on with the weather?!

“...In July the sun is hot, Is it shining? No it's not!

August, cold and dank and wet, Brings more rain than any yet.

Bleak September's mist and mud, Is enough to chill the blood.

Then October adds a gale, Wind and slush and rain and hail.” ...no let's not go there!!

‘A Song of the Weather’ by the late, great Flanders and Swann comedy duo written 30 years ago still rings true: what on earth is going on with the weather?!

Our joyful Strawberry Tea which we'd confidently planned for the final day of the Tokyo Olympics, hoping to hold it outside Trinity Church, was a game of two halves. The first half of that August afternoon was a washout, so we all ducked into the Parish Room to scoff our scones and savour our strawberries. But then, just as a number of perfectly-timed families joined us, the skies turned blue and the sun dazzled! What a delight seeing the children enjoying the outside space



together - even if the wind almost whipped the tablecloths into space!

Whenever there's sun



and rain, our family runs upstairs to see who can spot the rainbow first – I presume your household does that too?! This slightly grainy photo was the same weekend as the Strawberry Tea. The rainbow was low level, framing the trees in glorious technicolour... Have you ever thought how brilliant it is that our creative God made the world with such a wonderful array of colours?!

All change for the ‘Open the Book’ team - we are really excited to be back in school now! Our first story was Noah's Ark: God's bow of rain reminds us about his great and constant faithfulness, and about new starts. Weather we like it or not, “Change is here to stay”. But when a change heads our way do we see it as a threat or an opportunity?

Blessings,
Pete – 852275

St Mary's services during September

Sun 3rd	Trinity 18 - Harvest Festival	Thu 21st
10:00	Morning Worship with Sunday Club - St Mary's	10:00
11:15	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's	Sun 24th Bible Sunday
Mon 4th		10:00
9:00	Moving Mountains - St Mary's	17:30
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	Mon 25th
Wed 6th		9:00
9:00	SPACE - St Mary's	19:30
20:00	The Bible Course 3 - in Trinity	Sun 31st
Thu 7th		All Saints & Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday
10:00	10:00 The Bible Course 3 - in St Mary's	10:00
Sun 10th	Trinity 19	
10:00	Morning Worship - St Mary's	
Mon 11th		
9:00	Moving Mountains - St Mary's	
10:00	Little Lambs	
19:30	St Mary's PCC - Upper Room	
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	
Wed 13th		
14:30	CAMEO in St Mary's Church	
Sun 17th	Trinity 20	
08:30	Holy Communion (BCP) - Trinity	
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16:00	Families Together - Trinity	
Mon 18th		
9:00	Moving Mountains - St Mary's	
10:00	Little Lambs	
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	
Wed 20th		
9:00	SPACE - St Mary's	
20:00	The Bible Course 4 - in Trinity	

Late changes - Please check on the church website for any changes to services or events - frittendenchurch.org.uk

SUNDAY CLUB - separate provision for primary age children during part of the service.

SPACE - Silent reflection Prayer and Communion Ending by 9:30

Moving Mountains - Prayer for the needs of the Community, held in St Mary's, open to all.

Little Lambs - the new group for Toddlers and their Carers, meeting weekly in St Mary's.

CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other - Coffee, tea and chat in St Mary's or Memorial Hall.

A recording of the Sunday morning service will be available each week on the website, under the Audio tab, and also available to listen to via the dial up number 01580 234185.

In the United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden, St Mary's is the parish church of Frittenden and Trinity is the parish church of Sissinghurst.

Church rotas - Sunday Services

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Prayer	Sound	Coffee
3rd Oct	10:00	Judith Addis Rob Addis	Margaret Knight John Stansfeld	Elaine Highwood	John Stansfeld	Booth Clibborn
3rd Oct	11:15	Christopher Page	John Stansfeld Pete Deaves	-	John Stansfeld	-
10th Oct	10:00	Calvin Moore Mack Mehrabian	Edward Griffin Emma Griffin	Henry Robinson	Debbie Haine	Highwood
17th Oct	10:00	Edward Griffin Emma Griffin	Henry Robinson Lynda Lilley	Nicola Robinson	Debbie Haine	Jeffery
24th Oct	17:30	Stephen Jeffery Jennifer Jeffery	Christopher Page Isobel Mehrabian	-	Judy Staples	Mehrabian
31st Oct	10:00	Judy Staples Tony Staples	TBC Trinity	TBC Trinity	John Stansfeld	Campos

Flower Rota Thursday Sep 30th All Arrangers for Harvest on 3rd Oct; Oct 10th & 17th Janice Elsom; 24th & 31st Vanessa Hannan **Cleaning Rota** - Sian Hunter, Judy Martin **Key Rota** - Francine Edmonds (852450)

Hops... a jolly reflection on country life

Jeremy Beach



Why, if 'tis dancing you would be,
There's brisker pipes than poetry.
Say, for what were hop-yards meant,
Or why was Burton built on Trent?
Oh many a peer of England brews
Livelier liquor than the Muse,
And malt does more than Milton can
To justify God's ways to man.
Ale, man, ale's the stuff to drink
For fellows whom it hurts to think:

From 'A Shropshire Lad' (1896), by A.E. Housman (1859 - 1936)

We welcome reflections to frittendenparishmagazine@gmail.com - a poem, prayer, thought... something to help us pause and reflect.



Shall I pick the gel-pens or the scented pens?

This is not for me, this is for a child at Christmas time a l-o-n-g way away. Did you know in some places around the world children's parents can't afford to get their children presents? That's why Operation Christmas Child was invented and we think

it's a great way to make sure that the children don't miss out on Christmas.

So, I'm collecting things from the list to go in a shoe box. Then I'll either tick boy or girl and then choose what age (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). In my opinion it's fun thinking about what to get them and imagining how happy they would feel.

Would you like to get involved to give children around the world a Happy Christmas? Speak to Phoebe Deaves or look at the church website for more information.

THE NEW WEEKLY TODDLERS AND THEIR CARERS GROUP

10-11.30am @ St Mary's Frittenden

Parents and Carers of Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers are warmly invited to hop along to Little Lambs @ St Mary's Church.

A warm welcome, toys, good coffee/tea, delicious homemade cakes, crafts, Bible Story and singing time. It will be a great opportunity to connect with other local families. We'd love to see you there!

Currently, there is no need to book a space so do just come along!

For more details contact Claire Deaves: deavesclaire@gmail.com



Autumn is coming...



and so are your contributions! Thank you!

It is great to see so many emails coming through with articles, opinion pieces and What On in the village, as well as our regular contributions from our many organisations. Good to see reports this month of village activity both in the village, with the Autumn Gardening Show and beyond, with Rebecca's article on the Ringing World National Youth Contest

Our ambition is a more connected community through the Parish Magazine, and to achieve that we need your stories and views...keep them coming

James Booth-Clibborn
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Request for donations

I have been asked on numerous occasions about how to donate to support the magazine. The good news is that with our increased advertising some of the cost of making the magazine free and in colour with an increased print and online circulation to anyone in the village, has been covered. However there is a short-fall, and so if you would like to donate we would be grateful for contributions. We will only ask twice a year; in November and in April.

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Open The Book ... the Story of Noah

Ms Costello

On Thursday we welcomed back the Open The Book team from St. Mary's and Trinity Church - it had been an incredibly long 18 months since we last saw them. It was wonderful to have the story of Noah performed for us: the children all thoroughly enjoyed it. Some of the children took part in the story, while the audience drummed our thighs pretending to be the rain. At the end we sang a new song with actions. Rev. Pete was very good at the actions. Thank you for coming in and we look forward to the next story.



Sophie Yr1
I liked God. He makes everything.

Jemimah Yr1
It was good because I've never seen the people dress up as the people in the story before.



Thilde Yr2
It was good. I liked the rainbow at the end. I liked the song too.



Beth Yr4
I liked it. The boat bit was good and I liked the song too.



Lola Yr3
It was nice because it showed that God looked after the nice people. Noah was nice.



Huxley Yr1
It was really good. I liked the boat it was pretty cool and the waves that went swish swash.



A difficult growing year at Chittenden Farm

Victor Breach



the late 1960's this was a good time for fruit production especially with better cold storage and bulk bins becoming available, there was also a mass of small independent shops selling the crop with better returns to the grower.

Another big part of our business at Chittenden is the farm shop which we started around 20 years ago. This was a different directions for us as we started to grow other crops such as sweetcorn, squashes and particularly brassica crops. Also having the apple and pear juice already established some years ago fitted in very well with the shop, having face to face feedback from customers is very good and something that doesn't happen from supermarket sales. This has resulted in several new apple varieties being planted by ourselves following multiple trials. The other important thing about farming is to be optimistic about the following years harvest and hopefully being a little easier.

Chittenden Farm Shop, Lovehurst Lane, Staplehurst. Open every day

It's often said that farmers always moan about the weather, but this year our moaning has been taken to another level. The April frosts and low day time temperatures at blossom time resulted in a much reduced crop of apples and pears. This was followed by much higher levels of rainfall through June and July making for very good conditions for fungal diseases, as mentioned by many people with outside tomatoes this year. Hopefully the harvest weather having started well will continue.

Our family came to Chittenden Farm in 1958 after previously farming at three other farms. Chittenden Farm at that time was a typical mixed farm growing hops, traditional apple trees, potatoes and grass etc we started to specialise in top fruit production from



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The Bells of St Mary's

Phil Betts
Chmn. Frittenden Historical Society

Further to Rebecca Steele's article 'Oranges and Lemons' in the September magazine, I thought it worth giving a short history of Frittenden's ring of bells. Frittenden has a long record of bell ringing with some notable records and personalities.

Hasted, 1798, records that St Mary's had a peal of six bells. However, these were shortly to be replaced. Two were dated 1803 and four 1804. Church records show a payment for 6 new bells from Thos. Mears of the Whitechapel Foundry, probably the most eminent foundry in the country at this time. The cost of £353-18-11 was partially offset by the old bells which were valued at £216-8-0.

At the time of the restoration of the church (1846-8) by Edward Moore, the architect, R.C. Hussey, recommended that owing to the building's poor state it should be taken down almost entirely. The only parts of the church to survive were the nave and the 15th century base of the tower. As part of the rebuilding, two further bells, a treble and a tenor, were commissioned, again from the Whitechapel Foundry.



The first peal of the 8 bells rang out over Frittenden 17 January 1847. This was a 5,040 Bob Major in 2hrs 57mins. It was conducted by Mr James Bourne. The ringers were G. Southon of Benenden, treble; J. Bowles, Frittenden, 2nd; A. Farris, Biddenden, 3rd; G. Landsell, Benenden, 4th; T. Daynes, Frittenden, 5th; J. Hurry, London, 6th; J. Bourne, Biddenden, 7th; E. Wenham, Benenden, tenor.

Another significant ringing was recorded in 1861 when a 'true and complete' peal, consisting of 5,760 changes, Bob Major, with all the eight seven sixes and the six seven eights of the grand courses of the 40,320 changes,

This was completed in 3hrs 16 mins. The peal was composed by Thos. Bigg of Otham and conducted by Thos. Daynes. On this occasion all the ringers were from Frittenden including the two Frittenden ringers from the first 1847 peal.

By 1879, Frittenden Church had one of the best Bob Major bands in the country and were among the first ringers to join the Kent County Association of Change Ringers (KCACR). Indeed, the first peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Major by the Association was rung at St Mary's 31 October 1881.

There was a long tradition of tolling a bell to signify the death of a parishioner. Mary Hallward's Diary for Wednesday 7th June 1916 records – "To Church at 8 with Eliza. Tom Hope died, in the [Cranbrook] Union [workhouse], so I rang the bell."

In June 1928 the bells were removed for tuning and general overhaul. There was some discussion about the necessity of having an iron frame to replace the existing timber frame which was in two independent tiers. After a lengthy dispute with founders John Taylor, the originally accepted tender, the contract work was finally awarded to Gillet and Johnston, founders of Croydon, who agreed to provide a new timber frame. Although the intention had been to recast only the 7th and to overhaul the rest, in fact all the bells were recast.

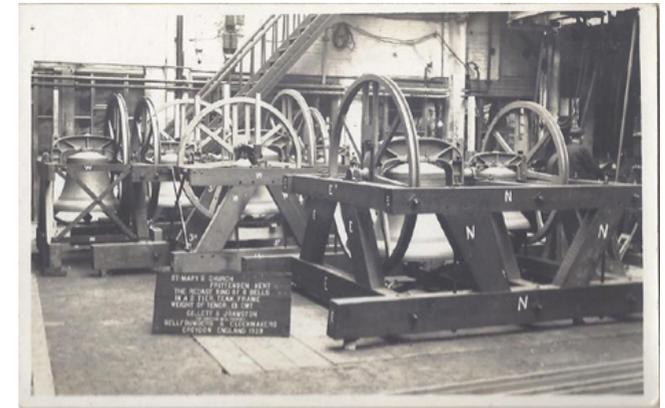
The last of the bells (2nd and 7th) were tuned in January 1929 and the bells were hung in a new two-tier frame in the tower and dedicated by the Bishop of Dover 21 February of that year.

The cost of this and other essential work in the Church tower, thought to be over £600, was borne by Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, son of the former Rector Edward Moore.

This remains the current ring of 8 bells which range in size from the treble, approx. 4cwt (448 lbs), with a 26 inch diameter, to the tenor, approx. 15cwt (1,680 lbs), at about 43 inches diameter.

There was much press interest in two members of the Frittenden Band in 1934. In that year Mr and Mrs Baker, of Brick Kiln, Frittenden, had achieved the then world record of 200 peals together. Their achievement was widely covered in the press where it was also noted that Mrs Baker's father, Mr Walter Rofe, was a veteran campanologist of 64 years. Aged 81, he lived at the Lodge Gate, Comenden Manor and still worked as a roadman.

Also reported in August 1934 was a quarter peal of Grandsire Triple (1,260 changes) by the KCACR. The ringers included Mr and Mrs Baker. Conducted by J Head, it was rung in honour of the diamond anniversary of Mr and Mrs Cox of Little Buckhurst Farm who had been married at St Mary's sixty years previously.



15 November 1942 the church bells were rung in celebration of the victory of the 8th Army over the Germans and Italians in Egypt and Libya. This was the first time that the bells had been rung since the beginning of the War. May 8 1945 at 6pm the bells were rung until 7.30pm to mark the end of WWII in Europe. June 10 1946 was observed as Victory Day and a Victory peal was rung.

Many of the other peals by the Frittenden Band are recorded in the church Bell Tower and in Love's Guide to the Church Bells of Kent.

(with apologies to David Manger and his band for any misunderstanding of the mysteries of campanology)
Go to page 16 to read the Bell Ringers article



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Harvest time is fast approaching, and we are planning to be able to celebrate back in St Mary's Church again this year with a range of Harvest Festival Services. The first harvest service will be for the school on Thursday 30 September at 2.30pm. Then on Sunday 3 October, there is a special Harvest Celebration Service for all ages at 10.00 am. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. This is always a happy occasion, with well-known hymns and other lovely music. All of the colourful harvest offerings will be on display before being repacked and distributed by Frittenden pupils the following week.

This makes it the right weekend to hold our annual Gift Day, which is an opportunity for everyone who values our lovely village to help maintain the fabric and structure of St Mary's Church, Frittenden. The building defines our village and is, at its heart, where many in our community choose to come for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We have to find over £60,000 each year to cover the upkeep of the Church and its ministry.

Our Gift Day is an opportunity for everyone who lives in Frittenden to help with a contribution, however large or small.

St Mary's Church Gift Day

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2021
Please Support Your Church

Many of you do, year by year, and we thank you. It is a great tradition.

Last year we raised over £8,000 (before gift aid) and we would like to match or exceed that figure this year if we can. Please put your contribution in the envelope enclosed with this magazine and take it to the Church on Gift Day. It will be open all day and there will be refreshments available.

Otherwise deliver it at any time to myself, Christopher Page, at Beale Farmhouse (in Sand Lane) or to John Stansfeld or Joanna Beech.

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The Twilight Zone

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Bell Ringers



Rebecca Steele

In September I was very proud to be one of three Frittenden younger ringers, representing Kent at the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) in Worcester. Kent put forward two teams of six this year. All six ringers in the second team were making their competition debut while the Kent first team were the defending champions from the last Ringing World National Youth Contest, held in Liverpool in 2019.

More than 200 young ringers descended on Worcester with twenty-one teams being entered into the competitions. Eleven towers across the city were open as well as the Cathedral itself, both for the competition ringing and for the teams to enjoy the experience of ringing on some different bells. The city resonated with the sound of church bells and groups of young people having fun and eating lots of pizza!

Worcester Cathedral itself has a magnificent ring of bells; the heaviest, weighing 48 hundredweight (2.6 tonnes), is more than three times the weight of the heaviest bell in our Frittenden tower.



After a great day of ringing there was an awards ceremony held in the College Hall. To rounds of applause the Kent Young Ringers (KYR) First Team retained their title, winning their competition while the KYR Second Team managed a very respectable fifth place.

Next year the competition is to be held in Exeter and pressure will really be on to bring the trophy back to Kent for a third year running. There is an upper age limit of 18 and therefore older, more experienced ringers, become ineligible for team selection each year. In 2022 Frittenden younger ringers could well be selected to attempt this hat-trick!

Thank you to everyone, in Frittenden tower and the Kent County Association, who has helped me and the rest of the Kent Young Ringers, both to qualify for the competition, and in achieving such a great result.

Watch this space for news of next year's contest in Exeter and please let us know if you would like to join the team!



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Gosbee's Gossip

Lester Gosbee

I will start with congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Wells, Ashley and Hannah, who got married on the August Bank Holiday weekend. We wish them many years of happiness. The Happy Couple treated the whole village to a spectacular firework display, which I enjoyed very much.

If you get this magazine in time, please come and support Hazel's Macmillan Coffee/tea and cake Afternoon on Sunday 26th September at Manor Farm between 12 and 5pm

I am organising a fundraising quiz for the Memorial Hall Renovation on Saturday 16th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will be priced at £10 each, to include a ploughman's supper. Tables of up to 8 people, or come along and join another table. Please come if you can, the Hall needs the funds to help to complete the second stage of planned improvements. We need to know numbers by 12th to let the catering lady know how many ploughmans' to make. Richard will run the bar and I hope to do the 'heads and tails' game to help to boost the amount raised. I can be reached on 01580 852288 or via email on lester.gosbee@btinternet.com .

The Gardening Society's Autumn Show was quite spectacular, with outstanding flowers and vegetables, despite the challenging season for growers. I managed to get a joint first (with Rosalind) for the longest runner bean!, so you could say that Rosalind and I are the King and Queen of the runner bean!. Well done to Jeremy and Joanna Beech and all the organisers.

Did you watch Emma Radacanu win her first tennis Grand Slam tournament against Leylah Fernandez?. They both put on a dazzling display of tennis. The world is now her oyster. Emma is outstanding and is a great role model for women's tennis. I think that she should be in line for the Sports Personality of the year.

Charlie Watts, drummer with the Rolling Stones, died on 24th August. He was the best rock and roll drummer in the world . I found a poem that seems very fitting:

YOU BETTER MOVE ON...

**They started in the 60's
The new kids on the block
And then by the 70's They sure knew how to rock
Tabloids were buzzing with their naughty ways
And even the Beatles couldn't keep up
Back in those swinging days.
The punk and the glam rock eras
Started fightig back
But they still just kept rolling
Led on by Jumping Jack Flash!
They rocked and rolled for many years
Never easing back on the action
And unlike their most famous words
They GOT their satisfaction!
But now is surely the time to stop
And although they will be a great loss
Sadly those ageing Rolling Stones
Have started to gather moss!.**

Diana Campos has organised a virtual Dog Show on 30th September, with three categories: Action Dog, Best Friend and Lovable. Colin Bullock, who recently lost his dog Buddy is to be one of the judges. It is very hard, losing a dear pet. I have heard of so many in the last couple of months, and we also lost our lovely 17 year old collie Bee a few weeks ago. It is definitely like losing a family member. Kerry Underdown, who works at Staplehurst Health Centre is running the London Marathon on 3rd October to raise funds for Battersea Dogs' home. She has a JustGiving page on Facebook, or the link is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/2021londonmarathon123456-kerryunderdown

It has been a long time coming, but at last there are some local concerts to which we may look forward, so my format is getting back to the traditional. Here is what I have found in the way of local music - all subject to there being no deterioration in the virus situation of course:

Wed. 29th September 7.30pm at Rochester Cathedral – Harry Christopher's "The 16" continue their 2021 Choral Pilgrimage with a programme entitled "the call of Rome".

Details & booking thesixteen.com/events/the-choral-pilgrimage-2021-rochester.

Sat. 9th October 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre MDE15 7RN – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra start their season with a programme that includes Bruch's Violin concerto no.1 and Mendelssohn's Symphony no 3.

Tickets at the door or call 07817 429143

Sat 30th October 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Allington ME16 0DE - Maidstone

Choral Union's first post-lockdown concert will be a melange of short classical works (composers including Handel, Haydn & Mozart), spirituals and folksongs.

Tickets via maidstonechoralunion.co.uk

Sat 13th November 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted – Bearsted Choral Society perform Mozart's Requiem Mass and Joseph Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass'.

Tickets etc: info@bearstedchoral.org.uk

There are other concerts planned for later in November, including those by Sutton Valence Choral Society and Maidstone Singers – details next month. And if the weather turns bad, don't forget that twenty of the best Proms will still be available until 11th October on BBCiPlayer. Highlights of the Leeds International Piano Competition will also be on BBCiPlayer throughout October.

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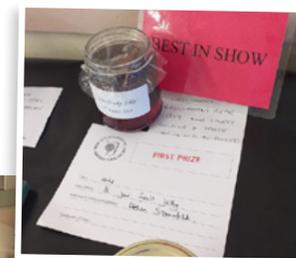
On 4th September, the Gardening Society held its 2021 Autumn Show, the first show for two years. We were delighted to stage the show in the Memorial hall, the first event since the completion of Phase 1 of the hall's renovation. We were very grateful to a number of volunteers who had tidied and cleaned the hall.

On Saturday morning exactly 200 entries were received, from flower and foliage arrangements, to vegetables, fruit, pot plants, jam, jelly and savoury biscuits and sweet tarts and we even had entries for our Children's posy class. We were very grateful for our judges, Edward and Marion Stevenson Rouse who came and spent two hours judging our show entries.



The doors opened at 3pm and everyone was interested to see who had won what in the 50 classes. The answer was very often Duncan Rouse! And as a result he won four of our trophies, in particular his trug of vegetables was a worthy winner of the Derek Knight cup for best exhibit in the show! The Kitchen cup went to Helen Stansfeld, with an impressive 11 out of a possible 12 points and the Floral Art cup went jointly to June Bull and Pauline Finn. The Children's posy competition was won by Mollie Deaves, with Jemimah and Phoebe in joint second place.

Some delicious cake and cups of tea were enjoyed by everyone and there were plenty of prizes in the raffle too. A delightful way to spend an Autumn afternoon.



22nd August v Horton Kirby Home (league)

A match between two closely-matched mid-table rivals turned out to be a low-scoring affair. Horton Kirby opted to bat first against a Frittenden team reduced to 10 (one of our players was missing in action on the way home from a half marathon!). William Totterdell opened the bowling for the home team, removing one of the openers. Captain Craig Smith bowled his spin from the other end, picking up a c&b, but subsequently suffering at the hands of batters 2 and 4. Nic Rodrigo bowled one of them, but Horton were 96-3 off 15 overs before Nic halted their momentum with another wicket. Frittenden got the squeeze on: Craig collected two more wickets, Andrew Burns took three to go with two catches, and Wayne Totterdell had one; Horton bowled out for 159 in the 30th over. When Frittenden took up the chase, Richard Hunter and Finn McGinley fell cheaply. Craig hit several boundaries on the way to 27, before he was caught. Stuart Briley hung around for 11 before becoming the opening spinner's 4th wicket, Nic made 15 and Aiden McGinley bagged a duck. Don Smith steadied the ship somewhat to finish on 18 not out, but the tail-enders were unable



Nick Bull plays to leg

to stay with him long enough to get the points. Frittenden were all out for 114, losing by 45.

30th August v Staplehurst Away: The Waghorn Memorial Trophy

Every year we play against our bigger and better-resourced rivals at the other end of the Staplehurst Road, in memory of a player who represented both villages back in the day. This year both teams fielded a mix of youth and experience, exemplified by Totterdell father and son opening the bowling for us. William (junior) took 2-16 off his opening 5 overs, but his Dad though economical went wicketless. Ryan Martin and Louis Harmer bowled tidily without reward. Ian Wicks had a nightmare with the ball, but made up for it with an excellent run-out as Staplehurst threatened a huge score. Craig and Paul Hope got back some control, Craig getting the wicket of top-scorer Massood (75), caught Finn. Craig finished 3-25, Paul 2-30, and Staplehurst closed on 194-8. The weather then became very gloomy, a mood reflected in Frittenden's batting. Craig, Finn



Nic Rodrigo hooks to fine leg

and Don were soon back in the hutch. Aiden and Ryan put on a spirited stand, only for both to be run out. Aiden top-scoring with 26. The run-outs presaged a collapse, only enlivened by Wayne throwing the bat for 25 not out, as Frittenden were dismissed for 95 to lose by 99 runs, and Staplehurst retained the trophy.

5th September v Holcombe & Blue Bell Hill Away (league)

Our last League match of the year was another mid-table match-up, and produced the season's most thrilling finish. Frittenden batted first, and put on 50 for the first wicket. Chamil Almeida was out caught for 33, Craig (17) soon followed, before Tom Young (15) was bowled at 69-3. Don and William T got us to 93, before 4 wickets fell for 4 runs. Charles Dobson hit three balls out of the ground on the way to 29 out of a stand of 31 with Ryan, before he was bowled. Andy Burnes made 7, Ryan and Wayne were not out and Frittenden finished their innings on a rather sub-par 144-9. Frittenden's bowlers came to the

party in response. Charles removed the openers, Nic the number 4 and it was 18-3. A brief recovery by Holcombe was ended by Wayne's 2 wickets: 44-5. Another recovery to 99-5 faltered as wickets for Nic, Craig and Charles put them on the ropes at 114-8. The final pair held out, and the match went to the last over with 7 runs required, then 1 to win from the final delivery. The batsman swung and missed ... but the ball slipped down the leg side for 4 byes. Holcombe finished on 147-8 to win by 2 wickets.

The League season ended with Frittenden 9th out of 12 in Division 3 West. We were hampered by the weather, with 4 matches cancelled or abandoned, including all 3 against the teams that finished below us. Chamil was our top league run-scorer with 229, and also took 10 wickets; Nic was top wicket-taker with 12, and also scored 157 runs. Overall it was a respectable start in a tougher division, but could have been better.

Tim Bull timbull@aol.com



The Two Nicks Frittenden v B&J

A Trip to Remember

Becky Bruce

The most exciting news over the last month was our planned river trip on the Kingfisher boat in Yalding. This was our first trip in almost 2 years and the excitement was palpable behind the walls of Larchmere.

The day lived up to be everything we wanted it to be and more !!! It was the hottest day I can remember this year – reaching 80 degrees. We had very willing participants from Larchmere plus the lovely Jo Taylor as volunteer from the village (who proved to be invaluable let me tell you). The day started well (you can see where this might be going ...). The carers running around making sure the residents were ready on time fed, watered etc for the afternoon's boat trip. We had a new volunteer driver



for the Van (Graham) who was well in time to 'pack em' and strap em' in'. We were all singing

songs, as we normally do on our trip to Yalding, the boat was waiting with cheerful crew to help us on board. Graham turned off the engine of our lovely 12 seater van and was promptly asked to move it as it was parked in the wrong place. You guessed it 'nothing came from the engine' – dead as a door nail, dead as a parrot, that van was no more let me tell you. But this did not deter the intrepid explorers from Larchmere - with our half glass full attitude we set off on our trip – to leave the lovely Graham behind to solve how to get us all home again. The trip was gorgeous. Robin didn't stop smiling the entire way. All of the residents got to feed the swans and ducks (who were there in their drones – apparently very keen to get hands on our seed as they have been deprived over lockdown). Our normal shanti songs were sung 'What do we do with a drunken sailor' etc. and me telling the residents anyone found mis behaving would walk the plank. Waving and chatting to the fisherman on the banks as we passed... Beautiful. A



sense of freedom and wonder for nature what more could we want.

As you might have guessed the van hadn't been mended upon our return, but not to be one for seeing gloom in any situation we wheeled the residents into the boathouse (that kindly kept open for us until all was sorted) and I announced to all the residents 'anything you want is on me' to sounds of whoops of delight. Ice creams were high on the residents wish list plus Robin and the other chaps had beer. Meanwhile the wonderful breakdown team had 'fixed' the problem, so eventually with ice cream stained residents and an even more smiley Robin we got them back on board for the journey home. We did get back to Larchmere only to turn the engine off again and yes you guessed it – this time though it broke down in the entrance to Larchmere - the 'only' people this affected this time around were the carers who were due off work at 7pm (they had only been there since 7am) !! but couldn't get out. After finding a tow rope and attaching to a car and pulling the van out

of the way for the carers all was good. Poor old Graham though looked a little drained of blood in the face – God bless him. He didn't get home to midnight as he had to wait for recovery to pick up this time. But as they say 'everything comes out in the wash' and it all added to a wonderful adventurous day. Who said being at a nursing home is dull should come here for a few days !

Also, very importantly we wanted to thank Emet, one of our nurses who organised a special thank you for our wonderful Matron, Nikki, who behind closed doors 'up in the attic' is permanently beavering away to make everything run smoothly. She so deserves everyone's thanks, she works so hard and always has that lovely smile when things get tough. Hurrah for Nikki xx

Until next month with baited breath Who knows what will happen in October !!!

Love Becky and the pirates – oops I mean residents
Xx



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Does this sound familiar?

Brenda Croucher

Does this sound familiar?

*Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more mixed up in my head
For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something
Or if I've just come down from there
And before the fridge so often
Have I just put food away
Or have I come to take it out!
There's times when it's dark outside
With my nightcap on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or getting out of bed.
So if it's my turn to write you
There's no need in getting sore
I may think I have written and
Don't want to be a bore.
So remember I do love you
And wish that you were here
Now it's nearly mail time
So I must say goodbye dear
Then I stood beside the mail box
My face so very red
Instead of posting my letter
I've opened it instead*

Having just come across this article from Betty Hope, whom many of you will remember, I thought I'd just add a bit more to it.

Betty and Philip lived in Frittenden for many years. Philip was on the Parish Council for a long time. I remember Betty on the PCC and her task at the time was rounding up, perhaps not quite the right word, couples that had over the years been married in St Mary's Church for a renewal service. I'm afraid I can't remember how many attended or even any of the other couples, but I do remember

Bryan and myself were part of a lovely service, followed I'm sure with a lovely tea.

I know this year we have three couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in our village. They may not have been married in Frittenden but I feel they are very much part of St Mary's Church today.

I know Betty loved to play MahJong with Edna Newstead, not a game I've ever played. Betty and Philip lived in The Coach House here in Frittenden which lies at the back of Ike Garage, opposite Isobel and Mac's. Betty's brother Arthur Earlding had the garage at one point, where he would have been shoeing horses.

Sorry I've gone on a bit.



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Mists and Moodiness

Rebecca Warren

As anyone who wakes early knows, autumn starts to arrive in August, doesn't it? By the third week in the month, that cool hour just after dawn foretells the changing season. A hint of 'almost-mist' hangs over the fields, and that strange August-morning dawn silence is broken only by the piercing sweetness of a lone robin's song. You know the season is turning but the days are still being summer...

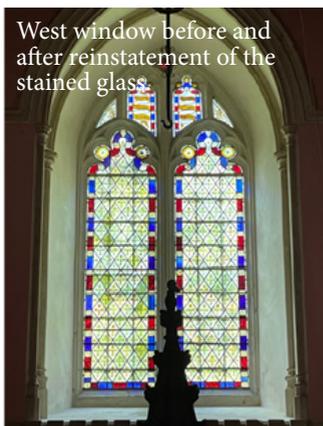


And then September and October arrive and autumn is here for even the late sleepers to see. Belts of ethereal mist are draped low over the fields in the morning and, as the season progresses, in the evening too. The mist lies thicker in damper, cooler open areas, of course, and as Frittenden is on a slight hill most people will know that driving back to the village at night, one passes through a thicker belt of mist at Sinkhurst Green or at the river bridge on Biddenden Road or the dip in the fields just after Dig Dog lane. No doubt there are other spots elsewhere in the parish that residents know too.

Why is the lone robin song so indicative of autumn? Well, robins are highly territorial and sing throughout the year, but there are usually other birds singing too, even at dawn. By mid-August however, almost all the others have fallen silent. This is because all birds are in moult in late summer and hide away until their feathers are re-grown and they are fit to fly properly again. Except the feisty robin, who steals a march on his neighbours by continuing to sing - feathered or not - throughout the summer and autumn. Lying in bed, listening to the world wake in the very early morning, it is the sweet sharp song of the robin and the occasional croak of the homeward-bound heron overhead that announces autumn is here and the great cycle of the year is beginning again.

Restoration of the west window in St Mary's

During 1944 a V-1 flying bomb exploded in the air before hitting the ground in Mill Lane and the resulting blast blew out several stained glass windows in St Mary's Church including the large west window in the tower. The window is in the Perpendicular style and probably dates from the 15th century. It comprises two tall slender main lights each having two rectangular panels of glass beneath a pointed and trifoliated head, over which there is more decorative tracery with five lights. It was the rectangular panels that were damaged and later replaced with heavy-looking diamond leaded glass which failed to match the original leadwork both in size and in design and contained what is best described as lavatory glass – plain translucent glass that obscured the outside view and stopped anyone looking in!



West window before and after reinstatement of the stained glass

Thanks to the generosity of donors, stained glass artist Nick Easthope was commissioned a year ago to reinstate the windows with glass decorated with the same design as the original glass. Fortunately, some still survived in the head of the two lights below the tracery. Nick is already well-known at St Mary's as this is the sixth complete window that Nick and his son, Edward have remade in their studio in Folkestone, but this is the first to be entirely painted.

So what was the process? First a full-scale tracing was made of the existing heads, including every quarry - the individual small glass pieces, often diamond-shaped - so that the original design could be reproduced in the whole window. In the left hand image, you can see that there is a disjunction where the post-war leading meets the original head of each light – the diagonals are not continuous. In the right hand image of the newly reinstated window you can see that the diagonal lines now follow through in the design.

The original heads had become fragile and bowed, so they were removed to the studio for remaking and temporarily replaced with plain glass. Remaking (releading) involved taking apart all the quarries and then soldering them all together again into a panel using new lead strips called 'comes'. These are ¼ inch-wide H-shaped strips of lead with a double groove into which the glass quarries fit. This was executed on top of the tracing of the window to ensure that the dimensions and design of the panel were accurate.



For the new panels, various tones of antique clear green mouth-blown restoration glass from Poland were chosen for the decorated sections. The inherent 'bottling', bubbles and defects of mouth-blown glass are always

found in antique glass. In all, some 250 quarries were cut and painted for the decorated sections. Each was given a matt primer coat on the inside surface which was rubbed with the palm of the hand to create varying degrees of translucency, just as is seen in the original glass. The 'stylised floral shoots' were then outlined using ancient brown stain and fired in a kiln at 610°C. Yellow silver stain was painted on the reverse surface and fired at 520°C. The glass had to be fired twice because it would not 'take' the different stains at a single temperature. The kiln only accommodates 10 pieces and the firing time is critical so it is a long

process overall requiring much skill and patience. Cobalt blue and ruby coloured glass was cut for the borders and clear glass for the narrow daylight border at the edges – another 60 quarries.

The quarries were then joined together using precisely cut comes that were soldered at every junction to make up a panel - more time-consuming and highly skilled work that is not without risk of fracturing the glass. Copper wires were soldered to the panel for later attachment to horizontal 'saddle bars' in the window frame to support the panels. Finally a 'lead-light cement' was brushed over each finished panel to buff it and seal the glass and lead against the weather.

Back on site at the beginning of September, the old glass was finally removed and the heavy iron ferramenta (metalwork) on the outside of the window was cleaned and painted. Sheet lead was placed over the stone cill and fashioned such that any condensation on the inside of the glass drains under the bottom panel to the outside. Each panel of glass was then slotted into the glazing groove in the stone window frame and tied to new saddle bars fixed to the frame. Finally, lime mortar, mixed with stone dust to match the colour of the window stone, was used to seal the edges. Compared to the lengthy manufacture of the stained glass panels, fitting them took less than two days.

Do drop in to the church and see for yourself how the restored west window in the tower has brought life



to the back of the church. It is bright and colourful and there is connection to the trees and the outside world. And notice how well the newly decorated glass matches the variations in tone and transparency in the original glass. Perhaps the best time to fully appreciate Nick Easthope's artistry is on a sunny day in the late afternoon when the window catches the sunlight, the 'floral shoots' are at their best and the border colours fall on the nearby wall.

Pete Deaves, the church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council wish to express their gratitude for the generosity of the donors who commissioned this delightful artwork that has restored the west window.

Mike Fitzgerald
With thanks to Nick Easthope for his tutorial and to Dr Phil Betts for information on the bomb blast.

Helen Grant MP for Maidstone and the Weald

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Coffee Morning

in which we would love to welcome our friends from Frittenden

It felt really good to once again open the Sissinghurst Parish Room for the Coffee Morning on 1st September. It was in aid of Riding for the Disabled, a national charity made up of two groups, riding groups and carriage riding groups. Princess Anne is the Patron.

The national charity has 458 establishments throughout the U.K. There are 28,000 disabled riders in the U.K.

The Chalkdown Group Riding for the Disabled has been in existence for over 40 years and is based in Staplehurst. They meet every Thursday morning during term time at Duckhurst Farm. The group are able to take 30 disabled people who might have Downs Syndrome, blindness, Autism, have had a stroke or other disabilities. A huge amount of equipment for all their needs is used including a mounting block to help wheelchair users. It is the movement of the ponies which greatly helps children and adults alike with their

core stability and their mental health and they enjoy it hugely. The riders are given lessons and go out on hacks - each pony requires 3 volunteers, 1 to lead and 2 to sidewalk. The volunteers also do fundraising as there is no funding and the ponies are expensive to keep.

We are very grateful to all who supported this Coffee Morning: to Juliet Mellor who gave us a very interesting and informed talk. To Ann Reid for making the teas and coffees and to everyone who came, who brought goodies and those who bought them. We made an amazing £147.30. Thank you everyone.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 6th October at 10.00am in aid of Crossroads Care held in Sissinghurst Parish Room (next to church).

Rosemary Izod and Pat Jackson



On September 4th I did my annual sponsored walk in aid of the small charity I support, Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala, or FUM.

This 15 mile walk along the North Downs Way from Shalford to Dorking was to raise money to provide a safe and sustainable water supply for the primary care clinic in the remote village of Kamalendi in the Tabora Region in Tanzania. The village of Kamalendi is 30km from the nearest hospital which is inaccessible for most villagers, especially in the rainy season. The clinic is the main source of medical support for pregnant women, for mothers and young children in the village and the surrounding area. Currently the villagers have to walk up to 4km to fetch water in the dry season. The 500l water tank they currently have only lasts a short while once the rains stop. We expect our water supply will involve rain water harvesting as the water table in this area is now very low, but a full survey will be done before the project starts. Luckily one of

the friends of FUM in Tanzania is an excellent water engineer and he will oversee the project for us.

My sincere thanks to all my friends and neighbours who have already sponsored me. But it is not too late and if you would like to support this cause the link to my sponsorship page is: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JoTaylor44

With my sincere thanks. Jo Taylor



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Etymology corner

Colin Bullock

BEDLAM. If anywhere is described as 'Bedlam' it is always going to be a place of uncontrolled chaos, which is precisely the opposite what the well-meaning people behind the word had in mind.

In 1547, Henry VIII gave the City of London the Priory of St Mary of Bethlehem Church in Bishopsgate for use as a hospital. "BETHLEM", as it was known was designed to house the mentally unstable.

When the asylum was later transferred to Moorfields, it became a popular tourist attraction. Incredibly, the governors charged admission and sold tickets allowing the public to witness the bizarre behaviour of the inmates and many times even encouraged the spectators to goad the poor souls. It is absurd to think that anyone in their right mind could actually be entertained by a group of wretched, deprived and deluded people in a compromised state of dignity. (Hold on a minute, that's Big Brother and The X Factor today is it not?)

Over time, the name "BETHLEM" morphed into "BEDLAM" and forever became entrenched in our language as meaning chaos and very loud noises. In 1800 the asylum moved again to Lambeth and again in 1930 to Aldington in Surrey. Today it is known as the Bethlem Royal Hospital and is located in Beckenham, Kent.

JALOPY A 'jalopy' is a beaten-up old wreck of a car, or any other worn-out piece of machinery. It was first noted in 1924 as American slang and then widely used during the 1930's when the market for used cars was establishing itself.

The word was actually coined by New Orleans dockworkers, who were known to call old cars that were heading for the scrap-metal yards of Xalapa in Mexico 'jalopies', because the destination Xalapa, is pronounced 'jalapa' and 'jalapa' was stencilled on the side of each vehicle. It wasn't long before 'jalopy' meaning 'bound for Xalapa', passed over into everyday American-English.

Incidentally, the same town is also known for the world-famous jalapeno pepper, which provides an unexpected

link between a clapped-out old banger and the world's favourite chilli pepper.

To ride **ROUGHSHOD** over somebody is to treat them harshly and without consideration for their feelings. Horses that are roughshod have their nails protruding from the shoes, something that once was done deliberately in order to provide extra grip in wet or icy conditions.

To be trampled on or be kicked by a roughshod horse was a little uncomfortable to say the least.

In the 18th century it was common for cavalry soldiers from many countries (including the British) to ensure their horses were roughshod or had sharp objects attached to their hoofs, the idea being that the mounts would inflict severe damage with their sharp shoes to both the enemy and their horses. The practice ultimately resulted in the horses doing more damage to themselves than others and it was quickly phased out. Non the less the term has survived to this day, albeit with a slightly different meaning.

CANAPES are small enough to be bite-sized, they are served either hot or cold and can be held in one hand, which, very importantly, leaves the drinking hand free to operate at all times. They are generally served as a snack, appetiser or a starter; traditionally canapes are little platforms of pastry, toast or crackers with a variety of more interesting foods sitting upon them, which makes the literal translation of this French word quite apt, you see canape means 'couch' or 'settee'. How about that?

BLAZE (as in 'mark') entered the English language in the 17th century via the Middle Low German 'bles', meaning 'white mark' and is also the root of the word 'blemish'.

In equestrian parlance, 'blaze' is another name for the white mark (or 'star') on a horse's forehead. The practice of pioneers and explorers of marking trees with a knife or sword in order to indicate a route is the origin of 'blazing a trail' and hence the word 'trailblazer'. A further connection to this word is.....

A **BLAZER** is a classic, short double-breasted jacket with brass buttons and an obvious military connection and tradition. The blazer was originated by the captain of the frigate, HMS Blazer, he took command of the ship in 1840. In 1845 Queen Victoria visited the ship and in preparation of her inspection, Captain John Washington dressed his crew in very smart, short blue and white striped jackets. The Queen was so impressed and the popularity of the jacket spread through the entire Royal Navy with other crews being issued with their own individually styled 'blazers'.

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three prize winners and the other half goes towards the upkeep of the Frittenden Memorial Hall.

We had 70 members last year, which was considerably lower than past years. No doubt this was due to the lack of social gatherings due to Covid and so the word did not get round. I am sure we can do better this year, as things are getting back to normal.

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Tremendous Themed Trivia

This edition of our trivia item is all about pets and is dedicated to the memory of my faithful dog BUDDY who sadly passed away on the 31st of August.

Colin Bullock

Parrots don't have vocal cords.

If kept in the dark for a long time, a goldfish will turn grey.

A canary can sing two different songs at the same time.

Mice can have 150 babies a year.

Laika the dog was the first animal to travel in space.

A chameleon's tongue can stretch to one and a half times its body length.

A cat's tongue has hooked taste buds that work like Velcro.

Guinea pigs can walk as soon as they are born.

A cat's eye has three eyelids.

You can stop a dog from shaking water off its coat by holding its muzzle.

Unlike cats, a dog can't back down a tree, they can only come down forwards.

Calico cats are almost always female.

A hamster's teeth never stop growing.

The oldest known koi fish lived to be 226 years old.

Dogs often yawn when they are nervous or excited.

Dogs pant up to 300 times a minute.

Horses can travel up to 100 miles a day.

Dogs can sometimes be calmed during a thunderstorm or fireworks by rubbing dryer sheets on their fur.

When sleeping standing up, a horse will lock its hind legs so it doesn't fall over.

Tasty Brain Teaser

In a group of both horses and people, there are 22 heads and 72 legs. How many of the group are horses and how many are people?

(Answers on the back page)

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Thank you to all who came to participate in the vote required by the Frittenden Memorial Hall Trust to grant us a lease for the Community Shop & Café adjacent to the Memorial Hall.

Approximately seventy people attended the meeting. Following the overwhelmingly positive vote members of the Frittenden Community Stores team gave a short presentation. We covered the following topics followed by a lively Question and Answer session.

Costings

Our recently updated costings for the build and fit out are £125,000. These assume that members of the community are willing to help in certain tasks, e.g. site clearance, decorating, etc. We are acutely aware that building costs are rising steeply and if the project is delayed these costs will only increase.

Funding

Our current funding situation is as follows:

FUNDING TO DATE (17/09/21)	
PLEDGES	
Community Shares	£50,600
Donations	£3,650
Loans	£11,000
Corporate Sponsors	£1,250
Grants	£12,000
Total	£78,500

Clearly this falls some way short of the build and fit out costs and so we will be looking for extra funding externally, additional corporate sponsorship as well as seeing if the community is willing to pledge more.

Volunteering:

So far thirty-one villagers have volunteered to work in the shop/café. Discussions with other local community shops indicate that we will need to increase this number and ideally we will need approximately forty-five to be able to provide sufficient cover.

Viability:

Apart from raising the capital sum for build and fit out there was much discussion at the meeting about the viability of the project. The current business plan has been prepared using data from other local community shops adjusted for community size. The turnover figures derived have been validated against the turnover of Stable Stores, kindly provided by Sean and Rosie. However in the summer months of June, July and August, Stable Stores turnover has reduced and we need to understand if this is due to changes in shopping habits post lockdown or simply because many people have been away. This is a crucial piece of information we need to understand the level of support from the village for a shop. We are confident that the addition of a café will generate extra business and bring in additional revenue and this is also factored into the business plan.

Next steps:

Due to rising building costs we need to come to a decision in the next couple of months as to whether the project is viable or not. Critical to this are a) the level of financial support from the community and externally for build and fit out, b) the number of people willing to volunteer, c) understanding the reasons for the fall in Stable Stores summer figures.

So, if you would like to pledge support for the project, volunteer or have the relevant skills to strengthen the present development team please use the response form on our website frittendenstores.co.uk, or get in touch by email to info@frittendenstores.co.uk

Berni Cooper, John Stansfeld, Stewart Hagerty.
Frittenden Community Stores Limited, Frittenden House,
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Great news from the National Lottery!

Huge grant for the Memorial Hall takes us close to the finish line

The Memorial Hall committee is absolutely delighted to announce that the National Lottery Community Fund has granted us £98,000 to finish the remodelling and refurbishment of the Hall.

This grant means that we can now draw down pledged grants from the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Bernard Sunley Foundation and the government's Village Hall Improvement Grant Fund

(administered by ACRE), all of which were dependent on fulfilling our main target.

We are now working on timetabling the work. This won't happen immediately, as the builder could not wait for us to get the full funding before looking for other jobs. We are arranging a fresh quote to take account of the rise in the price of building materials, but are still confident we can achieve most of our aims. We will continue to seek funding, and to fundraise locally, for the other facilities which were in some cases not eligible to be part of funding proposals.

I want to thank the whole committee, and past members of the committee, for all the effort made towards this fundraising. I particularly want to thank our Treasurer Helen Bosley, who has grappled with many an intractable table of figures in the quest for money. We have a way to go yet to finish the project - but we hope the road is a little smoother now.

We will announce the date of the re-closure of the Hall as soon as we know it - however we think it is safe to say that it is unlikely to be before New Year, so this term's activities can continue with the Hall in its current state.

Some of you have made very notable contributions, both monetary and practical, to this project, and I hope you will all feel how grateful we are. Our great thanks go to the National Lottery for recognising and funding our aims.

Rosalind Riley, Chair of Trustees.

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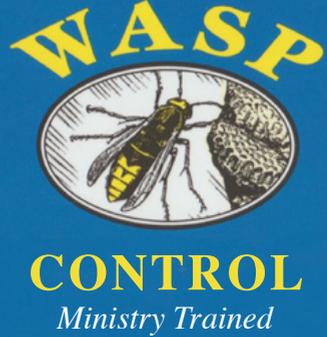
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Headcorn Health Walks October

Wednesday 6th: Meet in Kingswood at 9:30 for a 9:45am start for a circular walk to Broomfield. Park along the road near New Avenue Stores, Charlesford Avenue, ME17 3PE. This 90 minute walk goes through woods and fields gently down to Broomfield Church, returning slowly uphill through more fields and woodland paths. No stiles but some gates.

Wednesday 13th: Meet at Parsonage Meadow, next to Headcorn Village Hall, at 9.30 for a 9.45am start for a 45 minute walk around the village.

Wednesday 20th: Meet in the parish council

car park Forge Hill, Pluckley (TN27 0SJ) at 9.30 for 9.45am start for an approximately 4 mile (2 hours) circular walk to Little Chart. Coming up Forge Hill take the right turn into the Black Horse Pub Car Park then keep straight on into the parish council car park. Varied terrain all on footpaths, bridleways and trackways including pasture land, potentially ploughed fields, woodland, orchards and some gradients. One stile, mostly gates. Can be muddy in autumn.

If you would like further information on any of our walks, please contact Barry (barry@watersideeast.com) or Paula (07525 260539).

Poppy Appeal 2021

The 2021 annual Poppy Appeal returns to normal this year with volunteers once again able to undertake house-to-house collections.

A small team of local volunteers will be knocking on doors in the fortnight running up to Remembrance Sunday on 14th November with trays of poppies and other items, such as enamel lapel pins. They can also supply wooden crosses and car poppies. As usual, the Bell & Jorrocks will also have a stock of items.

The Royal British Legion was founded by WW1 veterans in 1921 to provide support to all members of the British Armed Forces, both old and young, and their families.

The Poppy Appeal is the Legion's main fund-raising event and last year's Covid restrictions had a predictable effect. In this, the centenary year of both the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal, please give generously and continue to support this very worthwhile charity.

Sue Betts
Poppy Appeal Organiser

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The Royal British Legion - Frittenden Branch AGM Tuesday 2nd November 2021

The Frittenden branch of the Legion is a very small one and still exists mainly to continue to honour those who gave their lives for us by organizing the annual Remembrance Day Service and the Poppy Day collection.

The Annual General Meeting of the Frittenden Branch will be held at Frittenden Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 commencing at 8.00pm.

Membership is now open to everybody; you are no longer required to have served in the British Armed Forces or Emergency Services. Membership of the Legion is an effective way of supporting those that have and still do risk their lives on our behalf.

Do please come along and help us maintain this important tradition in Frittenden.

Howard Lilley
Acting Secretary.

An evening of fun with SHABBA

We hope you can join us on Saturday 23rd October 2021 at Frittenden Village Hall from 7.30pm for an evening of fun entertainment

– singing and dancing to ABBA music with a local amateur group.

70's dress optional. £10.00 per ticket – in aid of Larchmere Home. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle.

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available on your first evening. No commitment to turn up week in week out and don't feel you have to stay the whole 2.5 hours, just come and go as you wish. Hand sanitiser and fresh air will be provided. Please note this is deliberately kept off Facebook. Come and switch off and get absorbed in creating with a little bit of company to go with it! Please E-mail if you are interested so we can keep a tab on numbers to: heatherepc@yahoo.co.uk

Ciao for now from Heather & Pearl

Dear Editor

I always enjoy Colin's Trivia, but have to confess that I always read them with a generous pinch of salt to hand. As for the September Trivia - I want to know what aeroplane the buzzard who could see rodents at 15,000 feet was travelling in, please.

According to an International Bird Strike Committee study, buzzards flew at an average of about 400 metres, but could be found over 1000 metres high. (This is a little over 3000 feet). On warm, clear days they can probably fly higher...

Well, yes, maybe - But not five times higher, surely?!!

And another thing - what size rodent are we talking about? A Capybara, which can be 4.6 feet long and weigh up to 143 pounds, or a Pygmy Jerboa which is about 1 3/4 inches long excluding its tail and weighs less than one hundredth of a pound.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Cooper.

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A short review of the Summer of 2021: June started warm and sunny after a miserable May, but June soon turned wet. Folk lore says that ‘A drip in June keeps everything in tune’. We had 98.6mm/ 3.88 inches of rain, double the average./ Frittenden’s warmest day of June was 14th at 28.58 c/ 85.46 f. Away from the South East and East Anglia, the rest of the country were having a good summer, and that’s the way it stayed!

July was also wet with 2.46 inches of rain, 25% above average. Frittenden’s hottest day of the Summer was 18th July with a temperature of 30.07 c/ 86.18 f. Countrywide the hottest day was 20th with 32.2 c/ 89.96 f. Armagh in Northern Ireland recorded its highest temperature of 31.4 c/ 88.52 f. July had Scotland’s 3rd warmest Central England Temperature of 17.7 c/ 63.86 f, equalling 1955 and 1921. CET records began in 1900.

August had 53mm/ 2.90 inches of rain, turned out to be average after a wet start. The CET for August was 15.8 c/ 60.44 f, 0.5 c below average. The lack of sunshine made August gloomy. It is the first time that I remember having hay made in September on Manor Farm.

FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 2021 (for the South East, Dorset, Lincolnshire, the Midlands, Cotswolds and East Anglia).

We had a sunnier September than August this year. Some places had the gloomiest August since 1929. The first 10 days of October look like they will be largely fine, apart from the odd minor low pressure system which could bring showery rain at times. Low pressure will dominate the north west. The Midlands will see the most of the rain and Kent will see the least. There will be a few mellow, misty mornings in the South East and East Anglia, and there could be some cool starts when temperatures will fall to 4 c/ 39 f. Most days will have average or above average temperatures, reaching 20 c/ 68 f at times. Wetter areas will be lower at 15 - 17 c/ 59 - 63 f. High pressure may linger for a few more days in the South East, then low pressure will take over from mid month, bringing spells of rain. It will be quite windy

at times, and there could be gales along the Channel coast, but not damaging strengths, possibly 45mph. There is still the chance of a tropical storm crossing the Atlantic. This could bring some very heavy rain to the West, Central and Northern England, causing flash flooding. Damaging gusts could reach 60mph that could uproot trees around 21st October. Warm tropical air in the South East and East Anglia if we get good spells of sunshine, we could reach 21 c/ 70 f on 22nd. This spell of weather could last for 3 days, with warm night temperatures of 13 c/ 55 f. Often warm spells of weather between 18th and 24th October is known as ‘St. Luke’s Little Summer’. From 26th/ 27th, the weather will become very unstable with high winds and heavy rain. There could be some local flash floods in Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey. Temperatures will drop to below average in all areas that I forecast for. It should be 14.5 c/ 58.10 f in the South East, around 13 c/ 55 f in Lincolnshire. We will reach only 10 c/ 50 f at best. If you have managed up to now without central heating, now might be the time to put it on. The month will end with cold, showery weather. Country areas in the Midlands may get their first air frost.

October’s Highest Day Temperature will be: 22 c/ 72 f (In London on 22nd, this could be matched in Frittenden).

October’s Lowest Day Temperature will be: 10 c/ 50 f, at the end of the month, but only 8 c/ 46 f in the Midlands.

October’s Lowest Night Temperature will be: 0 c/ 32 f at Benson in Oxfordshire. Frittenden’s lowest temperature will be 2 c/ 36 f.

England’s average sunshine for October is 103.1 hours. This October we will have 125 hours in the South East, average or below average elsewhere.

October is our wettest month with 91.7mm/ 3.67 inches. Over England, Kent has 86.1mm/ 3.44 inches. This October we will get 75mm at the most in Kent, so below average. From Dorset to Gloucestershire, there could be 150mm/ 6 inches of rain. The average Central England Temperature for October is 10.38 c/ 50.70 f. Last year it was 10.5 c/ 50.90 f. This year it will be 11.2 c/ 52.16 f.

We put the clocks back by an hour on 31st October, but I would like to keep British Summer Time all year round if I had my way!

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