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Articles of local interest, pictures and news of events are always welcome. This is a great way to keep in touch, share information and support local business.

We have managed to keep the magazine going at this difficult time with news, information and a little entertainment. Once again we are obliged to produce only this online version, and we hope to be able to produce printed copies next month, when your distributor will be grateful for payments of your subscriptions - still tremendous value at £6 for the year.

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Challenging attitudes

The kidnap and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard by someone who is meant to protect us has sent shock waves across the country, our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and all who knew and loved her. It has become, in just a few weeks, one of those events that ignites public debate, this time over the safety of women and girls in public.

Usually I feel very safe walking around Boughton and Dunkirk but a few weeks ago I had an experience when out on a walk. I had to decide whether to walk through a wooded path or a more public one, a young man with his hood up, so I couldn't see his face, was walking some yards behind me, so I chose to take the more public one. As a female we are taught from a very early age to be careful, it's just something that we've always accepted, but now we are asking why should we accept it?

The church doesn't have a great record either as to how it treats women and sadly has contributed many negative images and misused the Bible to make women submissive to men. Women have often colluded with this culture and have been afraid to speak out. If I only had the church to be my point of reference I probably wouldn't be a part of it but again and again I go back to Jesus. The way he treated women and related to them was way ahead of his time and the events of Good Friday and Easter Day speak very powerfully about this.

On Good Friday all the male disciples, except one, fled and went into hiding, afraid for their own lives. It was only the women, including Mary, Jesus' mother, who kept vigil by the cross as Jesus died an agonising and slow death. Three days later the first witnesses to his resurrection were women, they were entrusted with that earth shattering, joyful news and told to go and tell the men. In that culture women's testimony was not valid in a court of law and this is proof that the story of Jesus' resurrection was not a human invention. No-one making up a story like this would make the first witnesses women, they just would not be believed.

Following the example of its founder, Jesus, the church needs to be at the forefront of challenging attitudes towards women and girls, but it's not just women and girls it's anyone who feels vulnerable in public. May we all be aware of how our behaviour can feel threatening to others, even unintentionally, and try to behave sensitively towards those around us.

I wish you all a very happy Easter.
Revd Jean Burrows

Keep well, keep praying, keep connected

The two new Plans: for Swale and for the villages -

Get informed, get involved and make your voice heard!

As we reported last month, a review of the **Local Plan for Swale** is now under way, and your comments are needed. There's plenty to be concerned about, especially with the proposals for major expansion of Faversham into Boughton parish.

Because of the Covid regulations, there are none of the usual public meetings and exhibitions; full details are only on the Borough Council's web-site, so you really must go there, and not be put off by the complexities of the site - look at <https://swale.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/local-plans/local-plan-review>. (Or click on the link) All of the documents, background and details of how to respond to the consultation are available there on the site. Any comments on this plan must be in by 30 April 2021.

Not to be confused with Swale Borough Council's Local Plan for the wider area, but feeding into the process, the **Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan** is also out for public comment. by 14 May 2021. All households in Boughton and Dunkirk will have received a leaflet introducing the plan. It has been developed from feedback local residents and businesses gave the team who prepared it, when much emphasis was placed on keeping our individual identity, and resisting the kind of development pressure that would result in increased traffic. A main message is that we feel under siege, from traffic and from housing developments. Full details of the draft Plan are shown on www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk. (Or again just click on the link).

YOUR comments are needed, on both plans separately and using the feedback forms provided. Please don't think that by posting your thoughts on Facebook or other media you've done enough. In due course, both plans - and all the comments properly made - will come under independent scrutiny, and the Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to a village referendum. The Swale plan will be decided by the government.

What is a local plan?

How does it affect us?



The Local Plan is the document that contains the policies for how the borough will change over the period up to 2037/38. It identifies the amount of development that will take place, the areas and sites where development is expected to be accommodated and where it will be restricted.

It sets out policies for how planning applications will be decided. Once adopted, the plan will form part of the 'development plan' for the Borough. This means that legally, it will be the main consideration in deciding planning applications in Swale. The plan contains a lot of detail about the Borough Council's proposals to meet the government's requirements for housing numbers, employment land and nature conservation in the District.

The plan needs to be looked at as a whole, but you are strongly urged to take a look at the Borough Council's website to understand the implications for Boughton and Dunkirk, which include major development around Faversham, some of which is in Boughton Parish. <https://swale.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/local-plans/local-plan-review>. (Or click on the link)

The plan argues that *"The opportunity for an urban extension to the south east and east (of Faversham) provides development of a scale that will deliver infrastructure to support both new and existing communities."* Nevertheless, there are no firm proposals or programme for dealing with the problems and the capacity of Brenley Corner, despite the prospect of loading it with more traffic, both from the new development and from expected traffic flows from Dover to the new Lower Thames Crossing. To quote *"funding is available only for a feasibility study of junction 7"*

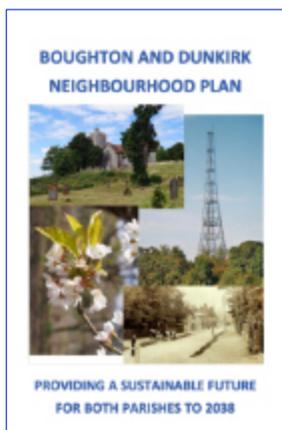
Specifically, the plan proposes an area of development stretching all the way round from the A251 to Brenley Corner for *"a minimum of 2500 dwellings, a variety of employment space capable of supporting 2500 jobs, community infrastructure, open space and habitat creation on land at South East Faversham, as shown on the Proposals Map."* The triangle of land west of Brenley Corner, enclosed by the railway line, is in Boughton parish, and is shown partly for housing and partly for industrial/warehousing. Other mixed development is proposed north of the A2 and Graveney Road.

In Boughton itself, the long-running eyesore of the Garden Hotel is mentioned as one of the smaller allocations for housing development, with a note that *"Design and layout of proposals will need to take full account of the listed former hotel and its setting that may limit the capacity of the site to up to 20 dwellings."* Presumably but not explicitly, to accommodate this, the boundary of the village envelope is proposed to be extended, down to the stream.

Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is a new type of planning document, intended to be prepared by local communities under the Localism Act 2011. It is part of the legal planning framework and must be used by Swale Borough Council, as part of the Local Plan, when it determines planning applications in Boughton and Dunkirk.

You can see and comment on the full text of the draft plan, numerous background documents and a response form (returnable by 14 May) by going to: www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk.



The Plan has been produced by the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan Group, a working group set up in 2013, and comprising of Jeff Tutt, chairman of Dunkirk Parish Council, Terry Fitchett from Boughton Parish Council and residents from both communities; these include Julian Owen, Peter Williams, Frances Holliday and the late John Peto, and from time to time many other community volunteers.

A strong message came from earlier consultation, about maintaining our village identity and protecting its environment, and this is reflected in the vision statement. Based on what residents have told the team, our community's objectives might be summed up by a determination that:

- in 2038 Boughton and Dunkirk will be parishes where those who work or grow up here can afford to live, where families can raise children and the elderly can remain in the small rural communities of which they have long been part, with access to necessary education, health and leisure facilities.
- we maintain our identity as a community separate from Faversham, Whitstable and Canterbury, with green open space between the settlements.
- the modest rural settlement of Boughton will become an increasingly sustainable community, whose historic heritage has been documented, and protected from inappropriate development and high volumes of vehicular through-traffic, and where proposals are in place for its further enhancement.
- Boughton, together with Dunkirk, will offer a wide range of services to serve the residents of these two parishes who can also enjoy the multiple benefits of the surrounding countryside.

This is carried forward into the aims of the plan, which are to:

1. Protect and enhance the villages of Boughton and Dunkirk's sense of place within the surrounding countryside, distinct and with green open space between the settlements.

2. Protect the villages' architectural heritage.
3. Protect the villages and surrounding countryside from uncontrolled, large scale, poorly designed and located development, while providing a limited amount of housing to meet local needs and taking steps to give residents preferred access to many of the new homes.
4. Protect the villages against the impact of increased traffic, for example by lobbying to restrict access to some of our lanes by HGVs.
5. Ensure that development enhances and is sympathetic to the look and feel of the villages.
6. Increase the prospects for local employment; and promote economic vitality.
7. Protect and enhance the environment within and adjacent to our Ancient Woodlands, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Areas of High-Level Landscapes (Kent Level) and Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
8. Ensure cohesive and safe communities.
9. Support healthy lifestyles.
10. Limit further large-scale housing development within the village envelope, and refuse (within policy constraints) unsuitable and unsustainable development in the countryside, particularly in areas beside or encroaching upon our parishes.
11. Support small-scale, sustainable development and the provision of 40% affordable homes.
12. Promote the distinctive and much-loved 'village feel' by enhancing the village centre and protecting green spaces in and around the village, thus maintaining the high-quality natural environment.

The plan contains policies on Housing, Traffic and Transport, Business and Employment, Community Well-Being, Education and Health, Educational Provision, Environment, Landscape Character and Design.

To assist in addressing the need for new housing, in conjunction with three sites at Bull Lane and Colonels Lane, carried forward from the current Local Plan, an additional site at Colonels Lane, suitable for 10-12 houses is proposed, with the proviso that its development is co-ordinated with the adjacent sites.

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Dunkirk Parish Council

Should Parish Council Meetings

A reminder that the Parish Council holds a full Council meeting on the third Monday (or Tuesday if a Bank Holiday) of every month, as well as a Planning Committee meeting on the first Monday of every month.

The meetings are currently held via the Zoom internet platform and members of the public are always very welcome to join. The Agenda for each meeting, together with website links to join, are posted on the website at least 3 days in advance of each meeting and can be found here: [Agendas | Dunkirk Parish Council \(dunkirkpc.org.uk\)](#)



Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan for the villages of Boughton and Dunkirk has been produced by the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan Group, a Working Group set up in 2013, by the two Parish Councils (as qualifying bodies). This Group consists of number of people including Jeff Tutt, chair of Dunkirk Parish Council, Terry Fitchett from Boughton Parish Council and residents of both communities.

Full details of the Plan, plus supporting information and a consultation form for residents to respond can be found on the dedicated website: [Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan | Home](#)

The Neighbourhood Plan is intended to form a blueprint for the villages for many years to come so the Working Group would like to encourage as many residents as possible to become involved in the consultation process.

Swale Borough Council Local Plan

The last edition advised that Swale Borough Council have recently undertaken a Local Plan review and more details can be found on their website [Local Plans - Local Plan Review \(swale.gov.uk\)](#)

The period for Public Consultation of the Plan is currently open and the deadline for responses to this has now been extended from 23 March until 30 April 2021. **Dunkirk Parish Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on Zoom on 6 April** to discuss its response to the Plan and more details of this will be posted on the website shortly.

New Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council is in the process of developing its own Facebook page with the aim of updating residents of any matters going on in the village and how to report any issues they may have. Look out for this soon!

Parish Council Website

A reminder that the Parish Council's new website www.dunkirkpc.org.uk is now up and running with regularly updated news and useful information relating to Dunkirk and the surrounding area.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY **Parish Council Meetings**

Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7:30pm, to be held remotely via ZOOM (joining details are published on the meeting agenda). Members of the public are welcome to attend. Minutes from all meetings are published on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council – Planning Committee Meetings

Scheduled meetings: 13th & 27th April 2021 at 7:30pm to be held remotely via ZOOM (joining details are published on the meeting agenda). Members of the public are welcome to attend. These meetings are only held if there are current planning applications to discuss. Please check the website, noticeboard or ask the Clerk for confirmation of meeting dates.

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7:00pm, to be held remotely via ZOOM (joining details are published on the meeting agenda). Members of the public are welcome to attend. This is NOT a Parish Council meeting, but a meeting of community groups to discuss matters that have happened (or not in the case of the many lockdowns) over the past year.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

- ✿ The Parish Council held a full meeting in March (via ZOOM) which was attended by 8 Parish Councillors, 1 Kent County Councillor and 2 members of the public. Other meetings also held were a Planning Committee meeting and an Extraordinary meeting. Agenda items discussed at the meetings included the Swale Borough Local Plan Review and applying for grant funding towards possible installation of electric vehicle charging points within the village. . Full details are available on the website
- ✿ The Parish Council is delighted to have a new member join, which fills all 11 seats of the Council. Charlotte Whitney-Brown has been co-opted to join the Parish Council as Councillor from April.
- ✿ The NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN team have worked very hard since 2013 and the draft plan has been now produced and is available online at www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk. Please take the

time to view the documents and complete the consultation form, addressing matters that affect the villages you live in.

- ✿ Swale Borough Council has launched the LOCAL PLAN REVIEW consultation which in particular addresses proposed housing developments in the Borough, some of which could affect Boughton under Blean. You can read and comment on the consultation (until 30th April 2021) using the link on the Parish Council website or directly at <https://swale-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/36020/section/5696125>
- ✿ Helen Whately MP has launched an online survey for the local community regarding the SWALE LOCAL PLAN which can be completed online at <https://www.helenwhately.org.uk/Swale-Local-Plan-Survey>
- ✿ There are currently no Parish Council allotment plots available. If you do wish to apply for a plot then please contact the Clerk to join the waiting list. Plots are £15 per annum.
- ✿ The police speedwatch team have reported that there are now enough volunteers to make a team viable. There are still spaces for more volunteers so if you have an hour or two a week to spare and would like to volunteer, then please make email contact via speedwatch@kent.police.uk
- ✿ Please feel free to report potholes, blocked drains or any other highways matters either via KCC online at (www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem) or direct to the Parish Clerk.
- ✿ Please feel free to report overgrown public footpaths via KCC online at (www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way) or direct to the Parish Clerk.
- ✿ Please feel free to report fly-tipping via Swale Borough Council online at www.swale.gov.uk or by telephone on 01795 417850
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Boughton under Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School

I am writing this the day after we reopened the school to all the children. There was great relief from the parents I am sure but also from the children. They bounded into class, worked diligently throughout the morning and then looked exhausted in the afternoon!



Given the nature of our children, and the way the teachers are skilled at getting the best out of them, I am sure that they have every chance of catching up with what has been missed. Just having them back in school, working alongside their peers and having the chance to socialise is great to see.



Of course the teachers were also delighted that everyone is back. They have been in school throughout and have been setting, responding to and monitoring the home learning from a corner of their classroom while the teaching assistants support the learning of the key worker children.

Obviously the teachers much prefer to be actually interacting with the children, responding to each child's understanding constantly throughout a lesson and adapting their teaching as they go. None have said they are missing staring into a lifeless screen and I'm certainly not surprised about that. The joy of teaching is in the reward of seeing the learning take place, the pride the children get in achieving something they couldn't previously do and actually witnessing the impact of the hours and hours of planning and preparation that takes place each week.

Throughout these last turbulent twelve months we have seen many ways in which communities have come together. Within our school we have tried to do our bit and we have had support with that from elsewhere too. We put together an art pack to send out to every family just to allow for a little creativity at home as well as perhaps to give the children something to do and give the parents a brief rest.

The parish council kindly donated £300 towards this. In the week leading up to Christmas the Boughton Community Project organised a Christmas dinner hamper for families entitled to free school meals and these were then delivered by myself and our Family Liaison Officer Laura. Laura is regularly in contact with the Faversham Food Bank and this is a lifeline to some of our families. In fact she also delivered Pizza making kits to over 40 families during the half term break, this time a scheme run by Morrisons supermarket.

The list of what a primary school does goes way beyond just reading, writing and arithmetic. We also had tablets kindly delivered to school from local residents which were used by children working from home.



The return to school has meant that we are a step closer to the lifting of wider restrictions and the sign that really could be light at the end of the tunnel. I hope by the time you read this testing, vaccinations and the good sense of the public means we are even closer. It could be an enjoyable summer ahead and that is something we should all hold on to.

On the last day of remote learning we took part in World Book Day. Everyone in school dressed up as book characters and in live video sessions with their classes it was great to see nearly all home learners were dressed up too. There were also book based activities set and a reminder of the fun side of what we do.

Simon Way
Headteacher

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Swale Borough Councillors' Report

The Local Plan Review Consultation.

A public consultation on the Local Plan Review has now started and will run until 30 April. The Local Plan is an important document that sets plans for development in the borough until 2038.

Significant development is proposed in this area.

The number of houses that the plan is required to deliver (1038 per year), is **set by central government**. Without this number being met, the plan will be rejected by the inspector.

This level of building will **inevitably** risk problems with traffic congestion, air quality, use of farming land and many other issues. The plan process is about choosing locations and developing planning policies which minimise those impacts over the whole borough.

The process of making a choice will automatically mean that there is greater impact on some areas than others and involve compromises over which policy is given more importance.

If the Council does not produce a plan, then any control it has over development is greatly weakened. Even if permission is rejected by the Swale planning committee, the absence of a plan makes appeals likely to succeed. Furthermore, the policies the council would like to apply will be less likely to form one of the conditions for permission granted.

The process the council has gone through, and an evaluation of the choices made, is set out in the sustainability appraisal which accompanies the plan. All of the documents and details of how to respond to the consultation are available here: <https://swale.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/local-plans/local-plan-review/public-consultation>

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We have already introduced a planning condition requiring greater energy efficiency of homes when possible. The local plan will enable this condition to be imposed for all development and will bring significant improvements to other key issues, such as affordable housing and sustainable transport. It is principally to safeguard these policies that Alastair Gould is supporting the plan. Although he would much prefer a greatly reduced number of houses, that is not an option. In short, if we want to have any control over what happens, then some uncomfortable choices must be made.

Similarly, Tim Valentine supports the policies on energy efficiency, affordable homes, biodiversity net gain and active travel. However, he is not convinced that the allocation of new development sites is optimal or fairly distributed across the borough: 54% of all allocated housing is at Faversham. The sustainability appraisal was only published a few days before the decision was taken to put the plan out to public consultation. Furthermore, the short, adversarial style of debate in council committees is not well suited to consider adequately such a complicated plan.

Tim is concerned about the sheer scale of development east of Faversham, plans to build in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Neames Forstal and the impact of housing and a bypass at Teynham. Tim was removed from his post as Cabinet Member for Environment by the Labour leader of the coalition, Cllr Roger Truelove, for expressing these reservations at a Cabinet meeting.

We strongly urge you to have your say and respond to the consultation using the link above. If you don't have access to the internet, you can find out more about the plan and respond to the consultation by phoning 01795 417014.

Alastair Gould (alastair.gould@swale.gov.uk)

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From your County Councillor

The second half of February and first half of March have been unbelievably busy. All County Council Committees have meetings scheduled before the start of the Election period on 19th March.

Once we get past that date my diary will slim down to just Parish Council meetings, Planning Committee and Regulation Committee panels. Case work, which is currently busier than ever, will of course continue.

On 11th of March the last Full Meeting of the current County Council took place. With almost a quarter of existing Councillors choosing not to restand the new Council will look very different, even before the Electorate have their say.

With the ongoing concerns with the Swale Local Plans most Parish Councils are holding one, or in most cases more, extra meetings. This has resulted in three Parish Councils in an evening becoming commonplace. The record so far is five on one evening. Don't forget you now have till 30th April to get your comments in.

Some Parish Councils which are less affected by the Local Plan and which only meet every other month I have already said my goodbyes to. Many Parish Councils are trying to fit in their Annual Parish Meetings for residents before the seventh May with uncertainty as to how Meetings can be held, online or face to face, after that date.

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What the Papers Said

REVEREND W H SAULEZ, TWICE A CURATE at BOUGHTON

By Teresa Williams

The Reverend William Hely Saulez was twice appointed to serve as curate in the parish of Boughton. The Whitstable Times for 8th January 1887 reported: “Mr Saulez of Trinity College, Dublin, who was ordained [Deacon] by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Addington Parish Church [Surrey], on Sunday 19th December 1886, has been licensed to the curacy of the parish of Boughton.”

William was born on 26th September 1863 in the city of Belgaum, Karnataka, Northern India to William H Saulez and his wife Eliza . The 1871 Census lists William aged seven, together with his four brothers, staying in Hampshire with his Uncle George and Aunt Eliza Saulez, and their family of seven children. As was the usual practice, William had been sent back to England for schooling avoiding the danger of fevers so prevalent in India.

His uncle was the Reverend George A F Saulez MA, rector of Exton, a small village with a population of less than 300 people, in the Winchester district of Hampshire. George Saulez had previously served as a Chaplain in Calcutta for the Honourable East India Company. After returning to England and accepting the living of St Peter and Paul, Exton, he opened a school.

Advertising in Hampshire newspapers readers were advised that he “had the help of an Oxford Graduate to educate his pupils, who included his own children and family members. The standard achieved would guarantee admittance to Public Schools, the Army, etc.”



St Peter & St Paul, Exton

William graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, becoming a member of the Trinity College Theological Society. In March 1885 the Dublin Daily Press reported on a Society meeting when William read a paper on ‘Preaching.’ In December 1887, a year after

being ordained Deacon and licensed to the curacy of Boughton, William was ordained Priest in a similar ceremony at Addington Parish Church by the Archbishop of Canterbury and continued his curacy.

It is obvious from research into East Kent online newspaper archives that William was very active in parish affairs, not just in Boughton but also with his attendance at religious and secular events in neighbouring parishes. In July 1887, the Vicar of Boughton, the Reverend H Maxwell Spooner, resigned the living and was appointed to the vicarage of Holy Trinity, Maidstone. At the farewell presentation to Mr and Mrs Spooner in the Mission Room, William was asked to preside at the event. He opened the meeting "with a few appropriate remarks alluding to his personal sorrow at the Vicar's departure and his gratitude for the kindness shown to him by Mr and Mrs Spooner."

Mr Spooner's successor was the Reverend John Adolphus Boodle, M.A., previously curate at West Malling for twenty years. The Faversham Times of 23rd July 1887 in giving details of his clerical career commented that he had been appointed in 1874 to the office of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools in the Diocese of Canterbury, and was thus "very well known around the district."

Many 1888 archived newspapers did not survive the bomb damage on the British Library during WW2 and subsequently no Boughton parish news has been found. In January 1889 William helped to organise an 'Entertainment' in the Mission Room. The account in the Canterbury Journal described the programme of recitations, vocal and instrumental music performed by the clergy and parishioners. The Vicar, Mr Boodle, "read an amusing story, 'The Ghost who ran away with the Organist,' and the curate, Reverend W H Saulez, told the tale of 'A Frenchman's Travels in England.' Other performers were Miss Swaffer, Mr Edgar Pettman and the Church choir."

In the winter and spring of 1889 William Saulez "organised a series of entertainments in Boughton Schoolroom at a 'Cheap' admission price." The last in the series was held in May 1889 and included "two songs by Mrs F Neame, 'The Blind Girl with the Harp' and 'Our Great-Grandmother.' They were rendered with great feeling by Mrs Neame and received well merited applause." The Vicar of Faversham also took part in the concert and "William gave an amusing recitation."

The annual 'Flower Service' took place in July 1889 when the children walked in procession around Boughton Church carrying their gifts of flowers whilst singing hymns. On this occasion "an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W H Saulez on Psalm 101, v 24. The following day the Vicar took 179 bunches to London and handed them over to the Vicar of St Matthew's in Bethnal Green." On this occasion "the flowers

were distributed to the girls who worked in factories in that poor and populous parish.”

William attended other parish events and outings during the summer and autumn and was on the platform at the annual Missionary Meeting held at Dunkirk in November 1889 “in support of the Reverend W J Springett and the Reverend J A Boodle.”

After the discussion of monies raised during the year, “the Reverend Dr Springett addressed the meeting and alluded to his voyage to the East, his visits to Mahomedan countries and his interest in the inhabitants’ religion.”

In December 1889 the Canterbury Journal reported “A new Society (for men) (sic) called the ‘Boughton Debating Society’ has been started in the parish to discuss subjects of general interest other than religion or politics. Meetings were to take place on the first and third Thursdays in the month at the Curatage. Dr Scatchard had been elected Chairman with Rev. W H Saulez, vice chairman. About twenty members have joined and are full of animation. Dr Scatchard commenced the series with a debate on ‘The Water Supply of Boughton.’ Future subjects will be on ‘The Formation of Roads’ and ‘The Horse and its Uses.’”

William Saulez was a guest at the Tradesmen’s Dinner at the Woodman’s Hall in February 1890, “in support of the Reverend W J Springett, Vicar of Dunkirk. Fifty representatives of all trades sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr and Mrs Marsh, after which toasts were interspersed with patriotic and sentimental songs.”

Parish work at Boughton, preaching at West Malling Harvest Festival, the annual Flower Service, organising entertainments and school outings, kept William busy during 1890. The winter of early 1891 was so exceptionally severe that a Parish decision was taken to give away, rather than sell, Bread and Soup three times weekly and also provide food for free children’s dinners.

The 1891 Census lists William aged 27, curate, living in The Street with his elder brother Philip, home on furlough from his post at Bombay as a Captain in the India Staff Corps. William’s near neighbours were John Noble at Putney House, Albert Swaffer, grocer and Wm Judges, builder.

1891 was William’s last complete year at Boughton and again his time was filled with parish duties and village events. In June he accompanied “two candidates to Ospringe Church where the Bishop of Dover administered the sacred rite of Confirmation. The congregation of clergy and parishioners was so large that many were standing in the aisles.” The children’s donations of flowers at the annual Service were again distributed

to sick and old people in overcrowded parishes and in August William Broadbridge, who did so much towards the installation of street lighting in Boughton, died. William Saulez was among the clergy who attended the widely reported funeral ceremony.

News of William's proposed departure to Margate in April 1892 after a curacy of five and a half years at Boughton, appeared in the East Kent press. The Whitstable Times for 16th April, said: "During his residence in the parish, he has endeared himself to all, and by his faithful and diligent work has proved himself to be a most highly valued helper. His departure is greatly regretted."

"A presentation took place on Monday in Easter week at the Mission Room in front of a large gathering of parishioners and friends. Mr Serjeant Spinks in making the presentation "spoke in terms of well deserved praise of the excellent work which Mr Saulez had done and the great loss now sustained by the Parish at his departure." Mr Burch who had been "closely associated with him told of the loving sympathy which was a special feature of his character of which he had had personal experience in times of grief."

"The Vicar expressed his concurrence of all that had been said by previous speakers and alluded to his personal loss. He drew special attention to the great work Mr Saulez had done with the young; he had been indefatigable in his efforts with both the Day and Sunday Schools. The beautiful American organ and other accessories for Divine service had been the result of the special interest which Mr Saulez took in the Mission Room. The gifts presented were:

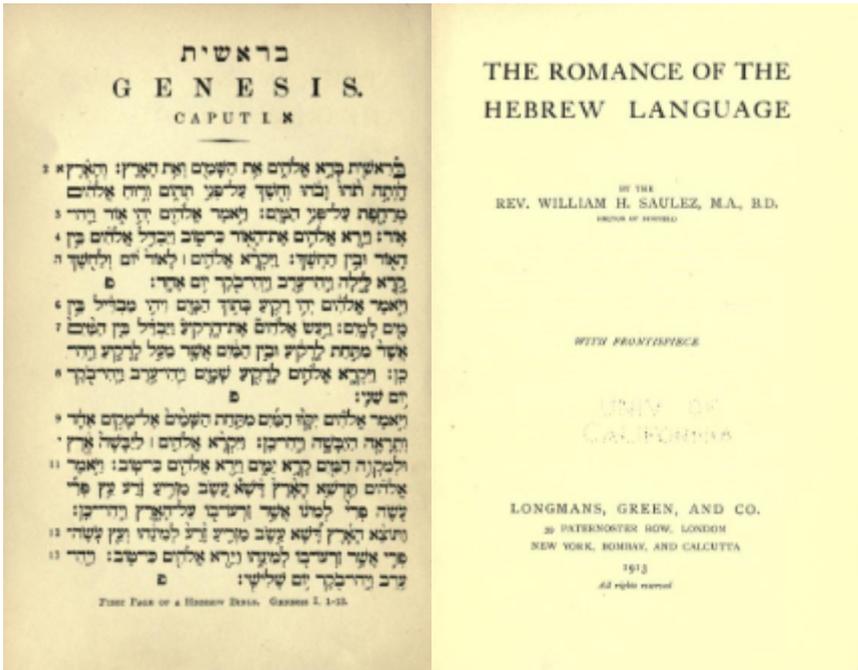
From Parishioners – An ebony and ormolu chiming clock: a silver watch and a study table.
From the children in the Mission Room School – a leather writing case.
From the children and teachers in Boughton Church School – brass newspaper rack and letter rack."

"Mr Saulez who was overcome by emotion, expressed in feeling terms his appreciation of the kindness he had received and warmly thanked all who had helped him in his work." He spoke of "his happy years at Boughton and of the special kindness of Mr and Mrs Boodle." In a long letter written later he expressed his "great hope that a new Mission Room could be built for the benefit of the large population living in Boughton Street as the present Room was afflicted by obnoxious smells and unseemly surroundings." His hope was later realised by the building of St Barnabas in 1896.

In July 1902, William Saulez returned to Boughton as curate. In the intervening years he had been curate at churches in Margate, Portsmouth

and Canterbury. During the next two years local newspapers reported his presence and participation at many church, village or school events.

His appointment by the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to the rectory of Ninfield, Kent, was announced in June 1904. While he was there, he demonstrated his considerable bible scholarship, in the publication of a book on "The Romance of the Hebrew Language". He expressed his wish "to acquaint the vast Bible-reading public with some of the romance and delightful wonders of the language in which their Bible was originally written that they may show the old friend truer and deeper veneration."



In 1907 he was married to Alice Mary Bennett and in 1914 they left Ninfield when he exchanged livings with the vicar of Loudwater, Buckinghamshire. William remained in touch with Mr Boodle at Boughton and in December 1915 attended his funeral at West Malling.

Sadly, William suffered a severe stroke in September 1917 and was forced to resign from Loudwater. He made a partial recovery and moved to Oxford where he died in 1923, one day before his 60th birthday. His wife, Alice, had predeceased him.

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What went right this week: ‘peak meat’, sea-powered cars and more positive news

A report predicted ‘peak meat’ for Europe and North America



Meat consumption will start falling in Europe and North America from 2025, thanks to the profusion of plant-based, protein-rich alternatives. That’s according to a report, which provides more evidence that people in developed nations are changing their diets to benefit the planet.

The report, Food for Thought: The Protein Transformation, said the shift to plant-based ‘meat’ and eggs could save more than one gigaton of CO₂-e by 2035 – akin to Japan going carbon neutral for a year. Its authors claimed the switch would also save 39bn cubic meters of water over the same period, enough to supply London for four decades.

Benjamin Morach, MD of Boston Consulting Group, which published the report, said: “Alternative proteins could soon match animal protein in taste, texture, and price. We expect parity to spur a new wave of growth, catapulting what is a fairly nascent market today into the mainstream, yielding significant environmental benefits.”

Sea-powered cars hit the road in Shetland

The race to net zero stepped up a gear in Scotland this week, as tidal powered electric vehicles hit the road in Shetland. It is believed to be the first time cars have been powered by the sea.

A charging point dispensing electricity from tidal turbines was installed on Yell island, which for years has used the waves to power homes.

Simon Forrest, CEO of Nova Innovation, the company behind the innovation, said: “Our technology generates electricity from the immense power of the seas, and it is changing the way we power our lives – from how we make a cup of tea to how we travel.”



Renewables left fossil fuel investments lagging

In a week that saw the UK government criticised for sanctioning more oil drilling in the North Sea, there was at least some positive news for the clean energy transition: renewables are outperforming fossil fuels financially, in a big way.

A report published by Imperial College Business School revealed that renewable energy investments have seen a 364 per cent greater return than fossil fuels since 2010. Imperial said the figures “signalled a broader structural trend of decline for fossil fuels”, but warned of “large disparities between government targets and total investment in renewable energy”.

Dr Charles Donovan from Imperial said: “All over the world renewable power has outperformed fossil fuels. It’s been the same story for more than a decade, yet total investment is still lagging. National regulators, particularly in the US, must get to work on the reforms needed to level the playing field for clean energy investors.”



Social prescribing was found to help people with dementia



Prescribing exercise, reminiscence therapy and even time with animals can reduce symptoms of depression in people with dementia, according to a study published by the British Medical Journal.

The authors of the report said they hoped it would compel more doctors, where appropriate, to consider writing social prescriptions before prescribing drugs.

A growing body of evidence suggests that social prescriptions, such as time in nature, can provide effective treatment for physical and mental health conditions,

including depression and obesity.

Students studying happiness were found to be more upbeat

Students who completed Bristol University’s ‘science of happiness’ course are more upbeat than those who didn’t, research suggests.

Studied alongside regular subjects, the three-month course lectures students about the psychology and neuroscience of happiness. Pupils also have to carry out practical tasks such as performing an act of kindness, chatting to a stranger and savouring experiences.

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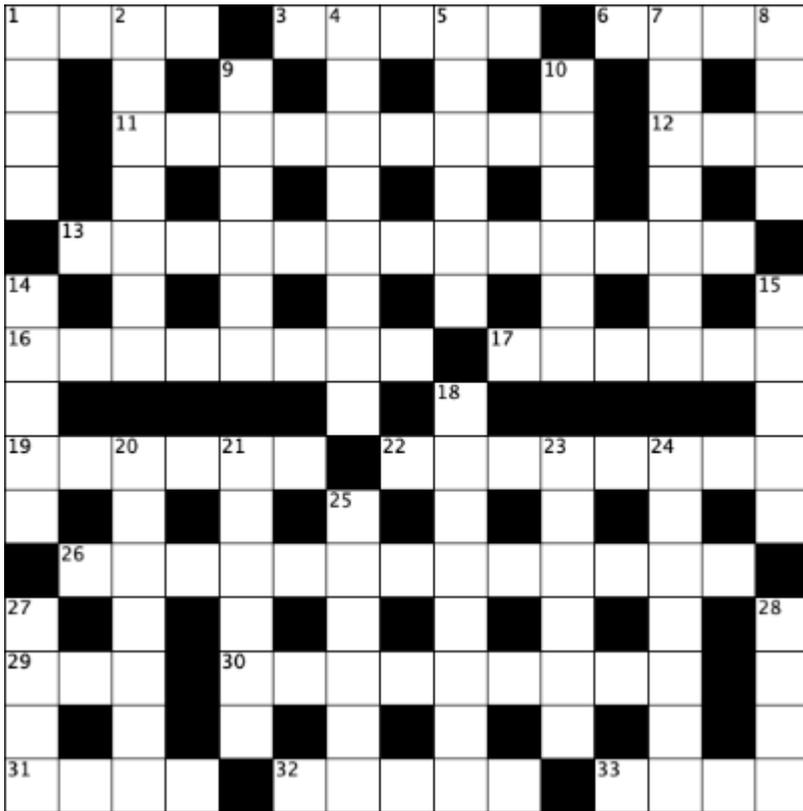
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Curly Clues

Across

- 1 West behind air mobilisation (4)
- 3 Geoffrey's stories on cracked slate (5)
- 6 Jump over big bin (4)
- 11 Genetically linked but barely tolerated (7,2)
- 12 Listener even in Bel Air (3)
- 13 Sailor with magic wand in furrow to make historic track (4,3,6)
- 16 Gulbenkian, Marlowe very French about energy (8)
- 17 Newlywed holds big end of town to the East (6)
- 19 Come back to open door? (6)
- 22 3 travellers slip back around dark (8)
- 26 Mature vintage spoiled by cross (13)
- 29 Local institution oddly unclad (3)
- 30 Doctor to heal cat inside city landmark (9)
- 31 You once had an article about a note (4)
- 32 High card held back in real flyer Freddie (5)
- 33 Old garden in angled end (4)

Down

- 1 Law broken by leading lady surrounding the city (4)
- 2 Enemy right around injured umpire but no charges made (3,4)
- 4 Went to 16, 29 or 30 for a race finished (8)
- 5 Gifts cause cries of pain after it's all over (6)
- 7 Joint was in front having taken up prayer position (7)
- 8 Leave the car in Dane John or Westgate for example? (4)
- 9 Almost at bull run amok (3,3)
- 10 Blimey! Geordie right in a tight spot (6)
- 14 Way of our river (5)
- 15 Lines in limited overs. Elegant! (5)
- 18 Semi-left wrong by archer's measure (~6 1/2") (8)
- 20 Rub up at entrance way in to the city (7)
- 21 Lunch set around a starter (6)
- 23 Reptiles on hill surrounded by gas (6)
- 24 Desperately vain on top - it's not right! (7)
- 25 Local saint had bad breath (6)
- 27 Bet on boat 14 (maybe for kicks?) (4)
- 28 Clergyman in charge of 30, with red predecessor (4)

Straight(ish) Clues

Across

- 1 Breeze (4)
- 3 Stories (5)
- 6 Omit (4)
- 11 Genetically linked (7,2)
- 12 Lug (3)
- 13 Local historic rail way (4,3,6)
- 16 Arenas (8)
- 17 Crossing (6)
- 19 Release door (6)
- 22 Travellers (8)
- 26 Quarrelsome (13)
- 29 Canterbury educational institution (3)
- 30 Canterbury landmark (9)
- 31 Archaic you (4)
- 32 Skytrain founder (5)
- 33 Legendary garden (4)

Down

- 1 Barrier (4)
- 2 At no cost (3,4)
- 4 Was present (8)
- 5 Bequeaths (6)
- 7 Got into prayer position (7)
- 8 Recreation area (4)
- 9 Apart from (3,3)
- 10 Turning point (6)
- 14 Local river (5)
- 15 Lines (5)
- 18 Archer's measure (~6 1/2") (8)
- 20 City entrance (7)
- 21 Initiation (6)
- 23 Florida reptiles (6)
- 24 Disabled (7)
- 25 Local Anglo-Saxon saint (f) (6)
- 27 Wager (4)
- 28 Clergyman in charge of 30 (4)

Sudoku

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The children have been the main reason for this change, as we believe the children are the voice of our setting.



Staff have been working hard to re arrange and revamp, we have a new kitchen area, with real vegetables, which the children are enjoying cutting up. They have done lots of imaginary cooking, which then led us to cooking with the children. The children have been creating healthy snacks such as fruit salad, banana loaf and creating fruit scones.

Road safety and transport is being explored through play; we are planning activities to explain how important it is to be careful near the roads. Staff created a role play street out in the garden. We made zebra crossings, signs and cars. Taking it in turns they discovered how to safely cross roads whilst holding an adult's hands, how we need to stop and listen and what traffic lights mean.

The children have created a big blue bus from a large cardboard box too. The children decided that they would like to make it blue like the sky. They used brushes and rollers to create their bus, we cut out windows and doors. It was a great play time; we all went to town and the beach on our bus.

This is a small taste of what happens at Magpie's. The next few weeks are going to be full of surprises for the staff, as we follow the children's interests as they occur, so who knows where that will take us?



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Gardening for a Wilder Kent It's what you don't do that can make a huge difference!

As we move nearer to spring, I'm sure that many of us will be thinking about getting in the garden. Our private spaces have been invaluable for us while we've been on lockdown and perhaps you noticed more wildlife in them than you usually would?



Sadly though, it's no secret that our natural world is a less hospitable place for all of the wonderful wildlife that makes our countryside a vibrant place, but it doesn't have to stay that way.

Our gardens, window boxes, doorsteps and patios can all provide pleasure for us and food and habitats for wildlife, especially insects. I say especially insects, because they run the planet!



We need them to pollinate our food crops, they recycle nutrients for productive soils and control other insects that can be pests, provide entertainment for our children, are food for other wildlife and have fascinating life cycles and behaviours if you have time to stop and watch them.

Four years ago, I stopped using any chemical controls in my garden, no slug pellets, no weed killer, no fly, aphid or caterpillar sprays and I've been amazed by the results. My garden has not been overrun with aphids, slugs, snails or anything else you might think of as a nuisance. Instead, nature has balanced itself and the number of 'good' creatures outweigh the 'bad.'

I'm looking forward to spring and summer this year, to see the number of bees, butterflies and other insects increase, followed by the birds and bats, an indicator that my garden is healthy and benefitting wildlife. This has been achieved, not by any effort on my part, by what I didn't do, I didn't use chemicals. Wouldn't it be lovely if everyone tried this, to see what a difference we can all make collectively?

If you're interested in learning more, please visit the Kent Wildlife Trust's website and click on 'Things to do'.

*Amanda,
Kent Wildlife Trust volunteer.*



The photo's show some of the wildlife/insect visitors to another Kent Wildlife Trust volunteer's chemical-free garden, including the stunning but endangered stag beetle, right here in Boughton!

Hedge cutting and nesting birds



As spring and summer arrive, spending time outdoors and in our gardens is one of our favourite things to do as a nation. Having our own piece of nature to look after and enjoy is a pleasure for most people, and it allows us to feel a little bit closer to wildlife.

Watching a pair of blackbirds hopping on the lawn looking for worms, or being front row at your very own local robin's concert, is one of the joys of spending time in your garden.



As most people will know, once March comes around it's officially house-hunting time for birds! More and more of our feathered friends will be making use of the trees, shrubs, and climbers in our gardens to build their precious nests in. This vegetation is a lifeline for the birds: it will provide a foundation on which their nests will rest, it will protect their eggs and chicks from wind, rain and sun and will even hide them from predators.

However, with more people spending time in their gardens during the warmer months, so does their needs/wants for having a tidy up and trimming this type of vegetation.

So, what to do if you want to trim your hedges? We do recommend waiting until after the main nesting season (March-September) as the possibility of birds nesting is very high, but as long as no active nests are moved or damaged, you can legally cut vegetation year-round.

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Before beginning any cutting, you should still thoroughly check the hedge/tree to make sure you can't see any active nests. If not, then you may cut. We recommend using manual cutting tools instead of electric ones, as they are easier to control and stop should you come across any wildlife.

What if you've seen someone cutting their vegetation, and they've damaged or destroyed active nests in the process? This is definitely not allowed! Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), wild birds' nests are protected from intentional damage, destruction or removal when they are in use or being built.

This means if someone knows they've got a pair of wrens nesting in their ivy, and they cut it anyway and damage the nest, then they would be breaking the law. We always recommend that if you think an offence has taken place, then you should phone the police via the non-emergency 101 telephone number, and ask to speak to the local Wildlife Crime Officer – you can do this anonymously.



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Joyce Scamp

2 March 1945 - 9 February 2021



Joyce was one of five children, a Godden, born in Boughton where lived all her life. She met her future husband Sammy in 1962 in Faversham when she had missed the bus and Sammy offered to walk her home. They were married in St Barnabas three years later and were married for 55 years. They went on to have three sons together, Robert, Anthony and Charlie and then grand and great grandchildren. All three sons have great memories of their mum. Words used to describe her are kind, loving, caring, strong willed, she had a bubbly personality and liked to have a laugh.

As a family they enjoyed walks in the woods or on Seasalter beach. There were family parties and tea at Joyce's mum's. On one occasion the family was playing rounders and Joyce hit the ball and went to run but fell down a hole. She used to tell the children to get holiday forms from school so they could all go fruit picking together.

Christmas was a good time when the children were young. They have lots of good memories like sitting in front of the fire watching television and when it snowed they would all go to Tark Hill and sledge, she loved the snow. She looked forward to Sunday drives in the countryside and loved a Chinese takeaway on a Friday. She loved to play bingo and would catch the 'bingo bus' as she called it.

There were holidays in Wales and lots of fun and laughter. Joyce always made sure her children were well fed and looked after; she was firm but fair. She was a kind and loving mum who would help in anyway she could, she loved spending time together as a family and was very supportive of her children, whatever they were going through and however old they were.

She worked all her life up until her retirement, at Redsells, then moving on to Boughton school as a cleaner and a dinner lady.

Joyce was loved by many people and will be sadly missed by family and friends.



Ann Elizabeth Williams

1947 -2021

From her daughter Carol Goatham: “Ann Elizabeth Williams, always said that her Mum Ellen, used to call her “my little Easter Chick”. She was born in Spring 1947 in Ashford Kent, luckily after the thaw, which followed 6 weeks of the worst snows in years. Ann’s father William was lost in the Second World War, before she was born. She grew up with one older sister Helen and later with her

other sisters, Ellen and Dawn and a brother Leslie. They moved from The Street, Boughton, to Staple Street in Hernhill where both her mum and her new dad, Sydney Foster, worked for the Dawes family at Mount Ephraim.

Ann went to Hernhill school and to Hernhill Church with her sisters for Sunday School. She attended girl guides with her sisters, and to Lady Capel School for in Faversham. She met her husband Graham Smith at a Faversham Youth club Valentines Disco when they were 15. Two years later they married, living first with Graham’s parents, in Faversham and then briefly in Painter’s Forstal. Finally, they secured a council house near Ospringe, where they would live for the next 50 years.

She had many and various jobs in Faversham shops over the years and worked on various Kent markets and on Faversham market for many years. She was always busy, and in her ‘spare’ time Mum knitted jumpers for all the family and helped out at ‘youth club’ at our primary school in Ospringe. She was her daughter’s emergency birthing partner when the midwife was late, and she delivered granddaughter Emma at home. She was a fond mum-in-law and Grandma to Robert, Emma and Lizzie.

In her fifties she followed daughter Carol into adult baptism as a born-again believer in Jesus Christ and into membership with the Faversham Community Church. Subsequently they transferred to the Faversham Baptist Church, where she eventually became a Deacon. She joined the choir too and enjoyed going to Minehead for Spring Harvest - a Christian holiday/festival/worship week.

In 2020 Ann and Graham moved to a small village just north of the North York Moors. There they spent some happy days taking picnics out on car rides on the moors and visiting the beach. Unfortunately, the family contracted coronavirus and after a three week fight Ann passed away in James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough on February 9th 2021.

She leaves behind a grieving family, but grateful for the love and care she shared with us in her lifetime. If you knew her, I know you will share our loss.“

This is Leah, writing in a blog about an aspect of grief that is rarely discussed

A friend whose husband died over a year ago told me recently that she was experiencing an aspect of grief she had not been warned about. She knew she would grieve for him, but she was also grieving for the person she was when he was alive. She felt she had lost that person.

She knows she must live without him but how can she cope without the person she used to be. The loss of identity is very real and extraordinarily strong. She wanted to know how she can be anyone else but herself.

Some people say, rather than letting go, you can bring the past into the present. The person she lost; the person she was; those are all things that will still be a part of my friend as she goes forward. A connection to the person she used to be may be a healthy part of moving forward.

When we lose someone, we often feel we have lost this relational sense of self. We find ourselves asking questions like, who am I if not a partner, child, brother, sister, or even a neighbour?

After both my parents died, I wondered whether I was still a daughter and questioned my identity. I still define my life into when I had parents and after I did not. I found it hard, there was no one of the older generation to defer to, no parents no aunts or uncles. I felt quite lost until I thought I would always be a daughter as I would talk to them, write to them, and include them in my life.

My friend felt that now she was not a wife but a widow; her identity changed in that way.

Most of the literature tends to focus on grieving for the person who died, not the person who is left behind and finds their life and often themselves to be changed too.

Thought for the day: *“It is one thing to lose people you love. It is another to lose yourself. That is a greater loss.*

Church News

Church services

Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 29, 30 March and 1 April
Night Prayer with Reflection at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7.30 pm via Zoom

Good Friday

Last Hour of the Cross, 2 – 3 pm via Zoom

Easter Day

10 am Benefice Holy Communion in Boughton Parish Church
Covid 19 restrictions are still in place so you need to book your place via Jean as numbers are limited because of social distancing. You also need to wear a face mask (unless medically exempt)

10.30 am Easter Day Celebration Worship in Graveney Church

4.30 pm Easter Day Celebration Worship via Zoom

Sundays still to be sorted but . . .

11 April - 10.30 am Morning Worship in Graveney Church

18 April - 10.30 am Morning Worship in Graveney Church

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We listen to a Bible reading and then there is short reflection, explaining the reading and relating it to our everyday lives. We declare our Christian faith in the words of the Creed and then have some prayers led by a member of the congregation bringing to God our world, the church, the local community and those who are ill, bereaved or in any kind of need.

We wish one another the 'peace of the Lord' and move on to the Communion part of our service with a special prayer for the bread and wine. The priest eats the bread and drinks the wine on behalf of the congregation and everyone takes a moment of silent reflection to receive inwardly.

We finish the service by thanking God for feeding us with 'the Body and Blood of Christ' and we are sent out with a blessing 'to live and work to God's praise and glory.'

Anyone is welcome to join in our Zoom services, but you need a secure password, please email jeanburrows@jeanius.me.uk and I'll send it.

We don't want people to feel excluded so people not on the internet or using Zoom can now phone in to our services and events.

It means they can hear all that is being said and can be heard, but there is no video. It is easy to do, contact me for full instructions and passwords. The calls cost the same as your normal phone calls, many people have 60 minutes free. Jean 01227 751410

Up to date details of all our services are on our benefice website www.boughton-hernhill-graveney-churches.com

During the Monday to Thursday of Holy Week, starting 29 March, we plan to offer a short Night Prayer with Reflection at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

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Are you anxious about family, friends, or yourself, and do not know where to turn? Are you, or someone you know, in a crisis and unable to pray?

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Church Registers:

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Joyce Scamp on 19 March at Barham crematorium



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“With many in our country on lockdown, it’s important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are.” Archbishop Justin Welby

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England’s Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

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Doing all the good that we can

'Committed to providing pupils with opportunities that help them grow into well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to their communities'
Ofsted July 2019

At Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School we are proud of our children, our school and our community.

We aspire to provide children with wide ranging opportunities to succeed whilst ensuring the effective and successful delivery of the national curriculum.

*Start children off on the way they should go,
and when they are old they will not turn from it.*
Proverbs 22:6



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