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Welcome to our fourth special summer issue

We are trying to keep the magazine going at this difficult time with news, information and a little entertainment. Although we are not able to print and distribute as usual we shall post the magazine via the internet, in parallel with invaluable sites such the village facebook pages.

So, 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.

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Re-opening the churches

Over the past few months you may have used the phrase 'hang in there' with reference to the Covid 19 pandemic and the lockdown. You may have also used the phrase 'it's a marathon not a sprint' meaning we're in it for the long term, but unlike a marathon we don't know when the end will be although we are slowly coming out of lockdown.

The government has just issued updated guidance and we are, as I write, waiting for the detail of that. Churches can reopen for public worship from 4 July, provided physical distancing remains in place. Weddings and funerals in church can also take place, again with physical distancing and much reduced numbers and churches can be open for private prayer. All of this is permissive not prescriptive, we don't have to do any of it and shouldn't feel any pressure to do so.

In our benefice we are taking things slowly. It isn't a simple case of opening our doors and welcoming everyone in, much as we would like to. For the safety of everyone we have to first complete a full risk assessment of each church building, then deep clean the church, they are very dirty after three months without any attention although they are Covid 19 free.

Once all that has been done we can then prepare the church for worship with signs about where to sit, reminders about sanitizing hands, one way systems, areas not for access etc. All this takes time so we don't have a date in mind at the moment but it won't be quite yet. Our benefice website will keep you updated www.boughton-hernhill-graveney-churches.com and we will advertise it as well.

Our plan is to start with a benefice service on Sunday at 10 am in Boughton Parish Church once a fortnight, Boughton Church because it is the largest church and gives flexibility with chairs as well. In the intervening weeks we will continue with services on Zoom and I will still continue to send out the weekly service, sermon etc. Not everyone will be able to return to church as they may still be shielding, some may not feel ready to yet, so we will take it slowly. Any questions or worries please contact me, I understand the caution and no-one is under any pressure to return to church before they are ready.

We also have plans to reopen Hernhill Church for private prayer on Sundays, starting on 12 July from 11 am to 4 pm.

So hang in there, there will be a gradual road back to normality, but we still need to protect each other and not take unnecessary risks. The Bible calls 'hang in there' perseverance. We can persevere because God promises over and over again that he is with us, that he will give us strength and that he'll accomplish his purpose in our lives.

Isaiah 41:10 is a great verse to encourage us when we feel down, I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Wishing you all God's strength and peace as we go through this corona virus pandemic.

Revd Jean Burrows

Keep well, keep praying, keep connected

St Michael's, Hernhill

SS Peter and Paul, Boughton

St Barnabas, Boughton

All Saints, Graveney

Biking from Boughton: the 'secret' route!

From your Borough Councillor Alastair Gould, Swale Green Party

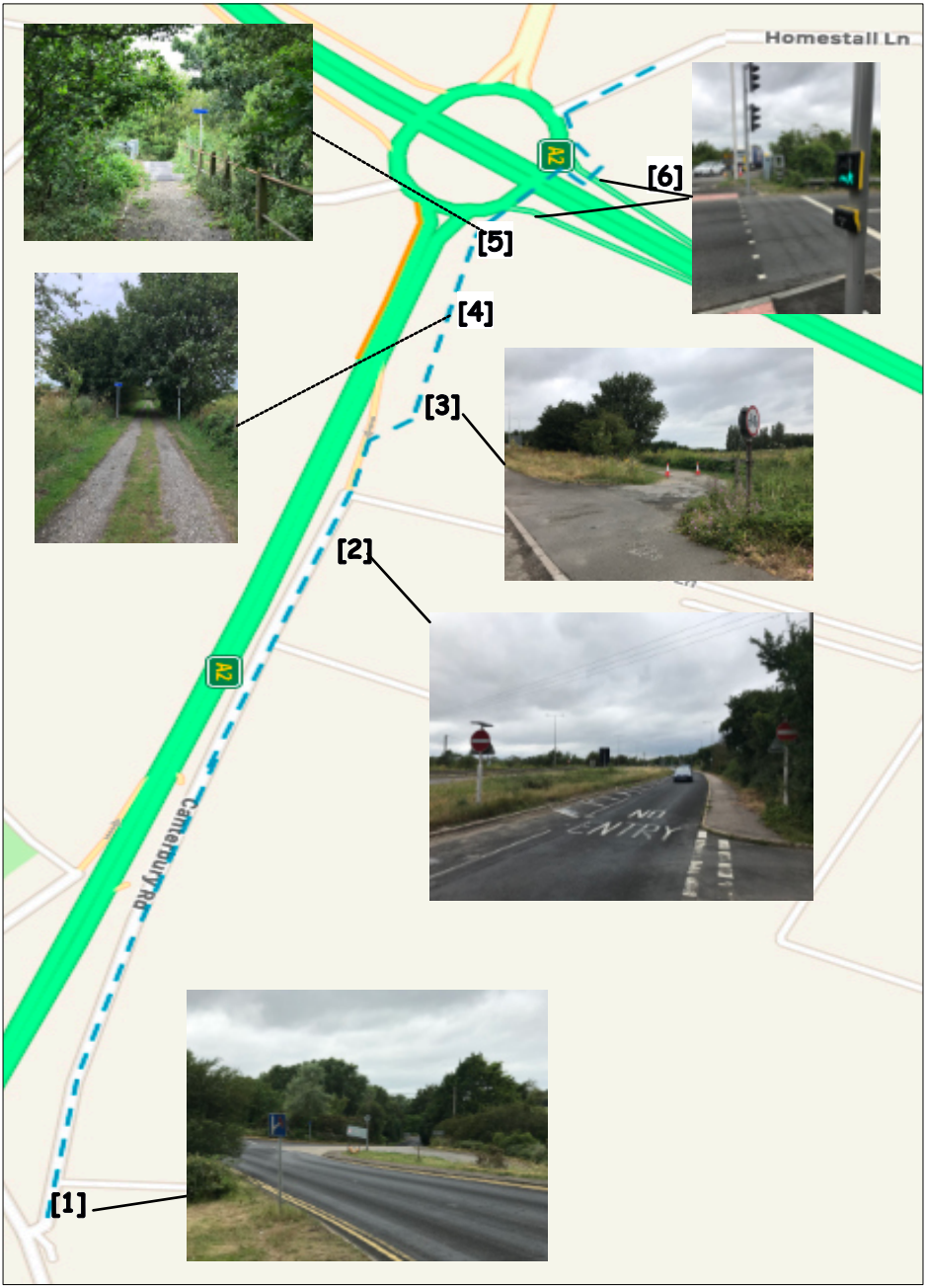
For the past few years I have been cycling into Faversham most workdays . Until recently this has meant either taking the route via Staplestreet , which is narrow and twisty, or going up the A2 to Brenley Corner, and facing down HGVs on the roundabout. This latter was my preferred route, and it hasn't been as bad as it sounds, as the traffic is often queueing and there is space at the side, but I do realise it is not everyone's idea of fun and you do need to be lit up like a Christmas tree!

18 months ago there was a consultation about cycling at Brenley Corner, and I sent in a contribution to it, and was pleasantly surprised when the scheme that was put in place was very close to my suggestions.

So now, with the new lights at Brenley, there is a rather safer route , and I'd like to encourage people to give it a try. The only problem is that it looks like KCC are trying to keep it secret, as you have to ignore a no through road sign, a no entry and a no cycling sign to get to it! I'm not suggesting anything illegal though, but the signs could be off-putting at first sight. They are outdated signage, probably overlooked and not been taken down in the reconstruction.

The no-through road sign [1] is at the junction of Stockers Hill and Canterbury Rd, but if you turn right here it leads past Nash Court, then you are met with the no-entry signs [2] at the junction with Chalkey Rd, warning against going the wrong way up the slip road to the A2. However, the pavement to the right there is officially dual - use for cycling and pedestrians, though you wouldn't know unless you went 30 yards up it and looked behind you. At the further end of this is the no cycling sign, but hidden 20 yds beyond it [3], turning right and down the slope, is the cycle route sign pointing to Faversham! You then go down a lovely avenue [4] beside the field and have to go up a narrow track [5] that brings you out to the foot/ cycle way round Brenley. There are two light controlled crossings [6] and you come out to Homestall Lane, which is wide and reasonably straight leading down to the Graveney Rd, where you turn left and head into the town.

Traffic may be heavy as the lockdown from Covid lifts, and people avoid public transport, so why not get the bike out of the shed and try out the route on your next trip into Faversham!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Faversham 20mph speed limit to be enforced across town for six months

A blanket 20mph limit will be enforced across a Kent town from this summer, it has been confirmed.

The scheme will last for six months and be enforced across every road in the heart of the town - including all streets within the boundaries of the London Road, Western Link and Love Lane.

Work installing 20mph signs and road markings is due to start within the next four weeks and be completed by August. With a tight timeframe, KCC is working with Faversham Town Council and its 20s Plenty committee to get this new project up-and-running.

KCC Cabinet member for highways and transport, Michael Payne, said: “I’m grateful that we’ve been able to get this plan off the ground and, because of the timescales involved, it will be a little different to how we usually do things. Throughout this trial we will be monitoring how it performs and consulting with people on whether they approve of the scheme – usually this would happen beforehand.”

“There are studies that show 20 mph schemes encourage healthier transport choices such as walking and cycling, and they increase levels of walking and cycling by about a fifth.”

“I hope this trial will encourage that behaviour from the Faversham community and that they benefit from lower traffic levels, reduced congestion, and less road noise.”

“We’re anticipating more people will be travelling to work and to school by bike or on foot so we’re hopeful this change will make a real difference.”

The funding for the scheme was secured after Kent County Council

received £1.6 million from the Department for Transport to put towards road safety projects.

Mr Payne added: “I would encourage all drivers to keep to 20mph in Faversham, it is down solely to you to drive responsibly.”

“There will be people who think it doesn’t apply to them or that it’s not enforceable or that it is too slow – we want people to think about the speed they’re doing. Is it appropriate for Faversham’s roads?”

“This isn’t only about speeding or even driving at the speed limit, people need to consider the environment they’re driving in, particularly as more pedestrians and cyclists will be on our roads.

“Pedestrians will need to ensure they don’t get complacent and feel that they do not need to be responsible for their own actions because of the lower speed limit.

“Cyclists too will also need to keep to the 20mph limit and cycle within an appropriate speed for the road environment.”

There is a considerable nationwide movement towards making 20mph the default speed limit in urban areas. London Boroughs such as Camden and Islington already have blanket 20mph limits, and Birmingham is moving towards a city-wide 20mph limit in all residential streets. Reduced speed limits can help create conditions more favourable for walking and cycling.

Road safety organisations (BRAKE, RoadPeace, ROSPA,) walking and cycling organisations (British Cycling, Sustrans, the CTC, Living Streets) and public health organisations (NICE, WHO) all support 20mph limits due to overwhelming evidence that they are one of the most effective ways of making our streets safer for children, older people, those with disabilities, pedestrians and cyclists as well as being healthier and less polluted.

Boughton-under-Blean (Methodist Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

So where are we now? As I sit in my office (no more home schooling for me) I can hear the quiet hubbub of school children in the background. This week we have most of year 6 in school and about a third of reception and year 1 children. As Head teachers we were a little confused with the decisions made by the government concerning who were chosen to return and when but we went with it and it is great to have them back. We opened on the 1st June, no staggered return for us, and created several bubbles for children and staff to work in. This all worked extremely well, the numbers have gradually increased, and everyone is happy. The children have been fantastic and our school feels like a school once again. Of course the lovely weather helps as we have been able to make full use of our school site. It has been a successful return.

This has been helped by the fact that the numbers are relatively low although in fact at the time of writing we are now nearing capacity with what we can offer. We have remained open for our key worker group throughout, holidays included, but we have recently had to split this group to create two key worker bubbles. This isn't ideal for the KW staff who have supported each other through this period and have worked every week since the 23rd March. But as the government relax more and more restrictions so it will be that more parents will be returning to work. We can only rely on what we are told by the scientists, the experts and ultimately the government. How much each of us trust the government in all of this will vary just as how much each of us follow the public guidance/rules.

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But as a school we must follow the guidance, the stakeholders would expect nothing less, so here we are.

There is no doubt that all children will be affected by being at home for so long. Some of course will be more supported at home than others, some will have embraced the home learning, some will have revelled in the online content that is readily available to everyone whereas others will have done very, very little.

As a school we will have to deal with all that - an understanding of the child, a positive relationships and highly skilled professionals will help. The children will recover, will catch up and will be fine. As a school we will prepare and adapt for the 'recovery period' and I have every faith in my teachers and also the children.

Hopefully as adults we will all recover too. We might even change for the better, build on what we have learnt about ourselves, our environment and each other. We can all but hope which is the key word. Let's hope that this ends soon and when it does the lives that have been dramatically affected can be helped. Let's hope that not too many jobs are affected permanently and that livelihoods can be saved. But most importantly let's hope that those that have lost loved ones can feel supported by those around them, by their community and their society and that children can understand the importance of this.

Perhaps once we have returned to some sort of normality we can look at others with a new found respect, friendship and love. You know, the sort of values that we have been teaching every day for quite some time in this rather lovely school of ours.

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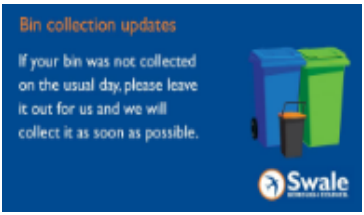

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The line is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4:30pm Friday, 10am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday, and bank holidays. Outside these times people can contact the Kent Together helpline on 03000 41 92 92 or at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether.

For more information, visit www.swale.gov.uk/community-response.

The voluntary Faversham Personal Services Group, who normally provide transport to hospitals, is naturally closed at the moment, but they have asked us to say that they do have a driver who is willing to take anyone if desperately needed. The Doctors' surgeries have details. Clients must sit in the back of the car for safe distancing.

Boughton under Blean Parish Council

You can contact the Clerk for Parish Council business on 07740 706189 or boughtonclerk@gmail.com or www.boughtonunderbleanpc.org

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Parish Council Meetings

Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7:30pm to be held remotely via ZOOM. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will need to contact the Parish Clerk to request joining details.
Minutes from all meetings are published on the Parish Council website. There is no monthly Parish Council meeting in August.

Parish Council – Planning Committee Meetings

Scheduled meetings: 7th & 21st July 2020 and 4th & 18th August 2020 at 7:30pm to be held remotely via ZOOM. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will need to contact the Parish Clerk to request joining details.
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.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

- The Parish Council is still holding its meetings remotely via ZOOM. This will be reviewed over the summer to see whether face to face meetings can be safely resumed later in the year.
- There are still vacancies for new Parish Councillors. Interested parties should contact the Clerk in the first instance.
- As lockdown is easing, the Parish Council is re-opening some of its facilities. The public toilets at School Lane will be opened shortly once the new hand washing facilities have been installed. The phone box on The Street has had its door replaced and is now open again as the Community Book Exchange.
- With more people having more time at home, the Parish Council allotment plots are now all taken. 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 new door frame for the arched door on The Street (underneath St Barnabas Church) is finally being installed as this goes to print.
- The Parish Council will soon be launching the 2020 Gordon Ottaway Good Citizen Award. Please keep your eyes open for notices and nomination forms on the noticeboard near the Queens Head at the Post Office, White Horse and village shop.
- 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.
- A list of responsibilities for County, Borough and Parish Councils is available on the Parish Council website

New Doors

Thanks to the Parish Council, the phone box on The Street has had its door replaced and is now open again as the Community Book Exchange.

And the Bier House (Coffin Store) below St Barnabas also has a new specially made door and door frame.

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What the Papers Said

Dunkirk schoolchildren's visit to London

From Teresa Williams

Thursday 29th June 1899 must have been a memorable day in the lives of 40 children from the top class at Dunkirk School. Due to the generosity of Lady Dawes, the Reverend W J Springett, Vicar of Dunkirk and Mr H D Barnes of Berkeley House, conveyances were hired to transport the children to Faversham Station. Mr Griffiths the Station Master had acquired through the courtesy of the London, Chatham & Dover Railway, a large saloon for their journey to Victoria Station, London.

"The party was accompanied by some parents of the children, Mr C E Pettman and upon arrival at Victoria Mr Edgar Pettman, who became their guide for the day."

The Whitstable Times for Saturday 1st July reported, "On leaving Victoria they soon reached Westminster Abbey, whence they walked through St James's Park to the Horse Guards and Trafalgar Square." The party then returned to Westminster where they embarked on a river boat for the journey along the Thames to London Bridge."

The London Bridge the children saw in 1899 was designed by John Rennie senior, and opened "in a magnificent ceremony by King William IV and Queen Adelaide in 1831." It replaced the medieval structure described as 'darksome, narrow and dangerous with strong timber arches across the street preventing the shops and houses falling into the river.' Today we have another replacement, a modern bridge opened to traffic in 1973.

"Arriving at the landing pier the party crossed the congested thoroughfare" to the recently constructed Tower Bridge. Their destination was the Tower of London "where an hour was spent and by the kind permission of the Governor, the dungeons were opened and their tragic history explained by a special guide."

Leaving the Tower "they walked the short distance to Mark Lane Station and hence on to Earl's Court and the Empress Theatre." Here they "saw and were amazed at the varied and realistic scenery, where several tribes representing 'Savage South Africa' assembled and took part in mock skirmishes." This was part of an 'Exotic Empire Show' at the Empress Theatre featuring a South African Performance Troupe of more than 200 warriors from the Zulu and Swazi tribes. The tribesmen had arrived in England in April 1899 accompanied by "Boer families, Mounted Policemen, elephants, lions and tigers to perform at the 'Greater Britain Exhibition.' A silent film of their arrival at Southampton still exists and is stored at The National Archives at Kew.

The party returned once more to Westminster "where our esteemed Member of Parliament, Mr Gorell Barnes, met them and courteously conducted them on a tour through the House of Commons. An excellent tea followed provided by the generous donors thus finishing an exciting day's pleasure. The return journey from Victoria to Faversham was made by the 7.45pm train and upon their arrival conveyances met the children for the last part of their journey home."

A grisly discovery

Three weeks after the Dunkirk children's visit to the Tower of London, when they saw the dungeons, a story about the discovery of "a secret passage leading to a previously unknown dungeon" was published by numerous newspapers.

On 21 st July 1899 the Dover Express reported:

"The workmen who are excavating for drainage purposes at the Tower of London have discovered a dungeon under the White Tower, to which the entrance seems to be by a shaft down which the prisoner was lowered to the cell. This dungeon and subterranean passage was filled in by the orders of King James I, who, after the Gunpowder Plot, did not like the idea of a sub-way in such close proximity to the Royal Palace in which he resided, then standing near the White Tower."

In the first week of September 1899, the discovery of the "Secret Underground Passage" was reported by many newspapers including an edition of The Tower Hamlets Independent. A précis of the very detailed account reads as follows:

"The other afternoon four figures might have been seen descending into the Tower Moat by a rickety ladder from the Drawbridge. Having reached the ground they made for a hole in the Tower wall and peered down into the darkness.

Here it was that drainage workmen found the indication of a subterranean passage. Subsequently, Lord Esher from the Board of Works gave permission for a little exploration into the passage and the clearance of rubble and dust of centuries."

The four men descending underground were “General Milman, Governor of the Tower, Mr May, Clerk of Works and two journalists working for the ‘Daily News Weekly,’ who later recounted their experiences in an illustrated edition of the newspaper.”

“They entered into the dark hole with lighted candles and found themselves in a grim passage just wide enough for a man of ordinary width, the walls which enclosed them, reeking with the oozing damp of centuries, of rough-hewn stone set in the mortar of Norman masons. Chill and horrid it felt to the touch as the party groped their way along, stumbling and stooping, creeping and crawling, deep under the Bloody Tower – until at last they emerged into the dungeon, many feet below the earth, and stood erect at last. The walls ran with moisture and the floor was covered with mud. Here a prisoner could be left to rot, the dungeon an ‘oubliette.’”

At one point the journalists admitted they had “panicked in the ‘complete utter blackness’ when the flames of their ‘half-penny candles’ had been drenched by water falling from the roof.”

“They made their exit up a secret staircase which brought them out by the wall of the White Tower and were then taken to a small courtyard to see the thousand and one relics excavated in the passage from the Moat to the White Tower. Old cannon balls of iron and stone, parts of old daggers, poniards, swords, links of heavy chain, fragments of Venetian glass, goblets, bowls, flagons, pottery, innumerable pipes, and a whole bottle of ‘Canary,’ but now just half full of the aged wine.”

Asked by the journalists whether he would keep the bottle of Canary for a future feast, the Governor laughed and said he “liked his wine to be of vintage age but not three centuries old.”

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The crisis is far from over: things are not back to normal and we are still in the middle of a pandemic. In short, you are risking your life and the lives of others if you do not behave responsibly.

Speaking on behalf of the Kent Resilience Forum, Director of Public Health at Medway Council, James Williams, warned that 'there is still a danger of spreading Covid-19 and it is absolutely vital that Kent and Medway residents, as well as anyone visiting the county's beaches and open spaces, continue to social distance to help everyone stay safe. If people do not follow the guidelines and behave responsibly, the virus will start to spread rapidly once again.'

The Government is lifting lockdown restrictions and the forecast is yet more dry, warm and sunny weather, but James Williams stressed that a public health crisis still exists with nearly 5,000 people suffering from Covid-19 in the county. Williams warns that the easing of government restrictions could lead to more people becoming complacent and dismissing the warnings. However things are not back to normal and we are still in the middle of a pandemic.

Mr Williams' stark personal warning to each of us is that although fresh air and exercise is good for us, you are risking your life and the lives of others if you do not behave responsibly.

Read the full statement and advice from the Kent Resilience Forum here https://kccmediahub.net/the crisis-is-far-from-over-plea-from-public-health-to-stay-alert-in-kent-this-weekend.

On a much happier local note, do you have any good quality local photographs of Dunkirk? If so, please may the Parish Council use them to illustrate local places and issues on its new website? Please email your photo selection to clerk@dunkirkpc.org.uk Ideally we need photos that show local scenes from around the parish, e.g. its woodlands, wildflowers and wildlife, its buildings and attractive views and landscapes - in all different seasons and weather conditions.

Indeed any images taken in public places that show daily life in and around Dunkirk. However, please do not email any images of children or young people aged under 18. Any photos used will be credited on the new website, unless you would prefer not to be famous.

Forward your images to: Richard Bartley, Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council. 07905 773 142
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PROPOSAL FOR A CREMATORIUM AND BURIAL GROUND ON STAPLESTREET NEAR THE A299

There is an emerging proposal for a memorial park and crematorium located on land to the south of Staple Street to the east of the A299, neighbouring the showground, and sharing its access to Staplestreet.

There is no planning application as yet. The Company promoting the idea have set up a website (http://www.northkentmemorialpark.co.uk) and a Freephone Community Information Line service 0800 294 1304 to respond to any enquiries. According to the website they are looking for all comments to be returned and online feedback completed by 3rd July.

They say that the proposal would serve a local demand and would also make provision for a small number of traditional and natural burials to take place each year. They point out that the site is currently agricultural land, and although located in the countryside, it relates well to the local road network and surrounding settlements.

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The site is proposed to be accessed via the existing private road to the showground which would have an improved T-junction to Staple Street with the island amended to provide an appropriate crossing point for pedestrians. A spur road through an existing gap in vegetation from a new small roundabout would offer access to the site off the private road. The scheme proposes 100 car parking spaces. 60 will be in the main car park with a further 40 spaces proposed as an overflow car park.

The website says that your comments will be analysed by Consulo Limited on behalf of Memoria Limited. Copies may be made available in due course to Statutory Authorities so that your comments can be considered. Your personal details will be held by Consulo Limited in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and any subsequent planning application.

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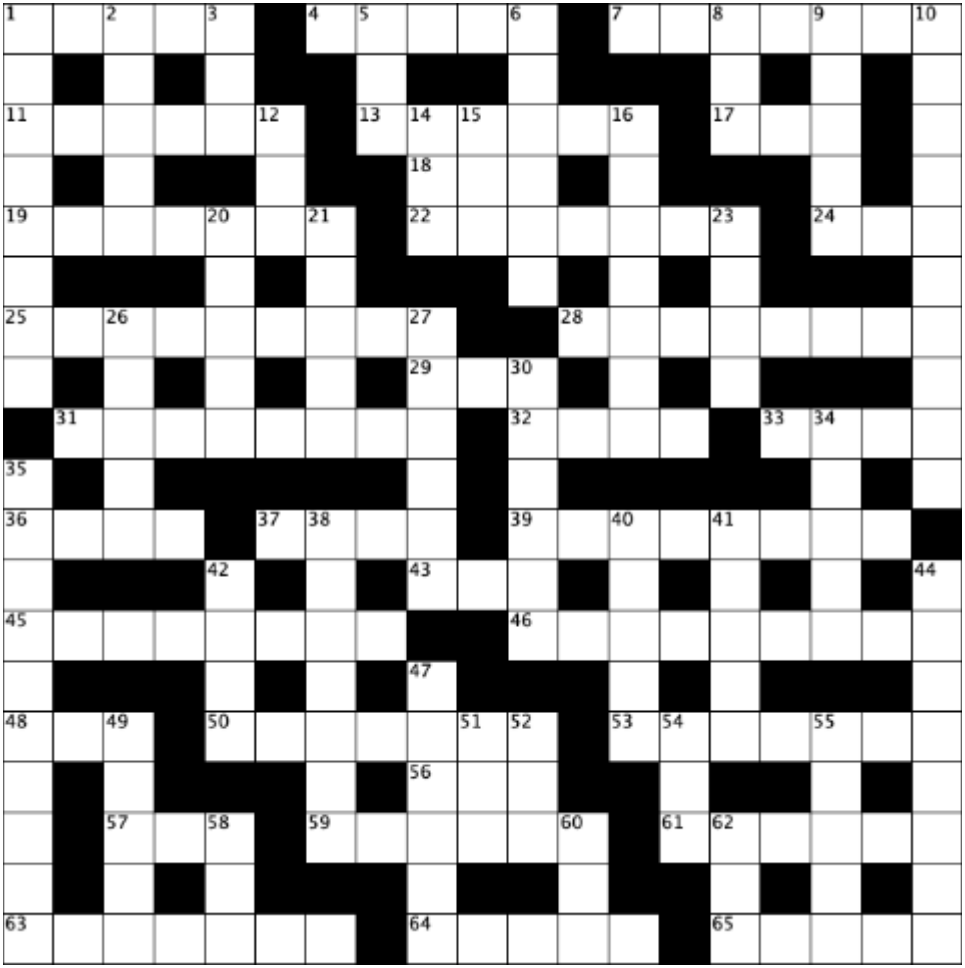

Across

1 I am surrounded by grass to be turned into good food (5)
4 Name of 15-dn in 22-ac, made from 1-ac (5)
7 Stalk out of hotel in little Russia with top beer behind bar (7)
11 Male doctor stumbles on unusual 1-ac (6)
13 Change a bit to make promotion fair (6)
17 Father takes note of a little vegetable (3)
18 Prohibition in return for arrest (3)
19 Exits after academic comes back for interview filler shots (7)
22 Idle after morning, then on to a new world (7)
24 Everyone's a winner in business wear (3)
25 Nine hold broken crate for a kind of 1-across (9)
28 Language for a type of 1-ac (8)
29 Approval for going to sleep (3)
31 Dog goes on and on about soft 1-ac (8)
32 Gold Egyptian deity has a certain glow (4)
33 I'm before afterthought about mischief makers (4)
36 Crazy to amaze in return (4)

37 Wild berry said to ripen late (4)
39 Shun awkwardly in trig ratio for illumination (8)
43 Couple of loud echoes left out (3)
45 Look in low places after former lover abuses (8)
46 Next door's animals call, sounding unexciting (9)
48 Situated on a short day (3)
50 Holds forth about right vegetables (7)
53 Tries to have plenty stowed in boat (7)
56 Poor aim for motorists' organisation (1.1.1)
57 Webber hosts retreat (3)
59 Stay with First Lords in part of Germany (6)
61 Delicacy in boy's terminology (6)
63 Sickness may pass, taking in a lot of water (7)
64 Heartbreak over foundation for 49 (5)
65 1-ac beer very soft inside (5)

Down
1 Artist Tracey in fine form, ladylike (8)
2 Reversed into mound, idiotically (5)
3 Drink and a meal, maybe (3)
5 Are going back for many years (3)
6 I'm very confident that YouTube will lose a turn and be broken up (3,3)
8 Market advantage on later part of cusp (1.1.1.)
9 Separated a piece (5)
10 Hopefully 1, 2, 25, 28, 31 & 65-ac will not have this quality that injured a bird with points (10)
12 Eggs or drug mixture... (3)
14 ...and returning molecular code (1.1.1)
15 Made from 1-ac in impromptu performance (3)
16 Alpine conditions offer a source of surprising productions! (4,3)
20 Uncertain about flying (2,3)
21 Favoured child extracts alien from section (5)
23 Contributes to report of promotions (4)
26 Nobleman to hold in significant regard (5)
27 Followed points and took legal action (6)
30 1-ac for mother and child (6)
34 Chap to leave for 1-ac (6)
35 Comprehend a position of inferiority? (10)
38 Afterwards, metal goes sideways (7)
40 Clouts and catches! (5)
41 Bored expression of surprise in drone (2-3)
42 Shop broken into for beer ingredients (4)
44 Keep 15-dn, for example? (8)
47 One of five come outside for 1-ac (6)
49 Time for prophet to return, where 1-ac found (5)
51 Kids' game is even stranger, right off! (3)
52 Business gets smell reduced by ~£50 (1.1.1)
54 Fuss about commercial on love (3)
55 Relieve Tel? (3,2)
58 Reptile with feathers? (3)
60 What happens if you leave 1-ac too long up on rocky hill (3)
62 Archaic affirmative means the same when twisted (3)

Sudoku

5	6		4			1	7	
		4	6	7	1			
9					2			
			5		7		3	
		5				2		
	3		2		8			
			8					6
			7	2	6	5		
	7	2			5		1	3

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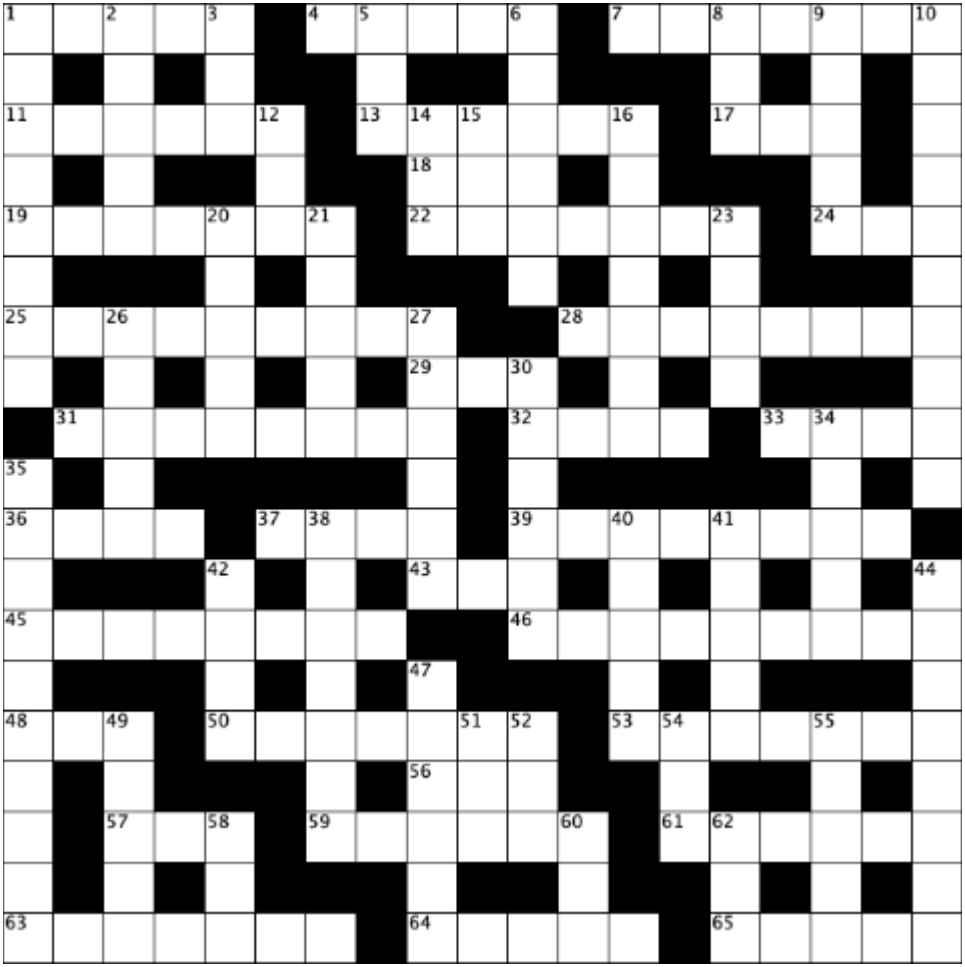

Across

1 Conscious (5)
4 Direct (5)
7 Flavour (7)
11 Made better (6)
13 Chaos (6)
17 Enclosure (3)
18 EU + 3 (1.1.1)
19 Thrown out (7)
22 Attack (3,4)
24 Man's address (3)
25 Too much (9)
28 And the rest (8)
29 Promise (3)
31 Rubbish (8)
32 This month (4)
33 Secondhand (4)
36 Call (4)
37 Speedy (4)
39 Wet (8)
43 Act against (3)
45 Understood (8)
46 Utterance (9)
48 Sister (3)
50 Bird (7)
53 Thing (7)

56 ___ Jima (3)
57 Long time (3)
59 Make use of (6)
61 Scuttlebutt (6)
63 Gave way (7)
64 Stories (5)
65 Jobs (5)

Down
1 Succeeded (8)
2 Saying (5)
3 First Lady (3)
5 Slate (3)
6 Passes on (6)
8 Rest (3)
9 Connects (5)
10 Subsequently (10)
12 Colour (3)
14 Fish (3)
15 Federal US agency (1.1.1)
16 Formal record (7)
20 Tries out (5)
21 See fit (5)
23 Part of match (4)
26 Headgear (5)
27 Occurrences (6)
30 Desires (6)
34 Carry on (5)
35 In the first place (10)
38 Mean (7)
40 Play (5)
41 Mole (5)
42 Positions (4)
44 Tries (8)
47 Ultra-smooth (6)
49 Relative (5)
51 Bird (3)
52 Court (3)
54 Tease (3)
55 Containers (5)
58 Help (3)
60 Over there (3)
62 Dismissed (3)

Word Jumble

How many words can you make?

C+	15
B	18
B+	22
A	26
A+	30

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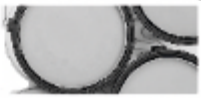

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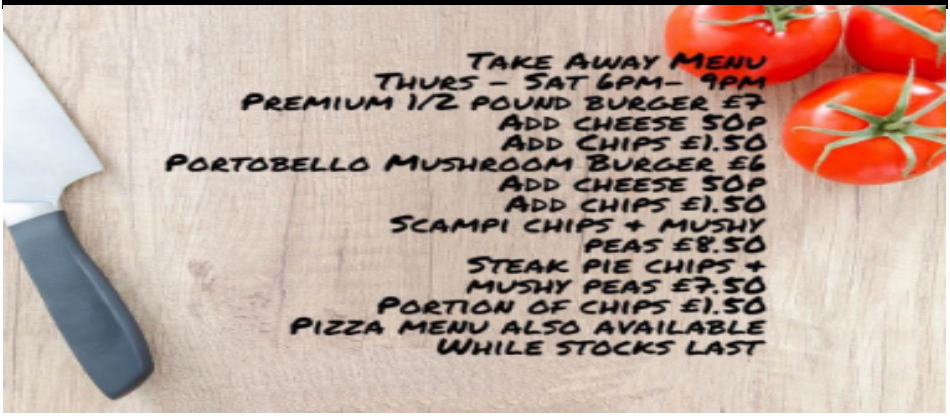

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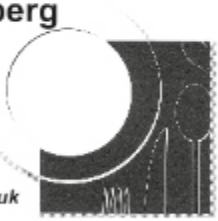

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Report from your County Councillor

Two more months of lockdown so I feel another report is due. It took the County Council a little while to get its act together. They decided that Microsoft Teams would be the online format we used. I had an online training session on 8th of May and my first online meeting on the 9th. The first Committee meeting in the form of a briefing was held on the 20th .

By then we were conducting a lot of Parish Council activity on Zoom. The first of my Parish Councils to trial a virtual meeting were Newnham on the 9th, followed by Selling. Within a few weeks my diary returned to something approaching normal with four or five meeting a day. I fell into a routine of spending about 90 minutes online early every morning answering overnight queries from residents and Parish Councils. This would often entail chasing action or information from Council Officers all working from home.

Then a mixture of gardening, dog walking etc and increasingly joining online meetings. By the beginning of June 12 of my 23 Parish Councils had held virtual meetings, all but one using Zoom. Four of them Newnham, Selling, Doddington and Graveney had met twice to be joined by Tunstall on 1st June. Several others have scheduled their first virtual meeting for early June.

One of the first virtual County meetings held was the Commissioning Advisory Board which I Chair to consider ideas going forward for the Highways Maintenance Contract work. We were joined by the Leader, Highways Cabinet Member and senior Officers to hear the views of the maximum possible number of backbench Members. We also held a meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel to question the East Kent Maternity Service.

Another meeting of great relevance locally was a presentation on the Medway Estuary and Swale Flood and Coastal Risk Strategy from the Environment Agency. Just a few days before the cliff fall on Sheppey took two homes into the sea.

Now we need to look forward with the lockdown slowly to be eased. We had a representative from Selling School senior management team attend the May online meeting to tell us their plans for partial reopening on 8th June and the difficulties this entailed. I know I am not alone in missing contact with close family, in my case children and grandchildren especially.

The chance of a sociable chat and drink in the local would also be most

welcome. Many of our local pubs have provided all manner of support to their Communities, not just providing take away food. It would be unfair to name any of them individually as so many are doing their bit. It has been an absolute joy walking the dogs, so little traffic or noise especially in the early weeks. I have never heard the birds and bees sound so loud and clear. The air also felt much cleaner and wash-time proved this was more than just an illusion.

As the economy starts up again, very necessary not just for mental health but to provide the taxes to meet the huge debts Government and Councils have run up supporting people and business, we need to strive to capture as many of these gains as possible. A return to how we lived pre Covid cannot be allowed. Home working, less commuting and hanging on to the greater community spirit we have experienced must be just the first of our aspirations.

I have to end on a sombre note, the end of May brought two great blows. Firstly, the passing of Mark Radford, my last Chief Executive at Swale. Mark and I both joined Swale Borough Council in 1987, in his case as a rating and valuation officer. He worked his way to the very top, a modest but determined and very able Officer who became a close and valued friend.

Secondly, we had the ghastly news that the Secretary of State had endorsed the Planning Inspectors advice to grant the obscene Solar Power Farm at Cleve Hill, Graveney. Born and brought up within view of the site I did much of my growing up on those sea walls and saltings. The negative impacts on landscape and the environment would be bad enough, but the reliance on the world's largest ever Lithium-ion Battery storage to make the scheme financially viable, totally untested technology on this scale, is potentially even worse.

I have been proud to speak and write against this scheme from day one and appear at the various enquiries etc. I feel especially sad for the stalwarts of the GREAT campaign group and our MP Helen Whately who have worked so hard despite the impact on their lives, families and potentially their careers.

Andrew Bowles, KCC Member – Swale East

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Puzzle Solutions

Cryptic Crossword

Quick Crossword

Sudoku

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9	1	7	3	5	2	6	8	4
2	4	8	5	6	7	9	3	1
7	9	5	1	3	4	2	6	8
1	3	6	2	9	8	4	5	7
4	5	9	8	1	3	7	2	6
3	8	1	7	2	6	5	4	9
6	7	2	9	4	5	8	1	3

9-letter Word Jumble

tens, ties, tine, tune, uses, utes, sues, suet, teen, tees, nest, nets, seen, sees, sent, sets, sine, site, sten, ensue, inset, issue, queen, quest, quiet, quine, sense, stein, suite, tense, unite, unset, untie, equine, intuse, sensei, sequin, sunset, tissue, unites, unties,

Images

Disney had 101 of these.
Would you like my milk?

Celebrate our NHS on 5 July

The National Health Service came into being on 5 July 1948, based on principles unlike anything that had gone before. There will be special commemorations to mark this anniversary as now we are even more aware of the importance of our NHS. On Saturday July 4, the campaign is also calling for people to mark a minute's silence and light a candle in their window to remember all those who have lost their lives to Covid 19.

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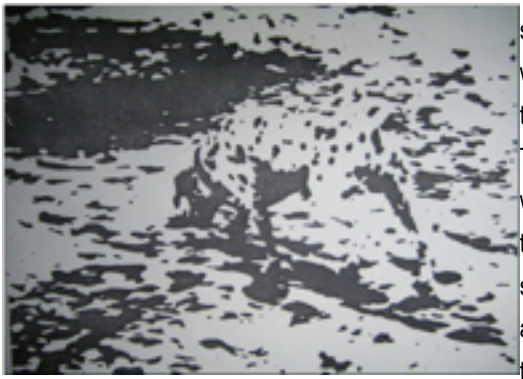
Draw to Learn Some More!

From Paul Walker

In last month's magazine, I gave an overview of the ideas behind drawing to learn: that is not only learning more about the thing you are drawing, but also learning more deeply about the process of learning itself. The central point is that learning to draw is based on learning to see, to mentally sideline our automatic tendency to stop really looking once we recognise a something familiar. I have a couple of illustrations that demonstrate just how powerful this recognition process is and how it can get in the way of seeing things in ways that help you to draw them.



You might look at one or both of these pictures and for a while not be able to make sense of them. With any luck, there'll be an "Aha!" moment where you'll say to yourself "Oh, now I see it!". If this takes a while, don't worry - it's interesting to observe how much the mind really *wants* to make sense of something and gets annoyed when it can't. Keep looking through this discomfort, but if you honestly can't see for looking I've put some hints underneath the puzzle solutions in this issue.

Now comes the hard part. Initially, if only for a short time, what you saw was a jumble of marks that didn't make sense. Then you 'saw' what it was. Now, try reversing that process. Go back to see the jumble of marks again and *don't* see the thing you recognised. It's a lot harder that way, isn't it? This is an important issue in all advanced learning: once you've seen something a certain way, it is hard to mentally put that aside and look for new possibilities of comprehension. Anyone who has learnt to touch-type after informally teaching themselves to 'hunt and peck' on the keyboard knows how much discipline it takes to re-learn to type without looking at the keys. So it is with drawing.

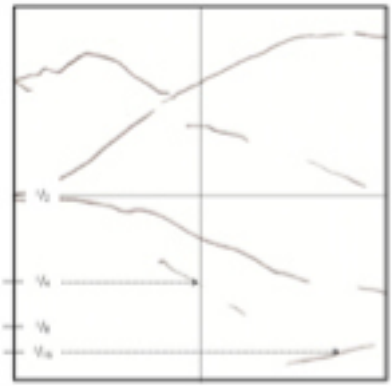
The point is that it is easier to draw something if you don't know what it is or at least can pretend that you don't. One way to do this is to superimpose a grid on the subject and work on just one cell at a time, temporarily ignoring others.

This is allied to an important skill to develop for learning in any field. Any creative problem solving, from physics to detective fiction, needs you to pay close attention to the raw data or the factual evidence, rather than being distracted by the conclusions your impatient mind wants to jump to. Same with drawing; doing it piecewise in a grid will help you focus on the lines and shapes that will eventually come together to form the whole picture. I've put a few gridded pictures at https://tinyurl.com/gridpics, as well as a blank grid for you to draw on. These pictures are either line or block drawings and underline the fact that your visual brain is very powerfully able to interpret marks that merely suggest a subject. Human interpretation is profoundly creative - not just visually, but in all kinds of learning and knowing.

So go ahead and have a go - you might surprise yourself. You don't have to draw like this forever, but it gives you a start. There are other ways you'll learn later to put marks in the right place.

A few pointers to help with this method:

1. You'll need to have some way of estimating the position of a feature in the original and reproducing that on your copy. You might find it helpful to lightly mark a set of crosshairs on each square of your original and on your copy sheet, to give you a visual guide to help mark making. It's easier and more accurate to estimate a point halfway along a line, and then each half into quarters and so on, rather than for example trying to estimate tenths.



2. Similarly with the angle that you draw lines in the picture. Your eye can identify parallel lines fairly readily, certainly after a bit of practice. So vertical lines in your picture are parallel to the left and right edges of your paper and horizontal lines are parallel to its top and bottom edges. Vertical and horizontal lines are at 90°, so you can estimate 45° fairly readily by drawing a line at the halfway angle (ie from one corner of your square to the opposite one), then halfway again for 22.5° and so on. It's like cutting a cake, so you could say it's a piece of cake! Estimating the angle of a line on your original and drawing at that angle on your copy is a skill worth developing in drawing.

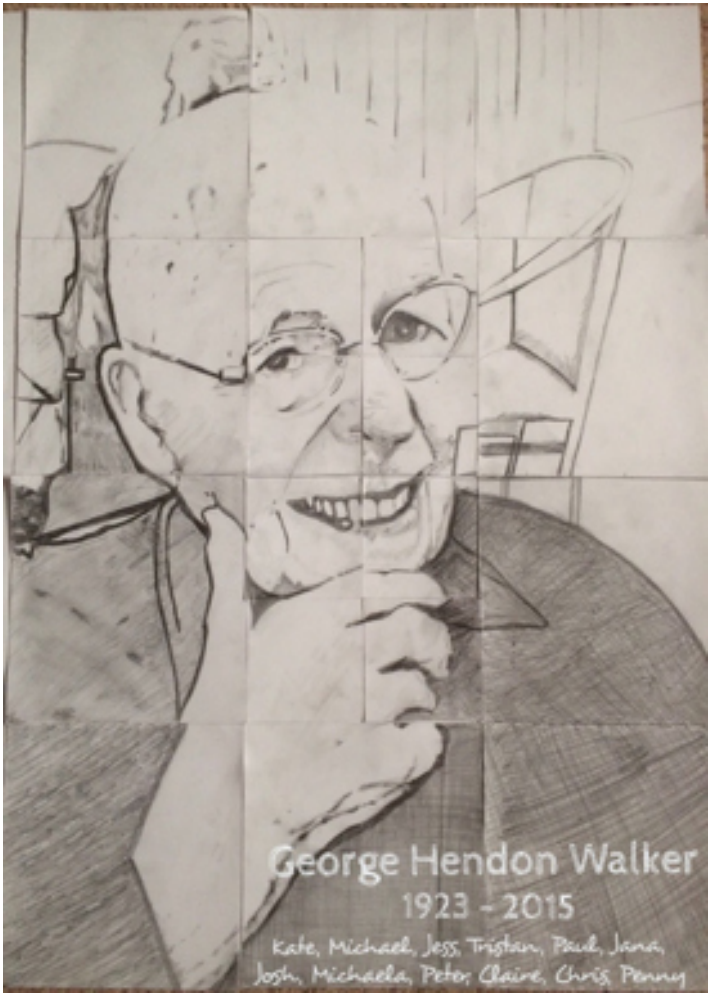
3. For curved lines it will help to estimate the tangent lines at the beginning and end of the line, and at one or two points along its length, as well as some idea of how far it deviates from a straight line joining the two ends. This will help you draw a smooth curve that approximates the original. Alternatively, you can approximate a curve with a series of short straight line segments (which, by the way, is the fundamental realisation of calculus) and then draw over the series with a smooth curve.

4. Don't hold your pencil in the same way you do for writing, pinched between your fingers. Try different ways of holding it in a looser grip that allows you to make smooth and larger sweeping strokes, using your wrist and eventually your whole arm.

If you really want to take this grid method to an extreme, you can cut up the original and just work on one piece at a time. If I work with a group of people, I sometimes give each person a different piece to copy and assemble all of the pieces to show the whole picture. They are always surprised and delighted with the result.

(Can you see the square from page 46?)

A bit more personal and poignant was a few years ago at my extended family gathering in country Australia for my Dad's funeral. My sister-in-law and I thought it would be good to have everyone there contribute to a picture of him and we cut up a processed photograph of him looking mischievous, giving each person a piece to copy. Despite the howls of protest from self-declared artistic incompetents, this was the result. Not perfect, but then who or what is?



We used this for the picture on his plaque and I can't imagine a more fitting tribute. And as I have become fond of saying since then, if my family can learn to draw then anything is possible.

Boughton under Blean Bowls Club

The Bowls Club has re-opened for members to roll up. This follows the guidance of the UK Government and Bowls England.

At first members could only play singles but more recently have been able to play pairs and even triples, providing social distancing is adhered to. There are restrictions to the number of people who can be at the club at any one time and full details have been sent out to all members and more information is available on the web site.

There at no matches being played at this time, however visitors can attend to watch roll ups, provided that they are social distancing and maintaining hygiene.

Volunteers and committee members have worked hard to prepare the club and green for this return to bowls at Boughton. Many thanks to all those who assisted and continue to make the sport safe at this time.

Hopefully it will not be long before we return to a new normal and are able to welcome new members, either novice or experienced.

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Valerie Harrison

Valerie was born on 14 September 1934 to Norbury and Ethel Colbran. Valerie's father took the tenancy of The White Lion, Selling. Shortly after this Valerie started attending Selling Primary School. It was here she established her lifelong friendship with Emily Webb (later Clayson). Valerie joined Selling Girl Guides with meetings being held at Gushmere Court.

George Harrison played for Selling Football Club who held their meetings in The White Lion. George worked for Mr W Redsell alongside Ray Clayson who he persuaded to play for Selling. Valerie and Emily would go along to all the matches whatever the weather

Valerie and George married on 8 August 1953 at Boughton Parish Church. After they married, they lived in a farm house in Chalkey Road, Boughton. Valerie worked on the farm and often helped out at Nash Court, especially when they had a party or an event.

In 1966 Valerie took over the running of 1st Boughton, Mrs Stanley Berry's Own Guides. She took the guides on two camps a year, and paraded their colours at church. The guides held the first mixed camp in the county with 7th Faversham Guides and Scouts.

This led to more adventurous camps including abseiling at Warden Point, canoeing the Stour and adventures at Buckmore Park and in Devon.

In 1972 the family moved to a newly built house in St Paul's Road. Shortly after this Valerie became a maternity care assistant at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. She loved the work and made many friends who she kept in touch with after her retirement.

Having a car opened new horizons for Valerie and George. Valerie enjoyed driving and when in the car with her you would often have to remind her to watch the road as she would be busy pointing out things in the fields and villages as they passed by.

Valerie and George celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in 2013 and received a telegram from the Queen. Sadly, George died in 2015 and Valerie later moved to Yorkletts to live with her daughter Mary and son in law David.

Valerie and Emily's friendship continued and in the last five years they have enjoyed holidays together in Dorset, Blackpool, Derbyshire and in 2019 Valerie drove them both to holiday in Dawlish. They regularly enjoyed coffee mornings meeting up with old friends, lunches, afternoon teas, the theatre and trips out.

Valerie was outgoing, strong and independent and when she became ill it frustrated her. She was loved not only by her immediate family but also nieces and nephews and many friends. She has left a huge hole in many lives and will be missed enormously.

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Church News

The government has just issued updated guidance and we are, as I write, waiting for the detail of that. Churches can reopen for public worship from 4 July, provided physical distancing remains in place. Weddings and funerals in church can also take place, again with physical distancing and much reduced numbers and churches can be open for private prayer. All of this is permissive not prescriptive, we don't have to do any of it and shouldn't feel any pressure to do so.

As set out in Rvd Jean Burrows' introduction to this magazine, in our benefice we are taking things slowly. It isn't a simple case of opening our doors and welcoming everyone in, much as we would like to. For the safety of everyone we have to first complete a full risk assessment of each church building, then deep clean the church. Once all that has been done we can then prepare the church for worship with signs about where to sit, reminders about sanitising hands, one way systems, areas not for access etc. All this takes time so we don't have a date in mind at the moment but it won't be quite yet. Our benefice website will keep you updated www.boughton-hernhill-graveney-churches.com and we will advertise it as well.

Our plan is to start with a benefice service on Sunday at 10 am in Boughton Parish Church once a fortnight, Boughton Church because it is the largest church and gives flexibility with chairs as well. In the intervening weeks we will continue with services on Zoom and I will still continue to send out the weekly service, sermon etc. Not everyone will be able to return to church as they may still be shielding, some may not feel ready to yet, so we will take it slowly. Any questions or worries please contact me, I understand the caution and no-one is under any pressure to return to church before they are ready. We also have plans to reopen Hernhill Church for private prayer on Sundays, starting on 12 July from 11 am to 4 pm.

Parish Registers:

Funerals

Jeanette De'ath at Barham crematorium on 1 June

Ken Chapman in Hernhill churchyard on 16 June

Ernest Giles at Barham crematorium 29 June

George Blackmore at Barham crematorium 2 July

Valerie Harrison at Charing crematorium 3 July

In memoriam

As many people will know, we mourn the deaths of two dearly loved and longstanding members of our congregation this month; Rob Masters and Colin Lofting.

Funeral arrangements are being made, and tributes will be included in the next issue of this magazine.

CHURCH DIARIES July/ August 2020

St Michael's, Hernhill SS Peter and Paul, Boughton St Barnabas, Boughton All Saints, Graveney

Through the wonders of modern technology, our church services are now being shared online through"Zoom", a free app on the internet, with an option of joining in on the phone.

Anyone is welcome to join in our Zoom services; you don't need to download anything, nor to you have to have a camera on your computer, tablet or smart-phone. You can follow the service either on video or just in sound but for security purposes you need an invitation.

All you have to do is to email or call the vicar at jeanburrows@jeanius.me.uk or on 01227 751410 and she will send the password details. Zoom services are 40 minutes max.

Services on Zoom will continue every Sunday at 10 am, followed by Coffee and chat at 11.00 am. Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30 am.

What to expect in a Zoom Holy Communion service

A Communion service on Zoom has the same structure as one in church but without hymns or music. We start by asking God to be with us in our worship and we confess, or say sorry, for our failings to love God and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We then receive an assurance of God's forgiveness. 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.'

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

“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.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled ‘Hymns We Love’, provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.

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