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Parish News

Winter 2021

**SEASONS
GREETINGS
FROM
BROOMFIELD AND
KINGSWOOD
PARISH COUNCIL**

BROOMFIELD & KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

We hope everyone is well. It is lovely to see so many of you around the village and at the Parish events and meetings. The new multi-play equipment has now been installed at the Sports Field and we hope that all the children are enjoying it.

If anyone is struggling or requires any assistance, especially as the weather is turning colder and the nights are drawing in please contact Hayley the Parish Clerk. We are always here to help!

Councillors would like to invite everyone to a Christmas get together on Monday the 20th of December at 7.30pm at Broomfield and Kingswood Village Hall.
Drinks and mince pies will be provided!



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL THE TOM HOY AWARD 2022

We are now taking nominations for the Tom Hoy Award 2022. Please see nomination form at the back of the Parish News or contact Hayley the Parish Clerk for more information.

What is a Parish Council?

There are many misconceptions regarding a Parish Council and I thought it would be useful to explain a little bit more about the role and powers of a Parish Council and its Councillors.

There are approximately 9000 parish and town councils in England. Parish Councils are statutory bodies and its members (Councillors) are elected for a term of four years. Broomfield and Kingwood Parish Council can have up to a maximum of nine Councillors at any one time and can be elected or co-opted onto the council. Elected Councillors are elected at the four yearly meeting however co-option can occur either where a vacancy remains after an election or where the resignation of a councillor causes a 'casual vacancy' to occur. Parish Councillors volunteer their time to become a Parish Councillor, it is not a paid role.

Parish Councils are funded predominately by an annual precept and this is collected by the Borough Council as part of the council tax levied on tax payers in that parish. Councillors must act within the law, it can only spend, raise or use money if it has a statutory power to do so.

Some of the powers of the Parish Council include:

- Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials
- The power to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes.
- Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested.
- Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities.
- Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies.
- Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order.
- Power to provide mortuaries and post-mortem rooms.
- Provision of bins.
- Power to plant trees and shrubs and to maintain roadside verges.
- Power to light roads and public places.
- Power to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures.
- Power to acquire, provide and furnish community buildings for public meetings and assemblies.
- Power to provide public clocks.
- Powers to provide allotments.
- Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.
- Power to make byelaws for: Places of public recreation.

What is the difference between a County, Borough and Parish Council?

County Councils, for example Kent County Council, are responsible for services across the whole of a county and are responsible for things like education, planning, waste management and transport.

Borough Councils, for example Maidstone Borough Council, cover a smaller area than county councils. They're usually responsible for services like planning applications, housing and rubbish collections.

Parish Councils operate at a level lower than County and Borough Councils and can help with a number of local issues previously mentioned above under powers.

Hayley Roberts
PARISH CLERK

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DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE AND THE SPORTS FIELD

Sadly many dog owners are still not picking up their dog mess around the village and the sports field.

Information on dog foul offences you witness can be reported to Maidstone Borough Council using the following link:

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/other-services/campaigns-and-projects/tier-2-primary-areas/rk9>

Or forwarded directly to

Jack Orwell, Maidstone Borough Council's Waste Crime Team Officer so that he can investigate and take enforcement action.

Jack can be contacted via email at jackorwell@maidstone.gov.uk or by phone 01622-602232

**PLEASE CAN WE REMIND
RESIDENTS TO PARK
RESPONSIBLY.**

The area around the Primary School becomes particularly congested and we want to remind residents not to block driveways and junctions.

INCIDENTS AND ISSUES MUST BE REPORTED

There has been a lot of incidents of antisocial behaviour and crime in the village lately.

It is really important any issues are reported on-line. The Police, including our PCSO, **can only respond** to incidents and issues if they are reported to 101 or on-line

If issues/crimes are not reported the Police cannot respond and the Parish Council has no enforcement capabilities.

You must report things on the reporting section of the Kent Police website which can be accessed via the following link or ring 101:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/>

Please **do not** post any evidence that could be used in a criminal prosecution on the Facebook site as it could also cause residents distress and worry and it could be scaremongering

Please remember that our **PCSO is not contactable by phone.**

Highways issues including potholes, broken signs, damaged signs, blocked gullies, pathway issues

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

PLEASE can I make an appeal to all Kingswood residents.

In July out of the blue I lost all my sight in my left eye and 68% in my right eye. This happened over night. As you can imagine this was terrifying.

One of the most difficult things that I found was walking in the village because I was forever being slapped in the face by overhanging tree branches and shrubbery. Therefore, can I request that residents look at trees and shrubbery that are growing on their property boundaries by footpaths.

With the expertise of the surgeons and staff at Maidstone Hospital I am slowly regaining my sight.

Thank you for your help.

Val Clarke



Christmas Fair

At Broomfield and
Kingswood Village Hall

4th December 2021
1:30 - 3:30pm

Stalls

Sweet treats & refreshments

Christmas music and carols

Visit from Santa

Raffle with fab prizes



Come along, get into the festive spirit and support the local pre-school group!

Mary Berry's Christmas Pudding Recipe

http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/traditional_christmas_38771

Ingredients

For the pudding

450g/1lb [dried mixed fruit](#) (use a mixture of sultanas, raisins, and snipped apricots)

1 small cooking [apple](#), peeled, cored and roughly chopped

1 [orange](#), finely grated rind and juice

3 tbsp [brandy](#), sherry, or rum, plus extra for flaming

75g/3oz [butter](#), softened, plus extra for greasing

100g/3½oz light muscovado [sugar](#)

For the brandy butter

100g/3½oz unsalted [butter](#), softened

225g/8oz [icing sugar](#), sieved

2 free-range [eggs](#)

100g/4oz [self-raising flour](#)

1 tsp [mixed spice](#)

40g/1½oz fresh white [breadcrumbs](#)

40g/1½oz whole shelled [almonds](#), roughly chopped

3 tbsp [brandy](#), rum or cognac

To serve

4 tbsp [brandy](#) or rum

Method

1. Measure the sultanas, raisins, apricots and apple into a bowl with the orange juice. Add the measured brandy (rum or sherry), stir and leave to marinate for about one hour.
2. Put the measured butter, sugar and grated orange rind into a large bowl and cream together with a wooden spoon or a hand-held whisk until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, adding a little of the measured flour if the mixture starts to curdle.
3. Sift together the flour and mixed spice, then fold into the creamed mixture with the breadcrumbs and the nuts. Add the soaked dried fruits with their soaking liquid and stir well.
4. Generously butter a 1.4 litre/2½ pint pudding basin. Cut a small disc of foil or baking parchment and press into the base of the basin.
5. Spoon into the prepared pudding basin and press the mixture down with the back of a spoon. Cover the pudding with a layer of baking parchment paper and foil, both pleated across the middle to allow for expansion. Tie securely with string and trim off excess paper and foil with scissors.
6. To steam, put the pudding in the top of a steamer filled with simmering water, cover with a lid and steam for eight hours, topping up the water as necessary.
7. To boil the pudding, put a metal jam jar lid, or metal pan lid, into the base of a large pan to act as a trivet. Place a long, doubled strip of foil in the pan, between the trivet and the pudding basin, ensuring the ends of the strip reach up and hang over the edges of the pan. This will help you to lift the heavy pudding basin out of the pan of hot water when it has finished cooking.
8. Lower the pudding onto the trivet and pour in enough boiling water to come half way up the side of the bowl. Cover with a lid, bring the water back to the boil, then simmer for about seven hours, until the pudding is a glorious deep brown colour, topping up the water as necessary.
9. For the brandy butter, place the butter into a mixing bowl and cream with a wooden spoon until light and fluffy – or for speed use an electric hand-held mixer. Beat in the sieved icing sugar until smooth, then add brandy, rum or cognac, to taste. Spoon into a serving dish, cover and set aside in the fridge.
10. When cooked through, remove the pudding from the pan and cool completely. Discard the paper and foil and replace with fresh. Store in a cool, dry place.
11. To serve, on Christmas Day, steam or boil the pudding for about two hours to reheat. Turn the pudding onto a serving plate. To flame, warm the brandy or rum in a small pan, pour it over the hot pudding and set light to it. Serve with brandy butter.

Indiana Jones Update

We've had a busy few months and are very pleased to say Indie is now fully qualified! We are over the moon and super pleased with his progress. He has a new lead and shiny new jacket and can now come with us everywhere!

Indie is alerting every day and he has also alerted me to other family members who have had high blood sugars recently. He lets me know by licking my hand, we confirm with a blood test and then he gets yummy treats. He can also tell whether blood sugars are dropping or rising fast, we take action before it gets any worse. He's so clever!

Thank-you for all of your support with fundraising, we are so grateful. The Hypo Hounds tin at the shop is almost full again for the second time! Amazing! Thank-you to Tracy and the team at the shop for flying the Hypo Hounds flag for Team Indie!

Indie will have training every year to stay qualified and Hypo Hounds keep in contact with any issues or questions we may have. We are so grateful to them. They are an amazing charity.

We attend dog training every week at the village hall to keep his training/socialisation going and are so grateful to Janet and Marion at Lead the Way Dog training.

Thank-you all for your support!

Love Team Indie

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HYPO HOUND! NEWSLETTER 3

✧ Thank-you ✧

Thank-you very much for all of your support for Indie! We are pleased to say that Indie has now passed his formal training and is now a fully qualified Diabetic Alert Dog! Please follow Hypo Hounds online and on Facebook they are an amazing charity. Indie is also on Instagram and TikTok! #Indianajoneshypohound

2020/2021

What a wonderful start to September as things are starting to get back to normal! Indie has passed his scent and public access training. He is now a fully qualified diabetic alert dog. We are over the moon and would like to thank you all for supporting us throughout our journey over the last two years. Having a Type 1 Diabetes diagnosis in the family was a struggle to deal

with for all of us, but having Indie was a welcome change of focus and turned something negative into something positive to look forward to. We are so grateful to Hypo Hounds

and Lead the Way Dog Training for making this happen, and to you all for donating and helping with fundraising! We couldn't have done it without you!



Indie is alerting every day and his scent work has gone from strength to strength! He is trained to alert to 'Hypers' and 'Hypos'. He nudges and licks my hand so I know I am to get Evan's test kit!

Hypo Hounds

Hypo Hounds are an amazing charity and are based in Smarden. 'Training pet dogs to develop life saving skills'

www.hypohounds.co.uk

Quarters of Sussex

Quarters of Sussex have sponsored Indie and have provided him with wonderful leads and collars. We are so grateful :) Thank-you!

www.quartersofsussexparacord.co.uk

Lead the Way Dog training meet on Wednesdays at the Village Hall. Please contact Janet Tandy for info!

REQUEST FOR HELP!

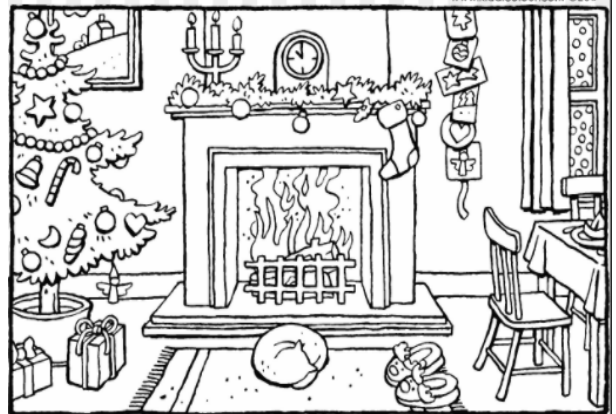
SPEEDWATCH—Are you concerned about the speed of vehicles in our village? Would you like to do something about it? Resident Becky Smith is in the process of setting up a Community Speedwatch Group, if you are interested in helping please contact Becky via email on beckysmith79@me.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS WORD SEARCH



See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Happy | 5. Family | 9. Shopping | 13. Santa |
| 2. Holidays | 6. Friends | 10. Candy canes | 14. Songs |
| 3. Christmas | 7. Presents | 11. Cookies | 15. Movies |
| 4. Vacation | 8. Decorations | 12. Milk | 16. Fun |



SPOT THE FIVE DIFFERENCES

We are looking for a choir! No singing experience is necessary!

This year we are putting on a Christmas Eve Concert at the Kingswood village Hall 4-6pm. There will be carols, festive music, fun activities and mince pies with mulled wine!

We need more members for our choir though and would love for you to come along and sing some carols for our lovely concert!

With the year we have all had, why not come along and get into the festive spirit and join in with some Christmas music!

Rehearsals are at the Village Hall:
Saturday 13th November 12-1pm
Sunday 21st November 2-3pm
Sunday 28th November 2-3pm
Monday evenings in December (times t.b.c)

Please come along to any rehearsals or message/call Jorge Ross or Claire Jones for more information. Claire: 07732056139

(More details of the concert will be available soon)





Leeds & Kingswood Scout Group

All the sections have gone back to normal now and all meet at the scout hut in Kingswood

For remembrance day we will all meet at St Margaret's church in Broomfield for the service and lay a wreath at the church.

The early part of October we had a stall at village hall, this was to get all the organisations in Kingswood to promote there clubs. We got four new children to join and also two more people to join our 100 club. Philip Tweddell has now retired from being on the committee for 35 years, we thank him for all the time and effort he has put in to the group over the years. He arranged for putting new heating in the hut and spent one summer break by fitting us a new kitchen.

Beavers.

The beavers have now started back with 19 beavers. they have been practising for the their badge work. i saw one beaver with badges down his arm from top to cuff. Their mother must be good with a needle and cotton.

Amy Parker has just been invested as a new leader.

If you would like to join beavers and are between the ages of 6-8 years of age email Claire (cdrylie@hotmail.com) or 07732056139

Cubs

All the cubs have now been invested and ready for all the challengers ahead. Jane the cub leader will be leaving us around Christmas time as she will be moving near her son in Basingstoke. But we have got Mark who will be the new leader coming up with new ideas.

If you would like to join call Jane 862558 and are between the ages of 8-10 1/2 years old

Scouts

Scouts have started to go back now after lock down our numbers have been a bit low. But after Christmas .we will be having some cubs moving up to scouts. If you would like to join scouts call Alan 843019 and are aged between 10 1/2 to 14

Explorers

There are 19 explorers who all meet at the hut. They have been hiking in the woods and have been on weekend camps. This is for the 14-18 year olds. if you are interested in joining email (markhorlock@me.com)

100 club

Here are the winners. for July

Mrs Davis £20, Mrs Bennett £10, Mrs Odam £10, Mrs Bosman £5

Winners for August

Mrs Wallis £20, Mrs Thompson 310, Mr Fairman £10, Mrs Gausden £5

Winners for September

Mrs King £20, Miss Chatman £10, Mrs Leandro, £10, Miss Raffill £5

If you would like to join we have four prizes a month and costs £12 for a full year. call Alan 843019 for more details.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Alan Poulton Chairman 01622 843019

Beavers have been busy Beavers at Leeds and Kingswood Beavers and have been doing our bit for our community!

Beavers have been helping our community and working towards one of their badges by litter picking and learning all about recycling and throwing rubbish away properly. We also had a chance to talk about the green cross code whilst we were out and about!

Great stuff! Thank-you very much to the Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council for allowing us to use the equipment.

Kindest Regards

Claire-Leeds and Kingswood Beavers Leader





Since starting the new academic year in September we have said a few goodbyes to longstanding staff members and we want to wish them well for the future. We also want to take this opportunity to welcome Sophie and Louise to the team!

Children numbers continue to grow and we are receiving lots of enquiries. Our children continue to enjoy a range of learning experiences which include arts, crafts, messy play, varied construction, water play and other sensory experiences. Our small group activities consist of yoga, dough disco, action songs, number rhymes, story time and getting ready for school which helps to promote independence and confidence building.

After three years in the role Hayley Roberts stepped down as Chairperson in November, Hayley is still however a committee member. We would like to introduce our new Chairperson Charlotte Mutton and our new Vice Chairperson Sarah Tibble. As a committee run preschool we are always looking for new members to join the committee, if you would like more information or would like to join the committee please contact Charlotte Mutton chairperson@kingswoodpreschoolgroup.co.uk

We are holding a Christmas Fair on the 4th of December at the Village Hall and would love to see as many of you there as possible! There will be a raffle with some fantastic prizes and many local residents will be there selling lots of items along with mince pies and cakes. There will also be a visit from the big man himself!! Come along and get in the Christmas Spirit! All proceeds raised will go towards vital resources for the preschool.

Our waiting list for Janaury continues to grow but we still have spaces available please contact **Katherine Ross (Manager)** via email on manager@kingswoodpreschoolgroup.co.uk or alternatively call **01622589222** for any enquires.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BROOMFIELD

CAROLS AT BROOMFIELD



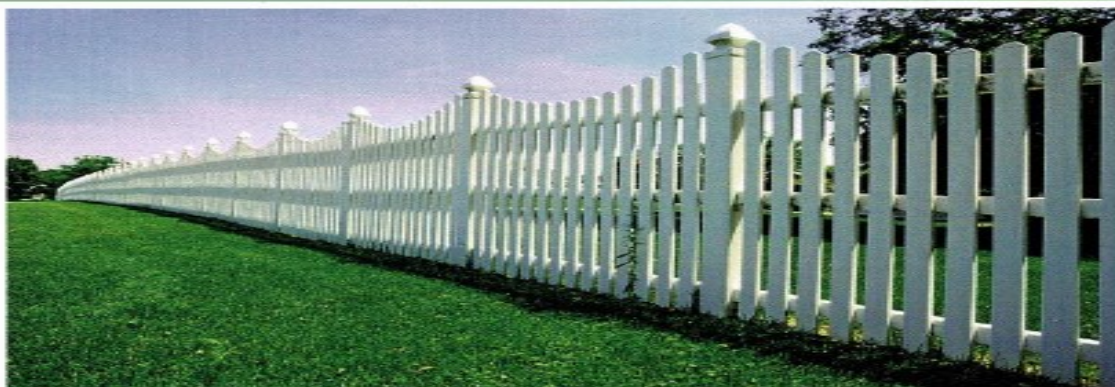
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Averting the Insect Apocalypse – By James Milton – Conservation Biology Student from University of Sussex

Insects used to be everywhere. Our older residents may remember the need to stop on a long car journey to remove the insect parts which had accumulated on the windscreen. Sadly, this rarely happens anymore, due to a sharp decline in insect numbers over recent years.

Pollinating insects (or pollinators) are insects which facilitate the production of a fruit from flowers. Examples of these wonderful creatures would be butterflies, bees, and hoverflies. We depend on pollinators for a large number of our fresh fruit and vegetables which fill our supermarkets (e.g., strawberries and cucumbers). We have become accustomed to our supermarkets being fully stocked upon entry, but without pollinators, this would not be possible.

Widespread butterfly (such as the Red Admiral) numbers have fallen by 46% between 1976 and 2016 while habitat-specialist butterflies (such as the Duke of Burgundy) have dropped by 77% within the same time period. Populations of the Great Yellow Bumblebee were fairly widespread in 1900, but only remain in the Scottish Isles nowadays. In addition, according to a recent research study, a third of British wild bees and hoverflies are in decline. Most of the declines are due to overuse of pesticides in modern farming and habitat destruction.

While this article does express the idea of ‘doom and gloom’, it is not too late to reverse the damage. There are steps which residents can take to aid the local pollinator populations:

Mow less and reimagine ‘weeds’ as ‘wildflowers’ – The word ‘weed’ is a social construct. There is no difference between a dandelion, or a foxglove, a daisy, or some lavender. If left alone, most lawns will blossom full of many kinds of flower. The bees will thank you for this.

Do not buy garden plants from supermarket chains, or garden centres – A study conducted by Professor Goulson at the University of Sussex found that many garden centres and supermarket plants are covered in pesticides. Shockingly, some of these plants still had the ‘Safe for Pollinators’ logo printed on the label despite being covered in insect poison! Instead, purchase from websites that specialise in pesticide-free plants such as rosybee.com and beehappyplants.co.uk. Additionally, there is no need to use any form of pesticide in a small garden.

Avoid double variety plants. Roses without anthers (pollen stems) have been genetically modified to produce more petals rather than pollen. No pollinator will gain from this.

If you have a big enough garden, purchasing a flowering fruit tree is highly recommended from: <https://walcotnursery.co.uk/>

For children or those into DIY, search on YouTube for how to make either a hoverfly lagoon, an earwig hotel, or a bee hotel to attract pollinators to your garden (Earwigs eat aphids which feed on crops!).

Making Coffee.....Making History

In 2003 I had an idea to raise funds for the Village Hall by holding a 'Coffee and cake ' morning once a month on a Saturday.

With a couple of helpers we began serving perhaps 20 people at first, but it all began to change as more people came and told their friends, who told their friends, who told their friends.....

I then managed to get some traders who ran stalls to come, selling everything from handbags to hollyhocks, bracelets to broccoli, sausages to soft toys.....and the Village Coffee Shop was born.

The event became a hub for villagers meeting up with friends old and new and visitors from surrounding areas, especially when making village announcements and celebrating Christmas together. Over the years with your kind help we have raised hundreds of pounds for Macmillan Cancer Care and thousands of pounds for the Village Hall funds.

Unfortunately after nearly 20 years we have come to a natural conclusion with the Pandemic and the effects of age and time!

However my main thoughts go out to all those people who have contributed in any way over the years, and I would like to thank you so much for all your support and friendship, and look forward to seeing you at any future one-off events that we will be holding.

Thank you , Beryl Andrew



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IT'S CHRISTMAS - KEEP IT REAL



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

**At long last we are now up and running again
and meet at the Village Hall
at 12.45 - 1.45**

**We have not only welcomed back those who have supported us for many years,
but a number of new faces as well.**

**Why not come along for a cuppa,
chat and/or 'put the World to rights'**

All ages welcome

Pat Lyne 01622 843672

The Kingswood Bluebells

The Bluebells are a sociable group of ladies looking at life with a new interest. We have a varied group of speakers and activities throughout the year with a good sprinkling of restaurant and garden visits.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7-30pm at the Village Hall. Please ring Beryl Andrew on 01622 843431 if you are interested in joining our small but friendly group.

Beryl Andrew

KINGSWOOD WHIST GROUP

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 until 4.15pm. The Group is ever expanding and we are now attracting players from neighbouring villages. Over 20 players come along and enjoy 24 games of partner/progressive whist. At half-time we have tea, coffee, cakes and chat! Of course we all try to win but the main objective is to have a really sociable afternoon with the opportunity to meet lots of new people.

We welcome new players of any vintage or ability and are delighted that several have now joined since the end of the lockdown. So do come along for some fun - all for just £2.50!! The members take it in turns to provide the cakes and modest prizes for the winner and the wooden spooner!!

In December we have an excellent Christmas lunch, this year it will be at The Ridge Golf Club. The Group contributes to the cost. Several "significant other halves" also join us.

So don't sit at home watching four in a bargain doctors hunt dine with me. Do come along and enjoy a fun afternoon with ordinary folk who don't bite!! We will be delighted to see you.

For further information please ring Mike on 844272 or just turn up next Tuesday.



Village Hall

Kingswood & Broomfield Village Hall offers plenty of activities run by various groups. Kingswood Pre-school operate every weekday in term times, and there are all sorts of regular sports, clubs, and social groups as you can see from the schedule below. All these groups are now back operating, and they will always welcome new faces, especially from any of our new residents in the parish.

The hall operates in a safe environment with regular deep cleaning and hand sanitising stations around the hall. We are delighted to have such a busy and vibrant facility within the community.

Our regular users are:

Monday: Pre-school (all day); Cynophobia (helping children with fear of dogs) (early evening); Parish Council Meetings (first and third Monday evening each month); Kingswood Bluebells women's group (second Monday evening each month); Village Hall Committee (alternating fourth Monday evening each month); Ornithology Group (alternating fourth Monday evening each month)

Tuesday: Pre-school (morning); Lunch Club (lunchtime); Whist Group (afternoon); Karate (evening)

Wednesday: Pre-school (morning); Short Mat Bowls (afternoon); Lead the Way Dog Training (evening)

Thursday: Pre-school (morning); Badminton (afternoon); Karate (evening); Yoga (evening)

Friday: Pre-school (all day); Dance for Kent (early evening); CANS (youth group) (term time evenings)

Saturday: Karate (morning)

Sunday: Kingswood Church (morning)

The hall is available for private hire for celebrations, events, and children's parties on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There are also regular village events at the hall such as the Kingswood Pre-school Christmas Fayre on December 4th with stalls and games.

If you wish to hire the hall please contact Val Clarke, booking officer, on 01622 843110. For further information on any of the clubs or groups please contact them directly – details can be found in this newsletter.

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Kingswood Church article December 2021

The retail stores have been telling us to buy early for Christmas with even some supermarkets threatening that Christmas could be cancelled due to lack of supplies! O not again I hear you say after we were in lock down last Christmas.

Of course, all this misses the point. Christmas is about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as a baby to Mary and Joseph. Being born of humble means in a stable but not remaining as a baby and growing up to show us what the Kingdom of God looks like. One of love for God and compassion to our neighbours.

Advent is a time for getting out those Advent calenders as we are reminded with anticipation of Jesus' coming to the earth. One of my favourite Advent hymns is O Come, O Come Emmanuel reminding us that God has not left us alone but is very much with us.

God is with us when things are going well and with us when times are tough. The Wise Men were 'overwhelmed with joy' as they followed 'the star they had seen in the east that went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was' (Matthew 2:9&10). They had 'reached their destination' and found the baby Jesus. May we too experience joy and peace as we once again gather together with family and friends this Christmas time.

We look forward to welcoming you to our services in December and may I wish you on behalf of Kingswood Church a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Peter Roberts

Kingswood Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) supported by Anglican, Methodist and Baptist churches.

Kingswood Church calendar for December 2021

Sunday 5th December (Advent 2)

10:30am Refreshments/11am Cafe Service



Sunday 12th December (Advent 3)

11am The Christmas Story by the Climbers



Sunday 19th December (Advent 4)

6pm Christingle Service taken by Rev Mark Pavey

Saturday 25th December

10:30am Family Christmas Day Service taken by Peter Roberts

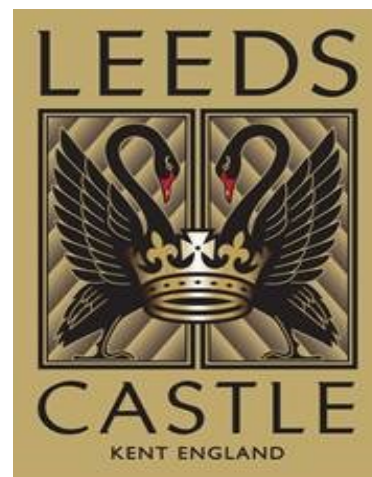


Sunday 26th December

11am Area Communion Service taken by Rev Mark Pavey

Well, we are truly into Autumn now and heading fast for Winter season. The colours of the trees are looking spectacular across the estate and we are seeing a lot of walkers enjoying the beauty of the estate.

It has been tidying up season in the garden and on the estate, clearing away summer plant growth and mulching to lock in moisture and protect shrubs over the winter. Our garden volunteers have done an exceptional job this season to ensure that all the gardens look at their best.



October Half Term was exceptionally busy at the Castle and we saw thousands of happy, excited children dressed up in their best Hallowe'en costumes and enjoying the spooky themed activities.

We held a staff competition for carving the best pumpkin and had a lot of fantastic entries, with all pumpkins being displayed in the Culpeper Garden for visitors to enjoy. Entries ranged from a carving of the outline of the Castle to a TripAdvisor owl, a bandaged-up pumpkin 'patient' to an 'angry' pumpkin baring its teeth. Astonishingly creative and we shall see what bright ideas arrive for next year's pumpkin-fest.

Hallowe'en was swiftly followed by a weekend of Fireworks Spectacular – the biggest and best pyrotechnic display in the South East. Completely sold out on both nights, thousands flocked to enjoy the funfair and the stunning fireworks display. This year we also put on a special Birds of Prey display to encourage arrivals to be spread over the afternoon. This was hugely well attended and the birds thoroughly enjoyed all the attention.

Work is now underway to deliver Christmas at the Castle, which will be live from 27th November until 2nd January. The Christmas trees have been selected for the Castle and the stunning decorative scheme finalised. Work is also underway to install the Twelve Days of Christmas artistic installations, each of which represents one of the days, some with interactive elements for family fun. Come on down and get into the festive spirit from 27th November.

The Castle is now partially wrapped in scaffolding and plastic wrap as we continue the works to conserve the stonework of the Castle. We had a birds' eye view of the works at our Trustee Board at end October, with close inspection of the stonework repairs and stunning views over the Moat and Maidens' Tower. This project will be completed over the Autumn and Winter, with replacement of lime mortar and repairs to the original stonework.

This massive and hugely expensive programme of work, which will take another 7-10 years to complete (depending on finances) is essential to safeguard the Castle for future generations. We will need to seek funding from other sources to complete the following phases over the next few years.

Hoping your run up to Christmas is festive and enjoyable.

Helen Bonser-Wilton, Chief Executive

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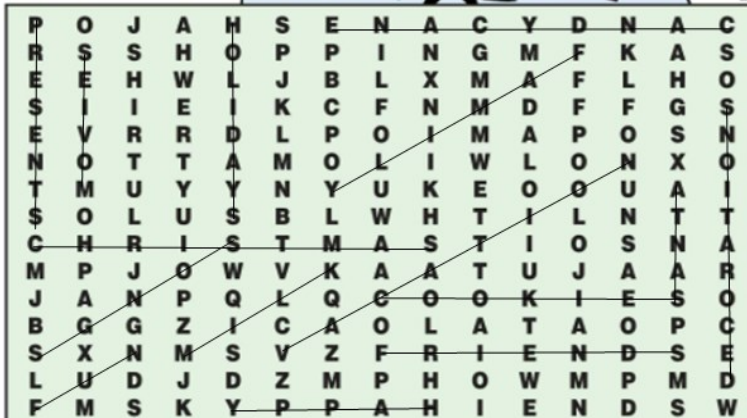
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| 2. Holidays | 6. Friends | 10. Candy canes | 14. Songs |
| 3. Christmas | 7. Presents | 11. Cookies | 15. Movies |
| 4. Vacation | 8. Decorations | 12. Milk | 16. Fun |



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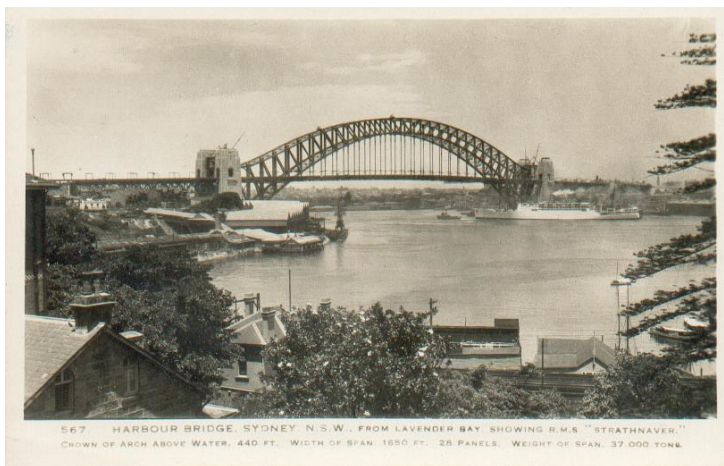
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Bridges from Around the World

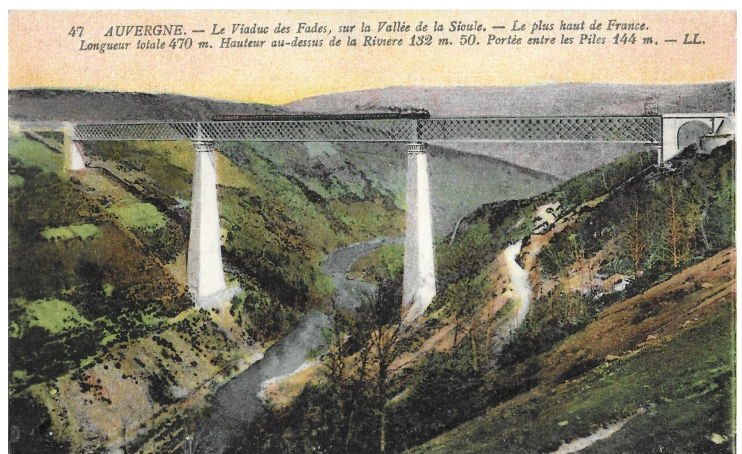


This is the largest trestle bridge in the World, being 1,624m long, 32.6m wide, and 95.7m tall. Known now as the High Level Bridge, it was completed in 1909, and is located near Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada, carrying the trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway.



Probably the most recognisable bridge in the World, Sydney Harbour Bridge was designed and built by Dorman Long of Middlesbrough, England, and opened in 1932. Known locally as the Coat Hanger because of its arch-based design, it carries road, rail, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

The Fades Viaduct is a railway viaduct in the Puy-de-Dôme department in central France. At the time of its inauguration on 10 October 1909, it was the tallest bridge in the world, across all categories. As of 2010 it still is the tenth tallest railway viaduct in the world. This postcard by J Levy & Sons was produced soon after the bridge was opened.



Newgate Gapway, Margate.

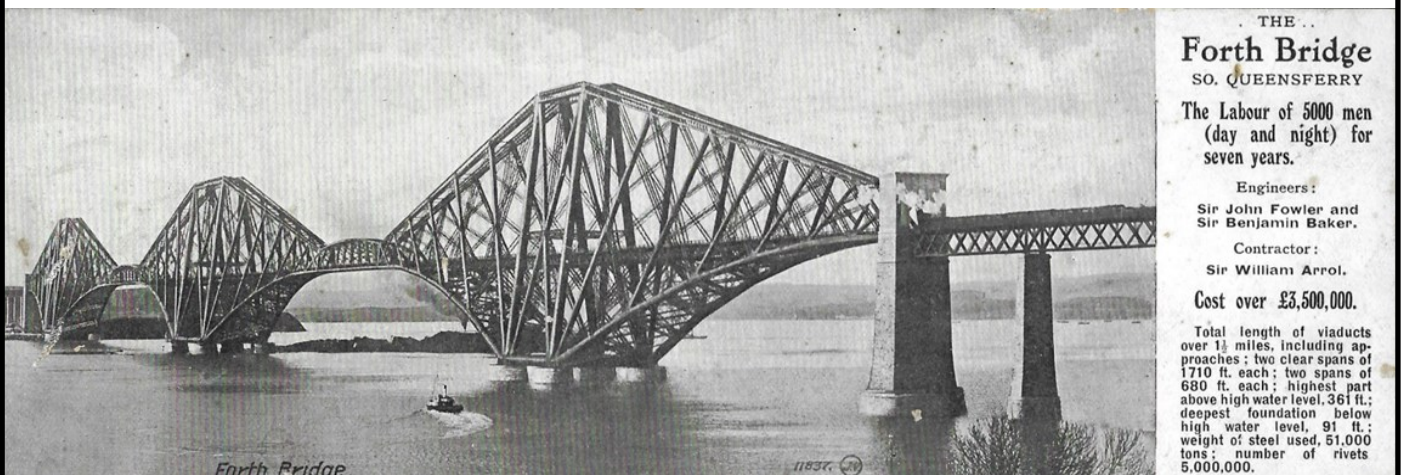


Newgate Gap near Margate has a pedestrian bridge across the gap in the cliffs, and the iron girdered wooden decked structure was built by local eccentric Captain Frederick Hodges in 1861. In 1907 the local council built a new bridge of concrete and steel, as the old bridge was too narrow to cope with the amount of people crossing the bridge.

Tower Bridge in London was built between 1886 and 1894, and is a Grade 1 listed combined bascule and suspension bridge. This postcard by J Levy & Sons shows pleasure craft navigating the closed bridge, as they are small enough to travel underneath.



The Forth Bridge near Queensferry (not to be confused with the Fifth Bridge) is an iconic structure spanning the Firth of Forth between South and North Queensferry, allowing trains to connect Edinburgh with the north of Scotland. It was completed in 1890, and is 2467m long and 110m high, and known colloquially as “The Bridge”. A new and improved paint recently applied means that the bridge need not be painted for at least another 20 years.



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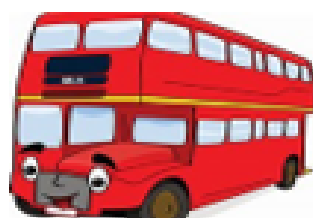
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1st April

**It will be on a first come first served basis at a
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This award was established by the Parish Council to honour Tom's memory and [to acknowledge and give recognition to a resident of Broomfield and Kingswood who has made a significant contribution to this community.](#)

If you know of someone who you think merits receipt of this special Award, then please do nominate them. The person must live or work within the Parish boundary.

The winner will receive a framed certificate signed by the Parish Council Chairman and this will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2022. The nomination form is below. Each resident can only nominate one person, but all adult members of a family may submit a nomination form. Just photocopy the form or email the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@bandkpc.org) for extra forms.

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