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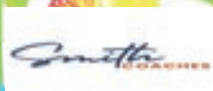
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Welcome to the June issue of the Forester, the parish magazine for Challock & Molash. **Happy Father's Day on 21st June.**

Lots of events this coming month including Challock School PTA Fair, Charing Fete and The Open Gardens in June.

The winner of the Sudoku Prize Draw competition this month is Pam Denereaz, congratulations. Remember you can always enter the competition by photographing your completed entry and emailing it to forestermagazine@gmail.com, with your contact details. This month's Sudoku puzzle is on page 26, last month's puzzle solution is on page 40.

Nominate your favourite company/person in Katie Lam's Weald of Kent Awards, open to a variety of categories, see page 21.

No-one came forward with these details, so I am asking again to get details of the rambling group that walks around Challock and Molash, can anyone enlighten me as to who organises it? Also who is the organiser of the Badminton Club, please?

The Editor

Please use this Email: forestermagazine@gmail.com address in future for submissions of the Sudoku Puzzle and/or editoroftheforester@gmail.com for any articles or information you want including in the Forester.

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Sunday	Services at 10.30.am at the Chapel on 2 nd & 4 th Sundays. Zoom services on other Sundays at 10.30.am
Tuesday	Ladies Singing Group - every Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Wednesday	9:30am Pebbles - Parent & Toddlers Roaring Twenties - 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays each month 2.00 - 4.00pm - Over 55's Club
Thursday	Morning - private group Notices will go on Chapel noticeboard if there are any changes to above. Any enquiries to - Jill Jones, 01233 714610

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Save The Dates Join us at our 2025/26 events

All dates and times are subject to change and Forestry England permissions. Please check advertising nearer the time.

Sunday	7th June	10am-12noon	Reptile Survey expert led by Richard Griffiths
Saturday	20th June	10.15-12.15pm	Balsam Bash 2/2
Saturday	27th June	9.30pm-10.30pm	Nocturnal Nightjars expert led by Pete Findley & Carly Ahlen
Saturday	1st August	11am-1pm	Bumblebees, flora, fauna, butterflies expert led Simon Springate

All events are free for members, £5 per event for non-members
(Except the Annual Fundraising Quiz)

New members welcome.

2026 membership runs 1st January – 31st December. **£10 single / £15 joint** – both include children free of charge.

Please contact enquiries@friendsofkingsofwood.org to register for events and membership enquiries

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King's Wood Benefice News

Challock, Chilham, Crundale, Godmersham and Molash



From the Rector.....

As I sit at my desk the Christian Year is looking forward to Pentecost and Trinity Sunday at the end of May and then we enter into a time which is called Ordinary Time, I wonder why it is called this?

It is called Ordinary Time because it comes at the time in the year where there are no major festivals and we are able to focus on God's presence in our Ordinary everyday lives.

As we go about our lives how do we encounter our God who is all around us. We can see God in the ever changing seasons throughout the year but we are now entering Summer. Summer we hope will bring sunshine, holidays, times with friends and family. A time to befriend someone who looks lonely. It's a time when older children are busily working hard at their GCSE's and A Levels and preparing for the next stage of their lives. Some people are getting married and will enter into life as a couple united by love.

You may decide to start a new job; take up a new hobby or join a new group for an activity. These are the things that make up the tapestries of our lives.

With being a Christian I find that knowing that God is with me as we go through the seasons of life is a mighty bonus, as the hope he gives us and promised us through his death and resurrection is always with me.

So as we enter this Ordinary Time I pray that the Lord will bless you all with his grace and Holy Spirit to know him in all things.

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**CHURCH SERVICES – CHALLOCK, MOLASH &
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JUNE 2026**

See website: kingswoodbenefice.co.uk

SUNDAY 7th JUNE TRINITY 1

9.30 am Holy Communion at Challock Church led by Rev.Sue Martin

10.30am Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

**SUNDAY 14TH JUNE TRINITY 2 FALKLAND ISLANDS LIBERATION DAY
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9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Molash Church led by Rev.Sue Martin
Methodist's Local Arrangement Service

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE TRINITY 3 FATHERS DAY

10.30 am Family Service at Challock Church led by Rachel Abercrombie

10.30 am Holy Communion at Challock Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY 28th JUNE TRINITY 4

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Rev. Brian Chalmers

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Sun 7th	Challock Open Gardens	Various venues	10am - 5.00pm
Sun 7th	Friends of King's Wood Reptile Survey by Richard Griffiths	10am-12noon	
Sun 7th	Open Farm Sunday - nearest Stelling Lodge Farm, CT4 5PS	10am - 3.00pm	
Wed 10th	The Music of Venice - Egerton Art Soc.	Egerton Millenium Hall	2.30pm
Thur 11th	Molash Council Meeting	Molash Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 18th	Challock Council Meeting	Challock Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 19th	PTA Summer Fair	Challock Primary School	afternoon
Sat 20th	Friends of King's Wood Balsam Bash 2/2		10.15am -12.15pm
Sat 20th	Charing Village Fet	Clewards Meadow	12noon -10.00pm
Sun 21st	Father's Day in the UK	Everywhere i the UK	-
Sat 27th	Friends of King's Wood	Nocturnal Nightjars	9.30pm -10.30pm

.... and in July 2026 so far

Fri 3rd	Challock Quiz Night	Challock Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 4th	Gardeners Summer BarBQ	Molash Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 13th	Nominations for Weald of Kent Awards Close		5.00pm
Thur 9th	Molash Council Meeting	Molash Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 19th	Strawberry Tea	Dane Court, Chilham	3-5pm



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Challock Chatter is the place to go to find a recommended tradesman. Whether a plumber or electrician just ask to find the go to guy.

Challock Chatter has well over 1000 members and is doing well with lots of questions and advice being asked and given. It really is useful as you can get other villagers opinions and experience of local tradesmen and suppliers.

People, please remember that although **Challock Chatter** is a closed group you should be careful about any information shared on here, for example, do not give out your full address publicly, private message people instead.

The admins of **Challock Chatter** are working hard to prevent "undesirables" joining but can only go by the information they are given and hoping people are honest!

So if you have not joined get on Facebook and join in the chatter!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1375301012739934/>



Parish Council News

The Parish Council meetings: Challock Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday, 18th June 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Audrey Allen Room, Village Hall.

Parish Councillor – Challock Parish Council welcomes our new councillor Angela Pierce

Mobile Library Service

Mobile Library Service stops adjacent to the Chequers, Church Lane on the following dates:

5 and 19 June 2026

The William Oure Charity - Challock Parish Council Are Trustees for the William Oure Charity

The Charity can provide financial support, items and services to villagers who are in need. To support parishioners who have suffered a tragic accident or bereavement. If you are a parishioner or know someone who is suffering financial hardship in the village, please contact Di Sandy on 07895494851 or email parishclerk@challockparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Highways Report a problem - parishioners can use the KCC online reporting system (www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem) to make sure KCC are aware of defects/potholes in our village. Parishioners can also notify the Parish Clerk of any pothole or kerb road damage who will report it online.

Want to report a Pothole?

There is a dedicated pothole page on KCC website

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes>

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Challock Parish Council Website

challockparishcouncil.gov.uk. Parishioners are welcome to email the Clerk photographs of the village to add to our gallery. There will be a business/club's link page. Businesses or clubs can email the clerk requesting to add their link to the page.

Facebook Page - For up-to-date information and important announcements you can visit Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Challock-Parish-Council>.

Communications - Parishioners can email directly to the Clerk on clerk@challockparishcouncil.gov.uk or via Facebook Page.

Challock Annual Parish Meeting

Volunteer Presentation

The Parish Council would like to thank the many volunteers who give their time and energy to support our community and village events.

We begin with The Forester distributors, who faithfully deliver the magazine each month throughout the village. Thank you to Sue Ashby, Jakki Dowden, Steve Winpenny, Tony and Pauline Aitken, Pat Harvey, Pam Perry, Pat Miles, Yoonus Sait, Caroline Dodds, Shirley Saunders, Rosemary McGill, and Jean McDermot. Special thanks also to Ann Broadhead for organising and sorting the magazines.

We would also like to recognise the many volunteers who support our church community, including Clare and Martin Hook, Lynwen Paddy, Rachel Abercrombie, and our dedicated church cleaners: Ann Broadhead, Kathy Stevens, Patrice Astell, Rachel Abercrombie, and Linda Wootorton.

Thank you to the Friends of Challock Church — John and Gill Burden, Liz and Scott HaighReeve, Peter and Margaret Franklin-Bourne, Ellen Taylor, Anne Marie Sladden, and Geraldine and Ray Hennessey — for their continued fundraising and support. Special thanks to John Burden and Ray Hennessey for installing the new church fencing.

We also thank the Challock Summer Fair Committee: Donna Ashby, James Hall, Stephen Jones, Tony Aitken, Lisa Stuart, Mary Walpole, and Jayne Walpole.

A huge thank you goes to Linda and Peter Wootorton for organising the Flower Festival over many years, and to all the flower arrangers for their wonderful displays.

The 2025 Open Gardens event raised £6,300 for Pilgrims Hospice and Friends of Challock Church. Special thanks to Jayne and Richard Walpole, the organisers, along with the twelve garden owners and everyone involved.

We would also like to recognise those who run our local clubs and organisations, including Natasha Wootton, Jo Kettner, Jemma Tedesco, Gina Homewood, Stephen Jones, Francis Rychert, Gill Jones, Brenda Harding, John Saunders, Ray Loftus, and Anne-Marie Sladden. Special thanks also to Tony Aitken, Kathy Stevens, and Donna

Ashby for their dedication to the running of the Village Hall.

We would also like to thank Donna Ashby and Tony Aitken for their work with the Kingswood Players, along with everyone involved in providing entertainment and raising money for charity.

Thank you to Sharey Dalton for organising donations for the Faversham Food Bank, the Knit and Natter Group for supporting the William Oare Charity Hampers, and to all parishioners who bake cakes and savouries for church events and the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We would also like to thank our Parish Councillors, who are volunteers too: Tracy Brown, Max Thomas, Robert Shallcrass, Jayne Walpole, Patrice Astell, and Tony Aitken.

The Cricket and Social Club also deserves recognition for organising the annual fireworks display and supporting village events throughout the year.

Special Award Presentation

This year's special award goes to Stuart Daws, who has dedicated much of his life to volunteering within the community.

Stuart played a leading role in organising the building of the new Village Hall in 1994 and in running the Goose Fair to help raise funds for the project. He spent countless hours supporting the hall project from fundraising through to completion and equipment.

He also served on the Parish Council, was a Governor at Challock Primary School, directed and performed in the Kingswood Players pantomimes, and maintained the churchyard for several years.

Stuart also supported neighbouring communities through his work with Molash Parish Meeting and fundraising events in Boughton Aluph.

In recognition of his outstanding dedication and contribution to village life, we are delighted to present Stuart with this year's special award, together with a certificate and meal voucher. Thank you to every volunteer who helps make our community such a special place.



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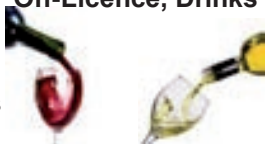


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We were not to be disappointed. The weather proved to be very co-operative being dry and bright for the greatest part of the day allowing us to wander among the multitude of shrubs, bulbs, flowers, trees and roses. A brief shower only served to offer us the opportunity to refresh ourselves by retiring to the nearest café to enjoy coffee and cake. Wisley has much to offer visitors apart from the beautiful and colourful flora and fauna. The science building included interesting exhibits and a chance to join lectures on herbs and their use in medicines among other things. At the end of an excellent day, weary bodies retired to their seats on the coach to enjoy a gentle journey home.

Our next event is the Super Summer Show and BBQ to be held on Saturday 4th July in Molash village hall. More details to be given nearer the date, but for now members should ensure the date is in their diaries.



Join Your Local Cricket Club – New Players Welcome!

Well, not the best start to the season but at least the guys are scoring a few runs – in the words of the song by D:Ream “Things can only get better”

The results for May are as follows:

3rd May	Boughton & Eastwell	Home	lost by 5 wickets
10th May	St Margaret's Cosmopolitan	Away	lost by 54 runs
17th May	Saltwood	Home	lost by 139 runs

The fixtures for June are as follows:

31st May	Lenham	Home	Friendly
7th June	Sheldwich	Home	Village league
14th June	Tyler Hill	Away	Village league
21st June	Kennington	Away	Friendly
28th June	Wye	Home	Village league

The games are due to start at 1.30pm. Please come along and give us some encouragement, the bar will be open.

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Katie Lam MP's Weald of Kent Awards 2026

One of the things I love most about being the MP for the Weald of Kent is that it genuinely is one of the most special places in the country. Our farms, village shops, pubs and cafés, growers and producers are some of the best in Britain, and I'll always do whatever I can to support them.

That's why I'm so pleased to open the nominations for the Weald of Kent Awards 2026, my annual celebration of the very best of our corner of Kent. There are five categories: Local Hero of the Year, Independent Shop of the Year, Local Business of the Year, Farmer, Grower or Producer of the Year, and Pub, Café or Restaurant of the Year.

The awards recognise everyone from individuals and community groups who go above and beyond, to the businesses, pubs, cafés and producers that make the Weald such a special place to live.

Across the Weald, there are so many people and groups who work quietly and tirelessly to hold our villages and parishes together. Alongside them are brilliant businesses that work around the clock and which stand out as some of the best in Britain, even when the pressures on them have never been greater.

Last year, we received more than 100 nominations and over 1,000 of you cast your votes. I'd love to beat that this year. There's so much to be proud of in the Weald, and I'd love for more of the people who make the Weald what it is to get the recognition that they deserve.

So, if there's a local business that's gone the extra mile, a farm that grows particularly delicious fruit, or a community hero that deserves recognition, please do nominate them. You can do so at www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards and nominations close on 13th July at 5pm with voting to begin shortly after.

Let's use this as a chance to celebrate everything that makes the Weald so special, and the people and businesses who help keep it that way.

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Patricia Crawford and the RURAL FOCUS PRESS GROUP state that **CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING**

French researchers are concerned that the Atlantic Ocean's main current, Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), is more than likely to collapse earlier than previously thought. Driven by human activities related to Climate Change, the current has been slowing for decades but now a new study suggests AMOC could slow by between 42 and 58 per cent by 2100.

AMOC plays an immensely important part in regulating Earth's climate. Not all climate scientists agree with the most concerning estimates but few disagree that Greenland's melting ice sheet is triggering changes to this crucially important current. If the most pessimistic calculations were fulfilled the consequences would be catastrophic for the Americas, Africa and Europe.

Scientists are repeating earlier reports that indicate Europe is warming twice as fast as the global average.

The conflict in the Middle East and the ongoing problems related to use of the Strait of Hormuz have resulted in severe economic problems in a large part of the world and, with vessels having to take longer routes, efforts to restrict Climate Change are seriously impacted.

UK farmers are continuing to battle with high operational costs, some of which amount to a 200% increase. Food producers in many other parts of the world are similarly affected and the knock-on consequences are being felt throughout the supply chains. It is important we recognise that the decisions we make in regard to where and how the food we buy is sourced influences the UK's ability to ensure Food Security. Repeating what has been said before: food produced in this country is safe and the welfare standards maintained are among the very, very best in the world. Buy British!

Books that everyone interested in the natural world may want to read: *an Immense World* by Pulitzer prize-winning Ed Young, *Roam: Wild Animals and the Race to Repair our Fractured World* by climate journalist Hillary Rosser.

A reminder: this year's Open Farm Sunday will be held on 7 June. Twenty year since it was devised by LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), it is a fantastic way to find out about the work undertaken by our farmers. Events and demonstrations for people of all ages. <https://farmingsunday.org>

Multi Use Games Area Update

The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is to be located in the top corner of the recreation ground. A games area for all the community. Football, Basketball, Netball & Tennis. Funded by S106 Developer Contributions and Challock Parish Council.

We have submitted an application to Sport England for the shortfall of funds of £12544. If successful the installation of the MUGA will take place late Summer/Autumn.



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Challock Parish Council Minutes

Did you know you can look at the Parish Council meeting minutes
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Competition Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits 1 to 9.

The same single integer may not appear twice in the same 9×9 playing board row or column or in any of the nine 3×3 sub-regions of the 9×9 playing board.

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June

This Year's FIVE CHURCH WALK

For this year's event, held on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May, there were 820 walkers that entered across the Five Churches, an increase of 118 on 2025. Just over £8000 was donated and will be distributed between the five churches and the two charities as per the walkers wishes.

As regards Molash: 107 walkers registered at the church an increase of 13 on last year and just over £1400 was donated by walkers that registered and this is included in the £8000 and will also be distributed accordingly. Many thanks are recorded to Anna-Marie and

Jessica Evans, Sheila and Iain McArthur, Zoe Martin, Lucy, Katie and Eleanor Northey, Lucy and Duncan Forbes, Rachel Stanford, Shirley Watkins, Suzanne Shilling, Gillian Warner, Angela Pearce, Nicki, Katherine Letsinger and Marion Aspell, the Molash refreshment team that exceeded all expectations by registering a profit of over £2400 an increase of almost £1000 on 2025.

Thanks also to Alison Pantaney who assisted with registrations and some post walk calculations, and to Dave Hewlett for signing and de-signing the Molash section of the walk.

5 Church Walk Committee *by Caroline Harden-Old*

The Committee members are a group of six people who meet up twice a year with a few emails in between. Our current Chairman is Kevin Old who lives in Bilting. Geoff Jenkins is our Treasurer and lives in Molash. Ed Gilchrist has taken over from Bob Litten – Brown and lives in Chilham. Angela Berrie is our Secretary and lives in Boughton Aluph, which is part of the Wye Benefice. Caroline Harden-Old looks after the website, along with Tony Webb, deals with the enquiries and lives in Godmersham..

The Chairman would like to give his deepest gratitude to the Committee for all of their endeavours.

Our First and foremost 'Vote of Thanks' must go to every single owner of private land that we have the privilege to walk through and see sights of beauty that are only available on this one day. Thank You very much.

The advertisement of this event began at our post walk meet June 2025 and a new website was created and updated. The website would not have been made possible without the technical wizardry of our talented and local chap in Chilham Tony Webb.

Radio advertisements were made, flyers were pinned up, various online groups and social media platforms were informed not to mention all the local Parish News magazines digital and hard copies and free ad booklets through the door.

Prior to the event our Arrow teams go out placing the red arrows in the direction of that year be it Anti/Clockwise. This year the Committee created a new set of arrows that can be reversed rather than be placed upside down as in previous years. We would like to give a great Committee Cheer for their commitment for not only putting them up but taking them down again generally on the Monday evening after 18:00.

Each church has at least one person at 'the door' ready to book in all the eager walkers, this year seemed to be busier than ever which is great news for all Charities involved. We salute all our Registrates and again thank you for your hard slog and dedication.

For our Fortieth Anniversary event in 2024 we asked Matt Pavey with his Technical skills if he would be able to showcase lots of past photos on the Church Wall, via a projector, for an added extra item of interest. All five churches and walk areas etc were included. We would like to give him our deepest gratitude for his time and patience and we are hopeful that new photos will be added for next time.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members from each church area and volunteers for various roles on the day. If interested, please email Caroline at: enquiriesScw@gmail.com

A close-up look into the life of **Lucy Day,** owner of Wild Bloom, Molash

Hi, my name is Lucy and I run Wild Bloom in Molash.

I was brought up in Westwell and educated at Ashford School before studying for a degree in French in Exeter. Following that I returned to live in London where I met my husband, Neil, and spent some years working there before returning to Kennington where our daughter was born.

In 2009 we moved to Molash and after a few years I realised that my passion for flowers and artistic arrangements could become a vocation.

Wedding Flowers

From a rural workshop in Molash I create romantic, garden-style floral designs for weddings all over Kent. My flower style is sumptuous and abundant, like an elegant country garden; with colour palettes to take your breath away.



I create magical florals in stunning colour combinations at weddings across the South East, offer friendly support, and give a lot of time to each couple I work with. Flexible and capable, I take on weddings of any size and I have a team who work with me for larger events.



I like to use seasonal, locally-grown flowers as well as imported ones, and you might have a preference for one or the other. I'm fond of garden-grown foliage, and often add foraged ingredients if I feel they lend an arrangement something special. I have a real soft spot for frilly roses!

I will meet you and get to know you as much as possible – listening carefully and taking on board your ideas and wishes for your wedding. Whether you already know the look you'd like to achieve, or you need inspiration to help pull your ideas together, by the end of the design process you'll feel secure in the knowledge you're in good hands.

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Venue Flowers



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Events

If you're having a party, flowers and greenery are the most effective way to beautify a space and tie everything together. You don't have to go overboard to achieve something visually glorious. Tell me your ideas and we can go from there.

I also make funeral tributes for delivery to funeral homes.

As a member of Canterbury Cathedral Flower Guild I was recently chosen as part of a small team to create the huge arrangements for the enthronement of the new Archbishop, Dame Sarah Mullally, which was extremely rewarding.



Xmas Wreath Workshop

I love getting into the festive spirit at my very popular wreath-making workshops often in Molash Village Hall in December! Each session lasts around 2 hours, and for wreaths we start with a traditional moss-base, and you will learn how to add seasonal foliage, decorations and ribbon to make it your own. All materials and equipment are provided.



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Molash Parish Council Minutes

The minutes for Molash Parish Council meetings can now be found by visiting the
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Molash Matters

See these pictures in colour on our **MOLASH WEBSITE**
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Our Facebook page can be found at **Molash Parish Council** and follow us to receive updates on what's happening in the village.



You are invited to attend **The Molash Parish Council Meeting** **Thursday 11th June - at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Massive concern is being raised about the imminent charges that are being levied on the Kings Wood Car Park on White Hill, Challock. The knock-on effect will be cars parked all over both villages when people don't wish to pay a £2 for an hour parking fee. This is understandable when we are encouraged to exercise and enjoy our wonderful rural location. In Molash Pound Lane already suffers from people attempting to get to the woods using this route, with no free parking we can envisage our Private Parking Bay by the memorial/village green will become a popular place for people to leave their vehicles - we are at a loss as to how to protect this space for the residents. Any suggestions please contact the clerk on molashpc@gmail.com

Molash AGM and Annual Parish Meeting was held on 14th May, and supported by members of the public. We had reports from the our Borough Councillor, The Gardeners Society, Village Hall Committee and The Church with discussion on a variety of topics.

The draft Kent Downs National Landscape Management Plan consultation is now live, and open until Sunday 19 July 2026.

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Everyone is welcome from beginners to masters.

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Maximum Group size: - 30 (5 places currently available)

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On June 16th we will resume work on our sampler quilt by making up the last three blocks. In July we will be joining all our blocks with colourful panels to make up the quilt top.

I hope you'll come join us at one of our meetings and try your hand at something new or just enjoy the company, have a chat and a cup of tea. An enjoyable way to spend an afternoon.

We have our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month except December and would love to see you. We meet usually in the Osbourne room in the Lenham Community Centre from 1:30 to 4:30.

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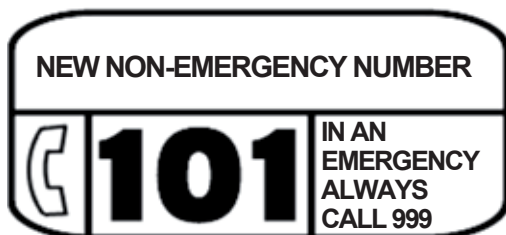
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12th WI Meeting 15th Molash Fete 18th Dust bins 21st Old Tyme Instruction

29th: Challock Whist 30th [Evensong at Molash 6pm \(not Challock\)](#)

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Burials: May 8th – William Henry Tomlin May 16th – George Page Marsh

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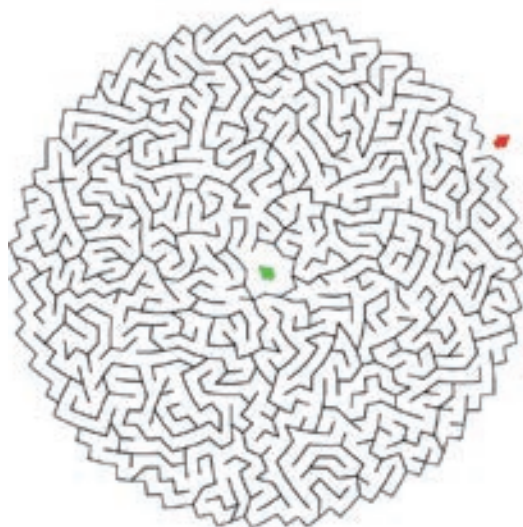
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Puzzle Pages

Crossword

(Answers on Page 31)

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, ___ us to pray' (Luke 11:1)(5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every ___' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and ___ around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want to be ___' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like ___, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (8)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of
1 Across
(Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

- 1 @God so loved the ___ that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no ___ for a bed (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each ___ group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 7:32) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:2) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined whe she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these ___ come from inside and make a man "unclean" ' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and ___ him glory!' (Revelations 19:7) (4)



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