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New This issue

Welcome to the December issue of the Forester, the parish magazine for Challock & Molash.

The First thing I want to say is to wish all our readers
A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The winner of the **Sudoku Prize Draw** competition this month is Sara Martin. This month's Sudoku puzzle is on page 26, the solution to last month's puzzle is on page 11.

As there are no events going on due to the lockdown there is not a current events list (it would be very short).

What a year it has been! I hope you and your families are well in these trying times. At least there now looks to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully in next years Christmas edition we will be talking about village events again

On a more serious note there is no Mick's Computer Chat this month as I had a leaflet from the World Health Organisation that I thought important and no room anywhere to put it. So go to page 49 for the information on all the Covid-19 symptoms you need to look out for.

I am always interested in any articles, poems or stories. Please just send them to the email address below.

Thank You

Mick Maidens (Editor)

Email: forester@challock.org.uk

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KENT TOGETHER

Helpline launched by KCC

A 24 hour helpline has been set up to support vulnerable people in Kent who need urgent help, supplies or medication.

see page 19 for more details



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Christmas Greetings



“...The time came for Mary’s baby to be born; and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.”

This Christmas season will certainly be different from those that we have experienced in the past, but we can, still, each celebrate the birth of the Christ child in our own way.

Just over 2,000 years ago, God came down to be with us here on earth, in the form of the baby Jesus, to experience exactly what it was like to be one of us. And He didn’t seem to have a very promising start in life either. Born, to a young unmarried Mum, in a stable. Then, Mum, Joseph and the baby become refugees as they flee for their lives.

I don’t know about you, but it sounds a very familiar story – not just the nativity story from the Bible, but the story of so many families who continue to flee for their lives from Syria and other war torn countries around the world. 2,000 years later, but still the same story. So rather than living a life of luxury and wealth, God chose to be one of those who lived on the outside – on the margins.

And how do we respond to those who have been forced to leave everything behind them – just as Mary and Joseph and their baby Jesus had to do? If Mary and Joseph arrived here, how would we greet them? Would we welcome them into our homes, give them food, drink, clothing and shelter – or would we just shut the door in their faces and say “Sorry, no room for the likes of you here!”

So if you can, please consider giving to one of the many Christmas charities that support those who are on their own, have nowhere to live or won’t have a Christmas lunch without our help and support. You may just be able to give someone the Christmas that they will always remember. Jesus, both God and man, born to be our Saviour said: “What you do for the least of these, you do for me.”

One of the hymns we sing each Christmas is “O come, O come Emmanuel”. Emmanuel means “God is with us” and that is my prayer for each and every one of us – and not just for Christmas, but for life.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

*Yours in Christ
Cathy*

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6th December - Advent 2

9.30 AM Holy Communion at Challock Church

13th December - Advent 3 - Also known as Sunday of Joy

9.30 AM Holy Communion (BCP) at Molash Church

10.30 AM Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

20th December - Advent 4

10.30 AM Lay-Led Family Service at Challock Church

24th December - Christmas Eve

10.00 AM The First Communion of Christmas at Challock Church

25th December - Christmas Day

9.30 AM Christmas Day Communion at Molash Church

27th December - Christmas 1

9.30 AM Lay-Led Morning Service at Molash Church (to be confirmed)

10.30 AM Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

3rd January - Christmas 2

9.30 AM Holy Communion at Challock Church

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10th January - The Baptism of Christ - Plough Sunday

9.30 AM Holy Communion (BCP) at Molash Church

10.30 AM Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

17th January - Epiphany 2 World Religion Day

10.30 AM Lay-Led Family Service at Challock Church

24th January - Epiphany 3

9.30 AM Lay-Led Morning Service at Molash Church

10.30 AM Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

31st January - Epiphany 4 World Leprosy Day

11.00 AM Fifth Sunday Kings Wood Benefice at venue to be confirmed

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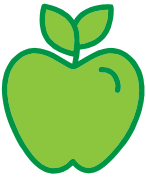


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Dates for October

1st Olde Tyme Dance
2nd Whitsunday - Holy Communion Challock 8am - Molash 9.30am
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9th Trinity Sunday - Holy Communion Challock 8am - Molash 9.30am
15th Molash Fete - 3.15pm Challock Whist Drive
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Burials: May 8th William Henry Tomlin
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Nature Notes

There are many majestic trees lining Mill Lane, all are oak and ash. However, even though I have passed this way for several years I hadn't noticed that there is one exception to the norm. One of the tallest caught my eye last week when I stood to admire it in that I noticed the leaves were narrower than normal and so on reaching home I consulted my book which confirmed that this was a Turkey Oak, with the Latin name *Quercus Cerris*.

The Turkey Oak is native to S.E Europe and Asia Minor and was introduced to UK as an ornamental tree in the 18th Century; its acorns are held in cups with hairy like surrounds. The presence of our Turkey Oak in Mill Lane poses an interesting question. Was it planted as an ornamental tree or did it get mixed up with other oaks being planted at the same time; who planted this and the other trees.

We have three more oaks commonly found in this country. There is our native oak *Quercus Robur* or its alternative name *Quercus Pedunculata* characterised by the acorns being borne on long stalks. The other native is *Quercus Sessiliflora*, the sessile oak which has no stalk to carry the acorn and cup. The third is the evergreen oak *Quercus Ilex* commonly known as the Holm Oak native to native to the Mediterranean but common here.

If I return to one of my earlier notes I made reference to the work of Carl Linnaeus who devised an international means of classifying living things by giving them first a generic or group name followed by second which is the specific name.



The Latin names illustrate this *Quercus* (oak) followed by *robur* (robust); *pedunculata* (long flower stalks); *sessile* (flowers attached to its base); *Ilex* (having leaves like a holly, *Ilex* being the generic name of the holly.

"Walker"

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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.

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Last Months Solution page 9

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Give a 'hog a home

Hedgehogs make hibernation nests in winter called 'hibernacula' – these can be under hedgerows, fallen logs or in areas of scrub like bramble. They are durable, insulated and help maintain humidity to prevent dehydration for the sleeping 'hog'. They also make simpler day time nests for resting, sleeping, breeding and rearing younger in over summer.

our garden can provide lots of great nesting spots for 'hogs - under your shed, in compost heaps, shrubs, under leaf piles or under logs or spare building materials. But, sometimes hedgehogs need a helping hand. You can buy pre-built hedgehog houses online or in stores, or have a go at making your own - homemade houses tend to be more popular with our prickly visitors

The simple DIY Hedgehog House

Take a spare plastic storage box, planter or milk crate (make sure it has holes) and flip it upside down. Make an entrance that's 13cm x 13cm and provide some bedding like dry leaves or pet straw. You can cover the rest of the box with some plastic sheeting and then cover with leaves/soil/grass cuttings

The tricky DIY Hedgehog House

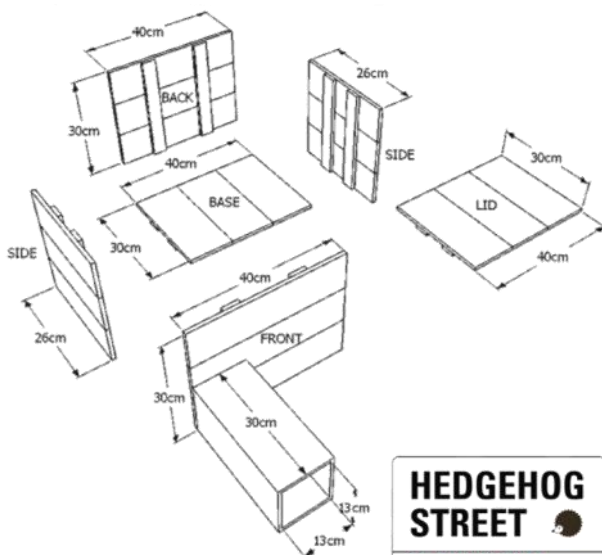
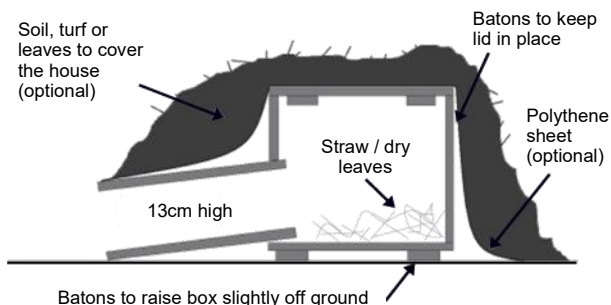
Hedgehogs seem to love home-made houses made from untreated wood (ideally durable UK softwood species like larch, Douglas fir and red cedar). Don't nail the roof down (so that you can clean inside) and avoid using paint. Tunnels help stop predators or cats getting into the house and can be made of wood or bricks.

Houses are best placed in sheltered locations, along boundaries, in back gardens and within 5m of the house.

The presence of pets or predators doesn't appear to put off a local hedgehog from moving in.

Place a twig over the entrance. If it's moved you know someone is visiting your 'hog house'.

Any straw or dry leaves left outside will likely be taken in and used for bedding.



Challock Parish News



Help for the Local Isolating

For anyone in the village that is self-isolating and need help with posting mail, pick up shopping, urgent supplies, or a friendly chat on the phone -just call the clerk Di Sandy on 01233 740887 or 07895494851. Challock Post Office Stores and The Barn Shop are able to deliver basic supplies to parishioners in the village who are self-isolating. Please call Andrew Challock Post Office on **740313** or Paul The Barn Shop on **740237** or email paulbarkaway@yahoo.co.uk Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Keep your distance. Wash your hands regularly. Stay healthy & safe.

PC Jasmine Bloomfield Report

There has been very little Crime reported this month in your area. In other areas there have been Thefts of tools and Pedal Cycles. To protect your property, I would urge you to make sure you have a record of the make; model and serial number of the item and get it security marked. Then put up stickers/signs showing the property has been marked. It is a good idea to have a photograph of it saved too. There have also been several thefts of catalytic converters so please take notice if you see anyone acting suspiciously around parked cars.

Police met with the Parish Council for Challock in relation to reports of damage, thought to be caused by catapults. If you see anyone with a catapult, please report it on our website with a description of the person & any CCTV or photos you have.

A252 Road Safety Improvements

Works on the roundabout and road markings, signage in progress. Upon completion –allowance for the new road improvements to be imbedded in and for the Parish Council to review whether the road improvements have made a difference. Clerk to compose a report by Spring 2021 of findings & comments received by parishioners. Councillors commented traffic is speeding up rather than slowing down and the arrow signage on the roundabout makes it worst. It was agreed for the Clerk to email Jamie Watson on an update when the road improvements will be completed and to raise the parish council's concerns on speeding traffic.

The Lees – 2nd Lands Trees – There are planned works by UK Power Networks to trim overgrown tree branches along the strip of Lees at Leaside. The works will take approximately a week to complete. Residents will be notified of the commencement of works. Once the works have been completed arrangements for the conifer and tree to be cut down by G W Gardening.

Remembrance Service Wednesday, 11th November – Parish Council would like to thank Reverend Cathy Silgrist for leading the remembrance service. A social distance service took place and Challock Parish Council wish to thank parishioners and Mrs Sweet and class 5 primary school children for attending.

Pop-Up Post Office Service

Post Office Ltd is currently organising a postmaster to do the pop-up service in Challock and other villages. The pop-up service in Challock would be for a couple of hours per week. Clerk received a reply from Sam Coe stating “we are in the process of sorting out the paperwork for this and we are trying to get it in place to start as soon as possible. As soon as I have an official update, I will let you know.”

Community Shop

Community shops are owned and run democratically by members of their community. They trade primarily for community benefit and their interests are linked into community control. Community shops have open and voluntary membership, whereby members are part owners of the business and all members have an equal say in how the business is run, regardless of their level of investment. Community shops become the hub of their community by virtue of their long hours, their usually central location, the fact that they are open to all the community and are able to host a wide range of services in addition to the sale of food and drink. As a result of the throughflow of customers, their volunteer base, membership meetings and task groups they stimulate social activity and help to create a sense of community. Community shops engage large numbers of the community and stimulate social activity and community cohesion: they typically involve 177 members, 7 directors, 30 volunteers, and 4 staff. For more information on how to set up a community shop go to



[plunkett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Plunkett How-to-set-up Shop final.pdf](http://plunkett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Plunkett_How-to-set-up_Shop_final.pdf).

The Parish Council would like to hear from parishioners who would like to see a community shop established in the village and would like to get involved. Please email the clerk your interest.

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The William Oure Charity

The William Oure charity is under review. The charity has become inactive over the last 5 years and is not using the income for its purpose. The Charity Commission's Revitalising Trusts Programme helps charities who find it difficult to spend their income for the public benefit by assisting them to use their income and assets effectively. The Parish Council is awaiting to hear from Revitalising Trusts programme for advice on the William Oure charity and how best we can use the income and asset. (See page 23)

Village Website – challockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook Page - For up to date information and important announcements you can visit Facebook www.facebook.com/Challock-Parish-Council. Any comments regarding our new Facebook page please email the clerk on parishclerkchallockpc@gmail.com

The Parish Council meetings: the next virtual parish meeting will be held on 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm. You can telephone in and listen to the meeting as well as accessing the meeting through laptop/computer or mobile phone.

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Challock Parish Council are increasingly receiving complaints of dog fouling on the Lees and cricket ground. This is causing a nuisance to parishioners and a potential health risk especially to children. If your dog fouls in a public place, **PLEASE CLEAN IT UP.** Several dog bins have been provided around the village **PLEASE USE THEM.**

Challock Church Events and Services in 2020/21

Due to the changing Covid 19 rules all our plans below are provisional. Please consult the Kingswood Benefice web site for the latest news and for the links to the Zoom services. <https://www.kingswoodbenefice.co.uk> Masks and social distancing are required at all services held in the church.

December

Church Services are on Page 7

Sunday the 20th December the Revd Cathy will be holding a Benefice Carol service on Zoom at 4 pm – for log-in use the Benefice web site above to get the Zoom link.

Christmas Eve at 10pm in the church we will have our first communion service of Christmas led by the Revd Cathy. Please arrive masked and in good time to be seated with social distancing. We will be limited to a congregation of about 40.

January 2021

Church Services for January are also on Page 7

We plan the following events for 2021:

Invicta Choir Concert 2021 - Saturday evening 19th June 2021 (Friends)

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Molash Parish Council Minutes

The minutes for Molash Parish Council meetings can now be found by visiting the Molash Web site on www.molashpc.org.uk

Molash Matters



Have you visited our new look **MOLASH WEBSITE** on
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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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL

Sometimes an act of generosity can beneficially affect the well being of a whole community, so, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Peter Higgs of Chilham Farm Shop and Post Office for donating the Christmas tree you will see on Molash Village Green.

Due to the Covid19 restrictions we can't organise any Christmas celebrations so we have utilized our energies in decorating the village tree, to add a little cheer.



We would welcome any assistance in decorating the tree and if you have a spare bauble please feel free to add it to the tree. Watch out on Molash Parish Council Facebook page for the date when the tree will be decorated

Remembrance Day Wreath Laying on 11th Nov 2020 at 11am



The wreath laying was well attended, and socially distanced, with Tony Dodd laying the wreath, David Potter naming the fallen and Andrew Grimshaw the tribute of remembrance.



It was also pleasing to see so many poppies in village windows.

St Peter's New Central Heating

It will be lovely to experience the benefits of the newly installed and very efficient central heating system in the Church in Molash.

Your tremendous efforts have kept us all safe and clear of Coronavirus, Molash Parish Council will continue to assist those who are self-isolating

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250 years ago, on 16th December 1770 that Ludwig van Beethoven, was born.

90 years ago, on 2nd December 1930 that in his second State of the Union address, US President Herbert Hoover announced a huge public works programme to stimulate the economy and create jobs during the Great Depression.

80 years ago, on 29th December 1940 that Germany dropped thousands of incendiary bombs on London, causing the worst fire damage since the Great Fire of London in 1666. About 200 people were killed.

75 years ago, 27th December 1945 the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development were founded.

70 years ago, on 14th December 1950 that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (also known as the UN Refugee Agency) was established.

65 years ago, on 1st December 1955 that African American civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, violating the city's racial segregation laws. This incident led to the birth of the modern American civil rights movement.

60 years ago, on 9th December 1960 that the first episode of the television soap opera Coronation Street was broadcast in the UK.

40 years ago, on 8th December 1980 that John Lennon, rock musician and peace activist and a member of the Beatles, was shot dead, aged 40, outside his New York City apartment by Mark Chapman, a deranged fan.

30 years ago, on 1st December 1990 that British and French construction workers on the Channel Tunnel broke through the last wall of rock separating the two halves, and Britain and France were linked for the first time in thousands of years.

25 years ago, 13th December 1995 Brixton riot took place in south London. 100's of youths rioted on the streets following the death of a black man in police custody.

20 years ago, on 13th December 2000 George W Bush claimed the US presidency, 36 days after the election, following a legal battle over disputed votes in Florida.

15 years ago, on 19th December 2005 that the Civil Partnership Act came into effect in the UK. The first civil partnership under the act was formed in Belfast, that same day. The first in England and Wales were on 21st December.

10 years ago, from 18th December 2010 to December 2012 the Arab Spring took place in North Africa & the Middle East. The Tunisian Revolution spread & became a wave of demonstrations, protests, riots, coups, foreign interventions, and civil wars in North Africa and the Middle East. The leaders and governments of several countries were overthrown and ousted. Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed.



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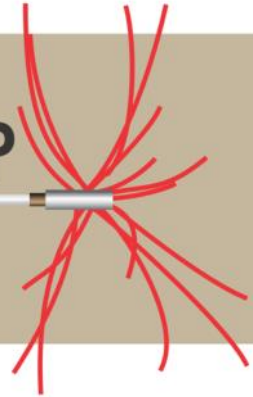
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There was a time when almost every rural British family who kept bees followed a strange tradition.

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Failing to do so often resulted in further losses such as the bees leaving the hive, or not producing enough honey or even dying.

Traditionally, the bees were kept abreast of not only deaths but all important family matters including births, marriages, and long absence due to journeys. If the bees were not told, all sorts of calamities were thought to happen. This peculiar custom is known as “telling the bees”.

The practice of telling the bees may have its origins in Celtic mythology that held that bees were the link between our world and the spirit world. So if you had any message that you wished to pass to someone who was dead, all you had to do was tell the bees and they would pass along the message.

The typical way to tell the bees was for the head of the household, or “goodwife of the house” to go out to the hives, knock gently to get the attention of the bees, and then softly murmur in a doleful tune the solemn news.

Little rhymes developed over the centuries specific to a particular region. In Nottinghamshire, the wife of the dead was heard singing quietly in front of the hive, “The master’s dead, but don’t you go; Your mistress will be a good mistress to you.” In Germany, a similar couplet was heard, “Little bee, our lord is dead; Leave me not in my distress”.

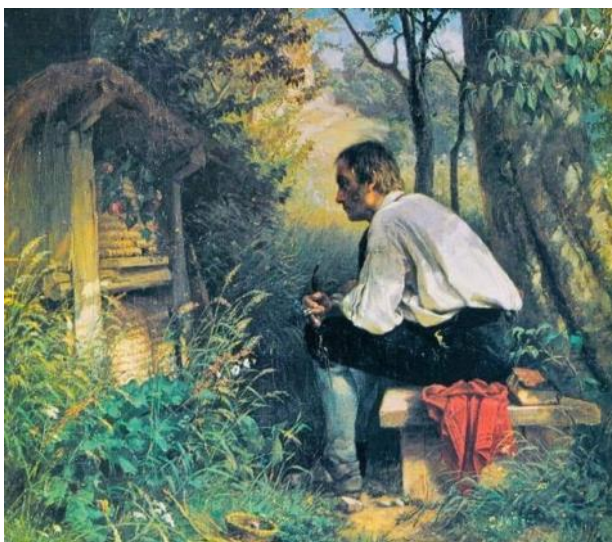
But the relationship between bees and humans goes beyond superstition. It’s a fact, that bees help humans survive. 70 of the top 100 crop species that feed 90% of the human population rely on bees for pollination.

Without them, these plants would cease to exist and with it all animals that eat those plants. This can have a cascading effect that would ripple catastrophically up the food chain.

Losing a beehive is much worse than losing a supply of honey. The consequences are life threatening.

The act of telling the bees emphasizes this deep connection humans share with the insect.

Robin Clark



The Bee Friend, a painting by Hans Thoma (1839–1924)



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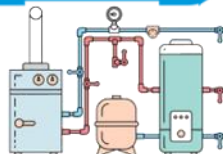


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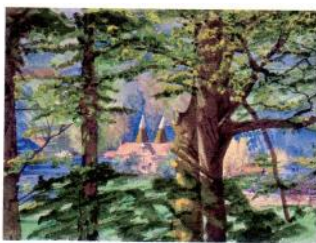


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55 PLUS CLUB

The Club meets twice monthly on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in the Methodist Church Hall on The Lees, 2-4pm.

I would just like to issue an update to all our members. Sadly it looks unlikely that we will be able to get together for any meetings this year. Hopefully 2021 will bring us a vaccine against COVID 19 and things will start to return to normal. In the meantime I hope you are all coping as best you can and staying safe. If anyone is in need of assistance or just a telephone chat please call me on **714610**.

I do hope you are keeping well both physically and mentally. It has been a sad time for some of our members who have lost loved ones and our hearts and thoughts go out to them. Sadly, too, we lost our oldest member dear Myrtle, aged 105 and she will be sorely missed by many.

I hope to be in touch with as many as possible before Christmas, but take this opportunity to wish you all the very best wishes of the season and look forward to better times in the new Year. From all the committee our very best wishes. Jill

Self-Isolating Contacts

Are you self-isolating? Contact one of these organisations for help & support

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What is going on **CHALLOCK CHATTER** on Facebook



Challock Chatter's Facebook definition is "A group for people local to, or connected to Challock to share news, ask for support, promote local businesses or just keep in touch with each other!"

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/>



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Be aware of people offering or selling virus testing kits (these are only offered by the NHS), vaccines or miracle cures and overpriced or fake anti-bacterial products

STAY SAFE AT HOME



Coronavirus/COVID-19 Scams & Guidance

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Be Aware - Be Alert

Criminals, or scammers, are using the coronavirus outbreak as an opportunity to make money. This website contains a list of the key scams to be aware of. KCC will update this list as we are informed of new scams.

www.kentpublicprotection.info/covid19alerts

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Kent Play Clubs

Hands up for quality kids clubs!

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Kent Play Clubs is a local charity which sets up after school clubs in primary schools, often in rural locations.

The provision of an after school club, which is OFSTED approved, allows parents access to affordable childcare and it provides the children (aged between 4 and 12) with a safe place to be whilst their parents are at work. This also benefits the wider community by helping rural schools stay open.

www.kentplayclubs.org.uk

It has been brought to my attention by the Crime Reduction Officer at Ashford Community Safety Unit that there are Catalytic Converter marking kits available from the online Neighbourhood Watch shop www.nhwsshop.uk (search catalytic converter).



This marking kit is priced at £5 but please feel free to search elsewhere if you may need one as this is a suggestion following enquiries from members who wish to take precautionary measures.

As you will know from my daily messages our area has been the target for the theft of catalytic converters which is still continuing.

Regards, Andrew

PSE 59727 Andrew Judd



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Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Folkestone and Hythe District will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire online.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed. This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”
Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

Leigh Poppy - Census Engagement Manager for South East Kent

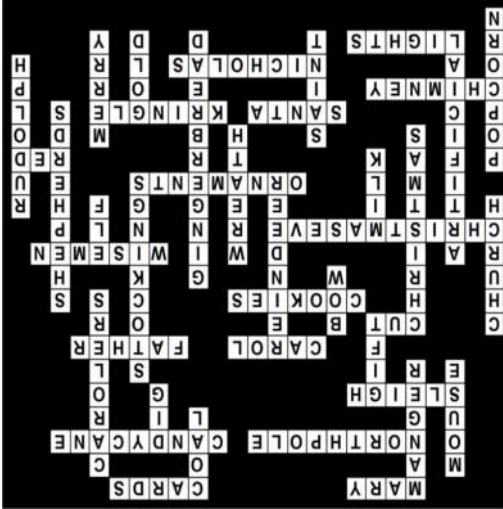
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Crossword Solution

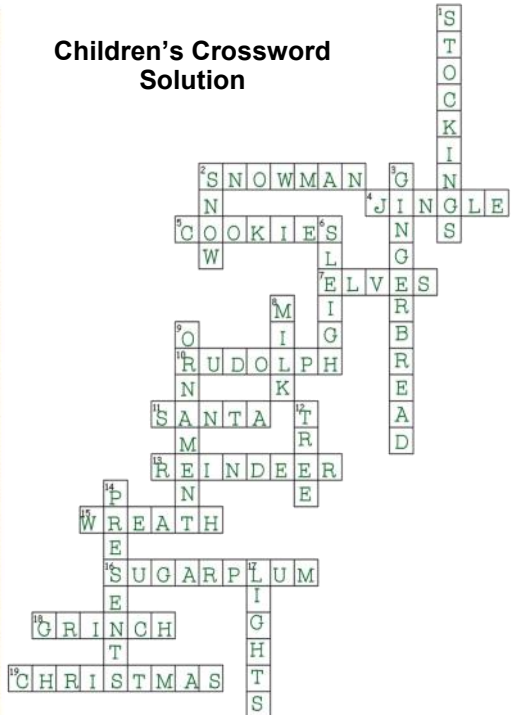
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Children's Crossword Solution



COVID-19

Coronavirus Symptoms

SERIOUS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE

- If you develop any of these symptoms, call your healthcare provider or health facility and seek medical care immediately.
- This is not an exhaustive list. These are the most common symptoms of serious illness, but you could get very sick with other symptoms – if you have any questions, call for help immediately.



Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing



Loss of speech or mobility or confusion



Chest pain

MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS



Fever



Cough



Tiredness



Loss of taste or smell

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS



Sore throat



Headache



Aches and pains



Diarrhea



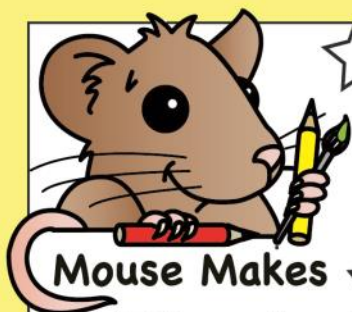
A rash on the skin or discoloration of fingers or toes



Red or irritated eyes

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you live in an area where malaria, dengue or other infections are common and you have any of above symptoms, seek immediate medical care according to the local health authorities.
- Stay in touch with your primary care provider to ensure you continue to receive the routine care you need, such as medication refills, follow-ups and other routine consultations.



Mouse Makes

HAPPY
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Read the Christmas
story in Luke
1:1 - 2:21

"I bring you **good news** that will bring
great **joy** to all people. The **Saviour** has
been born today! ...

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom
God is pleased".*

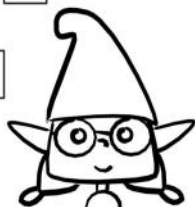
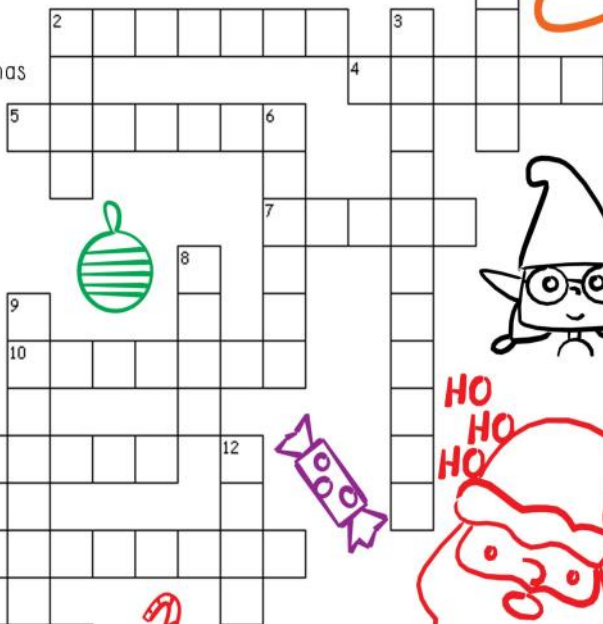
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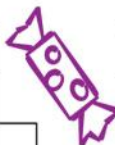
A picture to colour
for Christmas. Colour in
one star each day as you
count down to Christmas!

Across

2. Frosty the _____
4. _____ bells
5. Snack for Santa
7. Toy makers
10. Red nosed reindeer
11. He's making a list and checking it twice
13. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer
15. Decorate your door
16. Nutcracker Fairy
18. He tried to steal Christmas
19. Merry _____ !

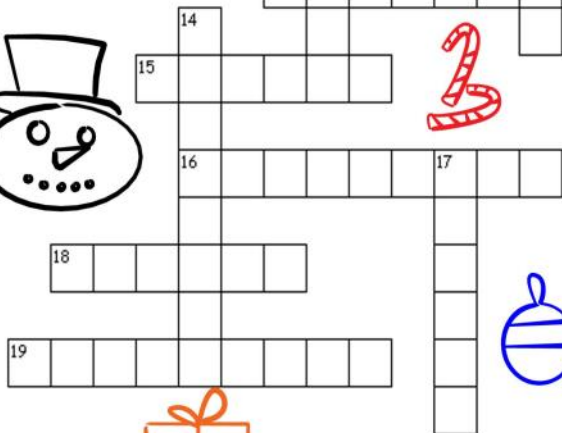


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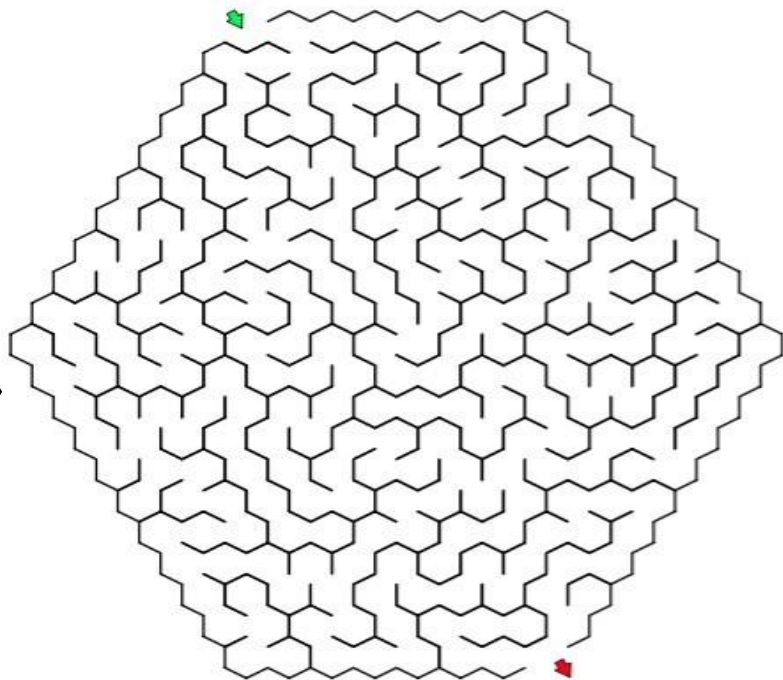
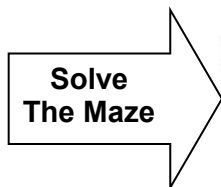


Down

1. Hang them by the chimney
2. Dashing through the _____
3. Cookie building material
6. Santa's ride
8. Serve with cookies
9. Pretty balls to hang on the tree
12. Where you'll find your gifts
14. Wrapped packages
17. They twinkle on the tree



Puzzles Page



Wordsearch

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CLUES

Silent	Austria
Night	Heilige
Loved	Christmas
Carol	Father
First	Joseph
Sung	Young
Stille	Priest
Nacht	Organist
Eve	Midnight
Mohr	Melody
Mass	Single
Bing	Version
Third	

Christmas Crossword



Across

Down

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mother of Christ (4) 2. Sent to friends (5) 5. Santa's home (9) 6. Traditional striped candy(9) 8. Santa's vehicle (6) 11. A Christmas song (5) 13. _____ Christmas (6) 15. A Christmas tree you throw out (3) 17. A treat commonly left for Santa (7) 22. They followed a star (4,3) 24. The night before (9,3) 27. Decorations (9) 29. Rudolph's nose (3) 32. _____ Claus (5) 33. Kris _____ (7) 35. A "door" for Santa (7) 36. St. _____ (8) 37. Electric tree decorations (6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. found in naughty children's stockings (4) 3. "not a creature was stirring" (5) 4. People singing Christmas songs (8) 7. _____ up a Christmas tree (3) 9. Another word for present (4) 10. Should be hung carefully (9) 12. They travel with Santa. (8) 14. Christmas Eve services here (6) 15. "I'm dreaming of a white _____." 16. Tied with a (3) 18. Angels spoke to these people (9) 19. Spicy-man-cookies (11) 20. Christmas tree used year after year. 21. Hung on a door (6) 23. Santa's little helper (3) 25. Santa's preferred beverage (4) 26. He guided Santa's sleigh (7) 28. Strung on a Christmas tree in USA (7) 30. Old _____ Nicholas (5) 31. _____ Christmas! (5) 34. Wise men gift. |
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Down

1. Baby Jesus had this for a bed (6)

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